



INFRASTRUCTURE

Provide structures that promote safety, dignity and stability for children

PROJECT OVERVIEW



Help launch a new Compassion centre in Kiyombe, Rwanda

Your Gift of Compassion will help our church partner in Kiyombe to launch a brand-new child development centre, providing hope, new opportunities and critical support to 250 children and their families.



NEW CENTRE:

EAR Kiyombe Child Development Centre



CENTRE CODE:

RW0759



CHURCH PARTNER:

EAR Kiyombe Church



EXPECTED TO SPONSOR:

250 children



FIRST DAY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

1 January 2019



GIFT AMOUNT:

\$10,000

Compassion partners with local churches in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Their church building forms the Compassion centre, the hub of our Child Sponsorship Program.

At their centre, children have opportunities to connect with a sponsor, hear the gospel, receive education and healthcare and be equipped to ultimately become self-supporting. It is a place where children can have fun, learn and flourish.

Each centre is overseen by a director and run by a local committee, encouraging local engagement and accountability. By employing local staff and volunteers, the centre also plays a role in boosting the local economy.

When you launch a new Compassion centre, you are helping to transform hundreds of children's lives. You also become part of expanding Compassion's ministry to children worldwide.



Your support provides:



A place of safety and refuge for children at their new Compassion centre where they can learn, play, explore and build friendships within a protected and caring environment.



Healthcare and nutritional support as required to protect children from disease and help them develop healthily so they can embrace their education at school and the centre.



Educational support and resources that help children to grow in confidence, build their knowledge and skills and prepare for life after the classroom.



One-to-one sponsorship opportunities for children, including the chance to write letters and build a unique relationship with a sponsor.

Why launch a centre in Kiyombe?

In Kiyombe, children and their families live in severe poverty. With limited access to basic care and education, children need urgent support to live and develop healthily. Like all new Compassion centre locations, this community was chosen strategically and in collaboration with our local church partners.

- Many children in this community suffer from preventable diseases such as malnutrition, which causes stunted growth. Access to medical care is limited; although community health centres exist, many families cannot afford the cost of treatments.
- Children frequently miss school days due to illness, preventing them from learning for their future and contributing to a cycle of poverty and inequality. Many parents choose not to send their children to school because they cannot afford the cost of uniforms and school resources.
- Around 75 per cent of the community's adults are unemployed. Those who do find employment usually earn very little; the average family income is equivalent to approximately AUD\$3.00 per month—not nearly enough to adequately provide for their children's basic needs.

In Rwanda, 39 per cent of children aged between zero and 17 years old live in poverty.

UNICEF, 2018

Investing in long-term development

Compassion is committed to sustainable child development. For this reason, the launch of a new centre is always carried out as a long-term partnership with maximum community engagement.

Your support will equip local community leaders with the information and skills they need to open and run this new centre and respond confidently to any challenges along the way.

Once this centre is established, children will start to be registered in Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program and receive sponsors. For a child, the chance to be connected with a sponsor is precious—it's an opportunity for them to receive long-term support, love and encouragement.

The impact of a new centre goes far beyond its walls, touching all aspects of community life: investing in the next generation, building the local economy and becoming a place where children and families can meet and share life together for many years to come.

Thank you for partnering with Compassion Australia to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.



CENTRE LAUNCH TIMELINE

This Infrastructure project will be implemented by our church partner using local services and resources. Here's what you can expect to take place before the centre launches in January.

