



The story of Uwamahoro (pictured left with her family) is one of liberation. Like her husband, Celestine, she is a **survivor of the genocide**. She was just seven years old when her parents were killed.

SURF helped to build a home for the couple in Gitarama Orphans Village, and they now have safe, secure shelter and, for the first time, a place of their own to raise their three children.

Due to injuries sustained in the genocide, Celestine is often too sick to work. To financially support the family, Uwamahoro set up a small business selling vegetables from house to house.

But the weight of the vegetables and her baby on her back all day became too much, so **SURF loaned Uwamahoro money** so she could buy a permanent stall in the local marketplace. She now earns enough to buy food and clothes for all the family. She said: "I'm happy we can look after ourselves, and for that **we have SURF to thank.**"

Uwamahoro is one of **400,000 survivors of the genocide** in Rwanda. With your support we have helped thousands of them attend school, access healthcare and start small businesses to **deliver a hand up out of poverty** and to **rebuild their lives**. With your support we can help many more we have yet to reach.

£5 a month will provide health insurance for a household of survivors and access to healthcare.

£10 a month will provide a widowed survivor with capital to establish a small business.

£50 a month will sponsor a young survivor to enrol in university, and enhance their career prospects.

A **one-off donation of £30** will buy a survivor a mattress to ensure a good night's sleep.

A **one-off donation of £75** will provide a coffin and decent burial for a victim of the genocide.

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A basket weaving business started by widows

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Channel 4's Lindsey Hilsum

"In 1994, when the genocide started in Rwanda, I happened to be there. As a journalist, I felt powerless. Rwandan friends rang to say that men with machetes were surrounding their houses. They tried to hide, but some I never heard from again. In just 100 days, the then government led the killing of up to 1 million minority Tutsis and those members of the Hutu majority who refused to participate in murder. I saw things that I can scarcely bear to remember or to tell you.

How much worse then for the 400,000 survivors, who fifteen years on, are still haunted by the memories of what happened during that cruel and desperate time. But there is a charity, founded by a Rwandan living in the UK, Mary Kayitesi Blewitt OBE, which helps survivors of the genocide.

Survivors Fund (SURF) provides practical and moral support. Tens of thousands of women were gang raped and infected with HIV. SURF provides 2,500 of them with anti-retroviral drugs and trauma counselling. Working with local partners, it would like to be able to help more genocide widows.

For £50 a month, SURF can sponsor a young survivor through university, to help them build a better future. With just £10 a month, SURF can help a widow set up a business, to provide for orphans and children in her care. Any sum can help SURF gather testimonies and build memorials, to ensure the victims will never be forgotten.

After fifteen years, Rwanda is a different, much safer place. But the survivors of genocide remain amongst the poorest and most vulnerable members of society.



Founder Mary Kayitesi Blewitt OBE



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When the killing started, the world stood by and did nothing. I feel that if we don't help the survivors now, we're abandoning them again. The genocide in Rwanda was not just another story for me. It was the most terrible thing I ever saw. But I believe we can do something to help those who survived, but whose pain and hardship endures. Please support SURF."

Lindsey Hilsum, SURF Patron, Channel 4 News International Editor



Left: A widow receives a new house



Right: Survivors at a new health clinic

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