

## **SURF distributes 200 computers to student Genocide survivors**

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Survivors Fund (SURF) on Thursday distributed 200 computers to students who survived the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, who are undergoing their studies at four institutions of higher learning across the country.

The computers, according to SURF director David Russell, were donated by two organizations; The Funding Network based in the UK and Inspire!Africa based in Canada.

SURF is a charitable organisation dedicated to aiding and assisting survivors of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Russell said the computers will help students compete globally.

“Technology today is very advanced and students need computer skills at an early stage,” explained Russell.

The donation comes at a time when close to 50 members of the Conservative Party are in the country for the fourth phase of ‘Project Umubano’.

Led by Conservative MP and government whip, Stephen Crabb, the delegation which includes several MPs, are in the country for two weeks working on a number of projects in the health, education, legal, tourism, community project and the private sector.

Conservative members developed the idea to contribute the computers as part of last year’s career development project in schools.

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He commended the UK Conservative Party for introducing Project Umubano, saying such projects that target ordinary people reduce poverty.

The education project initiated by the conservatives involves teaching English communication skills to Rwandan national examiners among other things.

UK Conservatives, Russell said, last year also initiated a project to address employment opportunities.

“We’ve developed a programme on career development and career guidance. Part of it involves training in IT,” Russell explained.

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