



JAM RWANDA SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE



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In January 2014, JAM transformed its Fred Nkunda Life Centre(FNLC) orphanage into the Rwanda Skills Training Centre (STC) in the town of Gitarama. The centre is an education facility where young adults receive the necessary education and training to equip them with the tools to better their lives. The STC is a physical expression of JAM's vision of 'Helping Africa Help Itself' as well as its belief that 'without education there can be no development.'

The STC is located on the same property as the FNLC orphanage, which was built to care for 800 children of the 1994 genocide. The FNLC has been a loving home for thousands of children and helped reunite and foster more than 12,000 children with new families. In cooperation with the Department of Social Development, the programme has played a positive role in helping the country heal from the devastation caused by the genocide by providing a home for the most affected by the crisis - the orphaned children.

Rwanda has risen from the ashes. However, the country still needs help in establishing its identity as a nation known for its beauty, skills and people, rather than tragedy.

PROGRAMME DETAILS OF STC

- The addition of the skills centre is representative of the changing needs of the young people of Rwanda.
- Students follow the national education curriculum and are independently assessed by the Rwandan Department of Education.
- Those without a high school diploma are able to complete a one-year certificate course, and students who have completed high school can enrol in a three-year diploma course.
- The STC provides instruction in welding, hairdressing, culinary arts, masonry and carpentry, with the management having solid plans for expansion.
- In addition to these subjects, all students are taught French, English, mathematics, entrepreneurship and computer literacy to provide additional skills.

