

# TABLE FOR TWO

From The Other Side of The Table



(Photo: Children having meals at schools before COVID-19)

## The Banda Village, Rwanda

All over Rwanda, schools have been closed since March 2020. The lessons are conducted through radio and TV, all socially distances, and both parents and children are looking forward to the re opening of schools.

During this period of school closures, we continued our school meal programs. Students who wish to get school meals can come to school at scheduled times and eat while being socially distanced and/or outside. School meals provide important opportunities for children who cannot get enough food at home. Sanitation education, such as washing hands before eating, are also conducted.

This article was written based on the information in August 2020.



In Banda village, we conduct regular health check of children. By measuring the size of their upper arms, tendency for malnutrition can be detected. In July, the number of children identified who needs our supports increased by 50% compared with the period before the spread of COVID-19.

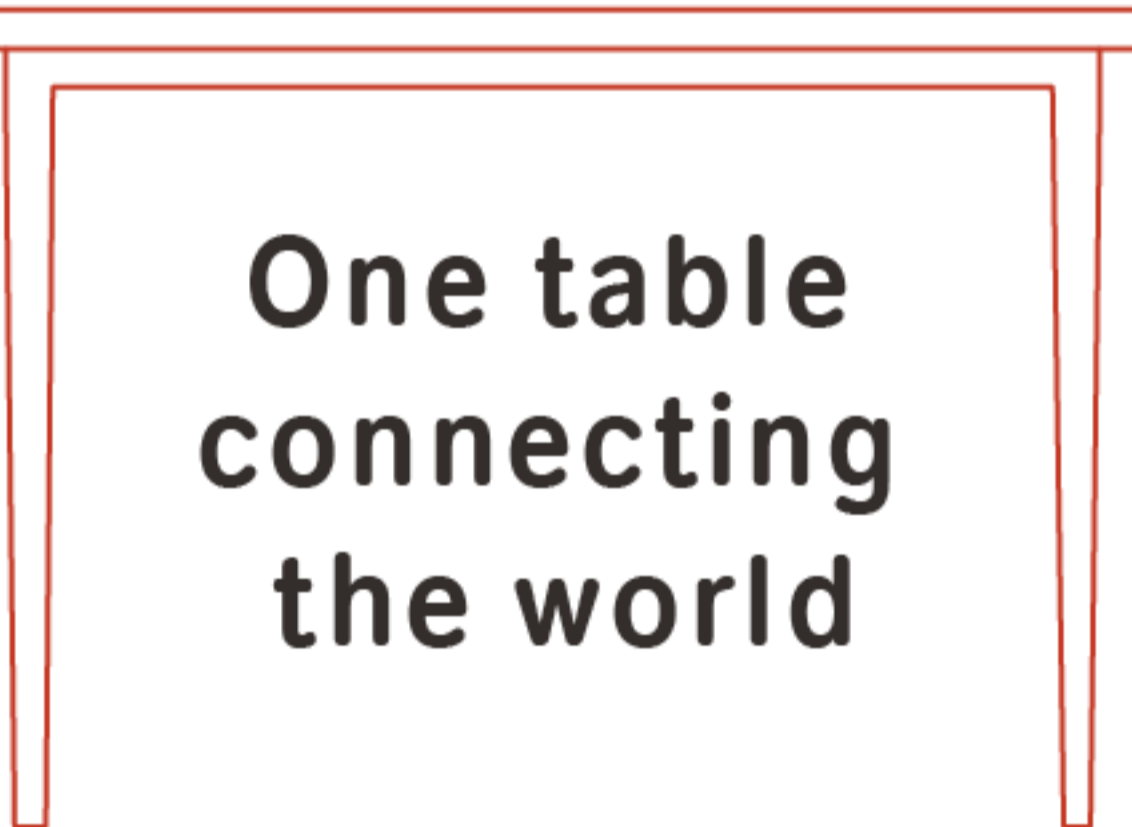


For the children identified with their needs, we provide special meals for three times a week, in addition to the porridge which is provided in school meals. Special meals include green vegetables, beans and eggs. Vegetables are harvested from the community garden while eggs are from small scale chicken farm located next to the school kitchen.

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When you dine at TABLE FOR TWO,  
you never dine alone.



TABLE FOR TWO is a social initiative that addresses the conflicting issues of hunger and obesity through a unique "meal-sharing" program.

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Sumitomo Mitsui Card has implemented TFT program since 2012. Canteens remained open with various hygiene measures such as partition screens and eating in shifts to enable social distancing. In August, they served TFT menus up to 5 times a week when they usually served TFT menus only once a week.



Sumitomo Mitsui Card run an internal campaign from July through September to support more schools meals and also express appreciation to canteen staff members. Employees were encouraged to share articles on SNS about TFT program and post thank you messages on workplace communication platform while the company donated 20 yen per such an action.