



September 2022 Newsflash

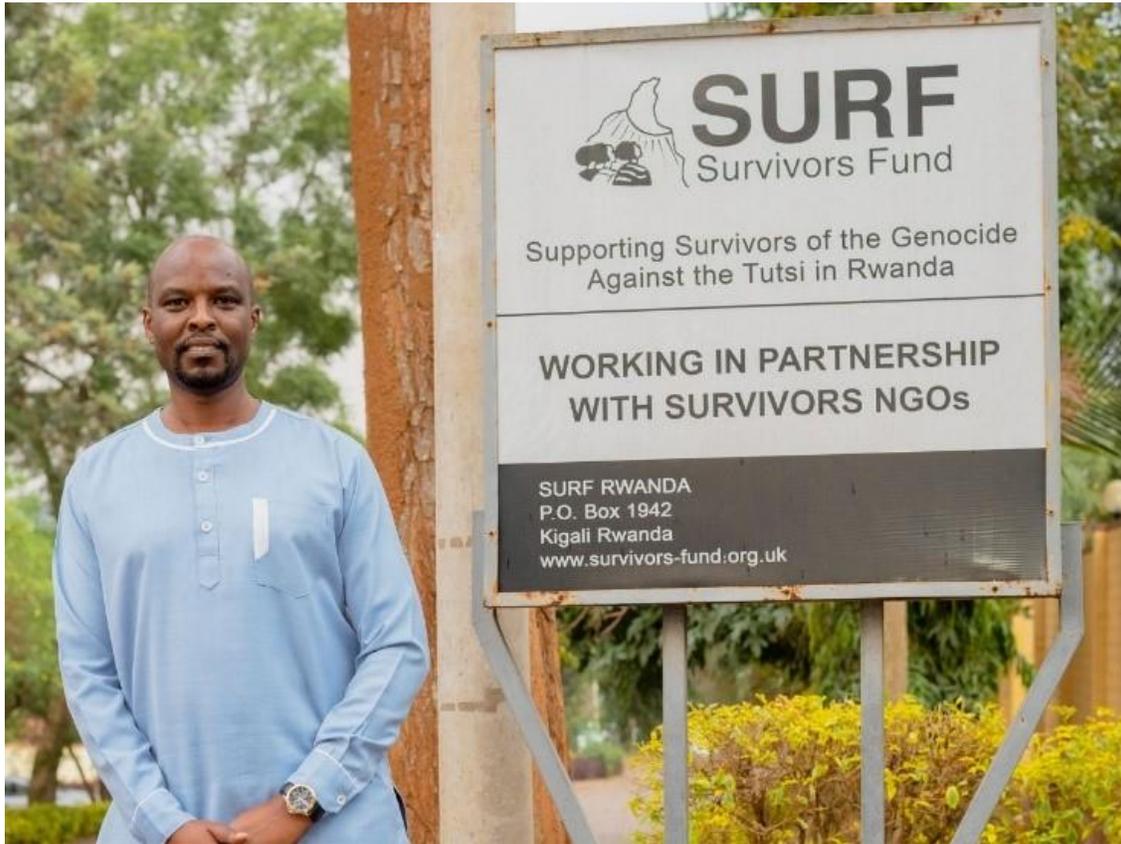
**Fundraiser 2022 – We hope to see you on-line on Saturday
November 19 at 4pm!**

We have been back and forth about what to do for our fundraiser this year but we now have our plan. Please join us on Zoom for a LIVE conversation with Sam Munderere, Chief Executive at our Rwanda partner organization, Survivors Fund (SURF).

Sam will share information on the current situation in Rwanda and provide an update on the projects which INSPIRE!africa is supporting. He will enlighten us with his personal insights on Rwanda and why it is still important to support survivors, 28 years after the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. After his presentation, you will have the opportunity to ask Sam questions.

We are thrilled to have Sam join us. He is well-spoken and passionate about helping vulnerable people, and we know you will be inspired.

For more information and to register, see [EventBrite](#)



Who is Sam Munderere and the Survivors Fund (SURF)?

The Survivors Fund (SURF) is a community development organization providing support since 1995 to survivors of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. It is one of the key organizations which INSPIRE!africa provides funds. We continue to work with them as we have seen with our own eyes, the positive impacts of their work and how accountable they are for every dollar we send their way.

Sam Munderere is currently the Chief Executive of SURF and has been working with them for 18 years now. Those of you who have been to Rwanda with INSPIRE!africa have probably met Sam. He has been a wonderful host to us. He tells us where the need is, proudly shows us where your donations are going and explains how you are

making a difference in the lives of survivors. Because Sam has his finger on the pulse of what is going on in Rwanda, and particularly with survivors, SURF is able to consider the evolving needs of survivors and adapt and effectively respond to those needs.

On our last trip to Rwanda in 2018, Sam showed our group of volunteers how INSPIRE!africa is making a difference in the lives of survivors. He took us to a medical centre that INSPIRE!africa helped fund, to the home of a young lady who used the Helpline to get her property back, to a youth vocational training class, to the businesses of young survivors who received entrepreneurship loans, and to homes that have been renovated with INSPIRE!africa funding. At all of these places, we could see how Sam's leadership has created positive outcomes for so many survivors and given them hope for the future.

Sam is a wealth of information and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories about survivors and how SURF is able to meet their needs. For example, he explained to us how beneficial it is for children born of rape and their mothers to receive counselling offered by SURF. Both mothers and their now adult children suffer because those mothers don't want to explain to their children who their fathers really are, while children are learning the answer to this question from others in their communities. Sam has led a program supporting 850 youth born of genocide rape and coordinated SURF's counselling programs for their mothers. As you can see, the support that SURF provides for survivors is multi-faceted and makes a real difference in their lives.



Sam holds a Masters in International Development Management from the University of Westminster (London, UK) and a Bachelors degree in Social Worker and Social Administration from Bugema University in Uganda. He lives with his wife and 2 children in Kigali however he is currently in London, England studying for a MSc in Global Health at Kings College London (UK) and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Please watch this short [video](#) for just a small sampling of SURF's remarkable impact they have had over their 25 years.

For more information on Sam and the Survivors Fund, check out their [website](#).

Join us in Rwanda – Spring 2023

If there is enough interest, we will be offering a 2-week volunteer trip to Rwanda in Spring 2023. Trip participants will have the opportunity to see first-hand the work which INSPIRE!africa is supporting and meet the beneficiaries of your donations. We will also provide an opportunity for participants to make a difference by helping survivors with their English skills. If you are interested or just want more information, please send us an email: info@InspireAfrica.org.

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