



## THE ROAD TO RECOVERY FOR CHILDREN IN BURUNDI

**Thank you Food for Famine for your gift of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) that is helping provide children in Burundi with the essential nutrients to grow strong and healthy.**

With your help through RUTF, we are making a real and lasting change in the lives of children in Burundi. Too many children in Burundi are malnourished and struggling to survive. It is heartbreaking that many of these children have spent their days in pain unable to run, laugh and play. Thanks to your support last year, we made a difference in the lives of 740 children in Muramvya and 671 children in Karusi, Burundi as RUTF was successfully incorporated into World Vision's health programs. You are an important part of the work we do and the change that happens to children in countries like Burundi. We are deeply grateful for your support. We are pleased to share an update on how RUTF is changing lives for children like Ndayishimiye and Peter.



**Before RUTF and World Vision Health Programs.**



**After RUTF and World Vision Health Programs.**

Little Ndayishimiye was severely malnourished and his mother was sick with worry and grief for the fate of her precious babe. World Vision drove Ndayishimiye and his mother to a hospital where he was admitted for a week and then released to an outpatient health program where he received RUTF for three weeks. Ndayishimiye's mother reflects on this scary time, "I can't imagine! It is real to see my son Ndayishimiye smiling; it is a wonder from Heaven. I lost hope when my sister took him to the outpatient program and told me that they found him at 5lbs when he was only 6 months." She went on to say that it was a miracle that he continued to gain weight when she fed him RUTF and that in only two months his weight doubled! Her baby boy is now healthy and happy which brings her great joy. In her words, ***"Long life to World Vision and the blessed staff!"***



A 30 year old widower man Anitha, pictured left, was heartbroken when his wife passed away leaving him and his 1 year old daughter. Soon after her passing, his daughter stopped eating. Thanks to community health workers that examined his daughter, finding her malnourished with edema, she was admitted into a health program where she received RUTF. After only 22 days her health significantly improved and she is now a healthy girl. Anitha is incredibly grateful to you and RUTF, *“If I could see the one who brought that miraculous product to us, I would dance for them and hug them forever.”*



**Peter's Story - A Picture is Worth a Thousand Word**



6 year old Peter severely malnourished before treatment.



Peter sits with his mother and receives RUTF from World Vision.



A nurse distributes and explains the benefits of RUTF.



5 days after taking RUTF, Peter's hair starts repairing and turns black.



Peter (red shirt) sits with his sister and other children eating RUTF.



Peter (red shorts and shirt) is attending school and is healthy!

**THANK YOU FOOD FOR FAMINE!!**