



# HOPE CENTERS

**for Children of Africa**

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**The girls pictured are Masika Kahwa, Ndjangusi Karungi, Akelo Biwaga and Rutuka Ruth.**

They attend school in Bogoro. The average school fee is \$5.64/month. Without the payment of school fees the girls would have to stay home. So thank you for the gifts you have given that allows them the opportunity to attend school. I will interview the girls during my next trip and share the results of the interviews with you. I hope to raise enough funds to supply each student with book bags. In Bogoro we do not have a school bus so all children walk to school. A tote bag or shoulder bag will be helpful for them to carry their books and other materials back and forth. Each bag costs approximately \$10.



## Micro Grants

Buagere Vicky purchased a sewing machine with the funds given to her. The machine is hand operated yet greatly decreases the time involved in making a dress or other articles of clothing. With a much quicker turn around time Vicky is able to make more articles of clothing each week which allows her to make a nice profit. You may recall the women of BCHC were quite successful in the tailoring business.





**The widows pictured above show how they are using the funds from the micro grant program.**

On the left is Nyagoma Antoinette showing the cassava in powder form ready to sell. Banageija Evaketi is ready to travel to the market with 2 jugs of milk. She will sell the milk by the cup. On the right is Manyiki Banage. Her cassava is ready for cooking. The widows are able to purchase their product wholesale with the



infused funds. They travel to the market and sell the product for a profit. The margin is small but with funds from the micro grant program, they are able to purchase and sell more volume.

Sitting next to harvested cassava is Mbonabingi Claudine. She can sell the cassava as is or she can grind it into powder and sell it by the bag. Your gifts allow individual women to grow their businesses and increase their profits. A micro grant is a gift that will keep on giving as the widows are able to turn a profit and use a small amount of the profit to reinvest in their business to keep ahead of inflation. Thank You!

## HOW CAN I HELP?

- ☐ Micro Grants (start at \$50 and increase to \$100, \$150, \$200)
- ☐ School fees, backpacks and school supplies
- ☐ Where most needed i.e., medicine, salaries, projects

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**Thank you, Glenn Mork**