

"Through the Eyes of Children: The Rwanda Project "



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The exhibit provides a unique look at Rwanda and the lives of the children affected by the 1994 genocide, which claimed the lives of nearly 1 million people. Children of the Imbabazi Orphanage between the ages of 8 and 17 were given disposable or digital cameras to take pictures of themselves, explore their community and to try to find beauty as their country struggles to rebuild. With simple instructions in the basics of photography and composition, the children have created images that have won awards in international competitions. Thirty of the images taken between 2001 and 2005 will be on display in the library.

Rosamond Halsey Carr founded the Imbabazi Orphanage in 1994. Since that time Roz and her staff have cared for more than 400 children. Currently there are more than 120 orphans under her care. She is the author of "Land of a Thousand Hills: My Life in Rwanda," a book that she wrote with her niece, Ann Howard Halsey, chronicling her love affair with one of the world's most beautiful and tormented regions. Since its founding, the Orphanage was forced to move from Mugongo in 1997 due to violent insurgencies from the Congo. In the nearby lakeside town of Gisenyi, the Imbabazi Orphanage resided for 8 years, changing locations 4 times. In late 2005, Roz was able to move the children back to Mugongo this time to a new, permanent location. Sadly, Rosamond Halsey Carr passed away on September 29, 2006, at the age of 94.

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Timeline: 100 days of genocide

Source: BBC News in Africa

6 April 1994: President Habyarimana and Burundian President Cyprien Ntaryamira are killed when the Rwandan leader's plane is shot down as it is about to land at Kigali Airport. Hutu extremists opposed to the Arusha Peace Accords are believed to be behind the attack.

7 April: The Rwandan armed forces and Interahamwe militia begin the systematic killing of Tutsis and moderate Hutus. UN forces, unwilling to breach their mandate, fail to intervene. 10 Belgian UN peacekeepers are killed.

8 April: The Tutsi Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) launches a major offensive to end the killings and rescue 600 of its troops based in Kigali under the Arusha Accords.

9-10 April: French, Belgian and American civilians are rescued by their governments.

11 April: The International Red Cross (IRC) estimates that tens of thousands have been slaughtered. UN soldiers protecting 2,000 Tutsis at a school are ordered to withdraw to Kigali airport. Most are killed after their departure.

14 April: Belgium withdraws its troops from the UN peacekeeping force in Rwanda.

15 April: Slaughter of thousands of Tutsis gathered at Nyarubuye Church seeking protection.

21 April: The UN cuts the level of its forces in Rwanda by 90% to just 270 troops. The IRC estimates the dead could now number over 100,000.

30 April: The UN agrees a resolution condemning the killing but omits the word 'genocide'. Tens of thousands of refugees flee into neighbouring Burundi, Tanzania and Zaire.

Mid-May: The IRC estimates that 500,000 Rwandans have been killed.

17 May: The UN Security Council issues a fresh resolution saying that 'acts of genocide may have been committed'. It also agrees to send 5,500 troops with new powers to defend civilians, however deployment is delayed by disagreements between the US and UN over the financing of the operation.

22 May: RPF forces gain control of Kigali airport and Kanombe barracks, and extend their control over the northern and eastern parts of Rwanda.

22 June: With arguments over the deployment still continuing, the UN authorises an emergency force of 2,500 French troops under Operation Turquoise to create a 'safe' area in the government-controlled part of Rwanda. The killing of Tutsis continues in the 'safe' area despite the presence of the French.

4 July: The RPF takes control of Kigali and the southern town of Butare. Its leadership claims it will form a government on the basis of the Arusha Accords.

13-14 July: Refugees fleeing the RPF advance in north-western Rwanda flood into Zaire. Approximately 10,000-12,000 refugees per hour cross the border into the town of Goma. The massive influx creates a severe humanitarian crisis, as there is an acute lack of shelter, food and water.

18 July: The RPF announces that the war is over, declares a cease-fire and names Pastor Bizimungu as president with Faustin Twagiramungu as prime minister

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