

# THE SURVIVOR'S CENTRE

## Kamonyi, Rwanda

In 2005, Survivors Fund (SURF) was requested by its partner organisations to assist in the building of a centre that would provide a safe environment for survivors to revisit and preserve their memories of genocide, and deliver support to survivors in need. SURF made a commitment in August 2006 to facilitate and ensure the construction and management of the centre, and to transfer ownership of it for the benefit of survivors when relevant programmes were developed. With funding from an array of British donors, work on the Centre was complete in 2008.



Kamonyi



The Site of the Centre

Since completion, the centre has housed for a time the offices of SURF Rwanda, as well as hosted a number of seminars and workshops on issues and programmes related to survivors in Kamonyi and the Southern Region. Most recently a series of training sessions were staged at the centre as part of a gender-based violence programme funded by the Sigrid Rausing Trust.



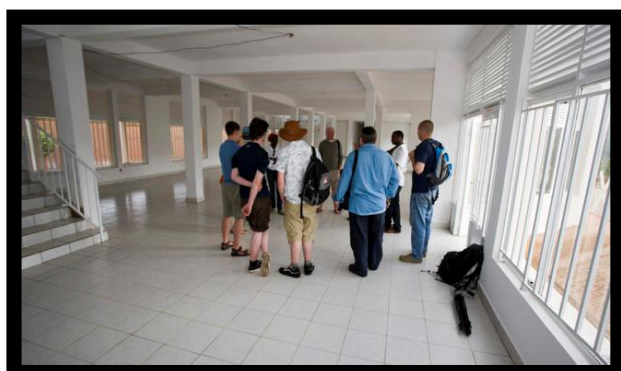
A training session in the Conference Hall



Delegates outside of the centre

The centre continues to be open to use for all survivor's organisations, for relevant programmes. In time it is hoped to make the centre a permanent base for programmes developed, managed and for the benefit of survivors.

The Survivor's Centre adjoins the "Never Again" Memorial in which 40,000 victims of the genocide are buried. The foundation stone was laid by the Ambassador of the UK to Rwanda, H.E. Jeremy Macadie, in August 2006, and the building was named in February 2007 by Mrs Cherie Booth QC.



Visitors to the Centre in Entrance Hall



Frontal view of the two-storey centre

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