



Pictures say more than words. In this case: "Donating brings joy."

Burundikids: Working From Home Reduces Coffee Consumption But Not Donations

PARTICULARLY IN TIMES OF CRISIS, MANY INSTITUTIONS FEAR FOR THE DONATIONS THEY ARE RELIANT ON. Burundikids was also worried that the donations from Boehringer Ingelheim in Germany and Austria could dry up because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But its worries were unjustified.

Philipp Ziser from Burundikids recalls: "The COVID-19 pandemic has left its mark everywhere—including the Boehringer Ingelheim coffee project in support of schools in Burundi. We therefore expected a much-reduced donation this year or even nothing at all. But then the donation arrived—and it was even more than in previous years!"

With every cup of coffee consumed on site, BI helps the association to offer schooling in Bujumbura, the largest city in Burundi, at the level to which children and their parents are accustomed. Burundi has suffered severe flooding in the past. At the start of the pandemic, no one knew how the weak health system in the country would cope. Although the worst fears did not

materialize, COVID-19 has had considerable economic consequences. Continuity is vital at a time like this, particularly when it comes to school education, in many cases the only constant feature in the life of children and their families.

Carina Unger, Unit Lead Site Services Austria, agrees: "Especially in these difficult times, we are pleased that BI RCV in Vienna has been able to help support the association. I should like to thank all colleagues for their valuable contributions."

The Burundi coffee is also available packaged and in whole beans at the Eurest restaurant for consumption at home. ■