We have been working as UNICEF Infrastructure consultants seconded to the Ministry of Education Rwanda. Rwanda has a large national schools construction programme and will construct 3,000 class rooms in 2010. We were commissioned to develop a set of infrastructure standards to guide future constructions. This Rwanda specific standards was written through our close in-country involvement where we facilitated a comprehensive national consultation process with all major stakeholders, such as teachers, students and educational specialists to gain the best knowledge suited to Rwanda's development.

Most school buildings and environments are currently structurally unsafe and hazardous. The sanitary facilities are near non-existent and many class rooms house over 90 pupils in a dark and unventilated space.

This new “Child Friendly Schools Infrastructure standards and guidelines” has been adopted by parliament in 2009. It is our hope that our contributions will lead to the improvement in quality of school environments and enhance the quality of children’s education in Rwanda.
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