



Template call for readers

Dear friend,

The *[name of organisation]* has announced plans to stage a Reading of the Testimonies in *[name of venue]* on *[date]* to mark the 15th anniversary of the 100 day Rwandan Genocide.

We are hoping that people from across *[location of the event]* will gather in *[name of venue]* for a Reading of the Testimonies of 100 survivors of the Rwandan genocide from *[time of event]*. These testimonies, highlighting the personal stories of survivors, represent just a small proportion of the young survivors that SURF and Foundation Rwanda support through IBUKA and its grassroots partners in Rwanda including AVEGA and Solace Ministries.

Reading of the Testimonies will be the first outdoor event to be held in *[location of the event]* to mark the anniversary of the genocide. By taking the commemoration into a public space, the event will convey to survivors in Rwanda that, people in *[location of the event]* remember the genocide, the survivors and the victims.

[Name of organisation] is inviting people from across *[location of event]* to participate in the Reading of the Testimonies NYC. Those interested can apply online through *[website address]*.

The Reading of the Testimonies not only will raise awareness of the plight of survivors in Rwanda today but will also focus attention on *[... specific policy ask]*

The event follows the success of the first Reading of the Testimonies staged in Trafalgar Square in London in 2004, which helped to secure £4 million funding from the British Government to support antiretroviral treatment for 2,500 women survivors raped during the genocide and deliberately infected with HIV and AIDS:

On the UK Reading of the Testimonies: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/london/3901985.stm>

On UK Funding to Support Survivors: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/4228339.stm>

The Reading of the Testimonies is staged in association with:

Survivors Fund - www.survivors-fund.org.uk

Foundation Rwanda - www.foundationrwanda.org

The event is co-sponsored by:

Please do forward on this email if you think others would be interested.

Thank you.