

Minister for Immigration  
The Home Office  
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**Re: Adela Mahoro Mugabo - Home Office Reference Number: M1165410**

Dear Minister,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your department's decision to deport Adela Mahoro Mugabo to Rwanda.

Mahoro came to the UK from Rwanda following her husband's murder at the hands of the Interahamwe Hutu in 2002. Her husband was a Tutsi and a government soldier, who gave evidence against the perpetrators of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994. Mahoro, a Hutu, was then accused of covering for the people who murdered her husband by the Rwandan Military Intelligence. They interrogated, tortured and raped her and she was only able to escape with the help of a friend of her husband. She is now HIV positive.

In the UK, Mahoro is receiving very specific anti-retroviral therapies which would be unavailable to her if she were to return to Rwanda. In addition to the fact that anti-retroviral drugs are barely available in Rwanda, Mahoro has intolerance and resistance to multiple drugs, limiting her therapeutic options.

In June 2005 your department wrote to Mahoro telling her that the UK was not responsible for her treatment, and that she must return to Rwanda. She appealed, unsuccessfully.

I believe that this decision needs to be reversed immediately. It is bad enough that Mahoro's husband was murdered, but for her to be accused of covering for people who committed the crime is abhorrent, yet Mahoro is in danger from the Rwandan Military if she returns. In addition, her HIV cannot be treated in Rwanda – as Mahoro says, “being sent home is to sign my death warrant.”

Mahoro is making a positive and useful contribution to our community. She is currently a Service User Representative, Vice Chairperson and founder of the Baobab Group at Body Positive North West, who support her campaign. She is also a member of the congregation of Holy Innocents' Church, Fallowfield, where she has made many friends.

Mahoro is a mother. If she is forced to return to Rwanda, her children will soon become orphans.

I urge you to allow Mahoro to stay in the UK, where she can remain safe and healthy and an asset to our community.

Yours sincerely,

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Address:

Date: