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GENOCIDE SURVIVORS

Orphan is now 'mother' to many kids

MISS Janet Mukadimda, 37, is a sociology graduate working part-time as a reservations clerk.

- **1994:** Hiding alone in the bushes for three months, she witnessed the killing of Tutsis. She overheard a neighbour saying her father was thrown into the river; her mother also suffered a violent death. In the chaotic years after genocide, she cheated death again when Hutu militia set fire to her school dormitory. A Hutu neighbour lured her to the plot where her parents were supposedly buried and tried to kill her, but her friends intervened.
- **2009:** She lives in a house built by the state for genocide orphans. She mothers children in the neighbourhood who gravitate towards her. 'The children have a hope for a better tomorrow,' she says.

