

DONATION OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS & KITS FOR ORPHANS



CATEGORY: ORPHANS / EDUCATION

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LALJI FOUNDATION

Committed to Education,

Ilala District - Dar es Salaam region,

Date: 10TH January 2026

Venue: Makumbusho, Dar es Salaam

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lalji Foundation is a humanitarian and community development organization committed to improving the lives of orphans, vulnerable children, women, and underserved communities in Tanzania. The Foundation focuses on practical, high-impact interventions that address education, clean water access, Health and economic upliftment.

Through strong leadership, community collaboration, and transparent service delivery, Lalji Foundation has established itself as a reliable partner in social development. One of its flagship initiatives includes supporting **400 orphaned children in Dar es Salaam** with essential school items, ensuring equal access to education and reducing dropout rates caused by poverty. Items include two sets of uniforms and school bag for each child.

Hon. Adolf Mkenda, Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Congratulates **Lalji Foundation**, for supporting children with school uniforms and learning materials, directly complementing government efforts to improve school attendance, learning outcomes, and equity in education. Such partnerships play a vital role in reducing barriers to education, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“The Ministry recognizes and appreciates the contribution of non-governmental organizations in supporting inclusive education and calls upon stakeholders to continue working together to create a supportive learning environment where no child is left behind.”

Sheikh Abubakari bin Zuberi Mufti of Tanzania commends the **Lalji Foundation** for its noble commitment to supporting orphans and vulnerable children in our society. This act of providing school items is a true reflection of compassion, responsibility, and shared humanity.

Caring for orphans and ensuring they receive education is not only a moral and religious duty, but also an investment in the future of our nation. Through education, these children are given hope, dignity, and the opportunity to become productive and self-reliant members of society.

He said, “We encourage organizations, leaders, and the community at large to emulate such initiatives and work together to support those in need. May Almighty God bless Lalji Foundation for their generosity and grant continued success in their service to humanity”.

Mohsin Lalji (Sheni), patron of Lalji Foundation stated that “we reaffirm our commitment to supporting orphans and vulnerable children in our communities. This handover is not just about providing school items, but about restoring hope, dignity, and opportunity to children who deserve a brighter future”.

“Education is the most powerful tool we can give a child. By ensuring that orphans have the necessary learning materials, we are removing barriers that often prevent them from attending school and reaching their full potential. These children are not a burden to society; they are our future leaders, professionals, and change-makers”.

Fatema Imtiaz Lalji, Secretary of Lalji Foundation, said on behalf of **Lalji Foundation**, “I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has joined us today and contributed to the success of this important ceremony”.

“We are deeply thankful to our honored guests, community leaders, partners, and volunteers for their presence, guidance, and continued support. Your encouragement and collaboration make it possible for Lalji Foundation to reach orphans and vulnerable children with meaningful and life-changing assistance”.

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVE

- To ensure orphans and vulnerable children have access to quality education by providing school uniforms, learning materials, and essential school supplies.
- To reduce school dropout rates caused by poverty and lack of basic educational resources.
- To improve the well-being, confidence, and dignity of orphaned children through targeted educational and welfare support.
- To create a supportive environment that enables orphans to reach their full academic and personal potential.
- To ease the financial burden on caregivers of orphans, allowing families to better provide for children’s basic needs such as food, healthcare, and shelter.

3. EVENT OVERVIEW

Parameter	Details
Location:	Ilala District – Dar es Salaam
Handover Date:	27 th January 2026
Target Group:	Orphans
Organized by LALJI FOUNDATION.	

4. PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

S/N	Partner/ Stakeholders	No. Orphans	Role/ Contribution
1.	LALJI FOUNDATION		PROJECT/ MAIN DONOR
2.	KH KHIMJI & SONS		DONOR
3.	TANZANIA KWANZA ORPHANAGE CENTRE	27	BENEFICIARIES
4.	TUMAINI ORPHANAGE CENTRE	26	BENEFICIARIES
5.	HISSAN ORPHANAGE CENTRE	86	BENEFICIARIES
6.	YATIMA TRUST FUND ORPHANAGE CENTRE	93	BENEFICIARIES
7.	KIGAMBONI COMMUNITY CENTRE	40	BENEFICIARIES
8.	AL MADINA ORPHANAGE CENTRE	85	BENEFICIARIES
9.	BWANA NA BIBI ORPHANAGE CENTRE	43	BENEFICIARIES

5. OUTCOMES & IMPACT

SN	Key Indicators	Number of Beneficiaries
1.	Beneficiaries	400 Children
6.	Total	400 Children

6. BUDGET & EXPENDITURE

SN	ITEMS	BUDGETED (TZS)	BUDGET EXPENDITURE
1	School kits & ceremony	35,000,000/=	35,734,000/=
	TOTAL		35,734,000/=

7. IMPACT OF THE PROJECT ON THE COMMUNITY.




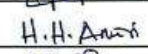
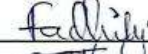

- Increased school enrollment and attendance among orphans and vulnerable children due to provision of uniforms and learning materials.
- Reduced dropout rates, particularly for children from low-income households.
- Enhanced academic performance as students are better equipped to participate fully in learning.
- Improved self-esteem and dignity among orphaned children who attend school without stigma.
- Safer and more supportive environments for vulnerable children, reducing exposure to child labor and early marriage.
- Reduced inequalities by targeting support to the most vulnerable groups, including orphans and women.

- Stronger social cohesion as communities work together in project implementation and maintenance.
- Educated children grow into productive adults who contribute positively to society.
- Improved livelihoods lead to reduced poverty levels and enhanced community development.

8. MEDIA COVERAGE

SN	Platform	Details	Type	Link /Reference
1.	Television	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IBN TV, TBC, CLOUDS, ITV, CHANNEL TEN 	Events news features	
2.	Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Instagram ▪ Facebook ▪ WhatsApp group 		
3	Print media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily News ▪ The Guardian ▪ Habari leo ▪ Nipashe 	Article coverage	13 January pg 13, 2026 13Guardian pg 3, 2026 13 Habari leo pg 16, 2026 13 Nipashe pg 2026

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR ORPHANAGE CENTRE FOR 400 CHILDREN

SN	ORPHANAGE CENTRE	SHIRT	SKIRT/ SHORT	SHOES	BAGS	SOCKS	SIGNATURE
1	TUMAINI ORPHANAGE	52	52	26	26	52	
2	TANZANIA KWANZA	54	54	27	27	54	
3	YATIMA TRUST	186	186	93	93	186	
4	BWANA NA BIBI	86	86	43	43	86	
5	ALMADINA	170	170	85	85	170	H.H. Anzi
6	HISSANI KIGAMBONI	172	172	86	86	172	
7	COMMUNITY	80	80	40	40	80	

9. CONCLUSION

The orphan support program implemented by **Lalji Foundation** has produced positive and measurable outcomes in the lives of vulnerable children. Through the provision of school uniforms, learning materials, and essential educational supplies, orphaned children have been enabled to access education on an equal footing with their peers, resulting in improved school attendance and academic performance.

Lalji Foundation to continue supporting orphans with school items in Tanzania

Govt highlights role of non-state actors in supporting education

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of Education, Science and Technology Prof. Adolf Mkenda has underscored the importance of partnerships between government and non-state actors in advancing inclusive education, noting that support directed at children from vulnerable backgrounds helps address barriers that keep many out of school.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the handover of school uniforms, shoes, bags and learning materials to 400 children from seven care and protection centres, Prof. Mkenda said complementary efforts from private institutions contribute to the sixth phase government's agenda of ensuring equitable access to education for all learners.

"The children will now join their peers with basic school requirements. This helps restore dignity and confidence and ensures they participate effectively in the learning process," he said, adding that lack of uniforms and essential supplies remains a hidden challenge among children from disadvantaged households.

The initiative was organised by the Laji Foundation, which collaborates with various social welfare and education stakeholders. Prof. Mkenda said such support assists government policy by improving attendance and participation among pupils

who might otherwise lag behind due to socio-economic constraints.

Education Commissioner Lyabwene Mutahabwa noted that children in care centres face additional difficulties at the start of the academic year, particularly in meeting basic requirements, and called for broader community engagement to support vulnerable learners.

"With this assistance, pupils will report to school on time and concentrate on their studies without unnecessary stress," he

said, stressing that involvement of non-state actors remains key in strengthening the education system.

The Mufti of Tanzania, Sheikh Abubakar Zubeir, urged Tanzanians to uphold compassion and social responsibility, saying support directed at children in need

reinforces national values of solidarity and shared welfare.

During the event, representatives from the organising side said the foundation works in sectors including education, health and social welfare, and plan to expand its reach as part of wider community support initiatives.

The distribution ended with children receiving the items ahead of the new school term, intervention stakeholders say contributes to improving attendance, retention and academic progress among learners living in vulnerable circumstances.

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Waziri wa Elimu, Sayansi na Teknolojia, Profesa Adolf Mkenda akawa na watoto waliopewa sare na vifaa vya shule na Taasisi ya Lalji ikawa ni sehemu ya kuunga mkono juhudi za serikali kuuza elimu kwa watoto wa familia zenye uhitaji mkoani Dar es Salaam juzi. (Na Mpagisicha Wetu)

Profesa Mkenda aipongeza Lalji kugawa vifaa vya shule watoto 400

Na Mwandishi Wetu

WAZIRI wa Elimu, Sayansi na Teknolojia, Profesa Adolf Mkenda ameipongeza Taasisi ya Lalji kwa kuendeleza juhudi za kusaidia watoto wa familia zenye uhitaji kwa kupewa sare na vifaa vya shule, akisema hatua hiyo inaunga mkono jitihada za Serikali ya

Awamu ya Sita kuhakikisha elimu jumuiishi na bora kwa wote.

Profesa Mkenda alitoa pongezi hizo wakati wa kugawa sare na vifaa vya shule kwa watoto 400 kutoka vituo saba vya makao ya watoto Dar es Salaam vilivyotolewa na Taasisi ya Lalji. Ikiwa ni sehemu ya taasisi hiyo kuunga mkono juhudi za serikali kuuza elimu kwa watoto kutoka familia zenye

uhitaji.

Akiingumua katika hatia hiyo, Profesa Mkenda amesema hatua hiyo ya kusaidia watoto waliopo katika mazingira magumu inaonesha mlikamano wa taasisi binafsi na serikali katika kuhakikisha elimu inapelekana kwa usawa na bila ubaguzi.

"Watoto hawa sasa wajiunga na wenzao shuleni wakawa na futaba na hili ya kujamini watakuwa na sare,

malegi, viato na vifaa vya kujifunza sawa na wenzao. Hii ni hatua muhimu katika kuondoa unyonge na kuleta matumaini mapya kwa watoto hawa," alisema Profesa Mkenda.

Kamishna wa Elimu Tanzania, Dk Lyabwene Mtshababwa alioona masada huo vilapunguza changamoto zinazowakabili watoto katika kuataa mwaka wa masomo.

"Watoto hawa sasa

watahushurika shuleni kwa wakati, bila kuhesha mizigo wa kutafuta sare au vifaa. Hii itaongeza mahudhurio na hatimaye kuongeza ulemu," alisema Dk Mtshababwa.

Shehe Mkuu wa Tanzania, Maiti Abubakar Zubeir alivahimiza Watanzania kutenda matendo ya huruma kwa jamii, hawa kosaisha familia zenye uhitaji.

"Kutoa kwa ajili ya wenye uhitaji ni ibada inayompen-

deza Mwenyezi Mungu. Wito wangu kwa jamii ni kujitosa kossidika kadiri ya unyozo wetu, kwani ilawabu ni kulwa mbele za Mungu," alisema Mufti Zubeir.

Kwa upande wake mleri wa Taasisi ya Lalji, Molaish Lalji alieleza kuwa taasisi hiyo itaendelea kusaidia jamii katika sekta ya elimu, aya na utawati wa jamii, ikawa ni sehemu ya kutodisha kwa jamii.

11. PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





Hon, Adolf Mkenda, Minister of Education and Science Technology



Mufti of Tanzania Sheikh Abubakari Bin Zuberi



Lalji Foundation family



Fatema Imtiaz, Secretary of Lalji Foundation



Minister of education science and technology together with Lalji Foundation



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