



## UVINZA SCHOOL DESKS PROJECT- KIGOMA



**CATEGORY: EDUCATION**

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## **LALJI FOUNDATION**

**Committed to Community Development,**

**Project category - Education**

**Uvinza Village, Uvinza District- Kigoma region,**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026**

**Venue: Kachilingulo Primary School - Kigoma region**

### **1. Executive Summary**

**Lalji Foundation** is a charitable organization committed to improving the quality of life for underserved communities through sustainable development initiatives. The Foundation focuses on key areas including education, women empowerment, access to clean water, health and humanitarian support, with a strong emphasis on long-term community impact.

Lalji Foundation has donated 100 school desks to schools in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region, to improve the learning environment for students. This support is part of the Foundation's ongoing commitment to promoting access to quality education and ensuring that children study in safe and conducive classrooms.

The Lalji Foundation, continuing its commitment to improving education in Tanzania, has donated school desks to four primary schools in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region. The beneficiary schools include Lulengelule, Nyambutwe, Uvinza and Kachilingulo Primary Schools.

**Chairman of the Uvinza District Council, Salvatory Motto**, said on behalf of the people of uvinza "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Lalji Foundation for this remarkable act of kindness and commitment to our children's future." This donation may appear simple, but its impact is enormous. It restores dignity to learning and motivates both pupils and teachers to give their best.

For a long time, many of our schools have struggled with a shortage of desks, forcing pupils to sit on the floor. This situation has affected both concentration and performance. But today, thanks to the Lalji Foundation, hundreds of children will now sit comfortably and learn in a proper environment

**Family member and representative of Lalji Foundation, Makbul Jaffer**, said "it is with great joy that I stand before you today on behalf of the Lalji Foundation. Our mission has always been to uplift communities and support education because we believe that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty"

Today's donation of **100 desks** to schools in Uvinza is part of our ongoing effort to ensure that no child is left behind due to a lack of basic learning facilities. A desk may seem small, but it makes a world of difference. It enables a child to write properly, sit comfortably, and learn with dignity.

**Headmaster of Kachilingulo Primary School, Mathias Yobo, said** on behalf of the pupils, teachers, and parents of Kachilingulo Primary School, 'I stand here filled with gratitude and joy.' Today, our school has received new desks that will change the daily learning experience of our students.

For a long time, many of our pupils were forced to sit on the floor, which made it difficult for them to concentrate and write properly. With these new desks, our classrooms will be more comfortable and productive. The children are excited and motivated to learn.

## 2. Objectives

- Support equal access to education by ensuring all students, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have appropriate learning facilities.
- To reduce classroom overcrowding by increasing the availability of desks and improving seating arrangements.
- To encourage positive learning attitudes by creating a more welcoming and motivating classroom environment.
- To improve student discipline and classroom order through better classroom organization and seating structure.
- To strengthen collaboration with local authorities and school management in addressing infrastructure gaps in public schools.
- To promote community involvement and ownership in maintaining and protecting school furniture for long-term use.
- To contribute to improved educational outcomes by addressing basic but critical infrastructure needs.
- To demonstrate corporate social responsibility and community commitment through visible and impactful educational support.

### 3. Event Overview

Parameter	Details
Location:	Uvinza village, Uvinza District – Kigoma region.
Handover Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
Target Group:	Primary schools – rural area

### 4. Partners & Stakeholders

S/N	Partner/ Stakeholders	Role/ Contribution
1.	Lalji Foundation	Project/sponsor
2.	Kachilingulo Primary School	Beneficiaries
3.	Lulengelule Primary School	Beneficiaries
4.	Nyambutwe Primary School	Beneficiaries
5.	Uvinza Primary School	Beneficiaries

### 5. Outcomes & Impact

SN	School Name	Numbers of school desks	Number of beneficiaries
1.	Kachilingulo Primary School	30	90
2.	Lulengelule Primary School	25	75
3.	Nyambutwe Primary School	20	60
4.	Uvinza primary School	25	75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>300</b>

## 6. Budget & Expenditure

SN	ITEMS	BUDGETED (TZS)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE
1	Schools Desk project	12,000,000/=	11,385,000/=
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11,385,000/=</b>

## 7. Impacts of the project in the Community

- The provision of school desks has improved classroom conditions, enabling students to learn in a safe, comfortable, and dignified environment. This has contributed to better concentration, attendance, and overall academic performance.
- The availability of proper desks has enabled students to sit comfortably and learn in a safe, organized classroom setting, replacing floor seating and overcrowded conditions.
- Enhanced Student Concentration and Performance with improved seating arrangements, students are better able to focus during lessons, write effectively, and actively participate in classroom activities, contributing to improved academic performance.
- Increased Student Attendance and Retention, a conducive learning environment has encouraged regular school attendance and reduced absenteeism, especially among younger students.
- Improved Health, Safety, and Dignity. Proper desks have reduced physical strain and health risks associated with sitting on the floor, while restoring students' dignity and comfort during learning hours.

- Strengthened School Infrastructure -The donation has helped reduce the desk-to-student ratio, easing pressure on existing school resources and improving overall classroom management.
- Positive Motivation for Teachers and Students. Teachers are able to manage classes more effectively, while students feel motivated and valued, fostering a positive attitude toward education.

## 8. Media Coverage

SN	Platform	Details	Type
1.	Television	▪ IBN TV, Channel ten, TBC	Events news features
2.	Social Media	▪ Instagram ▪ Facebook ▪ WhatsApp group	
3.	News papers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Habari leo, Januari 29, 2026 Page no. 18</li> <li>- Daily news, January 29, 2026 Page no. 14</li> </ul>

## 9. Conclusion

The donation of school desks by **Lalji Foundation** has made a meaningful contribution to improving the learning environment in beneficiary schools. By providing essential classroom furniture, the project has addressed a critical need, enhanced students' comfort and dignity, and created a more conducive setting for effective teaching and learning.

Lalji Foundation to continue with more education projects in the schools of Tanzania.

## 10. Relevant Documents and Photos

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Mwenyekiti wa Halmashauri ya Wilaya ya Uvinza, Salvatory Moto (wa nne kushoto) akiwa na uongozi wa Taasisi ya Lalji, uongozi wa shule na wanafunzi baada ya kukabidhi madawati 100 kwa shule nne za msingi katika Wilaya ya Uvinza mkoani Kigoma ikiwa ni sehemu ya kuunga mkono juhudi za serikali za kuboresha mazingira ya elimu nchini. (Na Mpigapicha Wetu).

# Taasisi yakabidhi madawati 100 kwa shule nne Uvinza

**Na Mwandishi Wetu**

**T**AASISI ya Lalji imekabidhi madawati 100 kwa shule nne za msingi zilizopo wilayani Uvinza mkoani Kigoma, ikiwa ni sehemu ya mchango wake katika kuboresha mazingira ya elimu na kuongeza ufaulu kwa wanafunzi wa shule za msingi.

Shule zilizonufaika na msaada huo ni Shule ya Msingi Lulengule Nyambwe, Uvinza pamoja na Shule ya Msingi Kachilangulo, ambayo kila shule imekabidhiwa madawati 25 ili kupunguza uhaba wa sifani za kukalia na kusomea wanafunzi.

Akizungumza katika hafla ya makabidhiano hayo, Mwenyekiti wa Halmashauri ya Wilaya ya Uvinza, Salvatory Moto, ameshukuru Taasisi ya Lalji kwa moyo wake wa kujitolea na kuungu mkono juhudi za serikali katika kuboresha sekta ya elimu, akisema mchango huo ni mfanano mzuri wa ushirikiano kati ya serikali na sekta binasi.

Motto ametoo wito kwa wadau wengine wa maendeleo wilayani humu kuiga mfanano wa Taasisi ya Lalji kwa kushirikii katika mifadi ya kijamii, hususanii elimu, afya na miundombini yenyi mchango mikubwa katika maendeleo ya jamii. Alisitiza kuwa madawati

hayo yataaidia kuongeza niidhamu na umakini wa wanafunzi darasani.

Aidha, alivataka walimu kuzingatia niidhamu, maadili na ulimzi ya watoto wakiwa shulenii ili kuwajengene msingi mzuri wa kielimu na kimaaedii.

Aliongeza kuwa walimu wanapaswa kuwa mfanano bora kwa wanafunzi wao kwa kushirikiana na wazazi pamoja na jamii katika kuhakikisha watoto wanalelewa katika msingi ya maadili mema, uzalendo na bidii katika masomo.

Kwa upande wake, mwanafamilia na mwakilishi wa Taasisi ya Lalji, Makbul Jaffer alisema lengo la taasisi hiyo ni kuunga mkono juhudi za

serikali katika kuboresha sekta ya elimu, hususanii katika maeneo yenyi upungu fuwa miundombini ya shule.

Jaffer alisema Taasisi ya Lalji itendelea kushirikiana na serikali pamoja na jamii katika kuhakikisha watoto wanapata mazingira bora ya kuifunzia, akiongeza kuwa elimu ndiyo msingi wa maendeleo ya taifa lolote.

Walimu wakuu wa shule zilizonufaika walishukuru kwa msaada huo, wakisema uhaba wa madawati umekuwa changamoto kwa muda mrefu, hali ihyoababisha baadhi ya wanafunzi kusoma wakiwa wamekaa chini au kugawana madawati.

By DAILY NEWS Reporter

IN many classrooms across the country, learning does not begin with textbooks or examinations, it simply begins with something far more basic: A place to sit. In Uvinza District, Kigoma Region, that simple but powerful truth took center stage recently when the LALJI FOUNDATION donated 100 desks to four primary schools, turning an everyday piece of furniture into a symbol of partnership, progress and shared responsibility for the nation's future.

Here, the beneficiary schools namely, Lolengule Primary School, Nyambwe Primary School, Uvinza Primary School and Kacilingulu Primary School, each received 25 desks. While the numbers are neat and evenly distributed, the impact is anything but small. These desks are set to ease a long-standing shortage that has forced some pupils to share seating or, in less comfortable moments, sit on the floor. As any student will tell you, it is difficult to focus on spelling when your knees are doubling as a desk.

This timely donation fits squarely within broader government efforts to improve the education sector, especially in rural and infrastructure-challenged areas. It is a reminder that while government sets the direction, progress moves faster when citizens, institutions and foundations choose to walk alongside it.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, the Chairperson of the Uvinza District Council, Salvatory Moto, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the LALJI FOUNDATION for its support



CHAIRPERSON of the Uvinza District Council, Salvatory Moto (fourth right), poses for a group photo with LALJI FOUNDATION leaders, school administrators and students after the handover of 100 desks to four primary schools in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region, in support of government efforts to improve the national education environment.

and spirit of volunteerism. He described the donation as a practical example of how public-private cooperation can deliver real results, not in policy documents, but in classrooms filled with eager learners.

Elaborating, Mr Moto noted that desks do more than provide comfort. They quietly encourage

discipline, concentration and order in the classroom. After all, a pupil who is seated properly is less likely to be distracted and far more likely to pay attention to what the teacher is saying rather than negotiating for elbow space.

With a touch of well-placed humour, some attendees ob-

served that desks have a way of straightening backs and sharpening minds at the same time. When students sit upright, their attitude toward learning often follows suit.

The Council Chairperson went further, using the occasion to call upon other development stakeholders in the district

to follow the example set by the LALJI FOUNDATION. He emphasised that investments in education, health and infrastructure are not acts of charity alone, but strategic contributions to national development. When communities support government initiatives, progress becomes a shared achievement rather than a

solitary struggle.

Beyond infrastructure, Mr Moto also highlighted the crucial role of teachers in shaping both the academic and moral character of students. He urged

educators to continue prioritising discipline, ethics and child protection, reminding them that

teaching is not only about completing syllabus but also about

shaping responsible citizens.

He stressed that teachers should serve as role models, working closely with parents and the wider community to instill values such as integrity, patriotism and diligence. In other words, while desks support learning, it is teachers who give that learning direction and meaning.

Presenting the donor, Mr

Makubul Jaffer, a family member

and representative of the LALJI

FOUNDATION, reaffirmed the

institution's commitment to sup-

porting government-led efforts

to strengthen the education sec-

tor. He explained that the Foun-

dation places special focus on

areas facing infrastructure short-

ages, where relatively modest in-

terventions can produce signifi-

cant and lasting impact.

Mr Jaffer emphasised that

the Foundation does not see it-

self as replacing government ef-

forts, but rather complementing

them. In his words, education is

the foundation upon which every

nation is built and foundations,

as any builder knows, must be

strong, level and well-supported.

He further noted that the

LALJI FOUNDATION intends

to continue working with gov-

ernment authorities and local

communities to ensure that chil-

dren learn in environments that

are safe, dignified and condu-

cive to success. His message was clear: Development works best when everyone brings what they can to the table or, in this case, to the classroom.

The head teachers of the ben-

eficiary schools expressed deep

gratitude for the donation, de-

scribing it as a timely solution to

a challenge that has persisted for

years. They explained that the

lack of desks had affected class-

room management and student

conduct, sometimes forcing pu-

pils to share seats or study under

less-than-ideal conditions.

With the arrival of the new

desks, teachers noted, lessons

can now proceed more smoothly

and students can focus on learning

rather than logistics. It turns

out that when students are seated

comfortably, teachers can also

breathe a little easier.

The most enthusiastic rea-

tions, however, came from the

students themselves. With vis-

ible excitement, they thanked the

LALJI FOUNDATION for the

support and promised to study

hard, pursue their dreams, and

one day contribute meaningfully

to their families and the nation.

For them, these desks are not

just furniture, they are personal

workstations for future doctors,

engineers, teachers and leaders.

In the end, the desk dona-

tion in Uvinza District serves

as a powerful reminder that

nation-building is a collective

effort. Government leadership

provides vision and structure,

while foundations, communities

and citizens help turn that vision

into reality sometimes one desk

at a time.

Because when students sit

better, they learn better. And

when they learn better, the whole

country stands taller.

## Photo Highlights



**Kachilingulo Primary School**



**School desk of a primary schools**



**The parents of the students at Kachilingulo Primary School**



**Mr Makbul Jaffer, member and representative of Lalji Foundation**



**Student of Kachilinguro Primary School**





**Chairman of the Uvinza District Council, Salvatory Motto**