

## **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
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Location:	Uvinza village, Uvinza District – Kigoma region.
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Handover Date:	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
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Target Group:	Primary schools – rural area
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### 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IBN TV, Channel ten, TBC</li> </ul>	Events news features
2.	Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Instagram</li> <li>▪ Facebook</li> <li>▪ WhatsApp group</li> </ul>	
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 Laji, 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 Mpagipicha Wetu).

### Taasisi yakabidhi madawati 100 kwa shule nne Uvinza

**Na Mwandishi Wetu**

**T**AASISI ya Laji 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 zilizounufika na msaada huo ni Shule ya Msingi Lulengule, Nyambutwe, Uvinza pamoja na Shule ya Msingi Kachuligulo, ambayo kila shule imekabidhiwa madawati 25 ili kupunguza uhaba wa samani za kukalia na kusomea wanafunzi.

Akizungumza katika hafla ya makabidhiano hayo, Mwenyekiti wa Halmashauri ya Wilaya ya Uvinza, Salvatory Moto, ameishukuru Taasisi ya Laji kwa moyo wake wa kujitolea na kuunga mkono juhudi za serikali katika kuboresha sekta ya elimu, akisema mchango huo ni mfano mzuri wa ushirikiano kati ya serikali na sekta binafsi.

Motto ametoa wito kwa wadau wengine wa maendeleo wilayani humo kuiga mfano wa Taasisi ya Laji kwa kushiriki katika miradi ya kijamii, hususani elimu, afya na miundombinu yenye mchango mkubwa katika maendeleo ya jamii. Alisisitiza kuwa madawati hayo yatasaidia kuongeza nidhamu na umakini wa wanafunzi darasani.

Aidha, aliwataka walimu kuzingatia nidhamu, maadili na ulimi wa watoto wakiwa shuleni ili kuwajengea msingi mzuri wa kielimu na kimaadili.

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

Kwa upande wake, mwanafamilia na mwakilishi wa Taasisi ya Laji, Makbul Jaffer alisema lengo la taasisi hiyo ni kuunga mkono juhudi za serikali katika kuboresha sekta ya elimu, hususani katika maeneo yenye upungufu wa miundombinu ya shule.

Jaffer alisema Taasisi ya Laji itaendelea kushirikiana na serikali pamoja na jamii katika kuhakikisha watoto wanapata mazingira bora ya kujifunzia, akiongeza kuwa elimu ndiyo misingi wa maendeleo ya taifa lolote.

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



# Desks today, doctors and engineers tomorrow

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 centre 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 Lulungule Primary School, Nyanhawe Primary School, Uvinza Primary School and Kacilungulo 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 Motto, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the LALJI FOUNDATION for its support



CHAIRPERSON of the Uvinza District Council, Salvatory Motto (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 Motto 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 Motto 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 syllabi 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.

Representing the donor, Mr Makbul Jaffer, a family member and representative of the LALJI FOUNDATION, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to supporting government-led efforts to strengthen the education sector. He explained that the Foundation places special focus on areas facing infrastructure shortages, where relatively modest interventions can produce significant and lasting impact.

Mr Jaffer emphasised that the Foundation does not see itself as replacing government efforts, 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 government authorities and local communities to ensure that children learn in environments that are safe, dignified and conducive 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 beneficiary schools expressed deep gratitude for the donation, describing it as a timely solution to a challenge that has persisted for years. They explained that the lack of desks had affected classroom management and student comfort, sometimes forcing pupils 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 reactions, however, came from the students themselves. With visible 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 donation 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**