



Realising  
Education for  
Development

# SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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# INTRODUCTION

Realizing Education for Development is a legally registered non-government organization with registration number 00NGO/00007722 working with young people's development. READ now have over 9 years of expertise in improving quality education in Government schools by creating libraries, delivering much needed educational resources, providing literacy programs, and upgrading teacher's professional skills to improve outcomes for Tanzanian youth.

**Our Vision** We want to see; A generation of knowledgeable, skilled with self-esteem young people, boys and girls contributing to their household, national and global development.

**Our Mission** is to contribute on improving the reading culture in Tanzania among youth and to achieve this we have designed and implemented various programs.

Since we started, we have supported:



**177 Schools**



**1,873,510 Students**



**1,327 Teachers**



**1,648,628 books**



**613 Volunteers**



## DEAR READERS

As we conclude the second quarter of April to June 2025, our dedication to transform lives through reading remains steadfast and ever more vibrant. This period has been marked by tangible progress, deepened partnerships, and renewed enthusiasm across all our programs.

We have expanded our reach to even more public secondary schools in Tanzania mainland and islands (Zanzibar), ensuring that access to quality education through reading materials and learning spaces continues to grow. The collaboration with our partners, including the Karimjee Foundation, Cordura Ltd and other education stakeholders, remains a cornerstone of our success. Together, we have launched innovative reading promotion campaigns and developed resources that cater to diverse learning needs, empowering students to unlock their full potential.

Education is a collective journey it thrives on the enthusiasm of learners, the passion of educators, and the unwavering commitment of our supporters. Building on the momentum of the second quarter, we are looking forward to advance inclusive literacy programs that provide equitable learning opportunities for all young Tanzanians.

Thank you.

Ms Naemy Sillayo (Advocate)  
Executive Director



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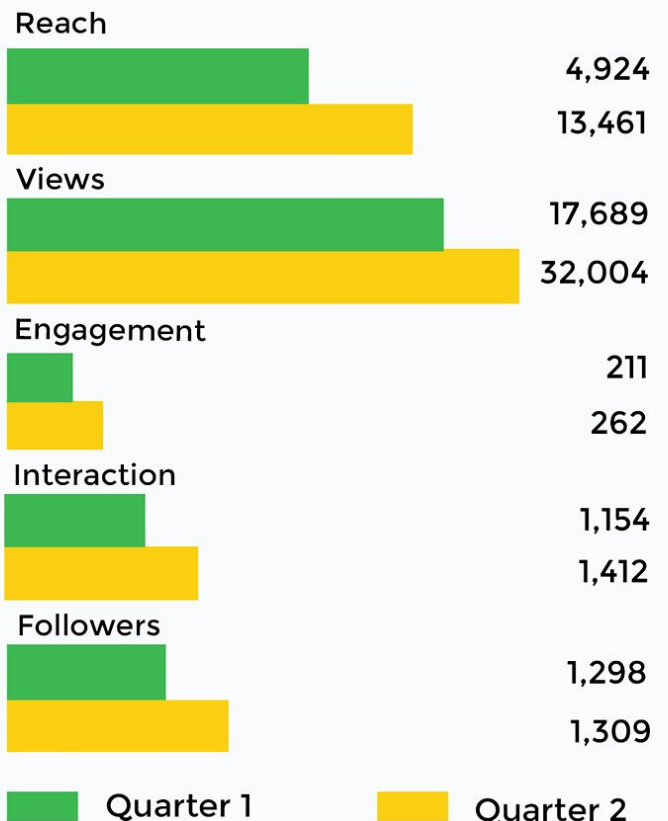
A new library was launched at Ubungo NHC Secondary School, which cost 31,645,000 tshs and the library will benefit 502 students and 22 teachers.



We began library refurbishment at Ben Bella Girls Secondary School in Zanzibar. The library will benefit 1,030 students and 48 teachers.



Trained 35 teachers from 12 public secondary schools on library management, literacy promotion and sustainability.



Instagram Insights over two Quarters: Q 1 & Q 2

## 1) MUGABE CHAMPIONS INCLUSIVE READING ON WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY



We celebrated World Book and Copyright Day at Mugabe Secondary School under the theme “Read Your Way: Diverse Books for Every Mind.” The school fosters an inclusive learning environment where all students, including those with special needs, can access books. With resources like large print books, reading is made accessible to everyone. Students shared how diverse books help broaden their minds and support their learning.

Mugabe Secondary School has a total of 835 students (398 boys and 437 girls). Among them, 70 students (32 boys and 38 girls) are students with disabilities (vision and hearing impairments).



## 2) UBUNGO NHC WELCOMES ITS UPGRADED LIBRARY

In this quarter with our partner Karimjee Foundation we launched a refurbished library at Ubungo NHC Secondary School to enhance the learning environment and promote reading. The event brought together 12 key education stakeholders, including Wema Mwakibinga, Statistics and Logistics Education Officer from Ubungo Municipal Caren Rowland from Karimjee Foundation, local leaders, school board members, and parents. The renovation, which cost 31,645,000 TZS, involved structural repairs, new furniture, creative wall illustrations, and the addition of 415 new books. The library will benefit 502 students and 22 teachers, supporting both current and future learners.





### 3) STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT IN ZANZIBAR BUILDS MOMENTUM FOR LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT AT BENBELLA SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Following a strong partnership with Zanzibar Library Services Board (ZLSB) and an initial visit to Ben Bella Girls' Secondary School, our team returned to Zanzibar for a stakeholders' engagement meeting to present plans for the school's library refurbishment. The meeting brought together 20 stakeholders, including representatives from Mjini District in Unguja Urban West Region, ZLSB staff, Ms. Caren Rowland, Executive Officer from Karimjee Foundation, Ben Bella Headmistress, teachers, the school librarian, the District Education Officer, District Engineer, District Contractor, members of the school's parent committee, and student representatives. The session marked the official start of the refurbishment process, where stakeholders were briefed on the proposed phases of the project. We sincerely thank the Karimjee Foundation for supporting this project as part of their 200 years celebration in Tanzania.



#### 4) A SPECIAL VISIT BY DR. HELEN KIJO BISIMBA INSPIRES A STRONGER READING CULTURE



We were honored to welcome Dr. Helen Kijo Bisimba, a prominent human rights activist, former Executive Director of the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), editor and author. She commended our efforts to promote a reading culture and highlighted how encouraging students to love reading lays a strong foundation for their future. We appreciate her insightful guidance, which will strengthen our work to promote reading within our institution, among students, and the community at large.



## 5) TEACHERS UNLOCK THE SECRETS TO LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SUCCESS



We organized a workshop on Library Management, Literacy promotion and Sustainability for 35 public secondary school teachers representing 12 schools from Dar es Salaam, Mtwara, and Zanzibar, held at Turiani Secondary School. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Collin Kimaryo Head of Reader Services at the University of Dar es Salaam, focused on best practices in library management, literacy outcome assessment, and resource mobilization. During the sessions, teachers collaborated in group discussions to develop action plans aimed at improving their school libraries and enhance the reading culture.



## 6) EXPLORING NEW IDEAS TO EMPOWER YOUNG MINDS



As part of our commitment to promoting a reading culture, we organized the Holiday Reading Adventure Season III. The three day program brought together 13 children between the age of 5 to 15 from nursery to primary scholars to engage in reading, storytelling, drawing, painting, coloring, and games. The sessions aimed to foster a love for reading, spark creativity, and boost children's confidence during the school break. Each day blended literacy and creative activities that encouraged imagination, teamwork, and learning in a safe and supportive space. The program also helped children build friendships and strengthen social skills. We sincerely thank our partners, Leyara and Elite Book Store, for their support, made this event possible.



## 7) HONOURING THE PAST AND CELEBRATING THE FUTURE OF THE AFRICAN CHILD



We joined voices across Africa with Chamazi Secondary School students to honour the courage of Soweto's children and reaffirm our commitment to the rights and well-being of every African child. The school has a total of 2,826 students (1,507 girls and 1,319 boys). Among them, 22 students representing all reading club members, sent heartfelt wishes to children everywhere. This year's theme, "Children's Rights: Where We Came From, Where We Are, and Where We're Going," highlights the journey toward inclusive, quality education. We remain dedicated to building a future where every child can thrive through access to books, libraries, and a strong reading culture. A child who reads today is shaping a brighter tomorrow



## 8) BOARD MEMBERS REFLECTION ON PROGRESS MADE AND PLANS AHEAD



Our board members gathered for a productive meeting to reflect on the achievements of this quarter, review key programs, and sharpen our focus for the months ahead. As we move into the next quarter, we stay committed to deliver impactful results that nurture a strong reading culture. With the guidance of our dedicated board, we continue strengthening our mission and expanding our reach.



## OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



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Foundation

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We thank our partners for believing in our vision and values. We strive to add more value and create more impact in our programs and services, your trust is the driving force behind our commitment to excellence.

We welcome more partners and call for further support to allow us to reach new heights and achieve our goals.

We also welcome any comments to improve our work. Please feel free to send us an email, visit our social media pages, or give us a call. Your feedback is valuable to us. Thank you



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