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Education for
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THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2026

Turning Pages, Opening Futures

5,667

STUDENTS REACHED

662

NEW BOOKS ADDED

47

TEACHERS BENEFITING

6

SCHOOLS ENGAGED



— A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Reading Is Where It All **Begins**

“As we reflect on the third quarter of the year, I am encouraged by the continued progress in advancing our mission to promote a culture of reading in secondary schools across Tanzania.”

Through the support of our partners, donors, schools, and communities, we have continued to strengthen library spaces, expand access to books, and create environments that encourage students to read, learn, and explore.

We are grateful to everyone who continues to support and collaborate with us. Together, we are helping create meaningful opportunities for children to develop a lifelong love of reading.

A Library Reborn at *Dar es Salaam Girls'*



The library at Dar es Salaam Girls' Secondary School has a new look following its refurbishment in partnership with Karimjee Foundation. The improvements include 662 textbooks and supplementary books, 3 computers, 60 chairs, 15 tables, and 12 shelves.

The refurbished library is expected to benefit 769 students and 47 teachers by providing better resources and a comfortable space for reading, learning, and teaching. We appreciate Karimjee Foundation's continued support in improving school libraries.

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662 New Reasons to *Read*

662 textbooks and supplementary books added to Dar es Salaam Girls' Secondary School Library, expanding access to more learning and reading materials.

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BOOKS ON THE SHELVES

More learning. More reading. More opportunity.



Soma Connect: In the Hands of Users

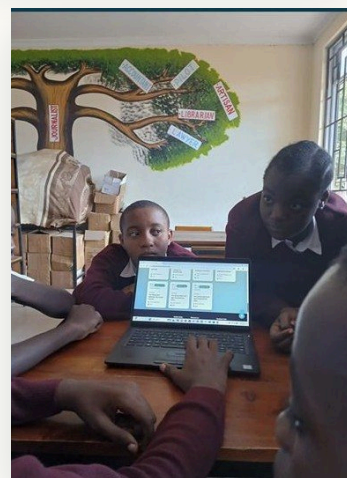
32 participants took part in user testing our digital platform, Soma Connect, helping us gather feedback to improve the platform and make the learning experience more useful for students.



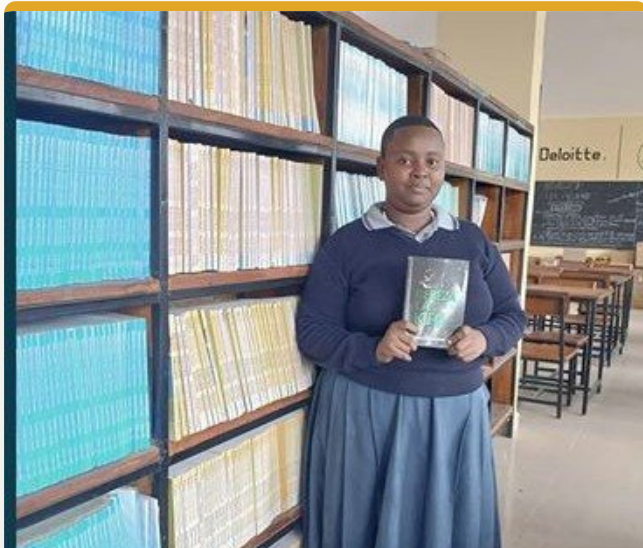
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PARTICIPANTS

Real students, real feedback, a better platform.



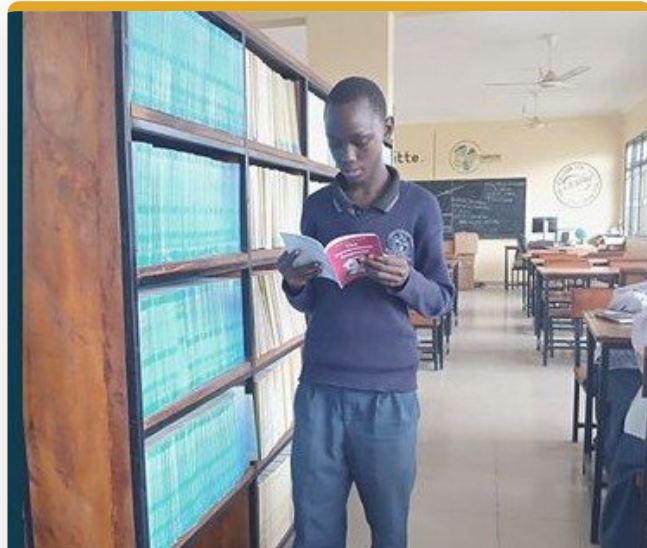
Kipunguni: Where *Readers Rise*



Irine Tumaini

FORM III

"The library has strengthened my learning by making it easier to find information, understand my subjects, improve my academic performance"



Kellyman Stephen

FORM IV

"The improved library has increased my interest in reading by providing a wider selection of books and a comfortable place to read without distractions."



Aisha Mzee

FORM II

"The library has given me a reliable place to find educational information and develop skills that support my studies."

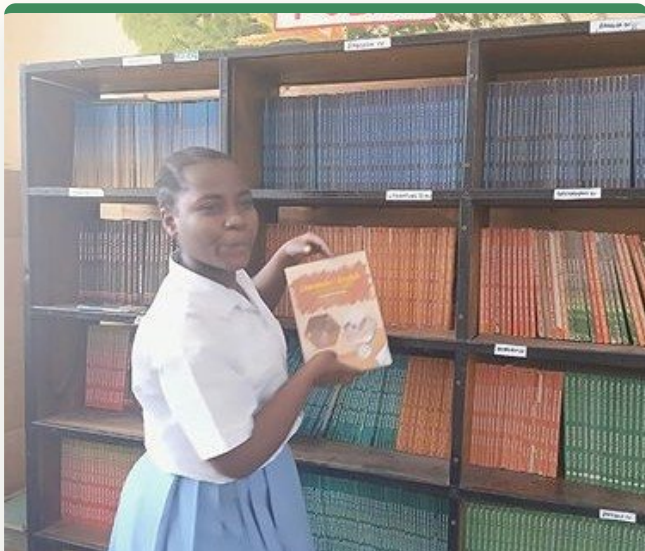


Nimrod Augustino

FORM II

"Spending time in the library has taught me to use my free time wisely while gaining knowledge through reading."

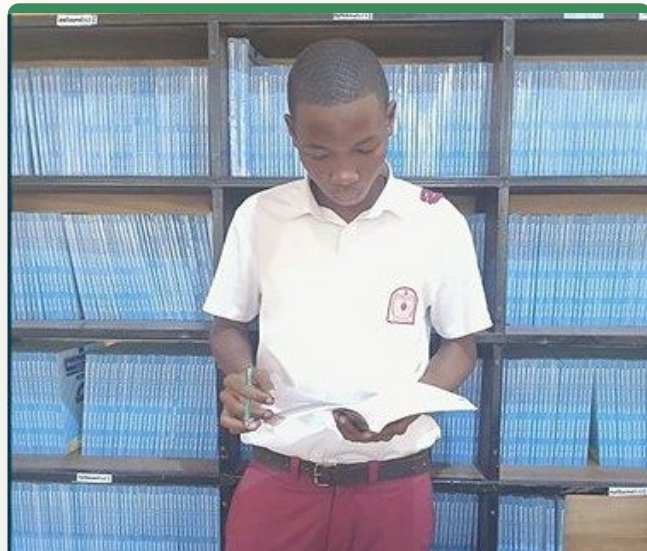
Chamazi Readers, *In Their Own Words*



Jenipher Msigara

FORM IV

"The library has given me the opportunity to explore books beyond my classroom lessons, learn new things independently"



Yassir Mohamed

FORM IV

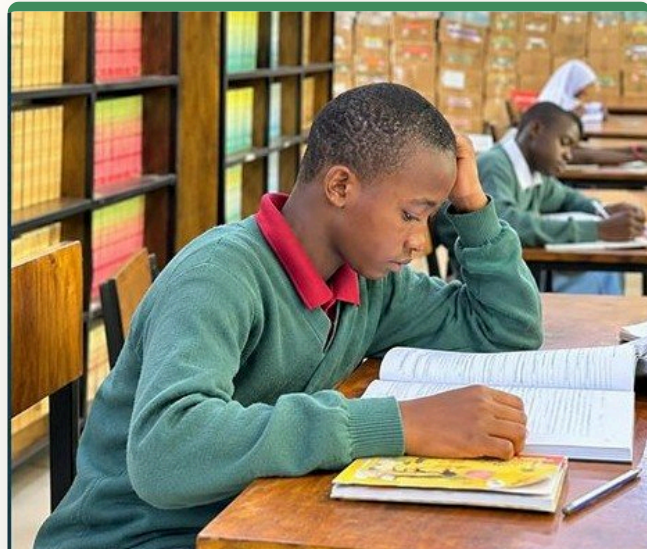
"Access to a wider variety of books has helped me discover new information and become more confident in my learning."



Salma Hamadi

FORM III

"Access to a wider variety of books has helped me discover new information and become more confident."



Daniel Kalagosi

FORM III

"I can now access more learning materials in one place, making it easier to study, research, and prepare for examinations."

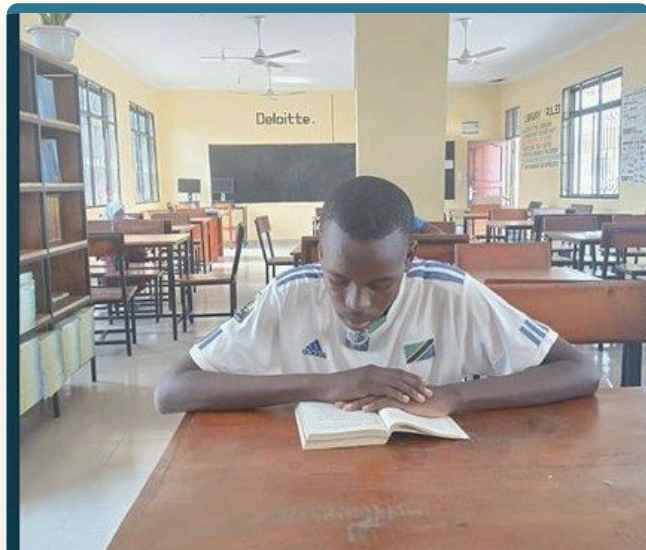
A Fresh Chapter at **Minazi Mirefu**



Mereza Deus

FORM II

"The library now offers a better selection of books that I can borrow and read at my own pace, making it easier to explore new topics"



Joshua Alphonse

FORM II

"The school library has helped me improve my English and perform better in class, while inspiring me to encourage other students to read."



Mohamed Abdallah

FORM III

"Using the library regularly has helped me grow academically and recognise the importance of sharing knowledge with other students."



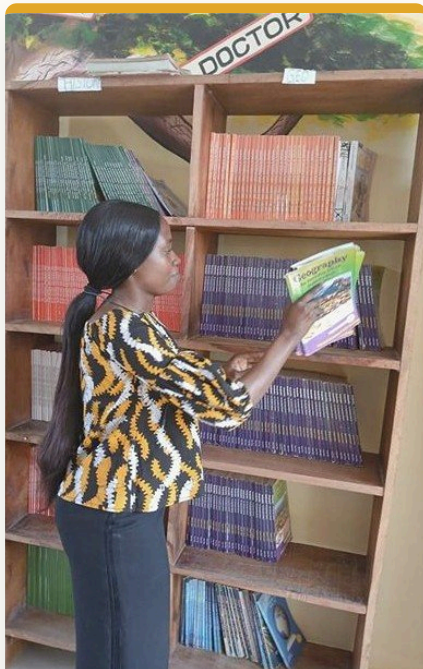
Judith Mollel

FORM III

"The library has helped me become a more confident learner and recognise how reading can support both personal growth and academic success."

The Champions Behind the *Shelves*

Teaching experience with the school library.



Rahabu Kabenga

**LIBRARY TEACHER · MINAZI
MIREFU SEC. SCHOOL**

"The library has given me access to a wider range of educational materials that support my teaching. I can now consult different books to find relevant information"



Amina Adris

**LIBRARY TEACHER ·
KIPUNGUNI SEC. SCHOOL**

"The school library has helped me improve my English and perform better in class, while inspiring me to encourage other students to read."



Chiku Namwela

**LIBRARIAN · CHAMAZI SEC.
SCHOOL**

"The library has strengthened my role in encouraging students to become regular readers. I can recommend books based on their interests, guide them towards useful resources, and help them understand that reading is an important way to gain knowledge"

Reading is an important way to gain knowledge.

CHIKU NAMWELA · LIBRARIAN, CHAMAZI SEC. SCHOOL

Soma Connect: Tested by Students, *Built for Students*

Getting students and library teachers to experience Soma Connect firsthand at Aboud Jumbe Secondary School in Kigamboni Municipal. They explored the platform, tried out its features, and shared their thoughts and

experiences. Their feedback is helping us understand how Soma Connect can be improved to make reading and learning more engaging and accessible for students.



Six Schools, One Mission: *Keeping Libraries Alive*

Monitoring visits were conducted across six schools, including Chamazi, Kipunguni, Minazi Mirefu, Ubungu NHC, Mugabe and Makole Secondary Schools, to monitor library use, provide technical support and assess the use of reading resources.

Chamazi

Kipunguni

Minazi Mirefu

Ubungu NHC

Mugabe

Makole



Partners in Every *Chapter*

We had the opportunity to connect with Soma Salama CBO and Top Crop Tanzania Ltd, share experiences, and explore ways to work together to promote reading and expand access to school libraries. We also appreciate the Tanzania Library Services Board (TLSB) for its continued support in shelving, cataloguing, and referencing to help keep our school libraries well organised.



Shared vision. More
libraries. *Brighter futures.*

Together We *Read Further*



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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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