The Government of Rwanda, through the National Bank of Rwanda (BNR), has launched a new bond issue valued at 10 billion Rwandan Francs, offering a long-term investment opportunity with a 20-year maturity period.

The subscription period for these government bonds began on Monday, December 16, and will run until December 18, 2024, providing individuals and institutions a chance to invest in the country’s future.

This move follows an earlier bond issuance in October, where BNR offered bonds worth 20 billion Rwandan Francs with a seven-year maturity, further strengthening Rwanda’s efforts to raise funds for critical development projects.

Government bonds are a key financial instrument used by governments worldwide to mobilize resources for development. For Rwanda, these bonds not only help finance the country’s infrastructure and growth initiatives but also offer attractive investment opportunities for long-term savers.

When investors purchase government bonds, they are essentially lending money to the government, which pays them interest over the bond’s lifespan, with the principal amount returned once the bond matures.

Since introducing this program in 2008, Rwanda has seen growing participation in the bond market. The most frequent buyers are financial institutions, insurance companies, and individual investors who are increasingly taking part, particularly following a nationwide awareness campaign launched in 2014 that highlighted the benefits of investing in government bonds.

In addition to offering a stable investment, the government has made it easier for bondholders to access loans. Bonds can now be used as collateral to secure financing from banks, helping investors unlock even more opportunities for economic growth.