

The Abdallah Kiromba Foundation, a local charity, in partnership with Zakat Foundation of America, an international humanitarian organization, has once again stepped in to help vulnerable children from low-income families return to school in Rwanda by covering school fees and providing essential learning materials.

On Jan. 2, 2026, the Foundation started distributing school fees and scholastic materials to 50 children from 35 disadvantaged families across Kigali, Nyanza, Bugesera, Rwamagana, Gicumbi, and Ngoma. Many of these children are orphans or children of widows who had been unable to continue their education due to financial hardship. Distribution of school fees in other parts of the northern and eastern province commenced over the weekend.



For parents like Murerwa Jolly, a widow and mother of two, the support has been life-changing. Her children, both enrolled in nursery school, had stayed home for months after she failed to raise school fees. “I was not in a position to pay school fees or buy scholastic materials,” Jolly said. “My children were stuck at home, but now they will return to school. I am very happy and grateful to this foundation.”

The foundation’s assistance goes beyond education costs, offering emotional and psychological support to families facing hardship. Jolly said the program has also created a sense of community among women struggling with similar challenges. “We have met other women like us, and this foundation has brought us together,” she said. “Our children now have a brighter future.”

Another beneficiary, Ingabire Shadia, said the foundation has supported her children for two years following the death of their father. Both children are now in Senior Two. “This foundation is like a father to my children,” Shadia said. “They pay school fees and provide materials I could never afford. Without this help, my children would be sitting at home.”



Students are also feeling the impact. Sango Osama, a Senior Two student who lost a parent, said the foundation has supported him for more than a year. “I can study throughout the year without interruption,” Osama said. “I am grateful to the sponsors for helping me achieve my dreams.”

According to the Abdallah Kiromba Foundation, more than 100 orphans are

currently benefiting from its education support programs across 14 districts in Rwanda. The foundation provides school fees, uniforms, learning materials, and mentorship, working closely with schools and local leaders. Education, the foundation says, remains one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty and restore hope among vulnerable children, ensuring they grow into empowered and resilient members of society.