

The Rwanda Education Board (REB) has begun distributing 15,000 laptops to 483 schools nationwide, aiming to strengthen digital skills and modernize classroom instruction.

The program, announced on REB's X account, started in the Eastern Province and will expand across the country. Officials say it is part of a broader effort to improve teaching methods, enhance student learning, and prepare young Rwandans for a technology-driven future.

The initiative builds on Rwanda's One Laptop Per Child program, launched in 2008, which sought to provide each student with a laptop and position the country as a regional hub for technology and innovation.



Rwanda's national five-year accelerated development plan envisions that by 2029, all citizens will have digital literacy skills. To support this, the government is also providing laptops to teachers, enabling them to integrate technology into lessons, foster innovation, and strengthen professional development. REB had announced in 2024 that all teachers would be equipped by the 2025/2026 school year.

The program also aligns with Rwanda's second five-year development strategy, which aims to expand technology education, increase access to digital tools, and train 500,000 people in digital skills. Coding lessons will be offered to millions of students, with a particular focus on youth.

Officials say the initiative is designed to position Rwanda as a knowledge- and technology-driven economy while equipping students and teachers with the skills and tools to thrive in a rapidly changing digital world.