Bridge of Hope



Welcome to our Monthly

NEWS LETTER

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DEAR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Welcome to our August 2026 Newsletter!



August was a month of continued impact, meaningful partnerships, and steady progress for Bridge of Hope as we advanced our commitment to child wellbeing, education, and youth empowerment.

Throughout the month, we strengthened partnerships, prepared for the Kick for Joy Initiative-2026 and the new school year at URUHONGORE ECD Center, supported children at Rising Stars Sports Center, and provided water filters to five schools in MUHANGA District , Southern Province, benefiting 4,006 students.

We sincerely thank our partners, supporters, schools, and communities for their continued trust and support. Together, we are creating safe, inclusive, and empowering opportunities where every child and young person can learn, grow, and thrive.
Thank you for being part of the Bridge of Hope journey.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- **URUHONGORE ECD ACTIVITIES**
- **RISING STARS SPORTS CENTER (RSC)**
- **A VISIT FROM COWORKERS**
- **STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**
- **COLLABORATIVE DINNER "STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT"**
- **DISTRIBUTION OF WATER FILTERS**

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URUHONGORE ECD ACTIVITIES

Throughout August 2026, children at URUHONGORE ECD Center remained on holiday as preparations for the new academic year continued. During this period, the Center also continued welcoming and registering new children for joining URUHONGORE ECD for the 2026-2027 school year.



Meanwhile, improvement and preparation works at the ECD Center continued, with ongoing efforts to clean, organize, and enhance the learning environment. These activities are focused on ensuring that the Center is clean, safe, welcoming, and fully prepared to receive inclusive children when the new academic year begins in September.







At Bridge of Hope, we believe that quality early childhood education goes beyond the classroom. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where every child feels valued and supported to learn, play, and grow at their own pace, while developing confidence, curiosity, creativity, and social skills.

As we prepare for the 2026-2027 academic year, we look forward to welcoming both returning and new children to URUHONGORE ECD Center and supporting families in providing a safe, nurturing foundation where every child can learn, play, and grow.

RISING STARS SPORTS CENTER (RSC)

Rising Stars Sports Center (RSC) continued its regular sports activities during the August school holiday, keeping children active, engaged, and connected to sports. With more free time during the holiday, many children are able to attend training sessions and games more frequently, giving them more opportunities to practice, improve their skills, and develop their talents.



These activities also support parents and caregivers by providing children with a safe, structured, and positive environment where they can spend their holiday productively. This gives parents greater peace of mind, knowing that their children are participating in meaningful activities.







Through regular participation in sports, children develop important life skills such as discipline, teamwork, confidence, responsibility, and determination.

They also improve their physical fitness, coordination, and social interaction while learning to set goals, follow rules, and cooperate with others in a positive environment.

By continuing its activities throughout the school holiday, Rising Stars Sports Center helps children make positive use of their free time while creating opportunities for them to grow, learn, develop their talents, and enjoy sports.

A VISIT FROM COWORKERS

We were pleased to welcome Nicole from Coworkers to Bridge of Hope. During her visit, she had the opportunity to learn more about our work, meet our team at the office, and visit Uruhongore ECD Center to observe our early childhood development activities.

The visit was a valuable opportunity to share about our work, exchange experiences, and strengthen our connection with Coworkers around our shared interest in supporting children and communities.

We are grateful to Nicole for taking the time to visit Bridge of Hope and learn more about our work. We look forward to maintaining this connection and exploring opportunities for future collaboration.



STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION





We proudly recognize Elie NSHIMIYIMANA, Executive Director of Bridge of Hope, for completing the 6th Training Session on Strengthening Inclusive Education organized by RISE Kwigira from 4-6 August 2026 and being awarded a certificate of completion.

The training focused on inclusive teaching materials and learning approaches for children with special educational needs, strengthening Bridge of Hope's commitment to inclusive, accessible, and child-centered education.

We thank RISE Kwigira and the facilitators for their valuable contribution to advancing inclusive education in Rwanda.

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COLLABORATIVE DINNER "STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT"

The Peace Plan Rwanda, in collaboration with Bridge of Hope, hosted a collaborative dinner on 13 August 2026 in Kigali, bringing together representatives from various organizations to explore partnership opportunities and strengthen collaboration for child development in Rwanda.



The gathering fostered meaningful connections, knowledge exchange, and opportunities for collective action, reinforcing partnerships to advance child wellbeing and create brighter futures for children and communities across Rwanda.

DISTRIBUTION OF WATER FILTERS





On 31 August 2026, Bridge of Hope, in collaboration with Stand Together for Change, distributed water filters to five schools in Muhanga District, benefiting 4,006 students (1,933 girls and 2,073 boys) and improving access to safe drinking water in their learning environments.

With this latest intervention Since 2023-2026 Water for Every Child Project has reached 55 schools across 11 districts, benefiting 153,269 students.

The initiative continues to promote healthier and safer learning environments by ensuring children have improved access to safe water at school. Bridge of Hope appreciates its partners for their continued support and commitment to child wellbeing.

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ONGOING INITIATIVE "KICK FOR JOY INITIATIVE -2026 (EDITION III)"



Our annual sports and community awareness event , The Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 (Edition III), is currently underway in Nzige Sector and sourrouring commnunities located in Rwamagana District, bringing together children from eight government schools, young people, and community members through safe, inclusive, and meaningful sports activities.

Implemented in collaboration with PLAY International and other partners under the theme "All Girls in Sports," the initiative uses football and athletics as powerful tools to promote girls' empowerment, child protection, inclusion, confidence, life skills, health awareness, and overall child wellbeing.

Running from 21 July to 11 December 2026, Kick for Joy remains committed to using sport not only as a means of play and physical activity, but also as a powerful pathway to empowerment, inclusion, personal development, and positive change within communities.





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PRAISE

Gratitude for the progress of the Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 and its positive impact on children's wellbeing, participation, and development.

Appreciation for the continued collaboration with partners such as PLAY International, which is advancing girls' inclusion, participation, and empowerment through sports.

Recognition of the commitment of children, families, staff, volunteers, donors, and partners whose continued support strengthens Bridge of Hope's mission and impact.

THANK YOU

PRAYER REQUEST



Kick for Joy Initiative 2026: Pray for its successful, safe, and impactful implementation, especially for the protection and wellbeing of children as we are welcoming individual donors and partners for supporting this initiative either fainancial or in kind of support

Partnerships and resources: Pray for new partners, donors, and resources to support Bridge of Hope's programmes.

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