Bridge of Hope



Welcome to our Monthly

NEWS LETTER

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DEAR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we present our October 2026 Newsletter, I extend my sincere appreciation to our partners, supporters, and the entire Bridge of Hope team for their continued commitment to our mission.

October was marked by meaningful progress across our programmes, particularly the Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 - Edition III, which continues to promote inclusion, talent development, and equal opportunities for children through sports. As we move towards the Grand Finale on 11 December, we remain committed to creating lasting positive change in our communities.

As we look ahead to 2027, we invite individuals and friends of Bridge of Hope to support our Education Sponsorship Programme, helping vulnerable children access quality education and build brighter futures.

Thank you for being part of our journey. For more information about our programmes or opportunities to get involved, please refer to the contact details on the last page of this newsletter.

Together, let us continue to Connect, Inform, Inspire, and Impact.

Elie NSHIMIYIMANA
Executive Director
Bridge of Hope

Thank you for being part of the Bridge of Hope journey!

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URUHONGORE ECD ACTIVITIES

At Bridge of Hope, we believe that every child deserves a strong start in life through quality early childhood education, adequate nutrition, and a supportive learning environment.

Throughout October, children at URUHONGORE ECD Center continued to participate in daily learning activities while receiving breakfast and lunch to support their growth, well-being, and engagement in the classroom.

In addition to providing daily meals, Bridge of Hope received Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) from Gasore Serge Foundation to support 1,311 children attending URUHONGORE ECD Center and other community-based ECD centers in Nzige Sector and surrounding communities in Rwamagana District.









This contribution strengthens ongoing efforts to address children's nutritional needs and promote healthy growth and development.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Gasore Serge foundation for supporting children's nutrition and well-being. Through continued investment in early childhood education and nutrition, Bridge of Hope remains committed to creating an environment where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

Together, these efforts contribute to building a healthier foundation for children's development and future success.

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KICK FOR JOY INITIATIVE 2026 -EDITION III "ALL GIRLS IN SPORTS"

In October, the Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 – Edition III entered its competition phase, bringing together eight schools from Nzige Sector and surrounding communities in Rwamagana District to promote girls' participation and inclusive engagement in sports under the theme "All Girls in Sports."



The tournament commenced on 3 October 2026, with four schools competing in both girls' and boys' categories. Each school brought 40 players, comprising 20 boys and 20 girls. The competition continued on 10 October 2026, with four additional schools taking part.





GIRLS STANDINGS

Pos.	School	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	GS AKANZU	1	1	0	0	+1	3
2	GS RUGUNGA	1	1	0	0	+1	3
3	GS RUBONA	1	0	0	1	-1	0
4	EP KIGARAMA	1	0	0	1	-1	0
5	GS MURAMA	1	0	0	1	-1	0
6	G S GAHENGERI	1	1	0	0	+1	3
7	GS NYAMATETE	1	0	0	1	-1	0
8	GS RUGARAMA	1	1	0	0	+1	3

BOYS STANDINGS

Pos.	School	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	EP KIGARAMA	1	1	0	0	+2	3
2	GS AKANZU	1	1	0	0	+1	3
3	GS RUGUNGA	1	0	0	1	-2	0
4	GS RUBONA	1	0	0	1	-1	0
5	GS MURAMA	1	0	0	1	+1	3
6	GS GAHENGERI	1	0	0	1	-1	0
7	GS NYAMATETE	1	1	0	0	+1	3
8	GS RUGARAMA	1	0	0	1	-1	0

DATE	STAGE	CATEGORY	MATCH / TEAMS	TIME
21/11/2026 (Saturday)	SEMI-FINAL 1	U 17 Girls	G.S AKANZU vs G.S RUGARAMA	09:00 – 10:00
		U 13 Boys	G.S AKANZU vs G.S NYAMATETE	10:00 – 11:00
	SEMI-FINAL 2	U 17 Girls	G.S RUGUNGA vs G.S GAHENGERI	11:00 – 12:00
		U 13 Boys	E.P KIGARAMA vs G.S MURAMA	12:00 – 13:00
	3RD PLACE	U 17 Girls	Loser SF1 vs Loser SF2	13:00 – 14:00
		U 13 Boys	Loser SF1 vs Loser SF2	14:00 – 15:00
11/12/2026 (Friday)	FINAL	U 17 Girls	Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2	09:00 – 10:00
		U 13 Boys	Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2	10:00 – 11:00

Across the two matchdays, the tournament brought together 320 young players, including 160 boys and 160 girls, from the eight participating schools. A total of eight matches were played, providing an opportunity for the young players to showcase their talent, teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

The tournament will continue with the semi-finals on 21 November 2026, followed by the Grand Finale on 11 December 2026 in Nzige Sector, Rwamagana District, where teams will compete for the championship.

Bridge of Hope sincerely appreciates PLAY International, the initiative's main partner, for its continued support, as well as the Rwamagana District authorities, participating schools, teachers, coaches, and implementation team for their valuable contributions to making the initiative a success.

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RABBIT FOR HOPE INITIATIVE
"ONE RABBIT, ONE CHILD, A GROWING FUTURE"



Rabbit for Hope Initiative - One Rabbit, One Child, A Growing Future
On 11 October 2026, Bridge of Hope officially launched the Rabbit for Hope Initiative in Nzige Sector, Rwamagana District, by distributing 45 rabbits to 45 vulnerable children.

The launch marked an important step towards creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for children and their families while promoting responsibility, community support, and a culture of sharing.



The initiative aims to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable children and their families through rabbit rearing. By raising and breeding the rabbits, beneficiary families can gradually develop a source of income, support their household needs, and improve their overall well-being.





Through a breeding and pass-on approach, families will share offspring with other vulnerable households, helping the initiative reach more children.

With a target of reaching 200 children by 2028, Bridge of Hope seeks to expand these opportunities, strengthen household livelihoods, and encourage mutual support among community members. Starting with 45 children, the initiative aims to create lasting benefits for more families through shared opportunities.

Bridge of Hope sincerely thanks the individual donor whose generous support made this initiative possible, helping create better opportunities for vulnerable children and their families.
One rabbit. One child. A growing future.

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CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN



On 15 October, Bridge of Hope participated in the International Day of Rural Women celebrations organized by Rwamagana District through Nzige Sector.

The event recognized the important role of rural women in supporting families, strengthening communities, and contributing to development. During the celebration, children at URUHONGORE ECD Center also received milk to support their nutrition and healthy growth.

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY THROUGH MEAL AND COMMUNICATION TRAINING





Through our collaboration with PLAY International, Bridge of Hope participated in a two-day MEAL and communication training held on 15-16 October 2026 under the Incubation Programme.

The training focused on strengthening skills in monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) and effective communication to improve project implementation, reporting, and organizational accountability.

Bridge of Hope appreciates PLAY International for its continued support in strengthening the institutional capacity of partner organizations.

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PARTICIPATION IN RWAMAGANA JADF MEETING

Bridge of Hope is proud to be a member of the Joint Action Development Forum (JADF) in Rwamagana District, which promotes collaboration and coordinated development.

On 16 October 2026, Bridge of Hope participated in the JADF Economic and Social Development Commission meeting, which reviewed the District's 2026/2027 performance targets, partners' contributions, and annual action plan, while strengthening coordination among development stakeholders.



PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONFERENCE

"TWUBAKE UMURYANGO TWITA KU BANA BAFITE UBUMUGA"





On 28 October 2026, Bridge of Hope attended the close-out conference of the EU-funded project ***"Twubake umuryango twita ku bana bafite ubumuga,"*** organized by Hope and Homes for Children Rwanda at Sainte Famille Hotel in Kigali.

The conference brought together stakeholders to reflect on achievements in strengthening disability-inclusive child protection and care for vulnerable and marginalised children and young people in Rwanda, while sharing experiences and promoting collaboration.

Bridge of Hope sincerely thanks Hope and Homes for Children Rwanda for the invitation and commends its impactful work in supporting children with disabilities and promoting a future where no child is left behind.

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PRAISE

Praise God for His continued guidance, protection, and provision over Bridge of Hope and for sustaining the organization in its mission of serving children and strengthening communities.

We give thanks for the progress made in implementing our programmes and for the positive impact created in the lives of children, families, and communities.

We are grateful for our partners, donors, staff, volunteers, and supporters whose dedication and collaboration continue to strengthen Bridge of Hope's mission and work.

THANK YOU

PRAYER REQUEST



Pray for wisdom, strength, unity, and commitment among the leadership, management, and entire Bridge of Hope team.

Pray for the protection, good health, safety, and wellbeing of all children, families, staff, and communities connected to Bridge of Hope.

Pray for new partnerships, committed donors, and sufficient financial and material resources to support the organization's programmes and long-term sustainability.

Pray for God's continued guidance and provision as Bridge of Hope strengthens its capacity, expands its impact, and continues serving vulnerable children and communities.

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