Bridge of Hope



Welcome to our Monthly

NEWS LETTER

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DEAR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Welcome to our September 2026 Newsletter!

September was a month of action, collaboration, and impact at Bridge of Hope. Through sports, early childhood development, capacity building, partnerships, and improved access to safe water, we continued creating meaningful opportunities for children and communities to learn, grow, and thrive.
Throughout the month, we supported children and young people through activities at Rising Stars Sports Center, strengthened coordination for the Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 - Edition III, participated in the ECD working group meeting organized by Rwanda Education NGO Coordination Platform (RENCP), and took part in cross-cutting themes training to strengthen our practices.

We also continued providing access to safe water through the distribution of water filters to schools, helping promote healthier and safer learning environments for children and communities.

We sincerely thank our partners, supporters, schools, and communities for their continued trust and collaboration. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and young people.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- **URUHONGORE ECD ACTIVITIES**
- **RISING STARS SPORTS CENTER (RSC)**
- **KICK FOR JOY INITIATIVE 2026 "STRENGTHENING COORDINATION FOR EDITION III"**
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) WORKING GROUP MEETING - RENCP**
- **CROSS-CUTTING THEMES TRAINING**
- **DISTRIBUTION OF WATER FILTERS**

URUHONGORE ECD ACTIVITIES

On 7 September 2026, children officially began the 2026-2027 academic year at URUHONGORE ECD Center in Nzige Sector, Rwamagana District, marking the start of a new year of learning, play, and development.

The new school year has brought back the joy and energy of early childhood learning, with children engaging in classroom activities, learning through play, interacting with their peers, and developing new skills in a safe and nurturing environment.

As part of supporting children's participation in active play and physical activities, children at URUHONGORE ECD Center were also provided with new sports uniforms, helping them feel comfortable, confident, and ready to participate in sports activities.









Throughout the school day, children enjoy nutritious lunch meals, practice good hygiene, and participate in activities that promote sharing, friendship, confidence, and positive social interaction.

At Bridge of Hope, we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where every child feels valued and supported to learn, play, and grow while developing confidence, curiosity, creativity, and social skills.

As the 2026-2027 academic year begins, we look forward to welcoming both returning and new children to URUHONGORE ECD Center and working closely with families to build a strong foundation for every child's development.

KICK FOR JOY INITIATIVE 2026 "STRENGTHENING COORDINATION FOR EDITION III"

The Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 – Edition III officially began on 21 July 2026 and will run until 11 December 2026, when the Grand Finale will take place in Nzige Sector, Rwamagana District.

During September, Bridge of Hope continued to strengthen coordination with key stakeholders as preparations and activities progressed.

The first coordination meeting was held on 2 September with district leadership, followed by a meeting with the heads of participating schools on 10 September.

On 21 September, Bridge of Hope held another coordination meeting with local authorities and community development partners to strengthen collaboration around the implementation of the initiative.









These meetings have helped bring key stakeholders together, strengthen collaboration, and ensure that the Kick for Joy Initiative 2026 - Edition III is well coordinated as it continues towards the Grand Finale.

As the initiative progresses, Bridge of Hope welcomes partnerships and support from organizations, companies, and well-wishers, including sports equipment, school materials, financial contributions, and other resources that can help create meaningful opportunities for children through sports.

Together, we can support children to learn, play, participate, and grow through Kick for Joy 2026.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) WORKING GROUP MEETING – RENCP

On 24 September 2026, Bridge of Hope participated in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Working Group Meeting of the Rwanda Education NGO Coordination Platform (RENCP), held at the EDC Offices in Kimironko, Kigali. The meeting brought together ECD stakeholders to reflect on shared priorities, exchange experiences, and discuss activities and plans through December 2026.

The gathering provided an opportunity for Bridge of Hope to learn from other organizations, share its community-level ECD experience through URUHONGORE ECD Center, and strengthen collaboration toward quality early learning, child protection, and the well-being of young children in Rwanda.





CROSS-CUTTING THEMES TRAINING





On 29 September 2026, Bridge of Hope participated in the Cross-Cutting Themes Training organized by PLAY International Rwanda at the FERWAFA Facility New Building.

The training covered Safeguarding, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), Accountability, and Data Protection.

The training strengthened participants' knowledge and understanding of these areas and supported their integration into organizational programs and activities. We thank PLAY International Rwanda for organizing the training and strengthening the capacity of partner organizations.

DISTRIBUTION OF WATER FILTERS

Access to safe drinking water is essential for every child to learn, grow, and thrive. On 22 and 25 September 2026, Bridge of Hope continued implementing its Water for Every Child project by providing water filters to schools in Rulindo and Kamonyi Districts.



This ongoing effort is helping schools improve access to safer drinking water while contributing to healthier and more supportive learning environments for children.





The distribution reached 12 schools and 11,515 students, including 5,628 boys and 5,887 girls. By providing water filters, the project supports schools in ensuring that children have better access to safe drinking water during their time at school.

Since the Water for Every Child project began on 14 October 2023, Bridge of Hope has provided water filters to 120 schools across 13 districts, reaching a total of 164,794 students, including 80,326 boys and 84,468 girls.

Through the continued implementation of this project, Bridge of Hope remains committed to promoting access to safe water and supporting the health, well-being, and dignity of children across the communities it serves.

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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

Praise God for His continued guidance and provision throughout the work of Bridge of Hope and for the progress made in serving children, families, and communities.

We give thanks for our partners, donors, staff, volunteers, families, and supporters whose commitment and collaboration continue to strengthen Bridge of Hope's mission and impact.

We are grateful for the children and young people we serve and pray that they continue to grow in knowledge, confidence, wellbeing, and positive participation in their communities.

THANK YOU

PRAYER REQUEST



Pray for wisdom, strength, and unity for the Bridge of Hope team as we continue implementing our programmes and serving children and communities.

May all children and families connected to Bridge of Hope be protected and experience safety, good health, and wellbeing.

We also pray for new partners, individual donors, and resources both financial and in-kind to strengthen our programs and enable us to reach more children and communities. Finally, we ask for continued guidance and provision as Bridge of Hope works to expand its impact and remain faithful to its mission of serving children and strengthening communities.

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