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### **KARIMJEE JIVANJEE FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW LIBRARY IN DODOMA**

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Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) in partnership with READ International and guest of honour Mr. Joseph Mafuru; Dodoma City Director, launched a new fully equipped library in Dodoma region on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2021.

The library is built in Ihumwa Secondary school and is stocked with a total of 748 locally published books aimed to benefit the 893 students currently at the school and those to come over the years. The library is fully funded by Karimjee Jivanjee foundation equating to an investment of TZS 33,510,000.

Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Karimjee Group, committed to creating a bright future for young Tanzanians through education and empowerment. The foundation's vision is to develop the next generation of leaders; the change makers and innovators that have the potential to change Tanzania and the world. And investing in education has been one of their means to do so.

Sharing these same values, is one of their strategic partners, READ International (Realizing Education for Development) who the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation has been supporting for 6 years now.

READ International believe that the joy of reading should be for everyone, by creating a space that captures young people's imaginations and fosters a love of books. They work with Tanzanian volunteers from local universities to create safe, inspiring libraries in secondary schools across the country.

As quoted by READ International's Executive Director, Magdalena George said during the launch, "Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) has been a wonderful partner in Education in Tanzania, one of the key Foundation partner is us (READ) because they believe in the cause we do, and this means a lot to us, the government and school community at large because our main target beneficiaries are government schools. KJF through READ supports schools with libraries, ICT equipment and soft skills with intention to empower both students and teachers to improve reading literacy and contribute to schools performance. As all of us has witnessed today, students are now capable of using computers, able to browse learning materials through Soma Connect platform and have books here in the library that they can access easily and whenever they need. We call upon the Government cooperation with KJF and READ to promote reading culture to many schools in Tanzania and change our youth life.

Thanks, directly to the Karimjee Foundation's support to READ in the last 6 years:

- 62400 books have been distributed to schools across Tanzania
- 64 schools across the country have received books, and 17 new libraries have been set up.
- A total of 40,854 secondary students have benefited in the following critical ways:
  - Empowered students in schools through READ literacy programs, so they are able to fulfil their potential and future prospects.
  - Enabled students to become independent readers, improving their self-esteem and self-confidence, through reading clubs.
  - Improved the student's language transition, who are beginning to use Swahili and English by engaging in different reading activities such as buddy reading, reading games and quizzes.

Yusuf Karimjee, the Chairman of Karimjee Jivanjee Ltd and KJF said "Education transforms the lives of young people in Tanzania and will help eradicate poverty and drive the country's economic growth and sustainable development. The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation's long-term partnership with the fantastic NGO, READ International is vital to this challenge and in creating a bright future for young, curious, and empowered minds. We are proud of our work with READ International in continuing to help young Tanzanians get better access to educational resources providing safe and inspiring spaces to learn and thrive".

In addition to the above, KJF also provides educational scholarships, empower reading and learning, support local communities and healthcare infrastructure, advocate science, technology and social entrepreneurship and promote wildlife conservation.

The foundation celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2020, since it was officially registered in 2010 as an important part of the Groups corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme. It has made a tangible difference to the lives of thousands of young Tanzanians, through its own scholarship programmes and support to a select group of education centred NGO's and philanthropic networks.

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