

# Bicycles donated to 100 rural secondary students

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Educate to Empower

## Bike2School Project

Rahma is a Form 2 student at Mamire Secondary School. She walks a 14km round trip daily to get to school. It is a very long way for a 16 year-old girl to access education, and she is not the only one. With only 1 secondary school in the Ward where she lives, many children face a similar long commute on foot.

For Rahma and her peers, it creates many challenges: missing morning classes; feeling fatigued; getting sick from exposure to annual weather conditions; and increased safety, because children are walking alone in the early morning without an adult.

For Rahma's parents, the cost of a bicycle is too expensive. Like most families in their rural village, her parents are small-scale farmers. The severe impact of recent drought on agricultural livelihoods, as well as ongoing inflation, has worsened poverty levels. So when ABC Impact, with the support of VelaAfrica, came to her school to donate bicycles, it was a joyful day.



*'Thank you so much for supporting me with this bike. I will use it properly to attend school every day and I am now sure that my dreams will come true. I want to become a medical doctor.'*

It was not only the students who were grateful, the teachers also know the benefit of these bicycles.

*'I appreciate the support of bicycles for our students, it transforms their lives. The daily commute will be much quicker, attendance will be better, and we will see newfound energy in the classroom. This support eases children's physical burden and fuels their academic aspirations.'*

*As teachers, we are also immensely grateful for this impactful contribution to their education.*

*Asanteni Sana (thank you)'*

*Mathayo, Headmaster, Mamire Secondary School*

