Zawadi*

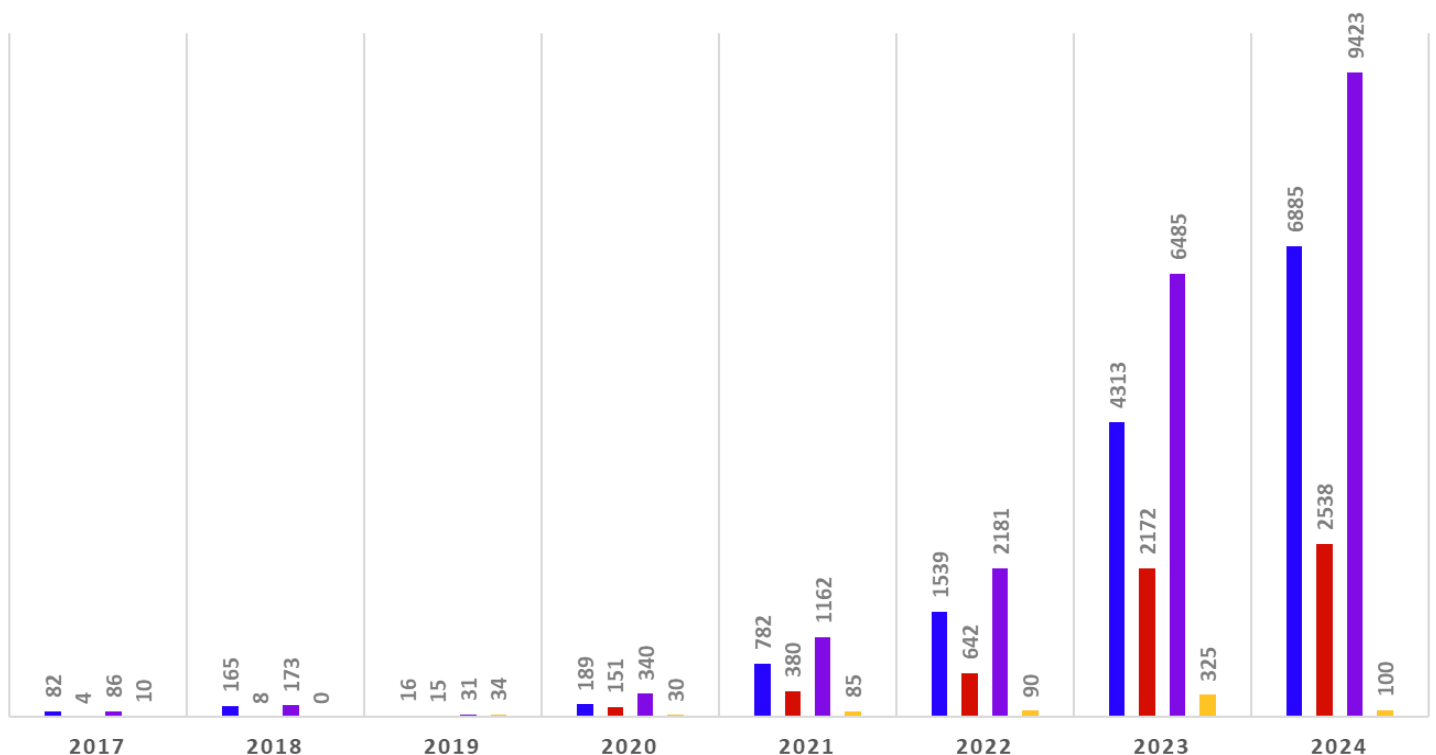**Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"**

Ubuntu: "I am what I am because of who we all are."

OUR STATISTICS

Connection Ubuntu closed out our tenth year in business with some amazing statistics from our computer labs. This graph shows how many students have been served for the years 2017 through 2024. We left out our early years of 2014 through 2016 because we were just getting started and did not have the detailed information as we do now. We require our computer labs to have at least 50% of students be female. We're so proud of our computer lab partners for the work they have done! Check out how many students have been taught:

CONNECTION UBUNTU COMPUTER LAB STATISTICS 2017 TO 2024

Legend: ■ FEMALE STUDENTS ■ MALE STUDENTS ■ TOTAL ■ COMPUTERS SENT PER YEAR

Year	Female Students	Male Students	Total	Computers Sent Per Year
2017	82	4	86	10
2018	165	8	173	0
2019	16	15	31	34
2020	189	151	340	30
2021	782	380	1162	85
2022	1539	642	2181	90
2023	4313	2172	6485	325
2024	6885	2538	9423	100

CODE WITH KIDS GOES TO CHINA!

In December 2024, 19 students (8 girls and 11 boys from <u>Code With Kids</u> proudly represented Kenya in Shanghai. They competed in Four categories; the youngest was 6 years old, and the oldest was 21 years old. Competing in categories like Space Traveling and Galactic Defense Battle, they made history with their incredible achievements, including multiple medals, such as the Team Spirit and Problem Solver awards. Renice Owino, Founder and Director of <u>Code with Kids</u>, joined the AI Education Forum as a distinguished panelist, leading discussions on making STEM education more accessible and inclusive for all.

"Participating in the ENJOY AI Finals was a dream come true. It taught us the power of perseverance and innovation," said Remnicx, one of our talented learners.

Renice shares these words, "We were also honored with the Best Organization Award, a testament to the dedication and passion of our learners, educators, and supporters! The Microsoft Surface laptops received from Connection Ubuntu have been really instrumental in this journey. The students were able to have laptops to use and had no worries; they were powerful enough to hold the Whalesbot software that was being used. To our learners and supporters: Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us make history."

Students with their awards

Students with passports

Renice accepting their award

AI Education Forum (Renice is 4th from the right)

The younger Code with Kids students

Happy students with their medals

NEW LABS GET THEIR COMPUTERS!

Our shipment of computers from September reached Kenya on Christmas day, 2024. After being cleared through customs, most of them have been picked up at our shipper's warehouse in Nairobi and are now in the hands of our new lab partners. Some already have students in attendance. We can't wait until they all have students learning technology!

Center for Sports and Growth

Located in the Mathare Slum, in Nairobi, Kenya, Center for Sports and Growth (CSG) also works in the neighboring Eastleigh area and is among the organizations linking sports and movement games with social improvement, Refugee Integration with host communities, and numerous other community development activities. We're excited for their students and for their partnership.

Gizzim Organization

Located in Ruiru, Kenya, Gizzim is a network of photographers working with under-resourced young people to offer photography skills while combining the digital application to equip students. They will teach photography editing to students as well as computer skills. They look forward to empowering their beneficiaries! We look forward to their students getting great jobs using both photography and computer skills.

NEW LABS GET THEIR COMPUTERS (cont'd)!

This computer lab is a collaboration between a local church, PCEA Kiangai, and Ahadi Zetu, a USA-based nonprofit whose founder, Wanja Ogongi, grew up in this community. They are located in Kiangai, Kenya. Their goal with the computer center is to empower both youth and adult learners with essential computer skills. They understand that in this increasingly connected world, digital literacy is a necessity. They will provide a safe space for students to learn skills and connect with the world and hope to open doors to higher education, employment and personal growth. Additionally, Ahadi Zetu would like to use the center to provide a variety of life skills and mental health workshops virtually to young adults and community members, if possible, by partnering with schools of social work and clinicians in the USA.

Located in Kikuyu Town, Kenya, Roy Ndung'u Foundation works mostly with young women and mothers who form a majority of the caregivers of people with disabilities and progressive conditions. These mothers and women often can't go to a working job because of the costs of hiring a full-time care-giver. The digital skills gained through training using the computers from the lab will allow these women to learn skills they can use to generate income even without being employed.

DONATE YOUR USED TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT!

Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. Donate your Laptop/Chromebook/tablet/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. (as long it is working and uses Windows 7 OS *OR* Apple 2013 or newer OS) and you'll be changing many lives. Once received, we'll wipe all data, if needed, add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it. If you would like to help us by donating equipment, send us a <u>message</u>... *your donation is tax deductible... and keeps equipment out of our landfills!*

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MAP OF OUR COMPUTER LABS

(CLICK ON MAP FOR MORE DETAILS)