

ZAWADI*

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Connection Ubuntu provides computer labs to students and entrepreneurs in Afri-

We cannot thank you enough!

As our NEWSLETTER CELEBRATES ITS FIRST YEAR, thank you for staying with us. Thank you for your continued support of our African partners during a time of global pandemic. Thank you for the ways you continue to support our volunteers, board and especially our Founder and President, Vicki Poole!

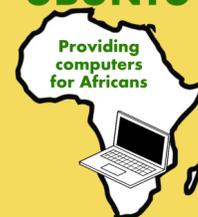


Be on the Lookout

The Gifts that Give Hope will be VIRTUAL this year!

Mark down December 5 for this alternative gift fair!

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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for "The Gift"



From their First Quarter Report 2020:

Rafiki Youth Hub is a center for innovation, skill and empowerment for

rural youths in Kenya. The Hub was started in January 2019 and is in a pilot stage with current location in Alendu, Kenya. The center gives up to 75% of the opportunities to girls and young women.



We have 19 computers being used as follows:

15 computers being used at Youth Hub

2 computers being used at LightHouse Academy

2 computers being used by Youth Hub staff



- Local community and government leaders intention to frustrate the program.
- Community Skeptics. This community had never seen such a program run in rural settings. There is fear that this is a fake program and will not be helpful to the students.
- Costs of running the program. The students contribute \$90 for the entire year of training. Actual cost of training is \$680 per student.
- Limited source of energy to power the computers and other equipment necessary to teach the courses effectively. We currently use a small Solar power system which is not enough to run all the equipment for a full day of class for 15 students.
- Lack of internet access. The cost of accessing internet is unaffordable for our current budget. Students therefore don't have access to online resources needed for their classes.

TESTIMONIALS

Follow up on G-BIACK graduates.

We have been following up on several G-BIACK graduates and we have learnt that many of them are doing very well in different fields. We exceptionally captured one student who has been going around her village teaching people how to use computers.

Beatrice Wangui, a 2018 G-BIACK graduate who is currently teaching farmers in her community on how to grow food using the Biointensive techniques has also been teaching children and the you on the use of computers. She has acquired one laptop which she uses for this purpose.

She is also currently taking online classes with the Ecology Action wher she is leaning more on GROW BIOINTENSIVE farming.

Beatrice Wangui – 24yrs old

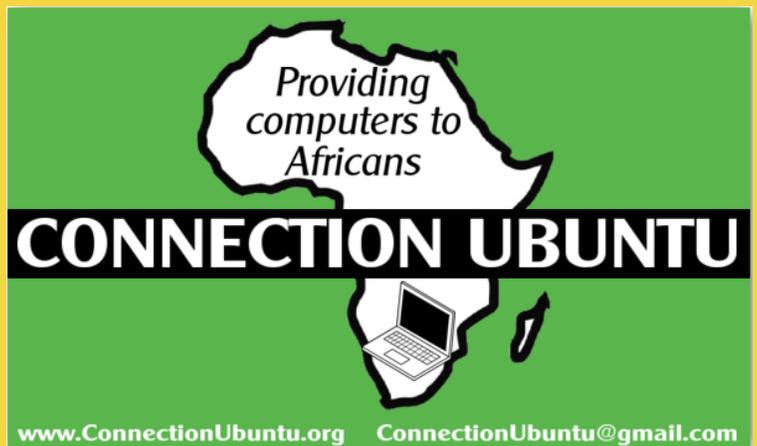
My name is Beatrice Wangui.

Since I left G-BIACK in August 2018, I have been engaged in community work and especially teaching my community on the skills that I learnt at G-BIACK. I have one laptop and I use it to teach people around especially the youth. My goal is to start computer lab in Karatina in Nyeri County someday. I thank G-BIACK so much for the skills that they game me.

VISION STATEMENT

Connection Ubuntu believes that the world is a global community where all members have the right and freedom to be active and valuable participants when given the technological tools and knowledge needed for successful global community engagement and local community self-sufficiency.

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



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