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* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

JOIN US FOR A VOYAGE TO KENYA IN JANUARY 2024!

We still have two seats left for this trip and we’d love for you to join us. More than just viewing the African wildlife, this is your opportunity to meet the people of Kenya and learn about the culture and country. In our travels we’ll visit some of our computer labs in Kenya and also have a “first time ever meet and greet” with our lab partners for a celebration of Connection Ubuntu’s work in Africa. Mr. Obadiah Muraya, the best Kenyan guide, will lead us for all our travels, along with providing magical and amazing safaris at one or two of the Kenyan game parks. We are still in the planning stages for the upcoming trip but feel free to click on the photos below for a sneak peak of our tentative plans (subject to change depending on availability). If you’re interested and/or would like to get your name on the guest list, please email ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com.



WE HAVE EIGHT NEWLY APPROVED COMPUTER LABS!

After more than a year of closing our application process for new computer lab applicants due to the pandemic's effect on computer availability, we were so excited to open up the process again in January of this year. We received an amazing number of applications from very qualified organizations. After much deliberation and review of all the applications we are excited to announce the addition of these eight new labs:

[Siyafunda Community Technology Center](#), Katilehong, South Africa

[Joyland Prime Academy](#), Mombasa, Kenya

[Lakehub Foundation](#), Kisumu, Kenya

[Activate Action](#), Homa Bay, Kenya

[Life Foundation Aid](#), Kakuma, Kenya

[Humanity for Sustainable Development](#), Soy, Kenya

[Turkana Voices](#), Kakuma, Kenya

[The Cotech](#), Kitale, Kenya

We hope you'll join us in welcoming these labs along with wishing them complete success in their futures. Check out the map below... and you'll be able to see all of our current labs, their locations and details by using this [link](#).

NEW COMPUTER LABS IN KENYA



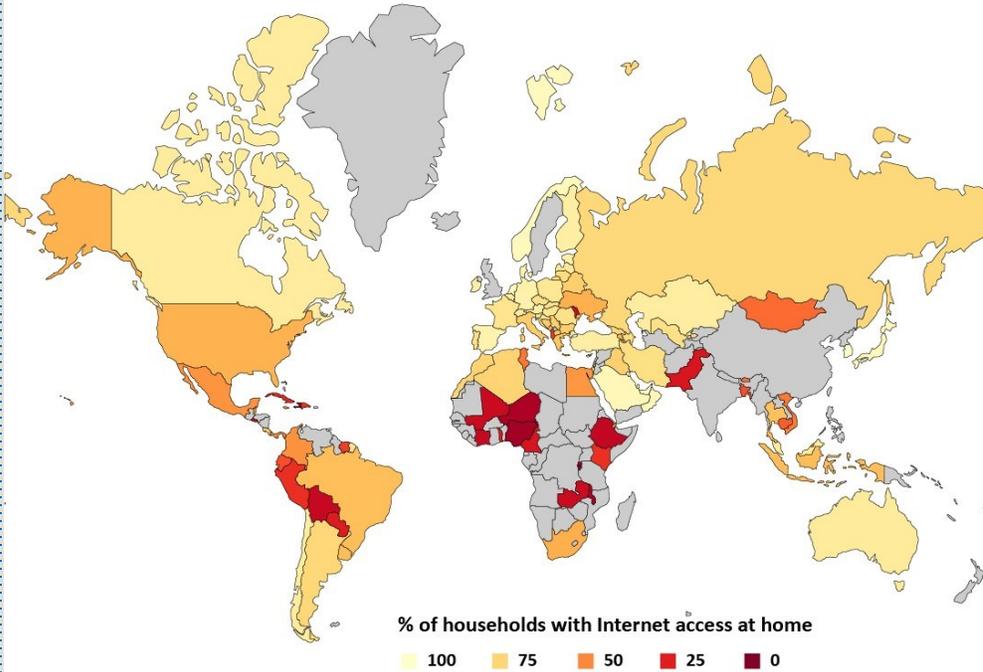
NEW COMPUTER LAB IN SOUTH AFRICA



THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AT HOME AND IN SCHOOLS WORLDWIDE

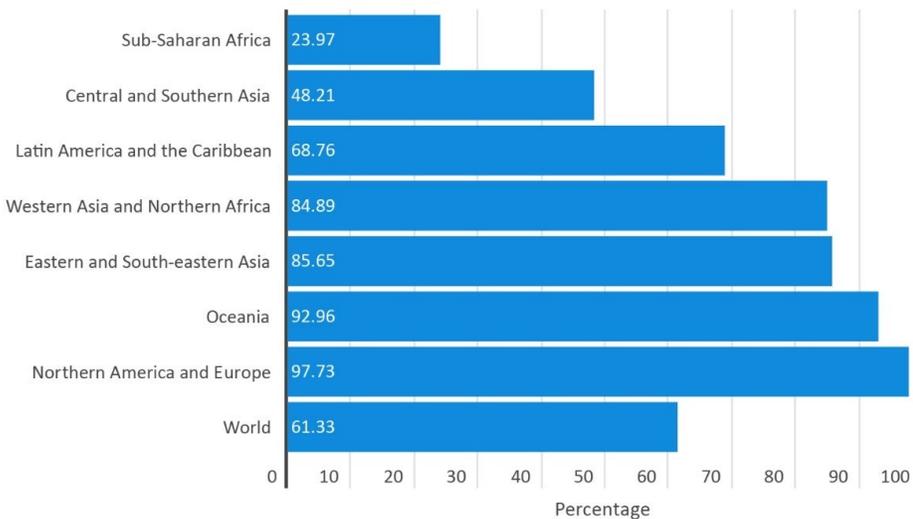
It's no surprise to Connection Ubuntu that Africa witnesses huge differences when it comes to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) but most people have no idea how large these differences are. The graphs below show the reality. We receive computer lab requests almost daily from all over Africa. When asked how these people found us, most say it's by searching the internet via their mobile phones and not from acquaintances in their local area. It's information like this that propels our small team to do as much as possible to help bridge this divide. With your help of computer and monetary donations, we now have 25 computer labs... and continue to grow. These graphs show how important your help is... you're making a world of difference in the lives of these wonderful people. Thank you!

Figure 1: Percentage of Households with Internet Access at Home



“Evidence indicates that there is a substantial ‘digital divide’ in access to ICT between countries. For example, according to estimates from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), 21% of learners in Africa cannot be reached by 3G mobile networks. In terms of internet access, 82.2% of households in Africa lack access in the home (see **Figure 1**). To bridge the divide and encourage mobile-based education, and in addition to infrastructure investment, lowering the cost to consumers to gain access to online data needs to be considered as these are prohibitive in many countries.”

Figure 2: Proportion of Upper Secondary Schools with Access to Internet for Pedagogical Purposes (%)



“Although sub-Saharan Africa as well as Central and Southern Asia do not have sufficient data for this indicator in lower education levels, there is adequate data for upper-secondary schools. Only about one quarter of upper-secondary schools in sub-Saharan Africa and one-half in Central and Southern Asia are equipped with internet access (see **Figure 2**). Electricity – another necessity – is also not available equitably across regions and school levels. In sub-Saharan Africa, only 33.8% of primary schools have access to

electricity while the same holds true for 57.2% of upper-secondary schools in the region. The situation is bleaker still in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where only 13.7% of upper-secondary schools have access to electricity.” For more information please see [here](#).

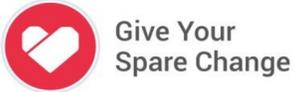
DO YOU HAVE A USED COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE?

Want to give people in Africa a great opportunity and also keep our landfills happy? Your used working equipment is priceless to our partners in Africa. We'll take your laptop/desktop/smartphone/keyboard/mouse, etc. as long it is working and uses Windows 7 OS OR Apple 2013 or newer OS. We'll wipe all data, if needed. We'll add an Operating System (OS), test the equipment and clean it.

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

