

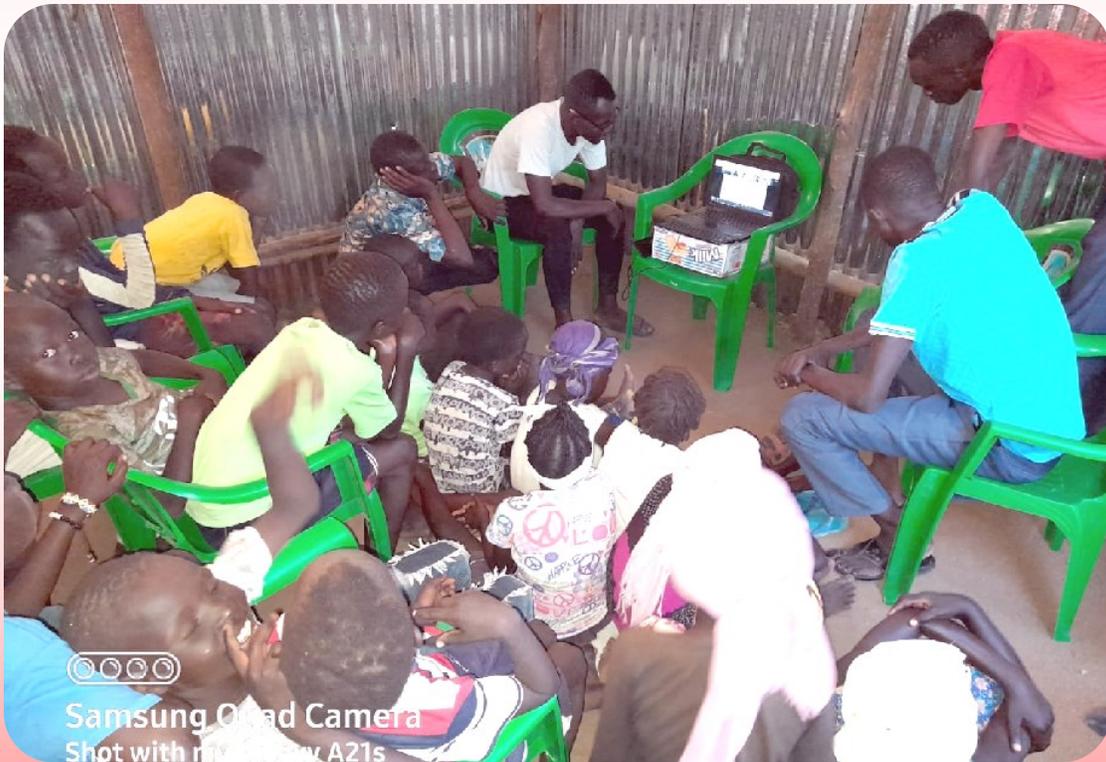
# Zawadi\*

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\* Zawadi is the Swahili word for “The Gift”

## HOW STUDENTS IN AFRICA LEARN TECHNOLOGY...



Maybe you've never wondered how students in Africa learn technology... but we have first hand experience. At this school, there are approximately 32 students sitting around one single small laptop to learn how to operate a computer. Their world looks very different than ours. The cost of computers in Africa is about twice the cost for a regular computer here in the USA... and most rural Africans could never afford one. Connection Ubuntu is trying to change this... but we need your help. Do you know an IT contact at a local school, college, or hospital? We are seeking more computers for our cause. If you have a contact we ask if you would please share their information with us so that we can talk to them about sharing their good used equipment with us when they upgrade. Please email us at [connectionubuntu@gmail.com](mailto:connectionubuntu@gmail.com) or via our [Contact Us](#) button. Thanks so much!

# NEWS FLASH



The computers for Advanced College Pretoria, South Africa, have cleared customs and are now waiting to be picked up! So excited to see the new computer lab and the happy faces of their students. Thank you to Andre van der Merwe, for holding the computers at Evapco SA, and thanks to Jenny de Klerk, Director of Advanced College, for arranging the pickup. I know Vanessa and Francois are anxiously awaiting their arrival! If you would like to support us, check out the many options [here](#).



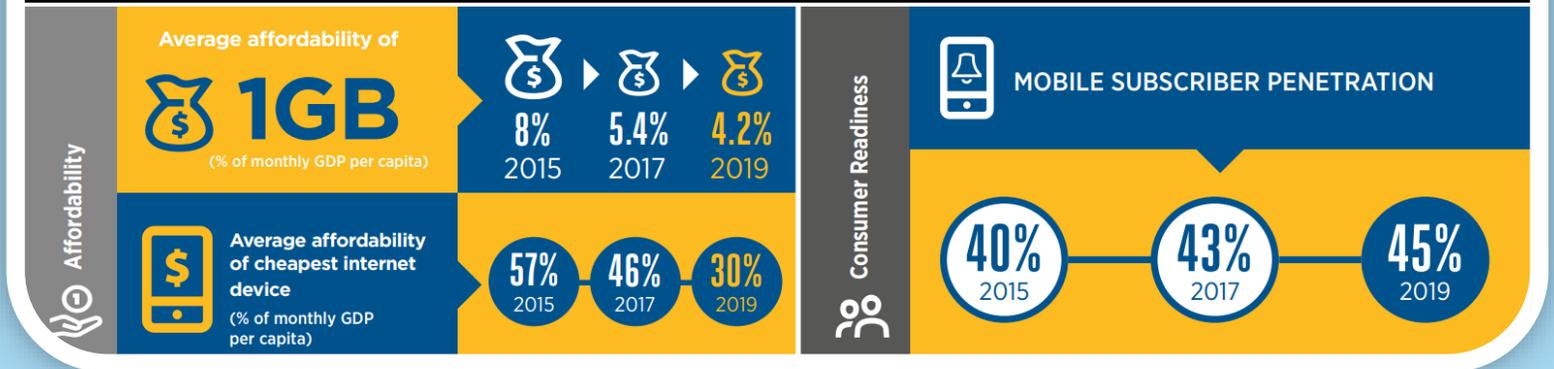
In 1852, the flag of the South African Republic was flown. From 1899-1902, the flag of the Independent Boer Orange Free State was flown. From 1902-1910, the traditional British Blue Ensign was used. From 1910-1928, The South Africa Red Ensign was used as the de facto national flag of South Africa. In 1928, the horizontal tricolor flag of the Republic of South Africa featuring orange-white-blue colors with three flags (Union Jack, Orange Free State, and the South African Republic) was placed in the center. The African National Congress earned considerable respect after their victory, and the idea of adopting a new flag gained momentum after Nelson Mandela's release from prison in 1990. In 1994, the

current flag of South Africa was officially adopted replacing the 1928 flag. This new flag was introduced to mark the nation's newly acquired democracy after the end of apartheid and was intended to represent the entire population regardless of tribe, race, or religion. The current flag was designed by Frederick Brownell and has since been embraced by the entire population as a symbol of national unity.



# Mobile Internet Connectivity 2020

## Sub-Saharan Africa Factsheet



As you can see from this information above, there are more owners of mobile devices than there are computer owners (info shared from last newsletter) for households in Africa. This is due to cost of technology there. As you can see in the chart, affordability is decreasing for Africans. The least costly mobile device is approximately KSh 4,899 (using Kenya current costs) which is equal to 48.99 USD. Computers are even harder to afford. Connection Ubuntu is working to change this situation by donating community computer labs where people can learn computer skills to increase their employment opportunities but we need your help. Have you upgraded your computer and/or smartphone? If so, we would be happy for this donated technology. We are a 501c3 charitable nonprofit and your donation is tax-deductible. Please let us know how you can help by contacting us... [ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectionUbuntu@gmail.com)

### WHY DOES CONNECTION UBUNTU'S MISSION MATTER? HEAR A RESCUE WING STUDENT'S TESTIMONIAL...



Name: ELSIE NDAYIGUMIJE    Location: KAKUMA REFUGEE CAMP, KENYA

I'm writing this letter to thank our donors Connection Ubuntu and Rescue Wing International for giving me and other Refugee Girls opportunity to gain computer knowledge.

I'm Elsie, Burundian by nationality. Aged of 20 years old and student by occupation. Current I am in Form 2 since joined Somali Bantu Secondary School in 2019 from Lokituang Primary School where I did the primary government Exam and scored 333 marks.

One day I heard about a computer course taking place at Rescue Wing organization meanwhile, I was very much interested to join the course because it has been like a dream to me to study the computer skills. I would also need to acquire the computer skills because today's world business is taking place through network marketing. Therefore, by learning the computer skills, it will help me and the entire community to share the knowledge that I have acquired. I improved by using computer to create some folders and account work on Excel and Microsoft Word, Power point and Publisher. I improve by knowing how to research anything on internet, google and etc. through computer. When I started learning computer course I passed through some challenges like; to know how to type faster or quickly on a computer's keyboard, I was slow at typing words, it was hard me for using the mouse on a computer machine. Sometime I used to forget to save my document that I already done, I am okay in a practical section. and also there is huge challenge for lacking enough computers for learning.

For all those I would like to take this opportunity to encourage those who wishes to join computer course especially ladies like me. Because it is best thing in life of human and also important for those who are willing to learn computer.

I just want to say thank once again to our donor Connection Ubuntu for they are doing for me and for African Girls. We still need more program for technology. Connection Ubuntu and Rescue Wing International you are the best.

## WE HAVE A WINNER FROM OUR JUNE \$5 FRIDAY "FUN"RAISER!

### Here's the way the "fun"raiser worked...

Every Friday in June was \$5 Friday. For every donation made, we put your name in a hat... and at the end of the month we drew a name from the hat... and that winner got to choose one of a group of selected photos from Becky Mohr of Mohr Visions!

## AND THE WINNER IS..... TAMMY FULLER!

Thank you to all who contributed... together we change lives.

## SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING

AND CHANGE A LIFE

We would love to have your support on a monthly basis... whether it's five dollars (or more)... Your support means not only the world to us but to our partners in Africa.

And our online system, Donorbox, makes it so easy to set up your donation. Click the button on the right... there are several donation options to choose from... Thank you!

**DONATE  
NOW!**  
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## CONNECTION UBUNTU'S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO "FOLLOW" US.



## 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."*

