

TANA RIVER COUNTY

Kids Comp Camp #KompyutaMashinani



HIGHLIGHTS

- Impressively 53% of more than 120 trained children were girls.
- Uniquely, the 127 children represented 6 schools and 7 people groups (tribes). The represented schools included the host Life Frontier Primary school, Mororo, Hatata, Kodoramadha, Adele, and Maramtu Primary Schools and the represented tribes the Somali, Wailwana, Munyoyaya, Waridei, Borana, Waata, and Pokomo.

INTRODUCTION

Africa Centurion is a social enterprise in Nairobi Kenya that is keen to open up young marginalized lives through the window of digital technology.

This it has done since inception in 2014, through 'Kids COMP CAMP' a program with the objective of helping young learners aged 8 to 14 living in marginalized communities gain a competitive edge to tackle today's digital driven society.

The program mainly runs during school holidays (April, August and December) and sometimes over weekends. During the camps, the learners go through an exciting and relevant digital literacy curriculum designed for a student with no prior experience with computers.

M-PESA FOUNDATION & KIDS COMP CAMP PARTNERSHIP

M-pesa Foundation independent charitable trust established to invest in interventions that improve the social and economic status of Kenyans. Through #DoMore Challenge Mpesa Foundation invested in 'community champions' to transform their communities. Kids Comp Camp emerged the winner of #DoMore challenge for Tana River County.

This year, 2016, Kids Comp Camp has been implementing the Grant of Kshs. 100,000 from Mpesa Foundation. Kids Comp Camp aims to reach out to 200 children in Madogo Location, North Tan Sub-county, Tana County.

As we write this half year report we are happy to report that we have already trained 127 Kids ages 8 to 14 from 6 schools.

TANA RIVER M-PESA KIDS COMP CAMP

The initial Tana River Kids Computer Camp (April Edition) took place from April 18th to 21st 2016. The camp was held at Life Frontier Primary School which is Located around Madogo shopping center.



Uniquely, the computer camps brought together not just six (6) schools but also seven (7) tribes. The names of the participating schools are; the host Life Frontier Primary school, Mororo, Hatata, Kodoramadha, Adele, and Maramtu Primary Schools. The represented peoples groups included the Somali, Wailiwana, Munyoyaya, Waridei, Borana, Waata, and Pokomo. Impressively 53% of the attendees were girls. The training was conducted by thirty (30) trainer volunteers. The trainers were drawn from the youth and teachers from the local community and schools as well as students from various universities in Kenya.



CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATION

Network Connection: One of the objectives of Kids Comp Camp to broaden the young learners' horizons and scope as they use the acquired digital literacy skills in accessing more information and knowledge on digital platforms such as the internet. This faced practical challenge because the internet connections were weak. This forced a change in the planned activity instead of connecting each computer to the internet the trainers had to demonstrate how to connect & use use the internet using their phones. This was a bit limiting in the way the learners could interact and learn during the session. Better network connections in the areas would have made learning more fun and interactive.

CONCLUSION:

We are forever indebted and really grateful to Mpesa Foundation for the Grant that enabled facilitation of the camp. We look forward to the follow up Kids Comp Camp scheduled for November 2016.