



The Computerworld Honors Program

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LOCATION:
Nairobi, Kenya

ORGANIZATION:
Elimu Holdings Limited

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ORGANIZATION URL:
<http://www.elimu.co.ke>

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Laureate

PROJECT NAME:
A Website Per Learning Institution Initiative(AWPLII)

CATEGORY:
Training/Education

PROJECT OVERVIEW

A Website per Learning Institution Initiative seeks to place every school in Kenya, and Africa, on the Internet by building school websites. The problem it is solving is inaccessibility to official information from schools in Africa. The challenges faced included the skewed perception that computer-based initiatives in the African setting can only benefit the more affluent societies. This is overcome by running wide-based training of schools receiving the websites on how to use and manage their websites. The schools use the websites to reduce costs of communication while increasing its impact and efficiency.

SOCIETAL BENEFITS

180 schools currently benefit from the initiative. Most schools in Africa are run by funds from their community. By getting an easy-to-manage and access website, the schools have saved money in communication costs.

PROJECT BENEFIT EXAMPLE

Murray Girls High School, Taita. From their school website's Acknowledgements Page, they note " Special thanks to: Elimu Holdings , its CEO Mr. Davis Waitthaka, its programmer Mr. Sospeter Mungai , Murray's school administration represented by the principal Madam Mgute, school's academic department , Mrs Frida Mucangi,(computer studies) Mr. Micheal MSagha(technician) ,Mr. Kennedy Sitati(English), Mr. Erustus Murithi(physics, maths) and Mr. Bonface Lidahuli(french) of Murray Girls High School Taita. Mutungi Shedrack of Kenyatta Mwatate-seminar organiser and host during the website development." All school websites can be found at www.elimu.co.ke/schools-under-awpli.html

IS THIS PROJECT AN INNOVATION, BEST PRACTICE? Yes. The initiative uses the intrinsic need to access and



give information about an organization.

ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION

This is a fully sustainable initiative with the power to change the living conditions of thousands of people in Africa. Countless business opportunities lie in the development, deployment and maintenance of the initiative

