



KICOSHEP
HELPING THE COMMUNITY COPE WITH AIDS/HIV



KICOSHEP COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Why do this?

Kenya is becoming well placed to become the technology hub of East Africa and beyond. For the people of Kibera this is both a risk and a great opportunity. For people with the right skills and access to the latest technology, a knowledge economy offers unparalleled work opportunities - but for those who are excluded, it can become another barrier to a better life, further disadvantaging them.

Building a community run broadband project in Kibera can offer local people the chance to use the new technology, to become a valuable part of the transition to a knowledge economy, and to grow the skills which Kenya will need in the future.

Cooperation, Coordination & Economic Development

There is no value in technology for its own sake - building a major infrastructure for its teaching value alone is a wasted opportunity. What can a Community Broadband Network in Kibera really offer the community today?

Linking the Community

When we share technology we are linked together - we can communicate freely and easily. We can reach new information resources, and we can learn from each other

Maximising Our Work

When we communicate, we are able to share our work load and coordinate our efforts to make the most of what we have together

Raising a Voice

When we use technology wisely we can shout and be heard by new people. Good technology can help develop advocacy and democracy

Developing the Economy

The Internet is the new marketplace. Trades people in Kibera can reach new customers for their goods, helping to develop the economy in new directions

Kenya is the future

Kenya is a leader for East Africa's knowledge economy - this is a great opportunity and a risk for the people of Kibera

Not just technology - solutions!

Technology is a tool - a community solution is a tool for the community

Partnership

Technology can help us learn from each other, and maximise our efforts

A new voice - new money

Technology knows no barriers - our voice will be heard everywhere, and new people will see our products

Designed for a purpose

First we look to schools, clinics, the church, and organisations. Then we are open to the wider community

A start....

Then its up to you

We begin with the basics, then the future is up to you - the community decide what they need next

Who benefits?

Schools

Community technology gives our schools a new voice, raising the profile of their work and their successes

We can combine our knowledge and work together on the syllabus and teaching materials

Together we can open up new opportunities for our children's future

Clinics

Technology gives our clinics access to the latest information quickly

It allows us to share our knowledge and resources to continually improve our efforts and maximise our impact

By coordinating our work we can better document the impact on our community, the scale of the challenge, and the impact we are having

The Church

Our churches will be able to work more closely together on joint events, and reach people in new ways

Community technology will help our churches to promote their services and help fill their vacancies

Organisations

With new and better information being gathered, NGO's and other organisations will be able to produce new policies with more confidence

New technology provides new ways to deliver information to people who can be hard to reach

A community network is a two way technology - it offers new ways to hold a dialogue with the people

Where do we start?

Community web

A website to share information privately, to promote our news publicly, and to create a market for our goods

Internet café

A community-run resource with access to the Internet, faxing and copying services, and special international direct dial telephone

Community network

A network linking our community bodies together with telephones, internet, and our own information systems and services

For further information



+254-20-601881



broadband@kicoshepkenya.org