

WKW Bulletin

LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO BETTER LIVES IN KIBERA!



Ongoing ICT class

As the world moves swiftly through the technological advancement, life has been made simpler and easier in many aspects. For instance, the digital economy has presented a significant opportunity for many people to obtain greater information and the ability to engage in meaningful work. In line with this, we, the WKW organization continue putting in place frameworks that will empower communities through the use of technology with more focus put on the youths from the vulnerable communities in Kibera.

There is a large number of youths who could not proceed to college or university after form four or others who dropped out of school due to many reasons but mainly financial challenges and are currently idling in the streets of the Kibera slum. They

seem to live in a completely different world.

Many do not have skills and thus cannot engage in meaningful income-generating activities nor can they be employed even in the informal sector. They are humble, underprivileged, impoverished and thus susceptible to drugs, crime, violence, unhealthy relationships, abuse and other vices in the society they live in.

Many young people have constantly knocked at our gates requesting for any form of help ranging from food to financial assistance. It is indeed an awful and painful experience to be the person saying no and to send them away empty knowing quite well what they will face once they are out there with nothing but only life and hope! They will struggle to survive, not caring about what actions they take to make

their ends meet.

In most instances, the men join criminal groups and gangs whereas ladies end up getting pregnant as they enter into relationships with men hoping that they will help them improve their livelihood. Some also end up losing hope in life and the thought of committing suicide is never far.

For many years, WkW has struggled and wondered silently and loudly on the grim reality facing most of the youths in Kibera. What should we do? How should we respond sustainably to the needs of the youths? These and many more such questions have always lingered in the minds and hearts of the organisation. Recently a sustainable solution emerged. It is technology.

WKW wishes to help these youths in any sustainable way possible and as

many as we can. Giving them technological skills is one of our key interests. We have put in place the ICT training programme; a holistic, self-sustaining development project, that runs for three months. The youths are put through intense and rigorous training on computer basics, design, coding with google, online work/jobs, entrepreneurship as well as life skills.

By doing this, the organisation practically responding both economic, education and life skill needs the young people need so badly. We simply wish to give hope and improve livelihood. As always, we believe in making change through the provision of information that will help in the formation of persons and this finally results in their transformation. In this case, we are leveraging on technology to transform lives.

We have also partnered with various institutions here in Kenya in helping the youths to earn an income by working online using their mobile

phones. The digital economy provides a major opportunity to participate in productive work and microworks. This presents a unique opportunity for

primary school children as soon as they close school for the April holidays. The Computer Science is a Google programme created by educators and computer scientists that introduces coding and computer science to children in a collaborative and creative club environment. The programme aims at increasing the confidence of children when using a computer, provide a sense of belonging in technology for underrepresented children, especially girls and grow perseverance when tackling difficult problems. The impact that CS has on careers will be demonstrated as well.



Microworks training session

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the vulnerable, unskilled youth to earn money by using their mobile devices at their comfort. We have a number of them already earning money through transcription and data recognition.

We will also be rolling out the Google Computer science programme for the



Students doing cleaning



Time to have lunch



SHERYL BUSOLO, 19 yrs

The microwork project has prevailed effectively on my side since I started using it. Firstly, it has kept me busy and I have been able to earn money. The part I enjoy most is earning; of course, who would not! It is such a great feeling being able to afford personal effects. I have also come to know about new things like cryptocurrency and how to work and earn using my smartphone which is interesting and also the usage of new Apps and services like Toca. Honestly, I think it's a fun program to be in and I feel lucky to be part of it.



KEVIN OKOTH, 21 yrs

I am glad to say that I am one of youths participating in the microworks project. Actually, my experience has been good, working on the apps and doing the available jobs provided and they have been of great help. From the comfort of my home, I can earn good money. All that I need is a smartphone, money to purchase data for internet access and the micro working app. The microwork programme is a great idea that has actually helped us as youths. microwork idea aims in eradicating the idea of lack of jobs. it is somehow amazing that one's salary is determined by her/his hard work. The opportunity has been given to us, thanks to all those who took part in coming up with this great idea.



DANSTONE LITUNDA, 21 yrs

It has been so tough for my family since the pandemic struck. My mother, the breadwinner of the family, could not go out and do her usual hustling to sustain us. Everything had been shattered. I am glad that since we were introduced to the microworks programme, I have not only been able to support my personal needs but also helped my mother in paying house rent and getting a few more necessities for our home. I really appreciate being part of this.



HAPPENINGS AT WKW

- ◆ Children break for a 7-week-holiday
- ◆ ICT Training Programme
- ◆ Google CS training
- ◆ Easter celebrations
- ◆ Workshops for Children and parents
- ◆ Individual & group Counseling sessions

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