

***Just in from Zambia - the Samfya Internet Center needs your help!***

The Samfya Resource Centre, located in a remote fishing district in Northern Zambia, provides essential internet and computer training to over 480 students and community members a month, and is the only such facility for hundreds of miles.

The four IT managers at the Centre, all members of Camfed's alumni network Cama, are fast becoming role models in their local community as they demonstrate the power of technology to provide skills and confidence to the approximately 6000 students, graduates and community members per year who will benefit from greatly increasing their access to educational resources and providing students with the necessary computer skills and training to succeed in a modern and globalized world.



We recently spoke to Penelope Machipi, the centre's Head of IT, who told us about the critical service that the centre is providing to this isolated community:

*"There are no libraries in Samfya, so there is no way to access information for the teachers, students and general community. People here need education to survive, so internet services are essential to helping the community develop. The center helps teachers deliver and prepare for lessons. They can search online for subjects, especially as*

*books are not readily available. Students can also search for material online and have answers to topics at the touch of their fingers.*

*Power is a problem for the whole district. Therefore if we can fill this need it will provide a mainstay service for the whole community".*

By helping to equip the center with faster, cheaper, and more reliable and sustainable technology, you will be making it possible to open up the world to many more students and, at the same time, help this isolated community reduce their carbon footprint. Will you help?

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