



KIKANDWA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY INNOVATION RESOURCE CENTER

IMPACT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

KEACIRC

Impacting Communities

Since we moved in our new offices in July 2015, we have accomplished a lot. I continue to believe that we can achieve so much more for the community around us.

Being located in rural Kikandwa, the resource center is situated within a context which is essentially different from any study of ICT use in a developed context. Everyday more and more people are appreciating the work that it has done to transform the community faced with challenges of poverty, gender inequality, HIV/Aids, and lack of access to even basic resources such as electricity. Our resource center shows that the creative use of ICTs and facilitation of existing structures and resources can improve people's means of communication, with positive effect on their livelihood as well as their participation in public life.

It is now a center that is helping people (youths, children, men and women) to apply for the Pollination project seed grants. So far it has helped two successful grantees all of whom were helped by the resource center manager. The resource center team is now teaching people how to write grant proposals and use ICT to the betterment of their lives.

KEA CIRC is scaling up the access and use of ICT to fit the rural settings by providing material that is most needed by the rural community. Proposals pertaining to agriculture, gender disparities, health, climate change and community development are being developed to help the resource center meet its vision and objectives while helping the community achieve change in their lives.

The center wants to bridge the gap between the use of ICT in rural and urban areas. Actors in rural areas particularly stress access to agricultural and health related information, improved communication within the community, and confidence building, actors in urban areas are more focused on engendering ICT policies, podcast and video as means to share experiences, and the role of internet as a platform for communication, networking and online visibility. Whereas in Kikandwa ICT use is dominated by conventional media, the position of ICT in capacity building both in the form of training, knowledge and experience sharing needs to be emphasized. We are glad that the resource center is moving towards this goal.



Figure 1: KEACIRC director takes participants through proceeding during a workshop

We continue to appreciate the role that you have done in making our services happen in the community. We thank you for the love and belief in our cause of extending ICT services to the people of Kikandwa Sub County. As the management of KEA CIRC, we lack appropriate words to thank you our precious donors for sacrificing your hard earned money to make the center a reality. We would also like to thank global giving for sharing a platform where ideas can be transformed into reality; KEA CIRC was an idea and is now a reality.

Thank you our lovely donors that have driven us this far.