



READY AIDERS FOUNDATION & IGEMBE NORTH INITIATIVE.

ICT CENTER FOR YOUTHS (INCLUSIVE OF BOYS AND GIRLS)

PROPOSAL AND PROJECT PLAN

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AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$50000

MAIN BENEFICIARIES: Youths in Igembe North, Meru County, Kenya

Introduction

The **Ready Aiders ICT Center for Youths** in Igembe North, Meru County, is a collaborative project between **Ready Aiders Foundation** and **Igembe North Initiative (IGNI)**. The project aims to create an inclusive space where both boys and girls can access critical Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills. These skills include basic computer packages, graphic design, coding, and data annotation. Additionally, the center will host a **digital library**, accessible to both primary and secondary school students, fostering digital literacy from an early age.

This partnership seeks to address the prevalent challenges in Igembe North, where limited access to basic services and educational resources has left many young people without essential skills for the modern workforce. By empowering the youth with ICT skills, the center will contribute to enhancing employability, improving academic performance, and encouraging entrepreneurial ventures. The collaboration between Ready Aiders Foundation and IGNI ensures a comprehensive approach to meeting the developmental needs of the community, promoting sustainability, and creating long-term impact through skill development and education.



Project Goals and Objectives

Goal: To provide opportunities for youths in Igembe North, Meru County, Kenya, by offering access to ICT education and resources, thus enhancing their employability and entrepreneurial skills.

Objectives:

1. Enhance the skills level of young people to prepare them for employment in ICT industries and other marketable job areas.
 2. Provide vocational and job-oriented courses including Basic Computer Packages, Graphics Design, Coding, and Data Annotation.
 3. Promote gender equity and reduce unemployment and poverty among youths.
 4. Offer testimonies and mentorship from professionals in STEM fields to encourage scientific vocations.
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Project Management Approach

The Ready Aiders ICT Center for Youths will be managed and executed by the Ready Aiders Foundation and the Igembe North Initiative joint projects team. The project lead, Kenneth Apopa and , will oversee the implementation of the project plan, supported by a team comprising IT tutors, professional teachers, and monitoring and evaluation personnel. All funding decisions and project approvals will be managed by the project sponsor.

Project Scope

The scope of this project includes:

- Providing ICT education to youths in Igembe North, Meru County.
 - Setting up a digital library accessible to primary and secondary school students.
 - Establishing partnerships with IT companies for job placements for graduates.
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Project Activities

The project activities include:

1. Conducting a needs assessment to determine ICT skills and knowledge gaps among youths.
 2. Procuring and installing necessary equipment and supplies.
 3. Developing promotional materials and seeking funding sources.
 4. Training local staff on curriculum delivery and center management.
 5. Implementing a curriculum tailored to local needs.
 6. Monitoring and evaluating the center's impact on the community.
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Project Schedule

The project will be implemented over a period of three years, starting four months 1st October 2024.

Phase One: Planning and Setup (Months 1-4)

- Conduct needs assessment
- Procure and install equipment
- Train staff

Phase Two: Initial Operation (Year 1)

- Launch the center and begin offering courses
- Monitor and evaluate progress

Phase Three: Expansion and Sustainability (Years 2-3)

- Expand course offerings
 - Strengthen partnerships for job placements
 - Continue monitoring and evaluation
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Roles and Responsibilities

- **Project Lead:** Overall coordination and management
- **Community Development Officer:** Community engagement
- **ICT Teachers:** Provide education and training
- **Security Officer:** Ensure safety of the center
- **Monitoring and Evaluation Officer:** Track project progress and impact

Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

Indicators to monitor and evaluate include:

- Number of youths using the ICT Center and digital library
- Satisfaction levels with facilities and services
- Skills and knowledge improvement in technology use
- Number of youths completing the training program

Project Budget

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST IN USD
Tutor	Two tutors at \$400 each monthly.	9600
Project Manager	\$500 monthly.	6000
Facilitator for Community Development	Two at \$350 monthly each. They help in the collection of the data from the community.	8400
M & E Officer	\$400 monthly.	4800
Security Officer	1 Officer at \$250 monthly.	3000
Formative Evaluation Cost	Evaluation done at the end of the year, after 12 months of training.	1200
HP Desktops (HP 29091 MT DESKTOP PENTIUM 4560 4GB RAM)	Twenty-five desktops at \$430 each to be used for the lessons.	10750
Laptops (HP) (HP Notebook 14-am088nia - 14" - 6th Gen Intel Core i3 – 500GB HDD - 4GB RAM - Free DOS)	Two laptops for the two tutors at \$415 each.	830
Epson Printer	Two printers to be used for printing, scanning, and photocopying services. Cost is \$200 each.	400
Sony Projector	At \$400. For teaching purpose.	400
Rent on Classrooms	Two classrooms at \$100 each a month paid in advance to cover a full year.	2400
Whiteboard	2 at \$120 for 4'x3 ft. portable single-sided whiteboard.	240
Office Supplies and Stationery	Ink and printing paper, pencils, and notebooks etc.	500
Risk Cost	Cost for repair and maintenance of computers and other electric gadgets.	160
Electricity Bills		564
Internet Supply	Safaricom Home Fibre, forty Mbps at \$63 monthly.	756
GRAND TOTAL		50000

Previous Success and Experience: Transforming Lives in Mathare

Implementation in Mathare

Ready Aiders Foundation has a proven track record of successfully implementing ICT education projects in underserved communities. One of our flagship projects, the ICT Center for Girls in Mathare, has demonstrated remarkable success in transforming the lives of young girls in the slums.

Project Overview:

- **Location:** Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya
- **Duration:** Three years
- **Beneficiaries:** Over 500 young girls
- **Courses Offered:** Basic computer packages, graphic design, coding, and data annotation

Key Achievements:

1. Skill Development:

- Our ICT Center equipped young girls with essential digital skills, including basic computer literacy, graphic design, coding, and data annotation. This training provided them with the competencies needed to navigate the digital world and explore various career opportunities.

2. Employment and Opportunities:

- Many of our graduates have successfully secured employment in IT companies, leveraging the partnerships we established with industry players. These job placements have enabled the girls to contribute to their families' income and break the cycle of poverty.

3. Empowerment and Confidence:

- Beyond technical skills, the training program fostered a sense of empowerment and self-confidence among the participants. They developed the belief that they could pursue careers in STEM fields and compete on an equal footing with their peers.

4. Community Impact:

- The success of the ICT Center for Girls in Mathare extended beyond the individual participants. It created a ripple effect, inspiring other young girls in the community to pursue education and digital skills. The project also raised awareness among parents and guardians.

Replicating Success in Igembe North -Meru County, Kenya.

Building on the success of our Mathare project, we are confident in our ability to replicate this transformative impact in Meru. The Ready Aiders ICT Center for Youths in Igembe North, Meru County, aims to bring the same level of success and empowerment to a new community.

Why We Are Confident:

1. Proven Methodology:

- Our methodology, developed and refined through the Mathare project, has been validated by the tangible outcomes achieved. We will apply the same structured approach to training, mentorship, and job placement in Meru.

2. Experienced Team:

- Our team comprises experienced educators, trainers, and community development professionals who have successfully managed similar projects. Their expertise and dedication will ensure the smooth implementation of the Meru project.

3. Established Partnerships:

- Ready Aiders has forged strong partnerships with IT companies and other stakeholders. These partnerships will be instrumental in providing job placements and internship opportunities for the graduates of the Meru ICT Center.

4. Community Engagement:

- Our approach emphasizes community involvement and support. We will work closely with local leaders, parents, and community members in Meru to ensure that the project is well-received and sustainable.

By leveraging our previous success in Mathare and applying our proven strategies to the Meru project, we are confident in our ability to make a significant impact. The Ready Aiders ICT Center for Youths will empower young boys and girls in Meru with the skills, opportunities, and confidence to build a brighter future.

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