

Project Description: Genet Miriam School Computer Lab Initiative

The Genanaw Foundation, a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, seeks funding to establish a fully functional computer lab at Genet Miriam School in Gulo, Ethiopia, serving 360 students. This initiative addresses the digital divide by providing students with essential digital literacy skills, enhancing educational outcomes, and empowering them with access to modern technology.

Objectives:

1. **Improve Digital Literacy:** Provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate and use digital tools effectively.
2. **Enhance Educational Outcomes:** Offer access to digital learning resources that complement traditional classroom instruction.
3. **Empower Students for the Future:** Equip students with the skills needed for higher education and workforce readiness in an increasingly digital world.

Project Implementation:

- **Procurement & Setup:** The lab will be equipped with 25 refurbished computers, secure furniture, and internet connectivity via satellite.
- **Teacher & Community Training:** Teachers and volunteers will be trained in basic IT skills and lab management.
- **Sustainability & Expansion:** Collaboration with local government agencies to support long-term maintenance and potential expansion to neighboring schools.

Project Budget Breakdown

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	COST (USD)
HARDWARE	25 refurbished computers	\$12,500
FURNITURE	Desks, chairs, and secure storage	\$2,500
INTERNET CONNECTIVITY	Routers, modems, and satellite dish	\$1,800
TRAINING & INSTALLATION	IT setup, network configuration, software deployment	\$2,400
INTERNET SUBSCRIPTION	Monthly subscription fees	\$600
TOTAL		\$19,800

Community Engagement & Sustainability

- Local Capacity Building: Training local teachers and volunteers to manage and maintain the lab.
- Stakeholder Involvement: Collaboration with community leaders to foster local ownership.
- Long-Term Vision: The project is designed to scale and serve as a model for other rural schools.

The Genanaw Foundation invites potential funders to partner in bridging the digital divide and transforming education in Gulo, Ethiopia.