



Impact Report

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Grow Ghana
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DIGITALIZATION

Digital skills have become a prerequisite for learning, employability, entrepreneurship, and participation in the global economy. Yet, according to the World Bank (2023), more than 80% of students in sub-Saharan Africa lack access to a functional computer for learning. In Ghana, the situation is especially critical in public basic schools, where infrastructure gaps prevent effective implementation of the ICT curriculum. The Ghana Education Service reports that although ICT is compulsory, over 60% of public schools do not have an ICT lab and rely solely on theoretical instruction. Public schools in Ghana often lack basic resources, and while private schools can offer practical training with computers, public students learn ICT only from a chalkboard. This results in low digital literacy, reduced academic performance, and limited opportunities for students to participate in an increasingly digital society.

OUR MISSION

The Grow Ghana Edu Initiative is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2019 by Gifty Nana Yaa. Our mission is to address the significant gap in IT skills within society. Digitalisation offers African countries the opportunity to participate internationally and expand their labour market. However, without practical experience with laptops and electronic devices, there is a high risk of not being able to keep up with the rapid pace of digitalisation.

In Ghana, IT is taught, but only in theory, so many students have no contact with technical devices. Grow Ghana offers access to electronic devices to close this gap so that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the digital future and is not disadvantaged because of where they were born.

Our Goals

1

Access granted

We are empowering Ghana's youth to lead the digital revolution. By combining rigorous ICT training with immersive 'Exploration Days'-visiting world-class IT labs, universities, and cultural landmarks like the National Theatre-we don't just teach students how to code; we show them where their skills can take them.

2

Get more laptops

Twenty-five laptops is a significant number, and we are truly grateful for these devices. However, we still teach up to 40 children at the same time, so it remains challenging. Ideally, we would like to give each student their own device so that they can learn independently without having to share.

3

Expand our roots

We are proud to currently partner with eight schools, delivering essential digital literacy to the next generation. However, our vision is larger: we aim to expand our reach to even more underserved communities, ensuring that every child has access to vital IT skills. At Grow Ghana, we believe in the power of collaboration. We are looking for meaningful partnerships to help us scale our impact and bridge the digital divide for more students across the country.

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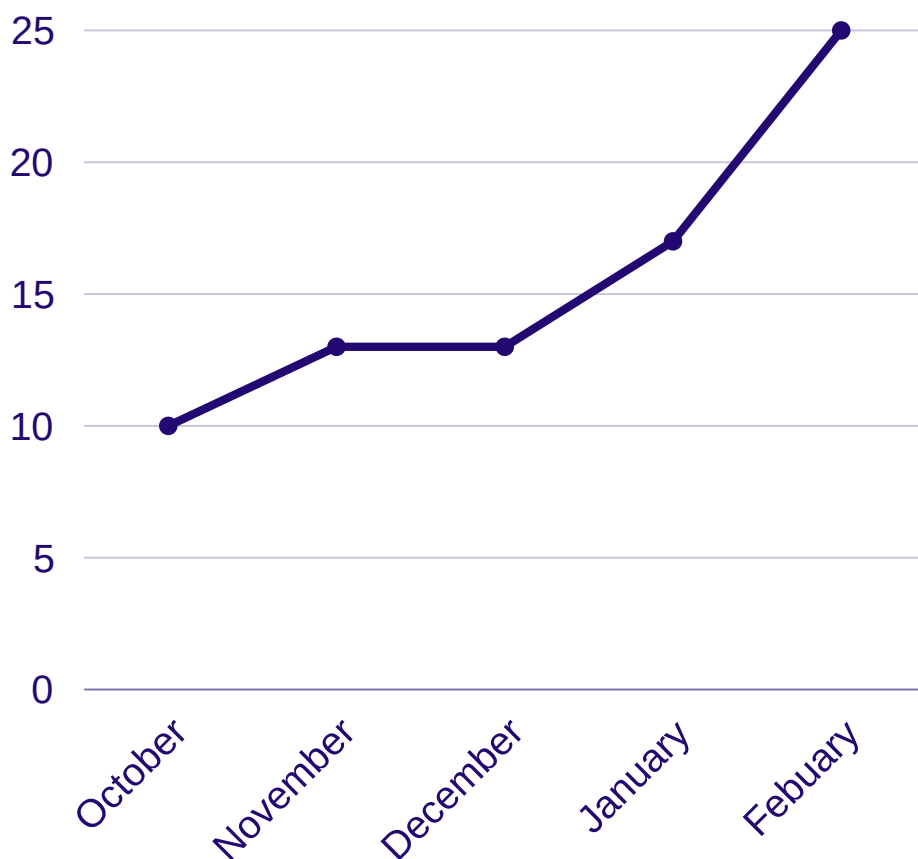
Scaling our team for greater impact

As we welcome new partners and Grow Ghana continues to grow, our aim is to expand the team. Currently, our team comprises an IT lead, three long-term volunteers and two local part-time volunteers. With new team members, we can share more ideas, teach more students and learn from each other.

In the past **four months** alone, we have increased the number of laptops available by 150%. Our teaching quality has improved significantly since then, as almost every student now has their own laptop, which is important for learning how to type and search.

DONATIONS IN KIND

We received 15 new laptops since November.



Your impact is making a difference

We can only thank the people who made this important change possible.

We must thank **The First Step Foundation**, founded by our former intern, **Oliver Deane**. The First Step Foundation is dedicated to bridging the digital divide by increasing access to computers.

Mr Deane kindly donated three laptops, which is really amazing.

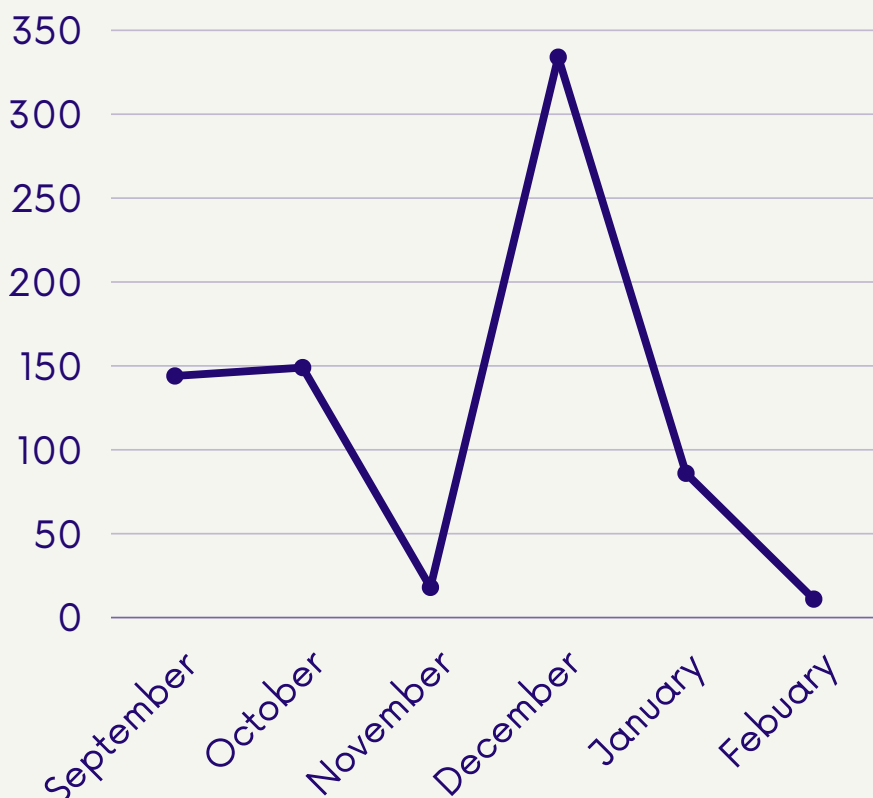
Computertruhe e.V., a German NGO, donated 10 laptops to us. Computertruhe e.V. was founded to provide laptops to people in need who cannot afford them, to other NGOs, and to promote the reuse of working devices for the benefit of the environment. We are **extremely** grateful for their work and support.

We also received two donated laptops from **a former volunteer of our partners, Arise e.V.** We truly appreciate his support.

As an NPO, donations are really important to us. In the **last six months**, we received **€1,021** in the form of monetary donations. We are currently active on **GlobalGiving** and **GoFundMe**, where we receive donations and post campaigns. However, donations are not a reliable source of income, so we sometimes struggle to get them.

OUR DONATIONS

Everything is converted to euros and still with the fee the donation platform takes.



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Platforms and campaigns

124

Euros we get on average every month

30

Donors

In September 2025, we started using the **GoFundMe** fundraising website and published our '**One Laptop, Many Futures**' campaign there. We are happy to announce that we are expanding our fundraising activities.

In December 2025, we launched a new campaign called '**Educate 300 Students in Ghana**' on **GlobalGiving**. This campaign is dedicated to financing our transport costs, which are our biggest challenge, so that we can continue to deliver lessons. It also covers all our daily costs.

At the beginning of December, we took part in GlobalGiving's **Giving Tuesday** event, which gave us the chance to receive matching funds in addition to the donations we received during the giving period.

Thanks to our incredible supporters, we received an **additional 44 euros** in matching funds.

Our Purchases

Thanks to the incredible support we received and our paid training sessions, we were able to take some major steps forward. Thanks to these donations, we were able to purchase two brand new mBot 2s and ship them from the USA. These two MBot 2s will take our lessons to a new level, as the students will have more robots to share between them.

Our important purchase of the portable power station means we can have even more reliable lessons. As power outages are common in Ghana, we are fortunate to be able to address this issue.

We received an incredible 15 laptops as donations from the UK and Germany, which we then needed to ship to Ghana. We are very grateful for this opportunity. We also bought new extension boards, which are important for the lessons, and new mice for the laptops, as we want a mouse for each one.

Thanks to the donations, we can also cover our daily expenses, including our high transport costs.

PURCHASE	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Two new mbot 2 from makeblock	Improving lessons by more devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students get a better feel of the robot• Better understanding
Portable powerstation	Significant for lightoffs during lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Able to teach during bigger outages• Consistent lessons
Shipment of laptop donations	We were able to ship the in kind donations to Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only two students have to share a laptop at one time• more hands on trainings

54

hours we train weekly

4

Modules

7

schools

3

Different modules
completed

9

Modules to finish till
July

Grow Ghana's curriculum currently includes **four modules: Scratch, Robotics, Electronics** with **Python** and **AI**. In public schools, we also teach **LibreOffice** and **Calculator**. We start by teaching **Scratch 3.0**, a basic graphical coding language that uses a block-style approach to create animated stories and beautiful artwork. It is perfect for beginners and students.

Our Scratch module normally contains 13 lessons.

The second module we teach is Robotics. We use **mBots** from Makeblock and code with mBlock, a graphical programming tool based on Scratch. As it is based on Scratch, it is easier for students to start coding for robots.

At **Arise e.V.**, we successfully completed the Libre Writer, Libre Calculator and Libre Impress phases.

In January, we also started teaching robotics with our partners Arise e.V., and we are really looking forward to the next phase.

In December 2025, we successfully completed the Scratch module at our partner school, the **Novastar Academy**. Since January, we have been working with robotics with the two classes we teach at the Novastar Academy.

We are planning to finish this module soon at the two public schools in **Kokrobite** and **Langma** and the **Sunbeam Foundation**, as we are taking our time with these schools as much as possible, since many students have never used a laptop before.

Our partners at the **Saint Nicholas Academy**, who visit our office once a month, only used Scratch 3.0 for the first time in February, as we have only had five lessons with them over the past six months due to school holidays. We are looking forward to getting more involved with Scratch with them.

At **The Vision School**, the students in the first class completed the AI curriculum in December and are now focusing on an advanced level of Scratch. In November, we started a second class at The Vision School who are now doing the first Scratch module.

For an NPO, hosting and attending events is very important.

In September 2025, we were invited to the Pan-African AI Summit in Accra, where discussions focused on the potential of AI for the African continent and its current applications. It was great to connect with other NPOs there.

On 11 October, we hosted a Women's Day event at the office to celebrate International Women in IT Day. We invited female students from Kokrobite M/A Basic School, Langma Public School, Arise e.V. and the Sunbeam Foundation to attend. We held discussions on the menstrual cycle, menstruation, endometriosis, and sexual protection. A doctor joined us for the day and we did some group work on providing advice for women, as well as distributing pads and tampons. We are very happy to support young women in this way.

In December 2025, we held a Grow Ghana football tournament involving two public schools from Kokrobite and Langma, as well as Arise e.V. The girls from Kokrobite Government School won the girls' tournament and the boys from Langma Public School won the boys' tournament.

The purpose of this tournament was to set up Grow Ghana's own football team. We will focus on this in the coming months.

Over the past six months, we have welcomed new volunteers and sadly said goodbye to others.

Alice, a UK volunteer who joined us through the University of East Anglia, left us in September 2025. We are very grateful for her time with us and the work she did for Grow Ghana.

In October 2025, we welcomed Lema, a short-term volunteer from Germany, followed by Reba, who joined us in November. Their dedication left a lasting impact. Sadly, they returned to Germany in December 2025. We are always open to welcoming new volunteers.

CALL TO ACTION

We are incredibly proud of what we have built together over the last six months.

But growth requires more than just passion; it requires resources.

As a developing NPO, our impact is directly tied to the generosity of our community.

Will you help us write the next chapter? Your contribution ensures that Grow Ghana isn't just a name, but a promise we keep to the communities we serve.

Every donation, no matter the size, provides the stability we need to transition from a struggling organization to a sustainable force for change.

Support our journey today.

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to Grow Ghana

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