Kids Innovation Hub
(A project to empower rehabilitated street children and other children in low socio-economic groups with coding skills)
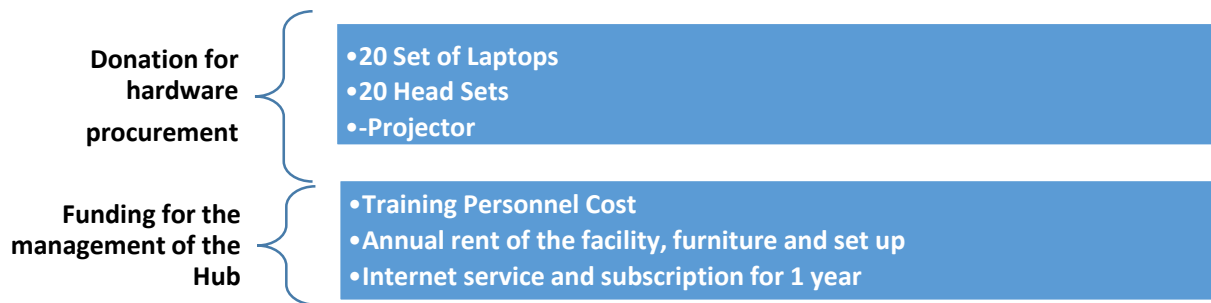
Introduction

At the Destiny Trust, we are bridging the digital divide and promoting the inclusion of rehabilitated street children and other children from low socio-economic groups. This is consistent with our broad intervention programme which provides care, education, empowerment and social inclusion to street children and other young people in vulnerable groups. We believe that teaching this category of children computer programming skills will provide tangible empowerment, the opportunity for creative engagement in solving problems as well as access to participate in the burgeoning economy of the technology space.

Goals and Expected Impact

The Kids Innovation Hub has supported the training of 134 children in the last 3 months in its pilot phase in Lagos. We are scaling the number to 500 by 2019. This will include rehabilitated homeless children who are accommodated at our centre and other children from our host community, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos. Ultimately, we anticipate that the project will:

- Give rehabilitated street children and other children from low economic background the opportunity to gain elementary computer science education thereby improving their proficiency for any future career,
- Empower children who have specialized computer programming interest with basic coding and software development skills and incorporate them into a programme that ensures advanced learning, mentoring and work opportunities,
- Stimulate curiosity and thinking about how to use technology for creative problem solving. (We intend that the children are enabled to build simple technology products for education and entertainment. In the long term, trainees will help meet some of the technology needs for our mass literacy project),
- children the opportunity to generate and develop relevant project ideas in a collaborative learning environment. This also aids the continuing process of rehabilitation and social re-integration of the children,
- Improve the overall intellectual development of the children as they gain the ability to think as well as process and communicate ideas in an organized and logical way following the programming logic which involves sequential instructions for achieving specific actions and solutions,
- Contribute to Nigeria's human capital requirement for trained programmers and software developers.

How you Can Partner with Us

Donation for hardware procurement
- 20 Set of Laptops
- 20 Head Sets
- -Projector

Funding for the management of the Hub
- Training Personnel Cost
- Annual rent of the facility, furniture and set up
- Internet service and subscription for 1 year

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