



PROPOSAL BRIEF · TECHNOLOGY, OPERATIONS

Computer Support — Keeping the Lab Running

\$500	Covers one year of internet & maintenance
\$150	Covers one term of coordinator stipend
\$50	Covers replacement peripherals

Owning computers is only the beginning; keeping a rural computer lab running year-round requires internet connectivity, electricity, software licensing, spare parts, and a trained coordinator — costs that are easy to overlook but that determine whether Kivutis Academy's Computer Resource Centre stays open or falls silent.

Computer Support funds the recurring costs behind the lab rather than the hardware itself: a stable internet connection, protective power surge equipment suited to rural grid fluctuations, antivirus and basic software licensing, replacement mice, keyboards, and cables as they wear out, and a stipend for the ICT coordinator who trains pupils, staff, and community members on the machines.

A gift of \$500 covers one full year of internet connectivity and basic maintenance for the entire lab; \$150 covers one term of the coordinator's training stipend; \$50 covers replacement peripherals as they wear out through daily classroom use. Because the lab already serves not only pupils but parents, out-of-school youth, and community members seeking basic digital skills, keeping it operational has an impact well beyond the school gate, supporting CV writing, mobile money literacy, and access to government services that increasingly require internet access.

Donors supporting this fund receive a termly report from the ICT coordinator detailing uptime, sessions run, and any equipment repaired or replaced, so the often-invisible cost of "keeping the lights on" in a digital lab is made fully visible and accountable. Unlike a one-time hardware gift, Computer Support is best given as a recurring or annual contribution, matching the ongoing nature of the costs it covers, though one-time gifts are equally welcome and are applied to the most urgent need identified that term.

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