



Due to the great success of the UK IT Awards 2012, we were able to raise £9,606. With the funds raised, we have been able to support projects like Computers in Secondary Schools Swaziland, where Computer Aid supplied 20 computers to every secondary school in Swaziland with the help of our local partner organisation CET (Computer Education Trust).

CET in Swaziland



Computer Aid
International

In recent years, the swazi government has sought to develop access to IT across the country as only 8% of the population has IT access and this has often been through community facilities. Seeing the need for support, CET has been doing its part to extend computer literacy and vocational ICT training to every secondary school student in Swaziland.

Computer Aid has been working with CET, since 2000 to help achieve its mandate, and in 2012, with the help of our donors, we meet that aim: having provided over 5,500, distributed across each of the 149 secondary schools in Swaziland.

Lindiwe Dlamini, a pupil at one of the recipient schools, has said "It puts me on the same level as other children around the world and means I can connect with other kids around the world and share ideas".

Using this equipment, Swazi children can develop IT skills, not only enhancing their learning experience and ability to interact with students miles away, but also improving their qualifications at a crucial stage in their life, opening doors to university and employment opportunities.

CET's director, George Lys says, "We believe we are the only country in Africa to have fully computerised all high schools. The difference to Swaziland has been immense and Computer Aid has been a large part of that by making PCs available to our charity at a cost that makes our mission achievable."

We would not have been able to achieve this without our donors. We have a host of new and deserving projects this year, from increasing female ICT literacy in poorest parts of Nicaragua to delivering life-saving telemedicine kits to Sierra Leone. The funds raised through this year's UK IT Awards will help us make a huge difference to countless underserved communities.

