



Thank you BCS!



Together, we were able to raise £8,058 at the UK IT Awards in 2011. With your support we have been able to send 113 computers to schools in Kenya, through our partner organisation CFSK (Computers for Schools Kenya).

CFSK is a Kenyan NGO based in Nairobi. It was established in 2002 and specialises in distributing ICT equipment to schools and universities across Kenya. CFSK also provides computer maintenance for schools as well as IT training for teachers. So far, the organisation has helped over 6,000 teachers and educational officers gain IT skills and use computers in education.

Kenya is one of the worlds most economically and technologically deprived nations. Its GDP is \$1,689 per capita (PPP) and by the most recent estimates 46% of its population lives below the poverty line. As of 2005 Kenya had only 1.4 computers per 100 population, placing it behind countries such as Bangladesh, Cote d'Ivoire and Sudan. This is in comparison to the UK which boasts 81 computers per 100 population.

Computer Aid International has worked with CFSK since 2004 to provide computers to schools in the most rural and poor areas of Kenya. To date Computer Aid has sent over 6,000 PCs for use in Kenyan schools, enabling hundreds of thousands of children to gain access to IT.

IT literacy is as important for children in the developing world as it is in the UK. IT skills are vital for young people leaving full-time education – without computer literacy, children cannot access professional and clerical employment or go to university. With computers pupils can access higher education and employment, helping to reduce poverty across the whole community.

The funds raised through the UK IT Awards will make a huge difference to the life prospects of each child as many children who receive PCs would otherwise not have access to IT. Alex Lumende, a student at Our Lady of Fatima School in Nairobi said "I had never seen a computer! In fact, I thought computers were only for the rich people".

