

TITLE: Computer Literacy Program

Target: Youth and Adults

SDG 4: Quality Education “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”.

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DESCRIPTION

The Computer literacy program conducted at Solwezi provincial library, North western province of Zambia, has attracted youth and adults lacking computer literacy skills. The program was necessitated after the realization that most youth and adults within our society in the low income community had no computer literacy skills. Education for all is an equalizer and by providing computer literacy programs the library supports the attainment of SDG.4 which seeks to “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all”.

The program seeks to assist participants to acquire basic computer literacy skills to enable them to use computers and hopefully get computer related job opportunities. Participants are also awarded certificates of completion after successfully completing the training. There has been an overwhelming demand for this program since its inception in 2017 and the library has so far awarded certificates of completion to over 500 youth and adults in Solwezi district.

It is evident that the program has been useful and beneficial to the participants as we have received positive feedback from those that have undertaken the program, some of them have been able to get promotions at workplace while others have got ICT related jobs as well as being able to perform effectively and efficiently at their workplace.

Constance was awarded with the Vitalicy Chifwepa sponsored *Outstanding LIS professional of the year award* for her consistence in developing new library services in her community.