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africa IT education development

Concept

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The beginning of realizing a development project for **Burkina Faso**

We are

AITED (Africa Information Technology Education Development), a non-profit-organization, founded in March 2007. Our goal is to **improve the possibilities of education in Burkina Faso**. Our approach to improvement is based on installing computers in local schools.

Our project

This first year we'd like to start with **four schools** in Burkina Faso with **64 computers**. An important part of our effort will be to instruct the teachers of these schools to use the PC's. As approximately 300 pupils attend one small school, our program could have quite an impact already in the first year.

The project will run for several years, in order to guarantee the **sustainability** of our initiative, and to secure the usability of the computers. Depending on our future success and possibilities, we'd also like to enlarge the number of schools supported by our program.

The realization

The timespan in which we want to transport the computers and run teaching programmes in Burkina Faso will be between **July and September**. We will transport the goods ourselves in a truck, accompanied by one camper we'll use to sleep and live in.

We should reach Burkina Faso within two weeks. The following eight weeks we will supply the different schools with the computers and run the schooling programmes for the teachers.

While two of our members will set up the computers, three others can already start teaching.

How you can support us

As AITED is a non-profit-organization, founded and run by students, it hasn't a lot of financial capacities. We want to reach our goals with the **help of private and official sponsors**.

Our biggest financial efforts will be to buy the truck and the computers, further on the costs of the transport (gas, ferry Spain-Morocco). Additionally our partners in Burkina Faso will need support with their running costs as electricity and eventually internet.

Basically there are two ways to support us - by **financial donations** or by **donating computers** - new as well as second hand.

What we can offer

For representing our sponsors we will use our truck to post your logos on (stickers). We will do a **documentation of the journey and the project with fotos, video and a blog**, and afterwards our project will be published in several national media, such as newspapers, TV, radio and internet. So far the daily newspaper "**Tiroler Tageszeitung**", the magazines "**Die Tirolerin**" and "**Die Neue**", as well as Vienna's local TV station "**Puls TV**" have assured to do reports on AITED's project.

The sponsors will be mentioned in each text published and their logos will be visible on pictures with our truck.

Of course we will also place sponsor's logos also on our website (**www.aited.org**) and can offer a link to the sponsor's site.

Who we'd like to have as partners

ADA- Austrian Development Agency

IICD- International Institute for Communication and Development

Leopold- Franzens University Innsbruck

Governemt of the region of Tirol

Schools (teachers, parents)

Private sponsors (companies, private donators)

Why Burkina Faso?

There are several reasons why we've decided to start our initiative in Burkina Faso:

- because the **political situation** is stable enough to provide the background necessary for the country's productive development
- because Burkina Faso is due to its history and its geographical situation **one of the world's poorest countries**
- because the standard of education in Burkina Faso is extremely low, and computers are generally rare and expensive, which makes it very hard for schools to afford them.

How we'd like to reach sustainability

For realizing our goal, sustainability is crucial. For us this means to **guarantee the usability of the computers** and hence keep up this possibility for the pupils. Therefore it is necessary to provide reparations and financial aid for the running costs. More schooling programmes for teachers will be necessary. A cooperation with three partners is planned to fulfill our aims:

- **the teachers:** In our schooling programmes, we should be able to show the local personnel the basic computer skills they will need to then teach the children, but also to solve small technical problems by themselves.
- **IICD (International Institute for Communication and Development):** In case of more severe technical problems, IT experts of the technology centre in Ougadougoudou can be asked to help. This technology centre has been set up and is run by the IICD.
- **Universities in Austria:** Every half a year, we will send austrian IT students to Burkina Faso, where they can run updates, do reparations and report on the project: What else is needed, what could be improved, how is the project accepted and preceived?

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