

CUMULATIVE REPORT

COMPUTER PROGRAM

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Opening Doors of Opportunity through Computer Education.

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Overview

The purpose of the computer school program is to equip people with essential computer skills that enable them to earn a living. Partners for Care (PFC), in collaboration with county governments, non-governmental organizations, prisons, and educational institutions, has established computer schools across Kenya to make digital literacy and employment opportunities accessible to all.



History

Partners for Care established its first computer school in Nairobi County, within the informal settlement of Marurui. The school began with **five** computers, which were personally transported from the USA by the founder, Connie Cheren, in her suitcase. This first school was opened in memory of Allan, the son of Ms. Virginia, a friend of the PFC founder.

Following the success of the first school, PFC opened schools in Marsabit County and Kilifi County with support from Peter Gardener, an IT professional formerly with ITT Technical Institute.

During a visit to the US by PFC staff – John Wangombe, IT director; Charles Mathenge, communication director and Sammy Wanjau, executive director – the team met Dwight Smith, who donated computers through his nonprofit, Thanks Be To God Foundation. These were shipped in containers, and **29** additional schools were opened.



PFC Director Samwel Wanjau, IT Director John Wang'ombe and Pete Gardener during a visit in ITT tech

Computers

To date, PFC has received **100** laptops and **375** desktop computers, which have been used to establish **33** computer schools.

Partners for Care uses desktop computers with at least 4GB of RAM and a 500GB hard drive in their schools. They also use laptops with the same specifications. These computers come installed with all the applications required to cover the government-approved syllabus.



Impact

A total of **18,436** individuals have graduated from PFC computer schools. Many of them have proceeded to college, secured employment, or started their own businesses. PFC currently has computer schools in the following counties:

Nairobi
Kiambu
Marsabit
Isiolo
Nyeri

Meru
Kirinyaga
Kakamega
Kilifi
Kisumu



Our Model

PFC follows a government-approved syllabus for computer packages and works with certified, government-approved tutors. The packages include MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access, MS PowerPoint, MS Publisher, email, and internet.

These courses provide students with the practical skills needed to use computers effectively. After successfully completing the program, students receive a certificate that confirms their qualifications and can be used to pursue employment opportunities.

To increase its impact nationwide, PFC uses a partnership approach by identifying and working with local partners, supplying them with computers, and setting up computer schools through these collaborations.

A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed between PFC and each partner to clearly outline roles and responsibilities.



PFC Computer Schools

Nairobi Computer School

PFC established the first computer school in Marurui, an informal settlement in Nairobi County surrounded by the Juakali, Ngomongo, and Githogoro slums.

Since its inception, the school has graduated 1,892 students and currently has 53 students enrolled.

Most students who enroll at the school are young people who have recently graduated from high school and use the skills they acquire to seek employment or go to college.



Marsabit Computer School

In January 2013, PFC opened the computer school in Marsabit, the first of its kind in the town. Marsabit is located in the far northern region of Kenya, approximately **310** miles from the capital city, Nairobi. The area is predominantly desert, and most residents lack access to formal education due to financial constraints.

Since its inception, the school has graduated **1,692** students and currently has **48** students enrolled. Most students who enroll at the school are youth who later seek employment opportunities or go to college.

Some have secured employment in cybercafés, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and local government offices.



Kilifi Computer School

In October 2013, Partners for Care opened a computer school in Watamu, Kilifi County. It is located near the Kenyan coast, where the main economic activity is tourism.

Since its inception, the school has graduated **1,473** students and currently has **42** students enrolled. Many former students have secured positions in local hotels.



Partner Schools

Destiny Partners Computer school

In July 2019, PFC partnered with Destiny Partners Kenya, a community-based organization located in Kilifi County. The organization operates **31** miles from Malindi, which is the only town where students could access computer training. With the support of the local government, the organization acquired a room and prepared a computer school without knowing where the computers would come from.

They were delighted when PFC donated **10** computers with the support of team members working in Kilifi County. Since its inception, the school has graduated **373** students and currently has **10** students enrolled. The initiative has been described as a prayer answered. Many of the students have secured jobs in local hotels, while others have started small businesses.



Githunguri Computer School

In July 2017, Partners for Care partnered with the Githunguri Catholic Church in setting up a computer school in Githunguri, Kiambu County. The Church has a membership of about **1,000** and the area has a population of **35,000** residents. The pastor in charge identifies those people who cannot afford college fees and pays a teacher to teach them basic computer packages.

Since its inception, the school has graduated **530** students and currently has **45** students enrolled. Most of these students have gone on to secure employment in the milk processing factories in the area.



Prisons Computer Schools

PFC partnered with Zetech University and Kenya Prisons in September 2018 to establish computer schools within prisons. Since the inception of this partnership, five schools have been opened to train inmates in computer skills as a means of rehabilitation and to prepare them for reintegration into society upon completion of their prison terms.

Together, we have opened **five** schools in different prisons, each equipped with **10** computers:

- Langata Women's Prison
- Kamiti Maximum Prison
- Nairobi West Prison
- Industrial Area Prison
- Jamhuri Prison

Since inception, the program has graduated **800** students and currently has **120** inmates enrolled.



Moyale Evangelist Computer School

The school is located in the northern part of Kenya, in the town of Moyale, which lies on the border of Kenya and Ethiopia. PFC partnered with an evangelical church to open the school in 2025. Currently, the school has **25** students enrolled, and so far it has graduated **70** students.

The introduction of this computer class is expected to equip both youth and adults with essential digital skills, enabling them to access education, employment, and broader opportunities, regardless of whether they are of Ethiopian or Kenyan origin.



Tumutumu Computer School

Tumutumu School for the Deaf is the only special school in Nyeri County for primary school students with hearing impairments. The Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) established the school in 1970.

The school received **10** computers in April 2016. Since its inception, the school has graduated **1,404** students and currently has **200** students enrolled.

Most special schools do not receive support from the county; however, after the donation of the computers, the area Member of Parliament learned of the transformation and provided the school with a printer and a projector.



Kirinyaga County Computer Schools

In November 2017, Partners for Care partnered with Kirinyaga County in setting up a school in their local polytechnic. The aim was to train members of the surrounding community in computer packages for free. The program currently has schools set up at Kaitheri Polytechnic, Mucii Wa Urata Polytechnic, and Thome Polytechnic. The schools receive students from all over the county, which has a population of over **610,000**.

Since its inception, **4,526** students have graduated, and currently, **814** students are enrolled. The county government also gave a boost to the project by purchasing additional computers, allowing the schools to offer a variety of advanced courses. Many of the students have gone on to secure jobs in county government offices and local companies, or have even started their own businesses.



Phanicey Foundation Computer School

PFC partnered with Phanicey Foundation in **2018** to open the school. To date, the school has graduated over **1,797** students and currently has **45** students enrolled. The school is located in western Kenya, where Phanicey Foundation has its programs.



Transformed Lives

Florence Musyimi Story

In 2022, I joined the school with a dream—to gain skills that could change my life and uplift my family. Despite coming from a destitute family of eight, where every day was a struggle to make ends meet, I remained determined and hopeful.

Through the IT training program in Kilifi, I not only gained valuable computer skills but also discovered confidence, purpose, and new opportunities. Today, I am proudly employed as a secretary at a security company, using my knowledge to earn a living and support my family. My story is a shining example of how education can break the cycle of poverty and bring lasting change.

I thank all the generous donors whose support makes stories like mine possible. Every contribution continues to open doors of hope and transform lives across our communities.



Moses Kimani Story



My name is Moses Kimani. In September 2023, while working as a beautician at Shii Beauty Parlour, I decided to enroll in the Partners for Care Computer School. At that time, I was hardworking, but I felt stuck. My position offered little room for growth, and financially, I was really limited.

Joining the class turned out to be one of the best decisions I've made. I learned practical computer skills—how to create reports, manage records, and use different digital tools. These were things I had never imagined myself doing before. Step by step, I began to see how useful this knowledge could be, not just for work but also for my personal growth.

When I completed the course, I proudly presented my Partners for Care certificate to my employer. To my surprise, she was impressed by the effort I had put into learning. Soon after, she promoted me to the position of cashier. This new role came with more trust, greater responsibility, and—most importantly—a better income. With it, I have been able to meet my personal needs and support my family in ways I couldn't before.

Looking back, I see how a single step—choosing to join that class—set me on a path of growth. My story is proof that with the right training, even the smallest steps can lead to big changes.

Tume Abdul Story

I was a student at Partners for Care in Marsabit in 2025. I am truly grateful for the training and support I received.

Thanks to PFC, I gained valuable computer skills that opened doors for me. With the knowledge and experience I received from the centre, I was able to secure employment. I currently work at Platinum Microfinanciers here in Marsabit.



Today, I am not only building my career but also supporting myself and my family through the income I earn.

I reached out to express my sincere appreciation to Partners for Care for giving me the opportunity to learn and change my life. Their support has made a real difference, and I am thankful for the impact they continue to make in the lives of young people.



Conclusion

PFC would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all partners and donors for their unwavering support in helping Kenyans acquire essential computer skills. Through your contributions, countless individuals have gained the knowledge and opportunities needed to transform their lives and communities. Together, we are making a difference—one computer at a time.



**"Digital transformation is a journey, not a destination."
~Dr. Philile Mkhize (Absa Kenya Chief Operating Officer)**