Case Study

Title: Empowering a New Generation: How Zannya Africa Foundation Transformed One Girl's Future in Nairobi

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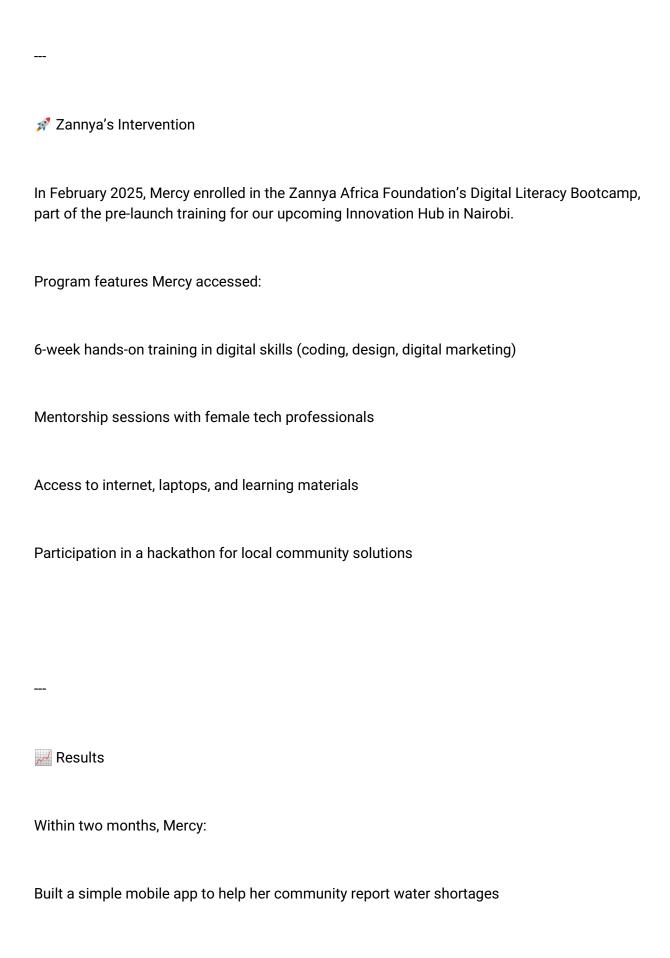
Organization: Zannya Africa Foundation

Background

In many underserved neighborhoods of Nairobi, youth face systemic barriers to education and employment. Girls, in particular, are often excluded from tech opportunities due to cultural expectations, limited access, or early responsibilities at home.

Meet Mercy: A 17-Year-Old With a Dream

Mercy lives in Kibera, Nairobi's largest informal settlement. Despite excelling in school, she had never touched a computer until 2025. She dreamed of becoming an engineer but lacked exposure, mentorship, and basic digital access.



Presented her idea at a youth tech forum, where she received mentorship offers
Was selected for a government scholarship to study ICT at Kenyatta University
Started a local "Girls Code" club in her school with 18 members
Quote
> "Before Zannya, I thought coding was only for rich kids. Now I teach others like me." — Mercy A., Program Graduate
Area Before Program After Program

Computer Skills None Built mobile app prototype

School Engagement Quiet, shy Club founder, speaker

Career Aspirations Unclear Now pursuing ICT at university

Community Involvement Passive Actively teaching 18 peers

Key Takeaways

Access + mentorship = transformation

Empowering one youth creates ripple effects in the entire community

Girls in underserved areas thrive when given the right support and opportunity

Conclusion

Mercy's story is one of many. Zannya Africa Foundation is proving that with the right tools and support, youth from even the most marginalized communities can innovate, lead, and change their world.