



Laibu **Mkononi**

A library in the palm of your hand.

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 outbreak had a snowball effect on our lives; for example, schools and libraries were closed across the country. Children from low-income families were at a disadvantage because they could not afford to learn online.

We came up with a brilliant idea: Why not ask the general public to donate old or unused digital devices that they have lying around, onto which we will load Open Educational Resources (OER) such as curriculum-based materials, storybooks, educational games, and videos.

Then, with the help of community partners and volunteers, we would lend the devices loaded with the aforementioned content to children in the informal settlement for free for up to a month.

So far, the initiative has a presence in three community libraries and two Community-Based organizations with approximately fifty devices in circulation with close to a thousand direct and indirect beneficiaries.



ABOUT US

OUR STORY

On May 1, 2020, we launched the initiative to empower children through digital devices. During the pandemic, children from low-income areas were unable to enroll in online classes due to a lack of computers or internet connectivity.

Through the initiative, we purpose to accomplish the following: -

- Increasing free access to digital devices loaded with high-quality, offline electronic resources to bridge the digital divide.
- Instill a reading culture through the use of technology.
- Eliminate technophobia by implementing digital literacy programs that result in equal opportunity for all.
- Repurposing old digital devices to help you manage e-waste and make the world a better place.

OUR TEAM

Yusuf Ganyana

Founder

You

Donor/Volunteer





DONATIONS AND DELIVERABLES

The ultimate goal is to provide remote areas with portable e-resource centers from which local communities can benefit. The costs vary, but for a new setup, the equipment alone will cost around \$1000 per center, but the cost can be significantly reduced with device donations from the public. The cost includes the following:

- A refurbished Laptop loaded with OER
- Five new tablets/smartphones
- A router (Optional)
- Extension cable to charge the devices.
- Logistics and setup.

