

Strengthening Inclusive Digital Skills and Safe Digital Participation in Botswana's Education and Community Ecosystems

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Location: Kweneng West, Botswana.

Implementing organisation(s): African Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Partnerships (ACHAP). In collaboration with Cybersmart Botswana.

Project objectives and description:

The Project seeks to strengthen Botswana's digital transformation by equipping teachers and students with relevant digital competencies, fostering sustained interest in STEM disciplines, advancing digital rights awareness, including cybersecurity and online safety, and creating sustainable platforms for digital learning and collaboration across schools, communities, and institutional networks

Specific objectives (Outcomes):

- 1:** Upskill teachers in digital competencies, STEM education, and digital rights
- 2:** Facilitate extra-curricular school and community-based digital clubs, reaching students (with at least 60% being girls)
- 3:** Develop and disseminate tailored digital learning resources and tools for teachers, students, and community hubs
- 4:** Establish collaborative networks with schools, libraries, and community centres to sustain digital learning and innovation

Achievements / expected results:

- Improved Digital Skills and Inclusion
 - Certification of 500 teachers in digital pedagogy and coding.
 - Hands-on STEM and digital safety training for 1,500 students through Digital Clubs and inclusive learning activities.
 - Special attention to vulnerable groups, especially girls, rural learners, and learners with disabilities.
- Tailored Digital Resources
 - Development of a National Digital Resource Portal and offline-capable modules in English and Setswana, ensuring accessibility for low-connectivity schools and community sites.
- Enhanced Digital Safety and Rights
 - Mainstreaming of cybersecurity, online safety, and digital rights across all training and community engagement activities, building a generation of "CyberSmart" youth and adults able to navigate the digital economy responsibly.
- Institutional Sustainability and Innovation
 - Establishment of Community Digital Learning Hubs (CDLHs) and a National Practitioner Network, creating long-term infrastructure