

Kilombero Sugar Expands ICT Empowerment Program to Benefit Over 2,500 Students in the Kilombero Valley.

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Kilombero Sugar has successfully delivered *Phase 2* of its ICT Empowerment Program for Schools an ongoing, community-focused initiative driven by the company's commitment to building a thriving and digitally enabled society. The program aims to equip secondary schools surrounding the Kilombero Estate with essential digital tools and skills that prepare learners for future opportunities.

Under *Phase 2*, Kilombero Sugar is donating **more than 50 full-set desktop computers** to **Kidodi, Iwemba, and Malecela Secondary Schools**. The donation includes full technical installation support from the company's IT Division. This follows *Phase 1*, during which Kilombero Sugar donated **35 desktop computers and furniture** to **Nyange and Lyahila Secondary Schools**.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, **Mr. Derick Stanley, Corporate Affairs Director**, noted that the campaign aligns with Tanzania's national priorities, including The Tanzania Development Vision 2050 and the *National Digital Education Strategy 2024/25–2029/30* and the *National Artificial Intelligence Guidelines for Education*. He emphasized the program's role in reshaping the country's education landscape through improved access to digital learning.

The donated computers have been fully upgraded with software suitable for foundational computer applications. This effort supports the *National Digital Guidelines for Schools and Teachers Colleges (2025)*, which highlight the need for secure, reliable, and affordable digital infrastructure for teaching and learning.

Mr. Victor Byemelwa, Communication and Stakeholder Relations Manager, explained the selection criteria for beneficiary schools: "We assessed readiness for digital learning, including the availability of an IT teacher, a dedicated computer room, and a school's ability to support the national digital education agenda."

He further highlighted that the initiative, launched in August 2025, will be implemented in phases, with continuous monitoring to ensure impact and learning-driven improvements.

Guest of Honour, Hon. Shaka Hamdu Shaka, District Commissioner for Kilosa, praised the initiative:

"The government continues to strengthen educators' and administrators' capacity to integrate digital tools into teaching and school management. We encourage more stakeholders to join hands with Kilombero Sugar in supporting Tanzania's digital transformation."

Representing the beneficiary schools, **Mr. Rashid Athumani**, Assistant Headmaster of Kidodi Secondary School, extended appreciation for the support. Similarly, **Ms. Restuta Ngaema**, a

Form Three student at Iwemba Secondary School, expressed her enthusiasm, noting that access to computers will help her pursue her passion for ICT.

Kilombero Sugar reaffirmed its commitment to expanding the ICT Empowerment Program, with plans to reach additional schools across the Kilombero Valley as part of its long-term contribution to Tanzania's digital education agenda.

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