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Fast Facts

Organization

Fantsuam Foundation
Nigeria

www.fantsuam.org

Business Need

Sustainable multimedia access to relevant information in rural and poor tertiary educational institutions

Solution

A Knowledge Resource Center running on a wireless ISP giving visitors free access to valuable information

Results

New learning and career opportunities have opened up in rural communities and the social enterprise focus and credentials of the Fantsuam Foundation has been confirmed.

Software and Services

- Windows® XP Professional
- Microsoft® Office for Mac
- Microsoft Office Project 2007

Reaching the Underserved Rural Poor in Northern Nigeria

Nigeria receives free Internet access and other Information Communication Technologies provided through a Knowledge Resource Center (KRC).

The Fantsuam Foundation is a rural-based NGO that works with local communities to fight poverty and disadvantage through integrated development programs. It was founded by Nigerian professionals who recognized the need for empowering their rural neighbors and community members to find employment, generate income, and meet their own development needs. Through rural development initiatives, they strive to guide rural education and economic development in Nigeria.

The Fantsuam Foundation's wireless rural access is the only one of its kind in a rural population of more than 200,000. While this wireless access is groundbreaking, access to our center had become increasingly difficult due to increasing costs and limited technical expertise in the area of software installation.

Software donations from the Microsoft Unlimited Potential grant have made it possible for us to service refurbished computers and upgrade them all to a consistent platform. This has allowed the KRC to provide stronger and more consistent Internet access to those in our communities, both on-site and in the field.

Our core services of providing Information Communication Technology and microfinance have benefited significantly from these donations. The Microsoft KRC is the only one of its kind in the Kafanchan area. Offering free Internet access provides much-needed help to the teachers and students of our five tertiary health and education institutions. Field officers are now able to take information accessed from computers in the center and process it into languages and forms easily understood by female farmers in the region. From stories and health issues to educational and economic concerns, people's voices are being heard, and we now have a plan for the future.

Microsoft Unlimited Potential aims to deliver the benefits of relevant, accessible, and affordable software to the 5 billion people who today have no access to technology or the opportunities it affords. Learn more at www.microsoft.com/unlimitedpotential.

