

AfricAid

Working to provide African girls with educational opportunities

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Dear Sirs and Madams:

We are writing to express our support of and convey our enthusiasm for the proposed partnership between OLPCorps, AfricAid, and Upendo English Medium Primary School.

AfricAid is a non profit organization with a mission to support girls' education in Africa. Since 2001, AfricAid has worked to achieve that mission in a number of ways in Tanzania, including providing scholarships, outfitting schools with classroom supplies, textbooks, and computer labs, and instituting a nation-wide teacher training program. In this capacity, AfricAid has partnered with Joseph Kitia, the village chairman of Usa River, in order to provide support to three local schools in the Usa River community – including, most recently, the installation of a computer lab at a vocational secondary school. AfricAid is currently partnering with Mr. Kitia in order to support Upendo English Medium Primary School, which is providing a high-quality education to vulnerable children in the Usa River community. The deployment of OLPC computers at Upendo would provide extremely important health and educational benefits to the children at the school, as the computers would motivate student learning and provide a way to disseminate important health information that might not otherwise be available to students in this community.

As the founder of the Upendo English Medium Primary School, Joseph Kitia is committed to providing logistical support for this project, in the form of accommodations, transportation between the airport and the site, and a safe storage space on campus for the computers. With the assistance of Land Rovers hired by Mr. Kitia, the Upendo School will easily be able to receive the 230kg shipment of laptops upon their arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Once the computers have been transported to the Upendo School, they will remain safely stored in a dedicated room on campus, with their safety ensured by the school's security system.

Because of its investment in the future of the Upendo School, AfricAid will also provide additional funding in the amount of \$1,000, should such funds be needed to cover internet costs at the school or the purchase of additional computers. Additionally, AfricAid is prepared to continue to follow-up on the project after its completion in the summer of 2009 and ensure its ongoing success.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration and look forward to your reply. Should you have questions or desire additional information about AfricAid or Upendo, please feel free to contact Ashley Shuyler at Ashley.africaid@gmail.com or Joseph Kitia at pjkitia@yahoo.com, or visit AfricAid's web site at www.africaid.com.

Sincerely,

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