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e-Kids Project *for* The Changing Computing World



techcefacos.org NGO is a non-governmental organization of computer operators and digital artists of all socioeconomic, technical and educational backgrounds that pull together their resources and technological know-how in promoting development policies and strategic initiatives through programs, activities and or projects for a socioeconomic and educational empowerment; wealth creation and cultural fusion-exchange in Cameroon.

INTRODUCTION

For many year, techcefacos.org NGO has discovered especially through it's program Summer Holiday in Kumbo (SUHOKU), that using computers with kids is very problematic, especially with Windows as they most often fool around with system files. On the contrast, the experience gathered from the K12LTSP Lab run by Techcefacos.org NGO, which is the first ever Lab in the region of the English people of Cameroon, proves that through the greater security provided by Linux kids can play, largely unsupervised, with little risk to the system-both in the use of software and hardware.

The study of computing in Cameroon is not a formal matter for primary schools, but most private and state owned schools wishes to introduce it. With much consultation from Techcefacos.org NGO by some schools on her observation and in-depth research on the kids' use of computers through her SUHOKU Program and the recent visit by primary schools to the lab for what is known as Edutainment, Techcefacos.org NGO has fast developed a program for primary schools: The e-Kids Project.

- Techcefacos.org NGO has choosen to use Linux OS for the project,
- The program or software will be K12LTSP, and
- The hardware to be placed at children's disposal that can help them get involved in maintaining or modifying the hardware of a computer system.



AIM:

Aims at involving primary school pupils formally into the introduction of the Basics of WPP and ICT, as well as Multimedia.

OBJECTIVES:

Despite the many educational, psychological, positive or negative objective(s), of children's use of computer-Techcefacos.org NGO, answers the question of *what exactly children will do with it?* as follows:

- Be good users of computer systems,
- Learn how to creatively interact with the machine as an information tool
- The e-Kids programme gives young pupils of our community a fun incentive to increase their computer skills,
- e-Kids has been designed to provide a useful assessment tool on the level of IT-competencies for primary school children in the less developed world.

MISSION:

techcefacos.org NGO's e-Kids Project, promotes a way of life for young Cameroonians based on the balanced development of mind, body and character towards Visual, Technical and Vocational Educations/Training that has been surrounded by a strong stigma from the community.

PROGRAMS:

- Basic Computer Technology Concept
- ICT Concepts and Applications
- The Use Of Basic Multimedia Devices
- Basics Of Word Processing
- Basic Graphics
- PC Gaming
- Using Multimedia Software

ACTIVITIES:

Free and direct display on PC without any much theory, but with the great assistance of our "e-Kids Practical Guide Book On Basic Computing", and also the assistance of our field tutors.

CASE STUDY OR DEMONSTRATION SCHOOLS

The three schools of Kumbo central, with four others from other subdivisions of the division of Bui Division will be used as demonstration schools. These schools involve both private, state and community schools.

Techcefacos.org NGO's educational department will supervise their labs operation and training. Techcefacos.org NGO will highly be coordinating with the community through Parents Teachers Associations (PTA).