ARES *Adopt-a-School* Program Overview

ARES
African Ruggedized Education Solution
Classroom in a box



- ***A powerful, affordable way to make a lasting difference in the lives of an entire school of current and future students in rural Kenya.***
- ***Supported by an established program with 8 years' experience and over 100 schools enrolled.***
- ***Multiple options to tailor the donation to fit your capabilities and interests.***
- ***You'll receive direct and regular feedback regarding the impact your donation is having, and the future needs of the school and students.***
- ***All funds go directly to schools and local support! We are 100% non-sectarian and pay our own personal expenses.***
- ***Rotary District and Rotary International grant templates available.***

Here's the background:

- ***The situation:***
  - Schools in rural Kenya lack the resources and tools required to provide a quality education for their students. As a result, students there are left behind and are mostly unable to compete in the national and international job markets.
  - The benefits of digital literacy have been widely recognized around the world. Unfortunately, most schools in rural Kenya do not have resources to provide internet access, computers, or digital literacy training, resulting in an enormous 'digital education gap' between rural Kenyan students and their peers in urban Kenya, and worldwide.

- ***The need***: digital education tools, quality educational content, ongoing support assistance in digital teaching methodology, technical support, etc.
- ***What we provide:*** education server designed to work in Kenyan environment (battery based, integrated cooling, solid state storage, low energy usage, etc.), a mesh wireless network to connect the entire school campus, at least one portable projector, at least 20 resilient notebooks. Most important – lots of local, hands-on support (for at least the first year)!
- ***Our success to date:*** we've been working across Kenya for 8+ years. We have over 80 schools installed now with lots of demand from new schools. We have real data to demonstrate that ARES has made a significant difference at the schools that have ARES that we will happily share with you.
- ***How can you help:*** join our effort by adopting one or more schools! There are several support levels to choose from – outlined below. We welcome all levels of support. It all helps.
- ***Rotary Clubs:*** All ARES board members are longstanding members of Rotary International. We have completed numerous district and international grants for ARES. We have an established process and template that to help assist you with the application process if you want to pursue Rotary grants.

ARES Adopt-a-School Program Levels		
Levels	**Description**	**Sample Cost**
New school	• Fund a new school with all core package items and support for 3 years. • *Provide equipment upgrades for 1-3 years.*	**$5/6,000 - $12,000** ($5-6,000 in 1st year, then $2,000 per year for 3 years for upgrades. , any amount is welcome)
Existing schools	• Fund equipment upgrades for a current ARES school.	**Average: $1500 per year.** (Selected from list below.)
New/existing school	• Your donation will be combined with other generous donors to provide ongoing support for new and existing schools.	**Your choice:** we are very happy to receive any donations of any size, both one-time and recurring.
• **Equipment, support upgrades**: notebooks: $200 each; projector: $300 each; wireless mesh system: $250; solar power system: $3,000; ongoing support (beyond 3 years): $750/year.		

Notes

- ***Feel free to mix & match from any level to create your own package!***
- **School candidates:** selection is made by the local support team. Actual school selection is made by donors. Following installation, schools are monitored and supported to insure regular use and benefit from ARES.
- **New school core configuration:** 1 server, 20 notebooks, 2 projectors, wireless mesh system, *3 years support*.
- **Regular communications:** each donor will receive a profile of the school, contact information, and regular updates on status.

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