



Affordable Computers and Technology for Tanzania



Mkombozi
Centre for Street Children

■ ACTT provides IT products, skills and education to empower Tanzania's youth ■



Mkombozi's ACTT project is a new venture that serves as an income generating activity for Mkombozi's residential centre while simultaneously providing computer maintenance skills to young Tanzanians. Specifically, ACTT sells computers that have been refurbished by street youth who live at Mkombozi and have been trained as hardware and software technicians. The refurbished computers are sold at a discounted rate to schools, businesses and not-for-profit organisations throughout Tanzania to promote information technology (IT), to enhance education, to create employment opportunities, and to assist older street youth to transition to independent living.

■ ACTT mission

To contribute to the alleviation of poverty in Tanzania by empowering youth with IT products, skills and education that enable them to access opportunities to become independent, well-rounded, inquiring and productive adults.

■ ACTT goals

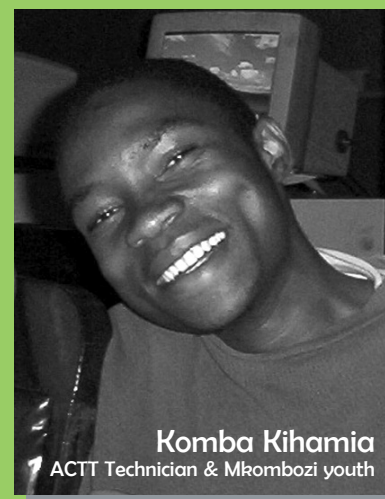
To sustain and deepen the impact of Mkombozi's practice with Tanzania's vulnerable children by raising money to support Mkombozi's residential care services for street children and by educating and increasing the self-sufficiency of youth.

■ ACTT objectives

- To provide affordable hardware, training and PC maintenance to Tanzanians.
- To provide IT training for children and youth.
- To create opportunities for employment among Tanzania's youth.
- To generate funds to contribute to the delivery of Mkombozi's care services.
- To sensitise policymakers, educationalists and the public about the potential of IT.

Komba once lived at Mkombozi, and now works at ACTT...

"My name is Komba James Kihamia. I was born in August 1983 and lived with my mother until she die in 1990. I started to live as street child in December 1992 at Moshi town. My life was bad because of no food, clothes and also beating by police. I live at street life for 4 years. When Mkombozi started in 1997, I went there and I get better because of good and nice teacher there called Lukas. My idea was to start primary school after one year at Mkombozi. I started "Standard V" to "Standard VII" and I passed. I was learning computer at Uhuru Hostel (in Moshi) and Mkombozi provided job for me. Now I am a technician (at Mkombozi's ACTT). I living by myself and buying food and clothes. Mkombozi gave me power for development."



Komba Kihamia
ACTT Technician & Mkombozi youth



ACTT Products & Services

■ Computer hardware sales

ACTT sells high-quality, refurbished Personal Computers (PCs) to educational institutions, non-government organisations, civil society organisations and individuals within Tanzania. Hardware includes desktops, printers, monitors, keyboards, mice, cables and other peripherals. Although various packages are available to suit the needs and budget of each customer, minimum system specifications include Pentium II processors @ 266Mhz, 64Mb RAM and 4Gb harddrives.

■ PC installation & follow-up

ACTT trained technicians are available to install and configure ACTT computers at the customer's site, at no extra cost. ACTT is also willing to do a pre-installation visit to provide advice on the adequate preparation of that site for optimal PC performance. ACTT always offers a 3 month follow-up visit to the customer's site, to ensure that ACTT computers are problem-free.

■ PC maintenance

ACTT offers one-year software and hardware maintenance contracts to ACTT customers. This includes regular 3-month, onsite PC cleaning, check-ups and troubleshooting as well as emergency service (i.e. telephone support and, if necessary, onsite visits). ACTT also troubleshoots and repairs non-ACTT PCs that are delivered to the ACTT workshop.

■ IT skills training

ACTT provides 4 levels of IT skills training courses, available to a broad spectrum of clients:

- Level 1: Basic Computer Fundamentals
- Level 2: Community Technology Learning Centre (CTLIC) Certification
- Level 3: IT Hardware
- Level 4: IT Teacher Training for CTLICs and Schools

■ Apprenticeships for vulnerable youth

ACTT offers much-needed apprenticeships to street children, children at Mkombozi's residential care centre, youth who have dropped out of primary school, as well as graduates of vocational training and secondary schools.

■ Volunteer placements

ACTT offers volunteer placements to skilled professionals with experience as PC hardware/software technicians or trainers. These are remarkable opportunities for graduates and professionals seeking exposure to grassroots development. Interested IT volunteers should apply directly to ACTT's recruitment partners: Global Development Links, Visions in Action, Cross Cultural Solutions and School for International Training.

“ACTT” now !



When you support ACTT, you enhance employment opportunities for young people - a critical development priority in Africa, where half the population is under the age of 16.

■ **Donate a used PC**

From within Tanzania and abroad, you can donate your used computer equipment to ACTT. These donations are either refurbished or they are used to train Mkombozi's street youth as computer technicians. Contact ACTT to discuss your donation.

■ **Buy a used PC**

ACTT supplies low-cost, refurbished computers to schools and charities throughout the country. From within Tanzania, you are welcome to buy ACTT's computers from Mkombozi. Contact ACTT to arrange your purchase.

■ **Help establish a new IT lab**

ACTT is currently working towards the establishment of at least 13 community technology learning centers in local schools. You can give a “gift in kind” and specify that your donation is used for a new ACTT learning centre! Contact Mkombozi to learn how to make a “gift in kind” donation.

■ **Be an ACTT volunteer**

Skilled, professional individuals are welcome to volunteer with the ACTT team as a hardware/software technician or a trainer. This is a remarkable opportunity to work closely with Mkombozi's older street youth, providing them with employable skills and preparing them for independent living outside the residential centre.

■ **Join the ACTT team**

If you have professional experience and training as a computer technician or trainer, you may be interested to apply for a career with Mkombozi's ACTT team. ACTT is currently seeking qualified Capacity Building Officers, IT / Training Officers, and Computer Electronics / Hardware Trainers.

NOTE: Mkombozi's recruitment / selection procedures for employees and volunteers reflect our commitment to the safety and protection of children in our care and programs. Candidates must comply with Mkombozi's Child Protection Policy.

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