

# KAJIADO SCH BENEFICIARIES REPORT



## Aisha Fatmina

### Before the hub

Before the hub was established, access to ICT facilities in our community was almost non-existent. There were no ICT centres around where one could simply walk in, learn, or carry out IT-related activities. The only option was private institutions, but these were very expensive and out of reach for me. This meant acquiring computer knowledge felt like a privilege for a few, leaving the majority without opportunities to grow in the digital space.

For me, this was a major limitation because I had not studied computer studies in high school, yet I was deeply curious about technology. My only exposure came from my brother's laptop at home. I often found myself drawn to it, wanting to understand how it worked, but without proper training or resources, I could not pursue that curiosity.

### When the Hub opened

The opening of the hub became a turning point in my journey. For the first time, I had a place where I could access resources, training, and mentorship in technology. The hub offered free IT training such as ICDL and coding, which gave me the foundation I had long been searching for.

I discovered my passion not only for coding but also for creative work such as design. Being introduced to design applications was particularly exciting, as I found joy in creating and building ideas.

Over time, my dedication was recognized, and I was given the opportunity to serve as an **Assistant Manager** at the hub – an achievement I deeply value.

### 1 Year After the Hub

Within just one year, I have been able to achieve so much. My skills in coding and design have grown significantly, and I have applied them in different projects. Beyond personal growth, the hub has also allowed me to contribute to community initiatives – including school projects with children and tree planting activities, which connect with my love for nature.

Through the hub, I built valuable connections with organizations and individuals who share similar goals. These collaborations opened doors to opportunities I would not have accessed before. Beyond professional growth, I also formed quality friendships that became a source of encouragement and collaboration.

Most importantly, the hub expanded my vision and gave me the confidence to launch a project focused on sanitary pads, inspired by my passion for supporting the girl child. It showed me that technology is not just about computers – it is about creating solutions, empowering others, and making a difference. This journey has been vital because it transformed me in multiple ways. It gave me knowledge, skills, and professional growth, but also shaped my character and mindset. I learned responsibility through leadership, creativity through design, and empathy through community work.

In just one year, the hub has not only given me opportunities but also given me purpose. It allowed me to pursue what I love, grow into roles I never imagined, and contribute meaningfully to my community.

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## Francis Shoke

### Before the hub

Before joining the ICT Hub project, I was an amateur campus student passionate about technology but limited by many challenges. I lacked access to computers, reliable internet, proper facilities, and even a supportive community for technical growth. This made it very difficult to practice consistently or take on real case studies that could strengthen my skills.

Although I had big dreams of using technology for community transformation, the absence of resources and technical support slowed my progress. To make matters worse, I spent three years in campus studying Computer Science without owning a laptop. It was a very difficult situation—depending on friends’ laptops and the school’s lab, where access was always limited by time.

**Quote from Francis:**

*“The hub gave me my first laptop and opened my eyes to new technologies like VR. It has been the bridge from being a student with limited resources to becoming a skilled innovator with a clear vision.”*

### When the Hub opened

The ICT Hub opened a new chapter in my journey. Through the hub, I gained access to tools, mentorship, and a network of peers that helped me sharpen my skills step by step. One of the most fascinating experiences has been exposure to emerging technologies like Virtual Reality (VR), which I had only read about before.

Getting to interact with VR and other digital tools expanded my imagination and showed me new possibilities of how technology can be used in education, community work, and innovation. The hub also gave me a community of like-minded youth and a supportive environment where I could grow my technical skills.

Most importantly, I am proud to say that the **first laptop** I ever owned came through the hub, as I was one of the **BSI beneficiaries**. This changed everything. After years of struggling without one, finally having my own laptop gave me freedom to learn, practice, and innovate without restrictions.

### 1 Year After the Hub

Today, I can confidently say that the project has streamlined my skills from being an amateur campus student to now an intermediate tech expert. I am applying my knowledge in software development, web design, and digital solutions with a stronger sense of direction.

The opportunity to explore advanced tools such as VR has made me more creative and broadened my vision of how technology can solve real-world challenges. With the hub’s support, I now feel empowered not only to grow personally but also to uplift others in my community through technology.

Since completing my studies in April, I have continued to be actively involved at the hub. I have been a vital support to the Code Green programs, working closely with the team to run these initiatives.

I also founded my own Graphics and Design brand called “Hyake”, through which I freelance and promote my digital services. As an intern at the hub, I am gaining more experience and looking forward to contributing further to the Code Green programs and other community tech projects.

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## Amos Laila

### Before the hub

My name is Amos Laila, and I have always been passionate about photography and filming. After completing a certification course at a college in Nairobi, I left with many unanswered questions. The program offered mostly theory with very little practical experience. I often worried: “When I finish college, how will I expand my skills? Will everything I learned go to waste?”

As many in creative fields know, expertise comes from constant practice. Without it, knowledge quickly fades. I longed for a place where I could continue to sharpen my skills, access quality tools, and grow into a professional.

### When the Hub opened

Through a friend taking a digital literacy course, I learned about the Community Hub. When I visited, I was amazed—the space, the internet, the supportive environment, and most importantly, the computers that were powerful enough for graphics and editing.

I immediately began using the hub’s resources. Reuben, one of the facilitators, guided me with self-learning strategies, recommending free online resources and channels that became a turning point for me. I had once been advised to buy an expensive online course, but at the hub, I discovered how to access equally valuable learning without spending money.

With time, I mastered tools like Adobe Premiere Pro and CapCut. I also received support from a well-wisher who helped me purchase a professional camera and lens. Combining my photography and filming skills, I quickly built my brand—Laila Photography—and began freelancing.

### 1 Year After the Hub

Today, I am proud to say I am one of the prominent photographers in Kajiado. I have built a strong brand that is recognized for quality photography and videography. I regularly get freelance work and can confidently sustain myself through my craft.

The hub has remained central to my growth. Since I do not yet own a personal laptop, I still use the hub’s powerful machines for editing. When I have no field assignments, I often spend my time at the hub refining my work. Whenever the hub hosts events, I am usually behind the camera capturing the moments for them.

Looking ahead, my vision is to expand Laila Photography into a platform that also trains and empowers aspiring photographers who, like me, may lack resources and guidance at the beginning.

#### Quote from Amos:

*“The hub gave me the environment and tools I needed to transform my passion into a profession. Without it, I would not be where I am today.”*