



**Invitation to collaboration**

# **School Connectivity in Africa**

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**“we help connecting the children of our world”**

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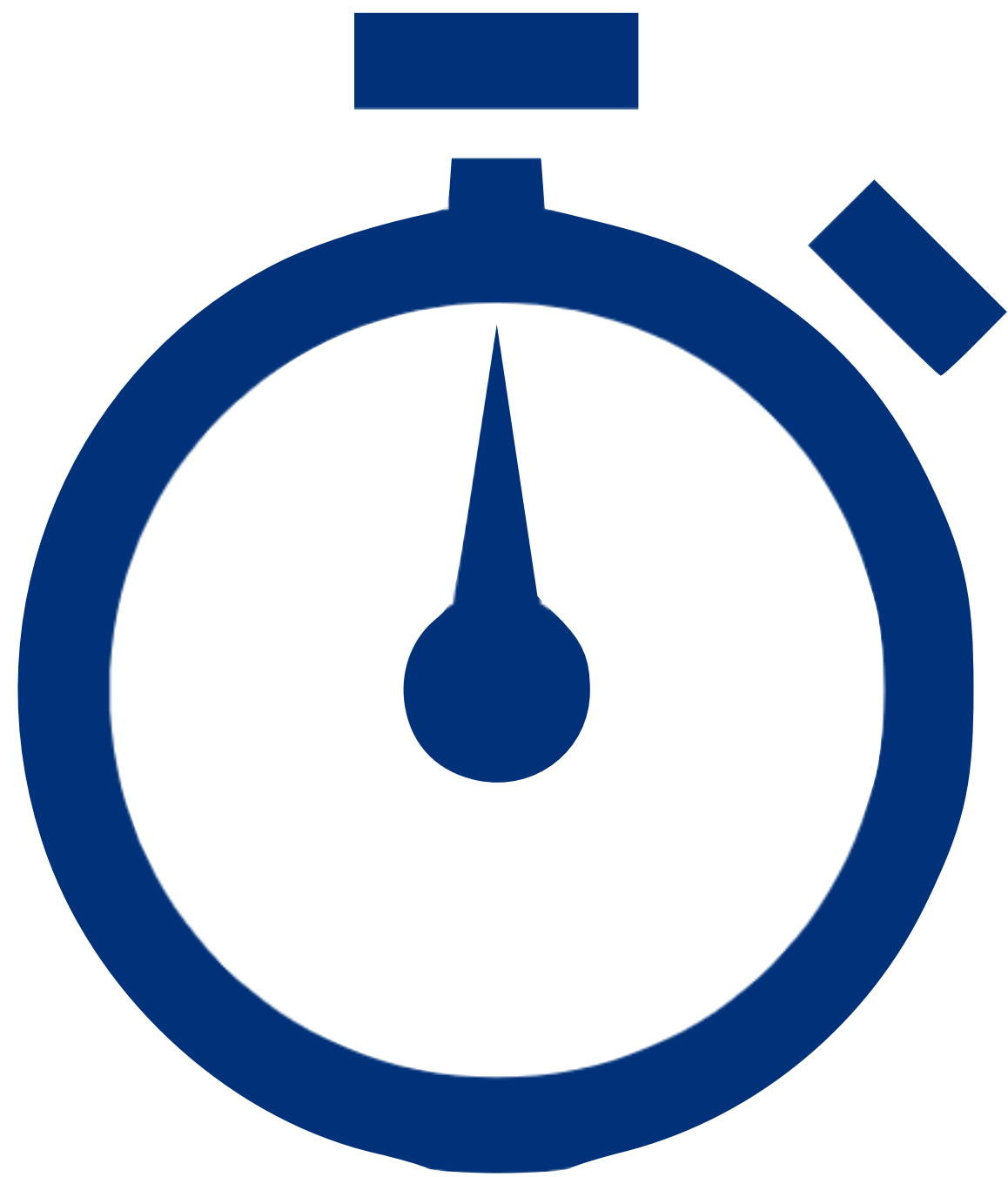
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**“Connectivity is not an enabler, it is an imperative”**  
Jane Coffin, Connect Humanity

# Connecting the Unconnected

# Our Priority: Short Time to Value



We want to get as many users connected as soon as possible

Affordable & Meaningful Access

Access - Skills - Regulations - Inclusion

10 GB/month to Broadband - Scalability

School Connectivity - we must invest into the future

**Mission**

**Framework Conditions**

**Partnerships**

“Our mission is to improve the life of **every human** through **free access to information** on the Internet....”

“This mission is carrying us forward every single day. We **solved** the **challenge of access**, and are focusing now the **local Knowledge Portal** to **empower** individuals, societies and nations. Through **free access** to the portal we address **access, skills, regulations and inclusion**”



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# The Game Changer

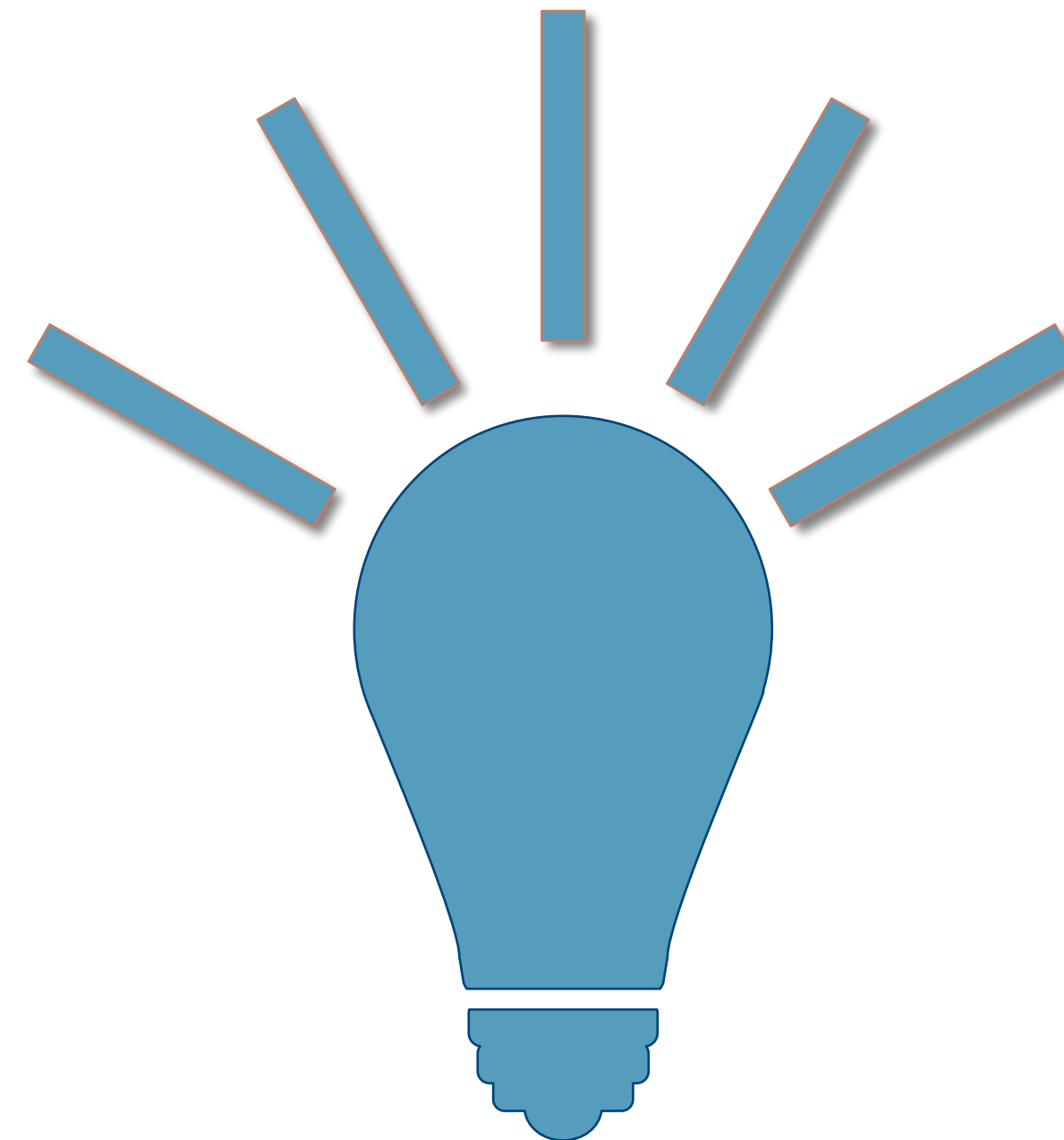
55 schools  
(Q4.2021)

37 632  
students

Participation  
in the Internet  
Society

Changing  
the lives of  
many

USD 1800  
per school  
ready installed



# School Connectivity

## Examples of Activities

- ➔ **Tanzania** - feasibility of affordable OPEX
  - 10 schools (Mar2021) → 50 (Q1.2022) → 200 (Q1.2022) → national framework
  - UCSAF, MCIT, Mobile Operators (Vodacom, TTCL, Airtel, Halotel), Shuledirect
- ➔ **Kenya** - private sector collaboration
  - 45 schools Oct2021 → National Framework
  - harmonisation with UNICEF and national strategy
- ➔ **Ethiopia** - support of MoE initiative
  - pilot 1 school → proposal to BMF on phase 1 of national framework 50 schools
- ➔ **Rwanda** - harmonisation with UNICEF RW
  - Focus on affordability, reduce from 225 USD/month
- ➔ **Ghana** - with GUIFI Africa & EU SESA project
  - 2 schools → 30 (Q4.2022)
- ➔ **South Africa** - social justice & digital empowerment
  - discussions with THUMA Foundation and Western Cape University





# Histories

“My mobile is more important than a weapon”

Head of Mbaash, TZ



Catherine R Kimambo connecting her first village

<https://vimeo.com/368147538> - 2020



Mount Kenya - our cultural heritage

Usingo Secondary School, KE



# Scalable connectivity

for meaningful access  
tailored towards the needs & capabilities

Self-actualisation  
Entertainment

Empowerment, Work  
Digital Transformation

Explore, Affection  
Opportunities

Value creation  
Trust & confidence



Mobile Broadband  
20 USD/month/person



Community network  
50-100 Mbps  
200-500 USD/month

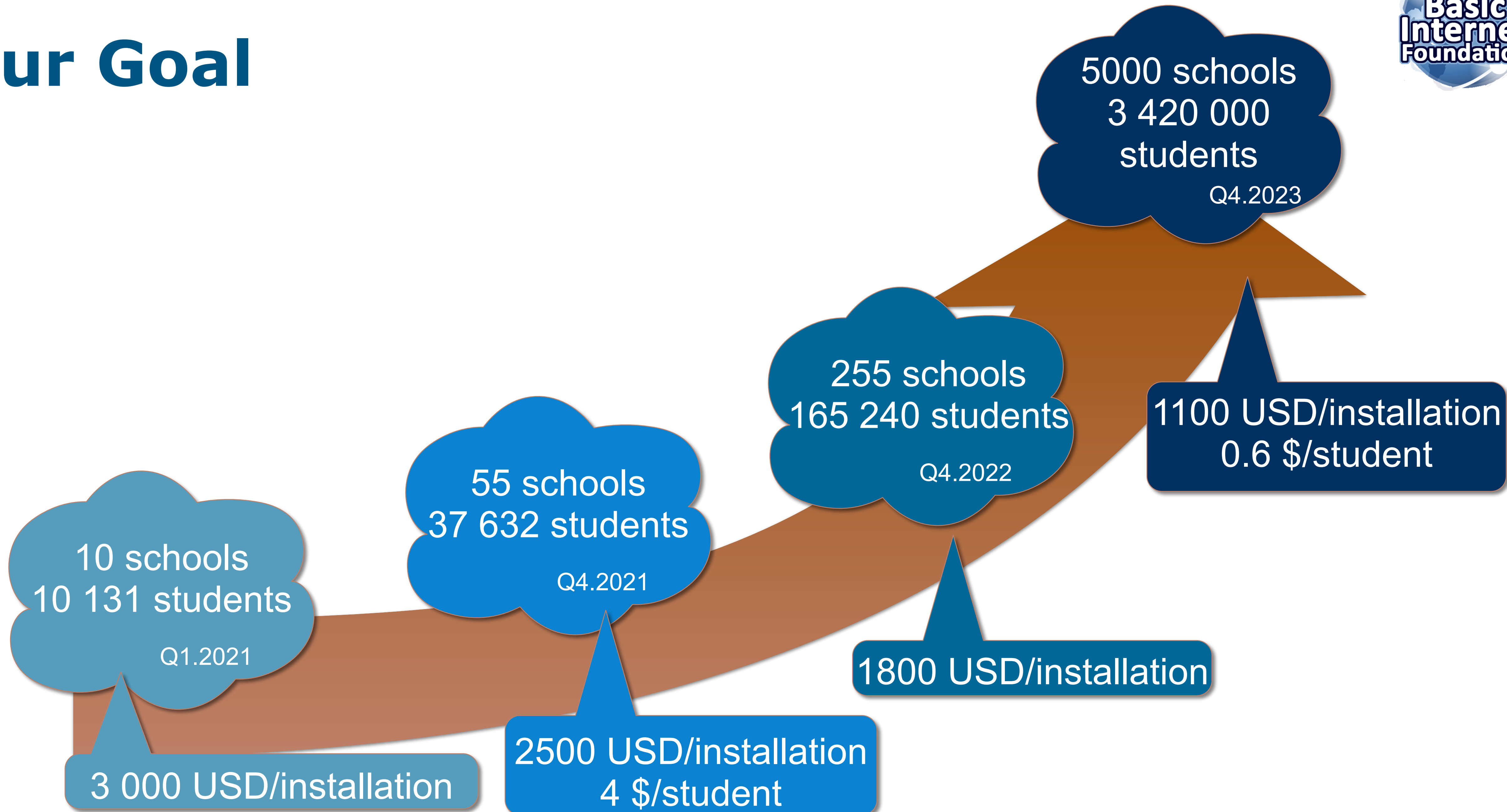


Narrowband  
~5 Mbps  
58 USD/month



InfoSpot  
10 GB/month  
<20 USD/month

# Our Goal



# Testimonials

- Catherine
- Barrack
- Robert

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# Framework conditions

- From community engagement to school connectivity
- National framework for digital empowerment
- Regional Competence Centres (RCC)
- Distributed (local) Internet
- Integrated Approach

**A key barrier to women and girls' digital inclusion is lesser access, compared to men and boys.**

**This includes access to devices, to data, and to networks.**

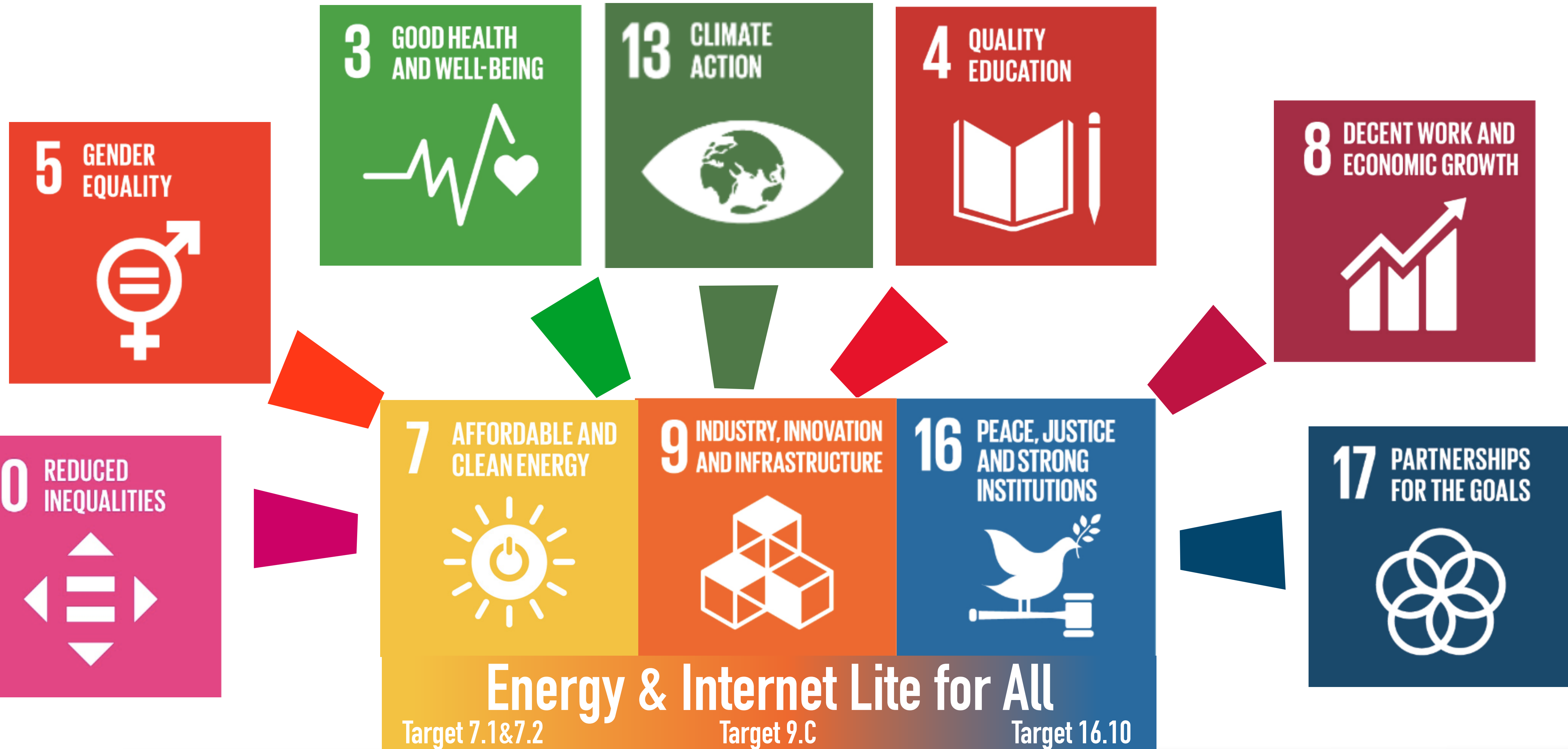
*UNICEF, what we know about the gender divide...*



Basic Internet access is improving for women but a hidden digital gender divide persists according to new WWF report

*digwatch, Geneva Internet Platform, 2020*

# The building blocks for Digital Empowerment



# Framework Conditions - the Integrated Approach

## Access

- Wireless information spot
- Rural areas

## Skills

- Decentralised Internet
- Local School Server
- Trusted information

## Regulations

- Authority contacts
- Internet Lite
- Freemium (free + premium) model

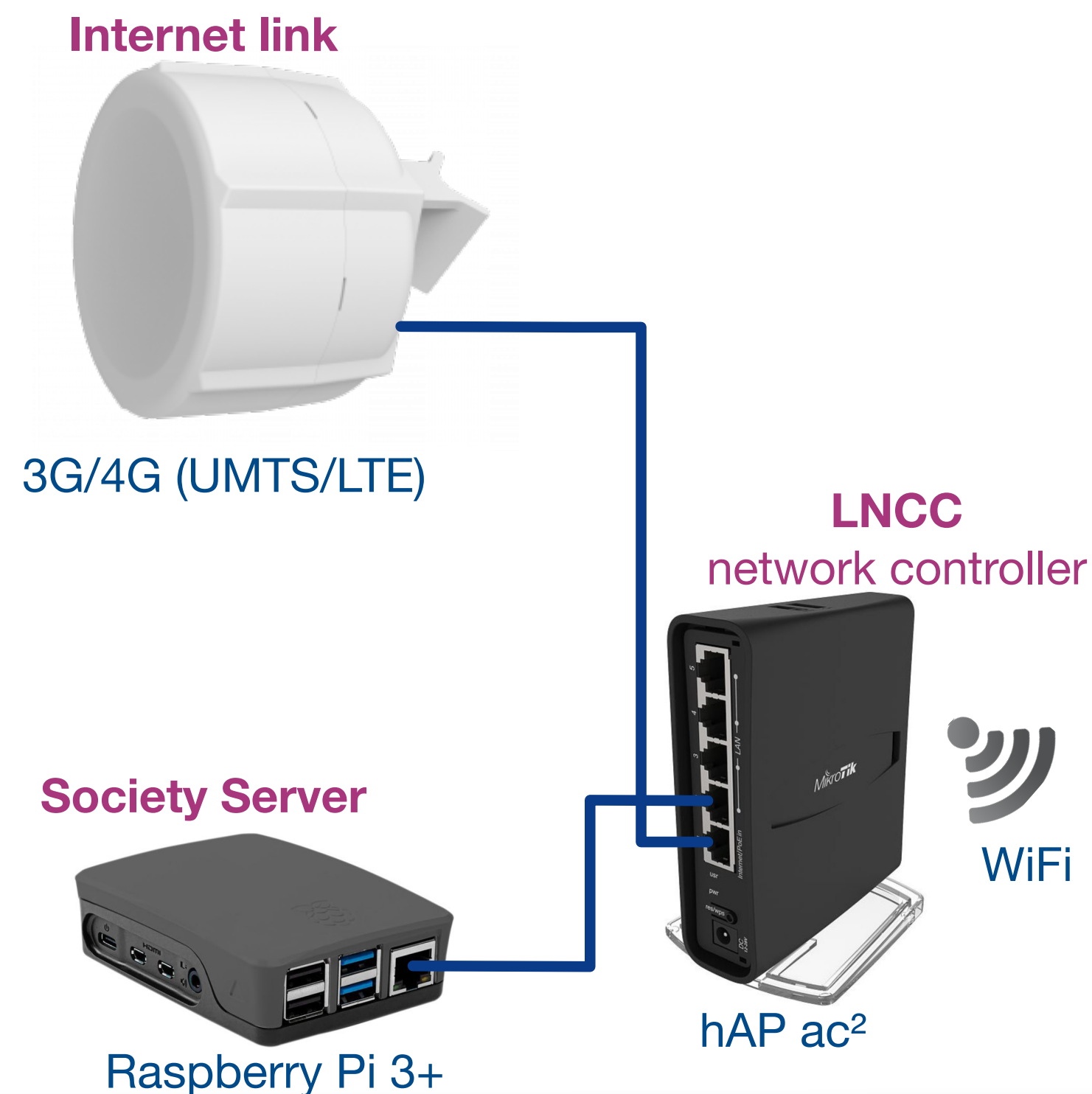
## Inclusion

- Girls & women
- Special Needs




# Solving the Access

- wireless information spot (InfoSpot)
- Reaching out >20 km to mobile network
- Affordable solution: OPEX <20 USD/month



# School server: yeboo.com

## Example: Health package

 School server with locally stored information on health care etc.



Results in TZ: **Knowledge increase**  
 Cysticercosis (TSCT) 60%  
 Tuberculosis 30%  
 HIV/AIDS 13%

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# Partnerships

## for value creation and sustainability

### Companies

- Visibility
- Value creation
- Doing good
- Employee program
- Reputation

### NGOs

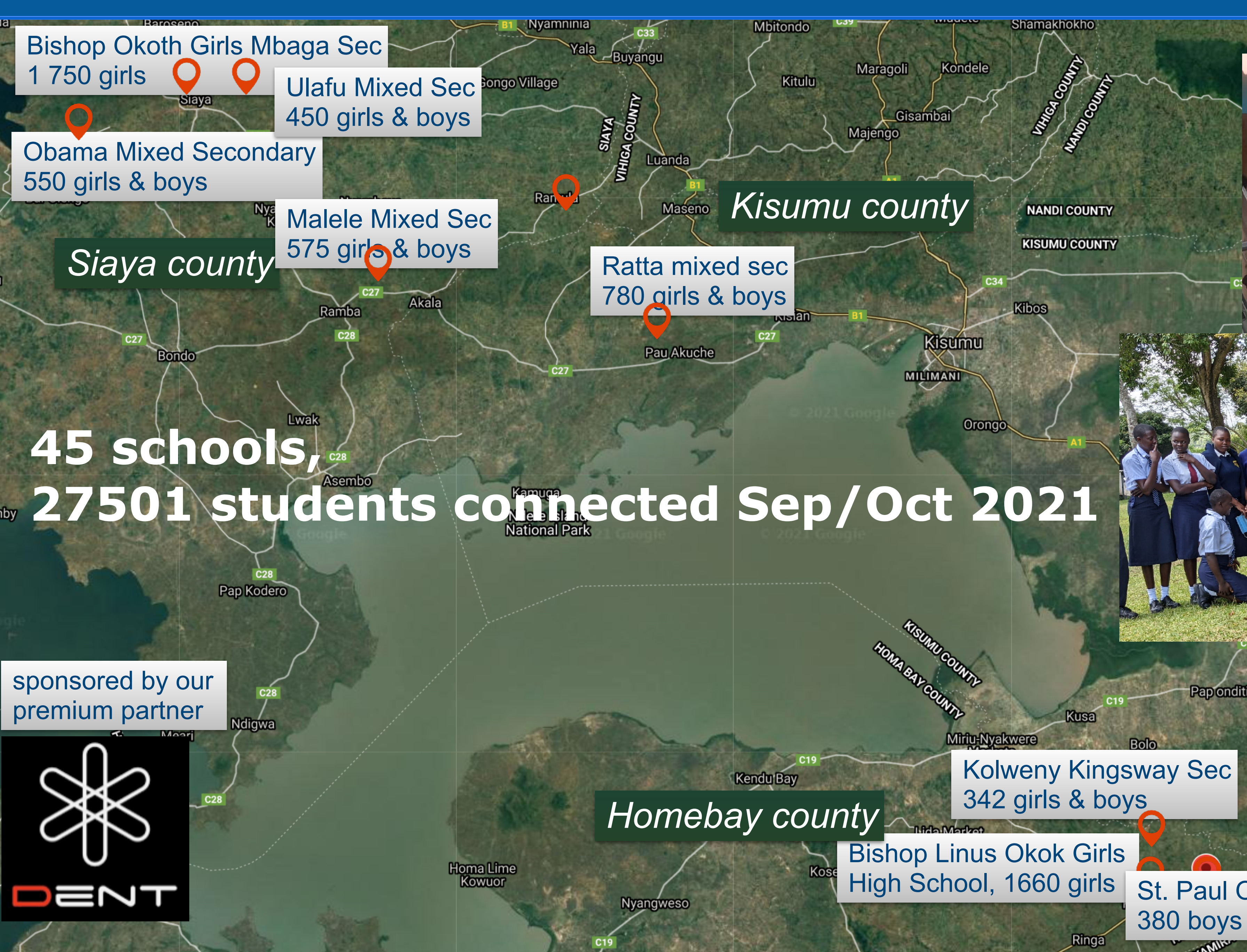
- Digital Transformation, Radio & ICT experts
- Network
- Co-funding

### Authorities

- Independent consulting
- Evaluations
- Digital Transformation

### Academia

- Research that matters
- SDGs in praxis
- Projects



**45 schools, 27501 students connected Sep/Oct 2021**



Ratta mixed sec  
780 girls & boys

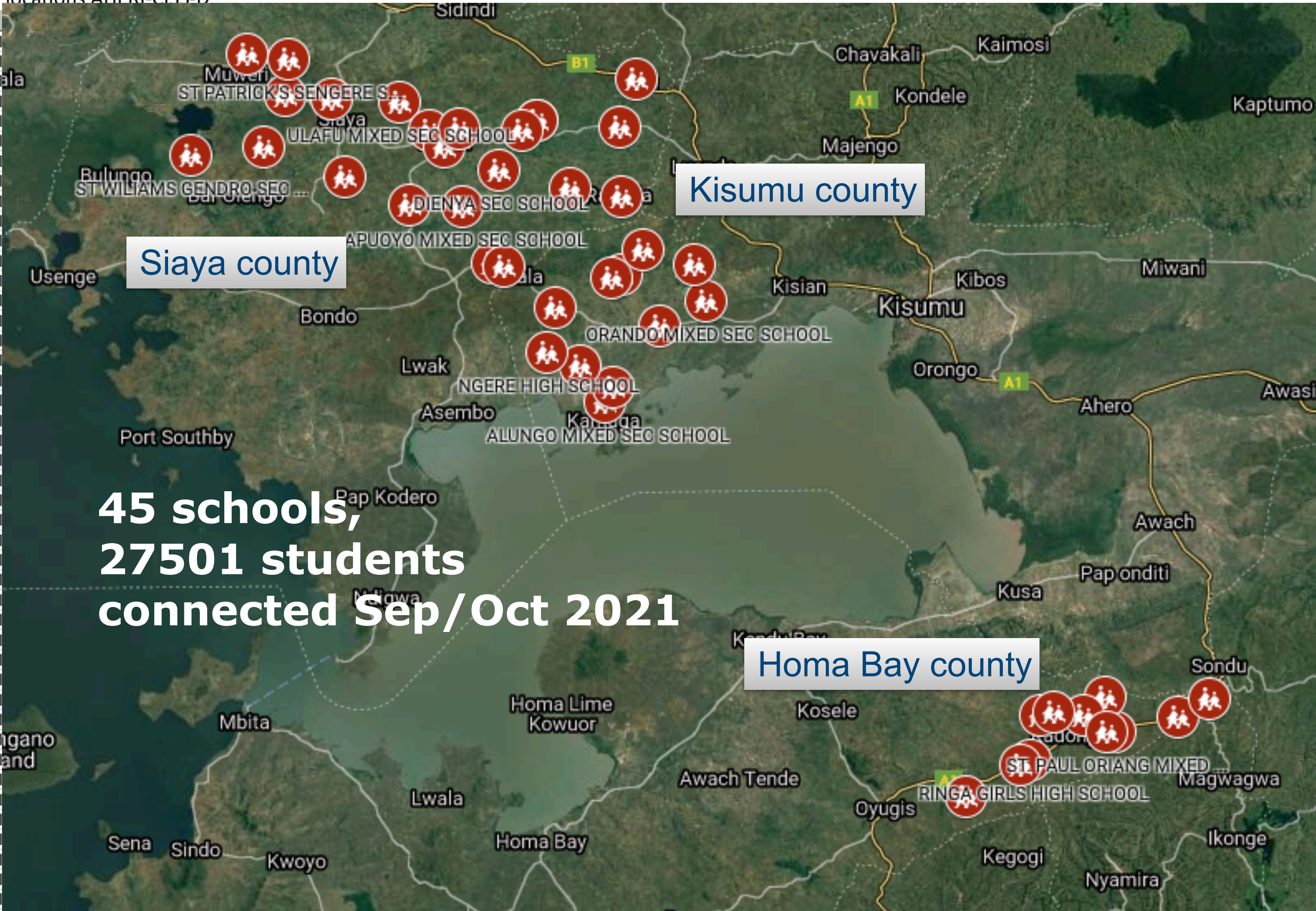


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# 45 schools connected Sep/Oct 2021

#	name	location
1	ST. PAUL ORIANG MIXED SCHOOL	http://p
2	ORANDO MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
3	MALELE MIXED SEC SHOOL	http://p
4	ULAFU MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
5	BISHOP OKOTH GIRLS MBAGA SEC SC	http://p
6	PALA MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
7	KOLWENY KINGSWAY SEC SCHOOL	http://p
8	KIT MIKAYI MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
9	NDURU MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
10	DANIS OBARA SEC SCHOOL	http://p
11	ATELA MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
12	WANG'APALA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL	http://p
13	APUOYO MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
14	AGORO OYOMBE SEC SCHOOL	http://p
15	RINGA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	http://p
16	ORERA MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
17	DUDI GIRLS SEC SCHOL	http://p
18	BORO MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
19	ST BARNABAS SEC SCHOOL	http://p
20	SINAGA GIRLS SEC SCHOOL	http://p
21	DIENYA SEC SCHOOL	http://p
22	RAMULA MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
23	DHENE MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
24	ST WILIAMS GENDRO SEC SCHOOL	http://p
25	ST PATRICK'S SENGERE SEC SCHOOL	http://p
26	ST MAR'YS YALA SCHOOL	http://p
27	NGIYA MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
28	OBAMBO MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
29	SENATOR OBAMA SEC SCHOOL	http://p
30	ST MATHEW NYASIDIUO MIXED SCHOL	http://p
31	ST PATRICK'S SENGERE SEC SCHOOL	http://p
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36	ALONGO MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
37	ST PATRICK'S SENGERE SEC SCHOOL	http://p
38	ALONGO MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
39	MAGWAGWA MIXED SEC SCHOOL	http://p
40	RINGA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	http://p
41	NO	http://p
42	ST PATRICK'S SENGERE SEC SCHOOL	http://p
43	BIS	http://p
44	AK	http://p

School locations AHERI-CISS-D



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27501 students  
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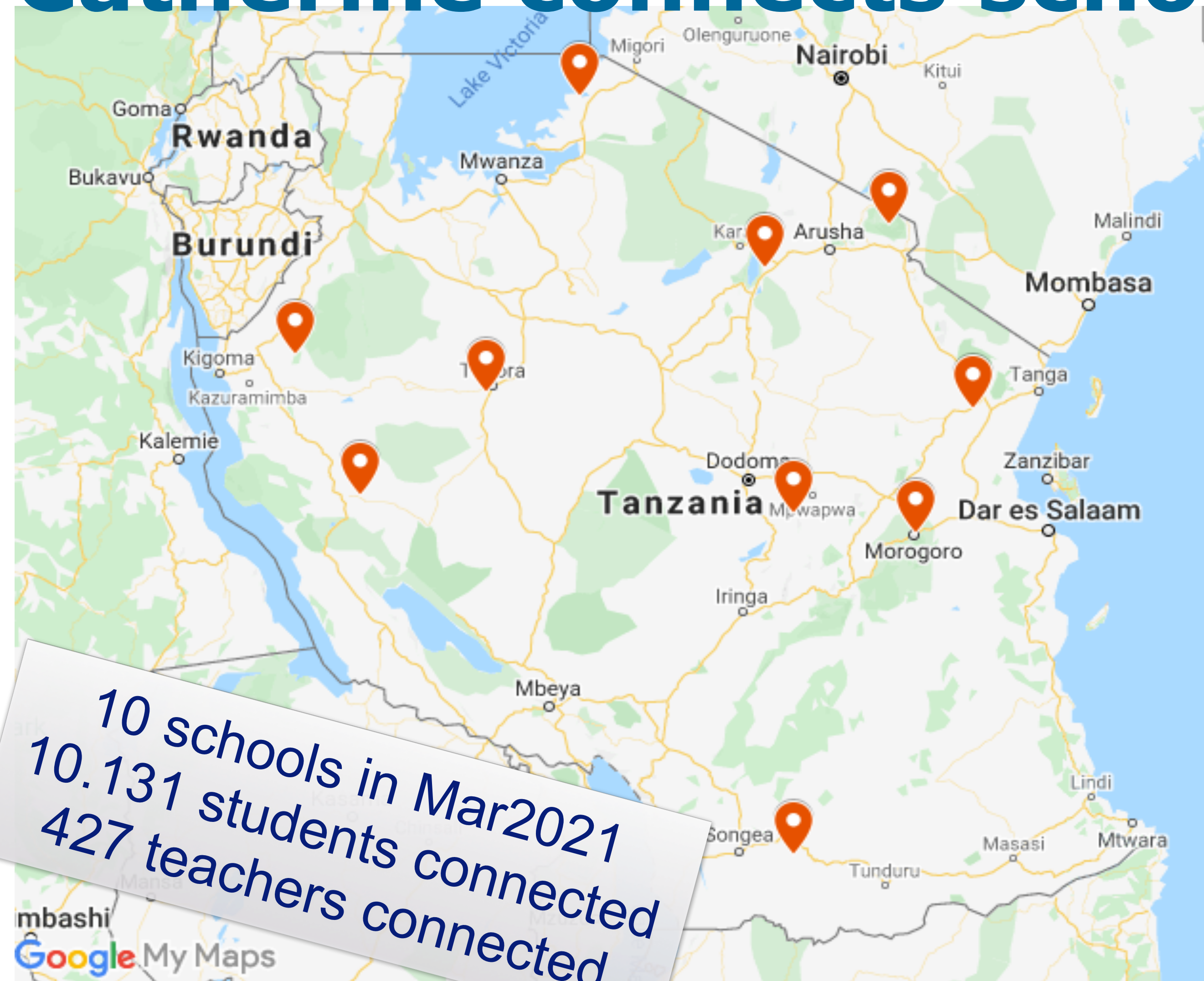
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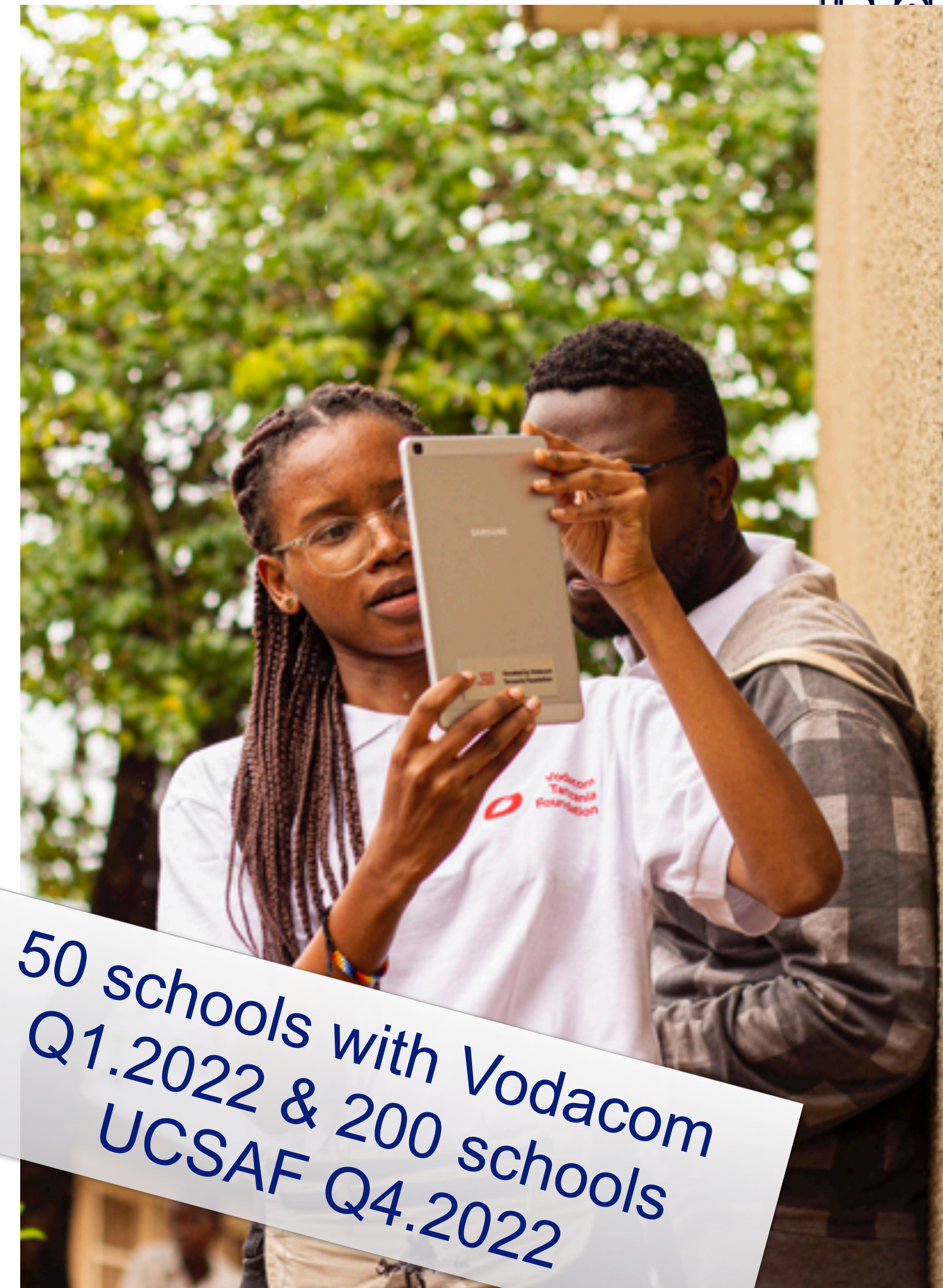
- parallel to GIGIconnect first phase
- **5 Mbit/s over LTE** (dedicated SIM cards)
- 58 USD/month

# Scale-up Tanzania

## Catherine connects schools



10 schools in Mar2021  
10.131 students connected  
427 teachers connected



50 schools with Vodacom  
Q1.2022 & 200 schools  
UCSAF Q4.2022







# 13 countries in Africa



Ethiopia:  
Koye Secondary School



Tanzania:  
scale up to  
200 schools



Forskningsrådet  
The Research Council of Norway



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# Join our collaboration on School Connectivity

- Create visibility
  - ➔ DENT Wireless: 27.501 students connected
- Acquire future customers
  - ➔ Vodacom TZ: 3-year contract to connect 200+ schools
  - ➔ Orange: Project partner for “connecting the unconnected”
- Doing good
  - ➔ support your SDG, CSR and Value programs
- Bring value to you employee program
  - ➔ Meaningful work, contributing
  - ➔ Join us on field trips to Africa
- Lift your reputation
- Get involved, Become a Partner



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*"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."*