

THE LAUNCHING OF THE CYBERSECURITY TRAINING CENTER

The Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of cyber security issues from the police headquarters, Joshua Mwangasa, has announced that significant efforts will continue to be made,

to enhance security, especially in these digital times.

Assistant Commissioner Mwangasa made these remarks recently while opening the

Cyber Security Training centre at AFED Tower which is sponsored by Punjani Charitable Trust in collaboration with Khoja Leadership Forum and Africa Federation.

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The opening of the Advanced Digital Learning Centre for Cybersecurity, was conducted by Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of cybersecurity issues from the police headquarters in Tanzania, Mr. Joshua Mwangasa (center). On the left is Mr. Gulam Punjani, a Trustee of the PCT Board, and on the right is Mr. Rustam Merani, a prominent businessman and family member.

POLICE FORM ONLINE SECURITY UNITS IN SIX REGIONS TO CURTAIL CYBERCRIME

The Police Force has established new online security units in six regions to enhance its capacity to combat cybersecurity threats. ACP Joshua Mwangasa stated that some of these cybersecurity centers have been opened in Mwanza, Mbeya, and Arusha regions in mainland Tanzania, and in Zanzibar, to enhance security and continue attracting tourists.

He emphasized that significant efforts will continue to be made to enhance security as digitalization increases in the country and across the continent. Mr. Mwangasa commended the Punjani Charitable Trust (T) for providing police with training that added value to their skills, as part of the strategy to enhance the force's capability to combat cybercrime.

"When we have partners like this institute who are willing to volunteer, it's a great opportunity for us as the police and for Tanzanians in general. We commend them for this step and will continue to collaborate with them," he said. According to him, the opportunity provided by the institution has come at an opportune time, as the police force has expanded its cybersecurity unit, establishing centers in six regions where previously there was only one in Dar es Salaam. Mir Pirbhai, Director of the JR Institute of Information Technology, said that the institute was established after recognizing a shortage of cybersecurity professionals in the country. He highlighted the importance of supporting the government in strengthening this area, as cybersecurity is one of the major challenges affecting the community.

"We are motivated to establish the institute to produce professionals to combat these crimes. Our goal is to assist universities and government employees, which is why we partnered with the police to train more experts to control the problem," he said.

Happiness Alexander, a graduate of the online security training, thanked the institute for providing training that will help her and the nation combat cybercrime. "With a high number of professionals in the country, we will be able to recognize and apprehend the criminals," she said.

Happiness expressed confidence in securing jobs, as cybersecurity professionals are needed in various sectors, including financial institutions, security, and private companies. However, challenges lie ahead, such as the evolving cybercrime landscape, limited digital literacy, data privacy concerns, and inadequate resources and infrastructure.



*Mr. Mirjean, Director of JRIIT and PCT Board member (from the left side);
Mr. Rustam Merani, a prominent businessman and family member;
Mr. Mwangasa, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of cybersecurity in Tanzania;
Mr. Nassoro, an expert in digital forensics from Zanzibar; and
Mr. Gulam Punjani, a Trustee of the PCT Board.*

STAKEHOLDERS' PRESENTATION



The presentation from Dimension Data, delivered by Gloria, outlined their services and support to be offered in collaboration with participants who complete the cybersecurity course. They will provide field practical's on cybersecurity products such as FortiGate, Cisco and Paloalto,

This initiative aims to enable participants to apply the tools they have studied, gaining valuable hands-on and work experience.



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AFED Education Board Chairman, Mr. Mohammed Kazim Sheriff, presented the collaboration with Punjani Charitable Trust in the scholarship program.

CBE Rector Representative Dr. Shima gave a word of thanks to Punjani Scholarship for facilitating their teachers to study for a PG Diploma in AI, Computer Vision, Business Intelligence, Advanced Data Science, and Cybersecurity. The knowledge gained will be used to establish these courses and to train their students at the college.



PCT CENTER VISITORS



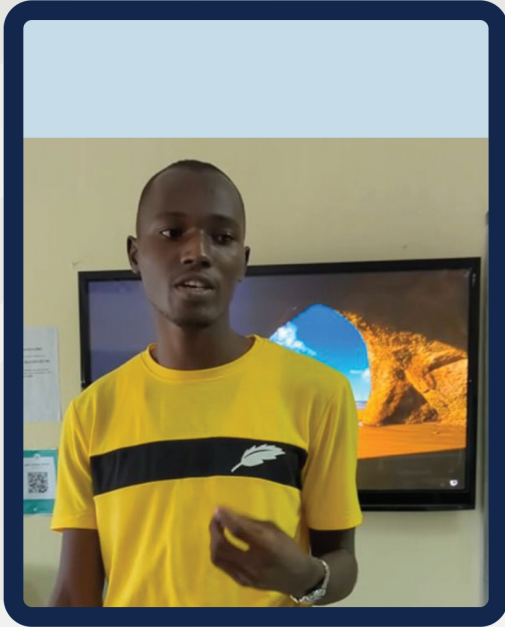
The visit by notable personalities On the screen via Zoom, Al Hajj. Dr. Riyaz on the left side and Al Hajj Mr. Mohamed Husein Punjani, from the AFED Board included, Al Hajj Mr. Shabbir Najafi - AFED Trustee & Past Chairman, Al Hajj Mr. Amine Nassor - Current AFED Chairman, Al Hajj Mr. Mohamed Jaffer - Business Tycoon from Mombasa, Al Hajj Mr. Mohamed Bandali - Property Developer from Nairobi, Al Hajj Mr. Anwar Dharamsi - Past KSIJ President & Tanzania Road Haulage



The visit to our new center included Trustee & Past Chairman of AFED, Mr. Shabbir Najafi (second from the left), Chairman of AFED Housing Board, Mr. Akil Hirji (second from the right), Mr. Gulam Punjani, Trustee PCT Board Member (first on the left), and Mr. Mirjean Pribhai, Director of JRIIT and PCT Board Member (first on the right).



Testimonies from Participant Beneficiaries of the Punjani Scholarship



Paulo R. Damiani

I would like to express my gratitude to God, who brought us here today and allowed us to learn new things that we didn't know.

Secondly, I would like to express my gratitude to the Punjani Charitable Trust (T), who sponsored us to come and study, allowing us to gain new knowledge. In general, we want to thank them all. At first, I didn't know how to prepare a presentation, but since I joined, I learned presentation skills in training. I saw people preparing their presentations in unique ways, and I questioned myself, "How did they do it?" because I didn't know how. But I thank God that now I know how to prepare a presentation.

Even if it is not to that extent, the good thing is that I know where to start and different techniques for preparing and elaborating on it.

Today, I just want to express my gratitude to God that through the Punjani Charitable Trust (T), I was able to learn many things. Punjani Charitable Trust (T) has played a big role in what we have learned free of charge. We thank our teachers and sponsor for this opportunity.



Asia Hassan

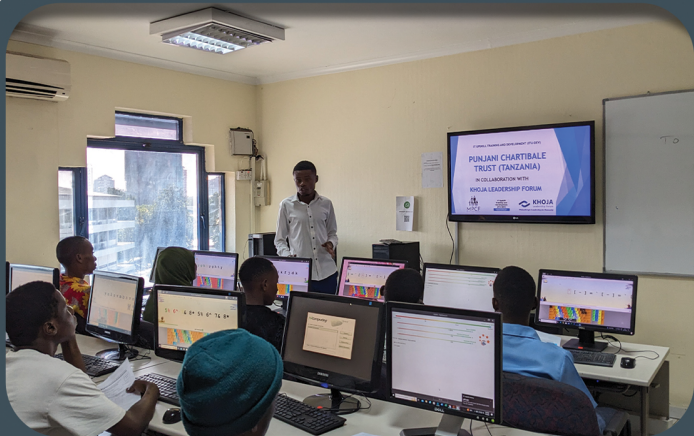
Personally, I would like to thank you all and express my gratitude to the Administration here for their guidance and support.

I would also like to thank the teachers. As you know, everyone here had their own problems. Personally, I am very happy because when I came here and saw all these computers, I asked myself, 'Would I be able to use them?' So, I sat down, and he told me to hold the keyboard and start typing. I just asked myself, 'Can I type with these fingers?' Truly, on day one, all my fingers hurt. On day two, I wondered, 'If the work is like this, will I manage?' But I thank God a lot, the teachers,

other staff, and my fellow students too, for our participation from the start up to now and also if we decide to continue with other courses. Thanks a lot on behalf of others."



ONGOING CLASS SESSIONS



Digital Literacy



Data Science



Digital Media



Cybersecurity



English Course



Data Analytics

Statistics of Participants Trained at the Center Over One Year.

| Sno | No of Students | No of Scholarships given |
|-----|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | PG Diploma in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning | 8 |
| 2 | PG Diploma in Computer Vision | 2 |
| 3 | PG Diploma in Business Intelligence | 1 |
| 4 | PG Diploma Natural Language Processing | 2 |
| 5 | Advance in Data Science/Virtualization/Analytics | 2 |
| 6 | Cybersecurity | 15 |
| | TOTAL | 48 |

1ST CENTER LAUNCH -19TH JUNE 2024



We had our soft launch last year on 19th June 2023



Total of 48 scholarships were given out for Post Graduate Program, Advance Data Science and Cyber Security



For Scholarship we had Participants from CBE (College of Business Education) and DIT (Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology , KSIJ , Bilal and deserving Individuals.



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Post Graduate diploma success rate was **69.2%**



Advance Datascience success rate was **55.55%**



Cybersecurity which is still in progress has **66.66%** success rate

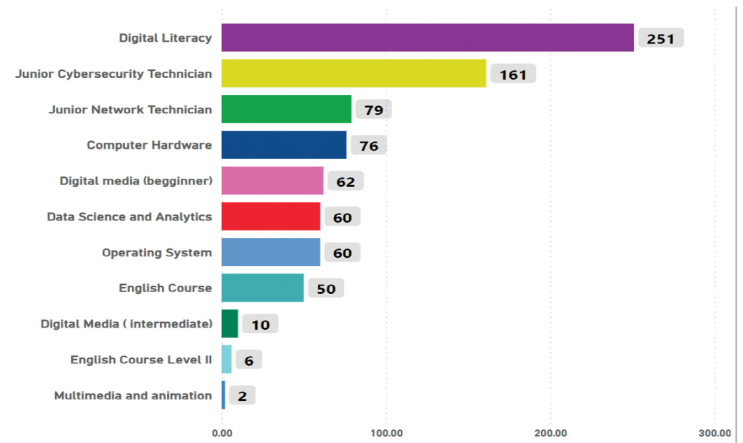


60% are now currently employed.

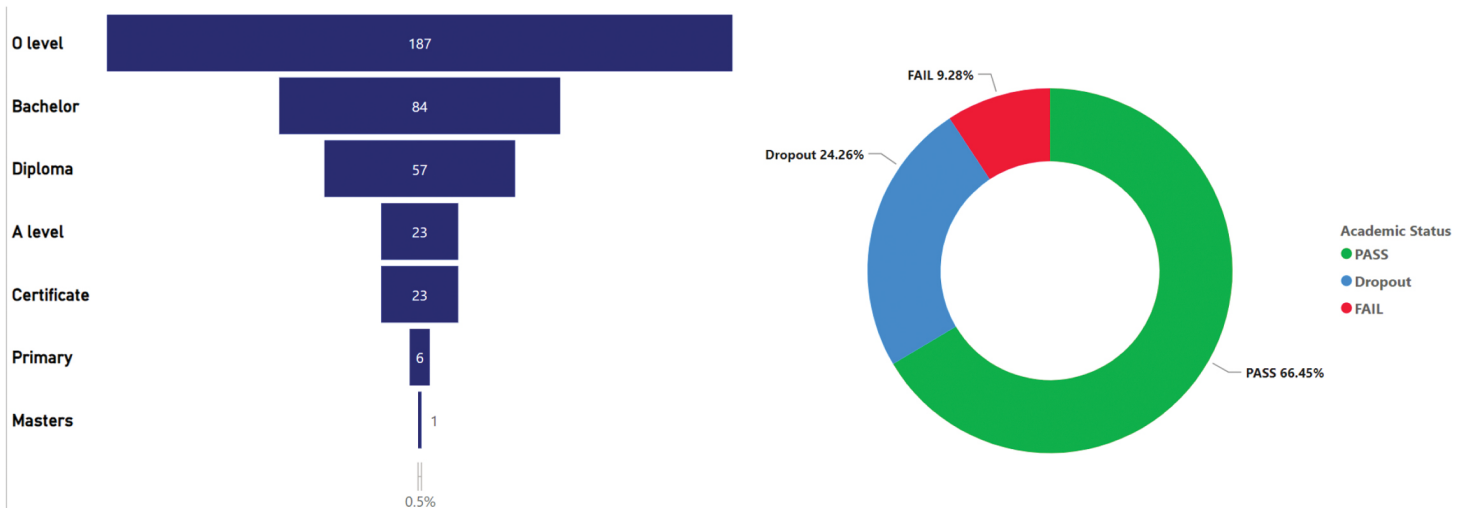


Within just one year, we've trained and empowered **871 participants** in the following programme's

- Digital Literacy
- Digital Media
- English Course
- Cisco Networking Academy these includes
 - Junior Cybersecurity Technician
 - Junior Network Technician
 - Data Science & Analytics
 - Operation System, and
 - Hardware

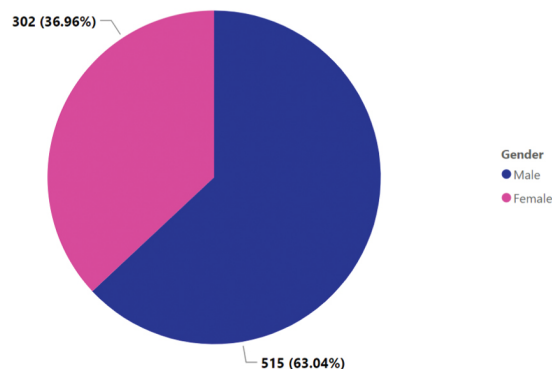


LOCAL COURSE HELD AT THE CENTER



TARGET GROUP AND ACADEMIC STATUS

Training Participation: Gender Breakdown



We have trained 302 Female and 515 Males so far



OUR MISSION

To establish and lead Centers for Excellence in computer education, focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cybersecurity, and Data Science, empowering Tanzanian youth for a brighter future.

MOTTO

***Illuminating Lives**, Nurturing Hope, Transforming communities in uplifting the underprivileged Tanzanians.

“Illuminating Lives” symbolizes the trust’s dedication to providing education, professional development, and vocational training programs, initiatives related to IT, agriculture, food provision, and women’s empowerment that bring light to the lives of those who lack opportunities.

“Nurturing Hope” reflects the organization’s commitment to tackling poverty, which often stems from a lack of education. By offering vital resources such as education and vocational training, they nurture hope for a better future and ighter prospects.

“Transforming Communities” signifies the broader impact of the trust’s projects; by upskilling the workforce and improving access to resources, the organization aims to transform entire communities positively.

OUR PARTNERS



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