BADILI ZONE ORGANIZATION

SYNOPSIS

Mukuru Kwa Reuben community, located in Nairobi Kenya, has a population of over 600,000 and many families live in corrugated iron shacks measuring 10 x 10 feet. Many of the slum dwellers in Mukuru work as casual laborers in the manufacturing industries situated close to the slum. The community also has more than 18 schools but only two of them have almost adequately equipped libraries that the rest of the schools do not have access to. That leaves us with the main question, what happens to the rest of the students in other schools? This is the bitter reality of the experience of the students who live in vulnerable places such as the slums in Nairobi. Badili Zone Organization mission is to provide sustainable solutions that ensure all students from the slum have access to quality education and opportunities to change this narrative. We champion for quality education in vulnerable communities such as the slums by providing adequate learning materials, guidance and mentorship while working collaboratively with partners and community at large to ensure no child is left behind as they develop into well-equipped goal driven young leaders.

PROGRESS SO FAR

As part of our work, in the three years, we have achieved several milestones through partnerships made, monetary contributions, and material donations received from well-wishers (individuals and organizations), and community members' support and engagement. We have been able to make a number of things a reality, for instance, in partnership with HOPE Worldwide Kenya, we officially launched our first equipped community library on 10th August 2019, we do mentorships in the library that covers diverse topics, we have initiated the sanitary corner in the library where at least 20 girls a month have access to sanitary pads in the community library facility and finally in partnership with Laser Property Services, we have been able to kick start the Basic Kit Program, a program that ensures needy but bright students have their school shopping catered for before they go to school for them to be comfortable enough to maximize their academic potential. When we launched the library, it could accommodate twenty students in one sitting and thankfully now the community library can accommodate a total of fifty users, both the ones accessing the books and those accessing the computers.

CURRENT CHALLENGE

Having both the computer users and the students who want to read the hard copy books in the same building has proven to be interruptive, hence not conducive for both parties. Separating these two will be useful in maximizing both their outputs. Also, important vibrant types of programs such as the different trainings (for example computer training) have been forced to take a pause now due to the limited one building spacing.

SOLUTION

We are working towards getting a shipping container that would be used as a computer hub. We are looking forward to moving to easy access to the internet and other technical services that come with access to the internet. This will help students and everyone else in the community easily do online applications, introduce children to technology at a young age and facilitate access to technological services.

This is a scale up plan to digitalize the community library and connect it with the rest of the world. We believe it's time we re-introduce Mukuru community to the world while familiarizing students from Mukuru Community with all the different opportunities that come with having access to a computer and internet. Both the teachers and students will be able to do any educational research they need to do as well as have all the resources they need to apply for different opportunities, within, and beyond Kenya.

Having the container will be vital to us in ensuring that the computer users do not end up destructing the students who want to read. Separating these two types of users will be useful in maximizing both their outputs. The objective is to have the computer hub spacing set and running so that we can officially expand the impact we have in the community by kick starting all these programs that facilitate technological development in the community that need the hub to function.

Our fundraising target was originally $10000, and the Melton Foundation has made a donation of the first $1500. The funding will cater for the securing a 40ft shipping container and setting up of into a computer hub.

Kindly find the breakdown of the expense below

Overview of Expenses							
Details (detailed description or explanation of expenses)	**Date(s)** (if applicable)	**No. / Pax** (persons, nights, times,	**Cost / Pax.** (numbers only)	**Currency** (of expenses)	**Total** (per item)	**Exchange rate** (Your currency to USD, if applicable)	**Amount in USD**
Shipping Container		1	480 000	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	480 000	0.0094	4,512.00 USD
Material for cutting the frame work and partitioning		1	70 350	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	70 350	0.0094	661.29 USD
Boarding and skimming with gypsum		1	76 500	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	76 500	0.0094	719.10 USD
Styrofoam insulation material		1	25 000	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	25 000	0.0094	235.00 USD
Steel doors and french windows		1	62 000	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	62 000	0.0094	582.80 USD
Electric wiring and fittings		1	32 750	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	32 750	0.0094	307.85 USD
Ceramics tiles, adhesive and cement		1	53 150	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	53 150	0.0094	499.61 USD
spray paintin external and internal surfacess		1	40 250	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	40 250	0.0094	378.35 USD
Labor		N/A	75 000	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	75 000	0.0094	705.00 USD
Mentorship snacks for students		12	2,400.00	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	28 800	0.0094	270.72 USD
Running costs for the first year as we move towards self sustainability		1	120 000	Kenya Shillings (Ksh.)	120 000	0.0094	1,128.00 USD
					TOTAL expenses		9,999.72 USD

LONG-TERM IMPACT

The world is becoming more digitalized, and it is necessary that we equip our students with appropriate technological training as they become contributing members to the society. The shipping container is where computer skills training, coding, and programming sessions will be taking place, additionally, the hub will enable access to online applications and opportunities to the students. This is and scale-up plan to fully digitalize the community library and connect it with the rest of the world.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Melton Foundation
We Are Family Foundation
Eduspots
HOPE Worldwide Kenya
Laser Property Services

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Location: Mukuru Kwa Reuben Slum, Nairobi, Kenya

Social Media: https://twitter.com/BadiliZone

https://badilizonekenya.org/

https://www.facebook.com/badilizoneorg/

https://www.instagram.com/badilizone/