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Technology to transform a life

show guide

empowering lives with technology

Vision

To change the face of the African orphanage
from a food oriented orphanage
to a technology inclined orphanage

Mission

To empower orphans through technology
by providiing them with technological tools and training
them on ICT related skills

Goal

To set at least one computer/ICT lab
in every orphanage in Africa

Core Values

Love
Integrity
Sacrifice

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The Problem

Orphan facts are alarming and screaming help!!!

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Do most orphans have good adoptive parents?

Approximately **250,000** children are adopted annually, but...

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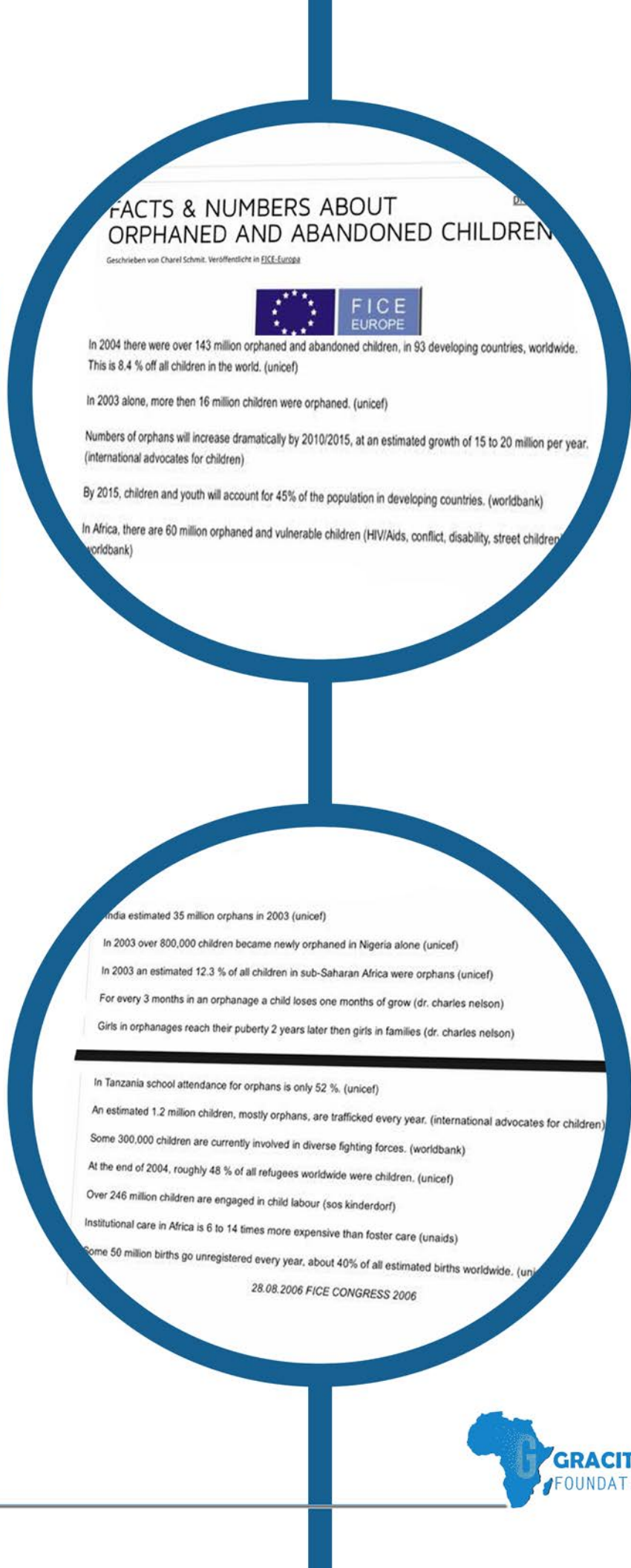
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Daniel Macintyre, I have three biological children, one international adoption and one domestic.
Written Nov 4, 2015

No. most orphans grow up in orphanages or foster homes or simply live on the streets

Avinash Kumar, Adoptive parent, Author, CARA Counsellor on Adoption
Written Dec 18, 2015

Most children who get adopted are NOT ORPHANS. They have at least one parent living. They are placed into adoption for various reasons like unwed mothers, sexual abuse, violence at home and children who run away from home. Given the fact that they could not have access to a secure, loving and caring home environment, they are definitely likely to get a better chance through adoption. however, whether those

FACTS & NUMBERS ABOUT ORPHANED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN

Geschrieben von Charel Schmit. Veröffentlicht in FICE-Europa

FICE EUROPE

In 2004 there were over 143 million orphaned and abandoned children, in 93 developing countries, worldwide. This is 8.4 % off all children in the world. (unicef)

In 2003 alone, more then 16 million children were orphaned. (unicef)

Numbers of orphans will increase dramatically by 2010/2015, at an estimated growth of 15 to 20 million per year. (international advocates for children)

By 2015, children and youth will account for 45% of the population in developing countries. (worldbank)

In Africa, there are 60 million orphaned and vulnerable children (HIV/Aids, conflict, disability, street children) (worldbank)

India estimated 35 million orphans in 2003 (unicef)

In 2003 over 800,000 children became newly orphaned in Nigeria alone (unicef)

In 2003 an estimated 12.3 % of all children in sub-Saharan Africa were orphans (unicef)

For every 3 months in an orphanage a child loses one months of grow (dr. charles nelson)

Girls in orphanages reach their puberty 2 years later then girls in families (dr. charles nelson)

In Tanzania school attendance for orphans is only 52 %. (unicef)

An estimated 1.2 million children, mostly orphans, are trafficked every year. (international advocates for children)

Some 300,000 children are currently involved in diverse fighting forces. (worldbank)

At the end of 2004, roughly 48 % of all refugees worldwide were children. (unicef)

Over 246 million children are engaged in child labour (sos kinderdorf)

Institutional care in Africa is 6 to 14 times more expensive than foster care (unaids)

Some 50 million births go unregistered every year, about 40% of all estimated births worldwide. (unicef)

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See what Gracit Members think

"The people   in the orphanages   are humans too and should not be isolated from the evolving and developing world. Giving them only food does not help improve the quality of their lives and future. only animals live for food only"

- Akachi

"The idea of bringing technology to orphanages and watching how the orphans evolve is

GENIUS"

- Chelsea

"As technology usage increases, so does the technological gap between the oportuned children and the less privileged ones.
Gracit Foundation wants to give less privileged children an opportunity to join the fast evolving technoligical world"

- Ejiro

"Gracit aims to fulfill a technological gap in our African society. One where less privileged children are neglected from the computer age and are handicapped once out of the orphanage, with little or no means to fend for themselves in today's present fast paced and brutal environment. we empower those in motherless and fatherless homes with tools, technology know hows with which they will not only be able to keep up with   today's trends but be-come trailblazers"

- Francis

"The main focus **HERE** is the welfare of these orphans when they outgrow the orphanage"
- Sarah

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THE SOLUTION

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RECEIVE DONATED COMPUTERS

WHAT WE DO

SETUP
We setup computer labs at orphanages. Children that are exposed to computers at young ages have a better chance to be relevant in this technology driven world.

TRAIN
We train orpahnsin computer related skills. Being trained under good supervision has more impact than being alone.This speeds up the learning process for the chldren.

LINK UP
We link our scholars up with related career enhancing opportunities. After learning a skill, the next step is to use it. With these opportunities, our scholars can build a career with the skills they have acquired.

INTEGRATE
We engage our scholars with tech related events to involve them in the society. By making the orphans participate in the society, they form networks and socialize.

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TAKE COMPUTERS TO ORPHANAGE

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[TR]AIN ORPHANS ON COMPUTER SKILLS

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THE JOURNEY SO FAR..

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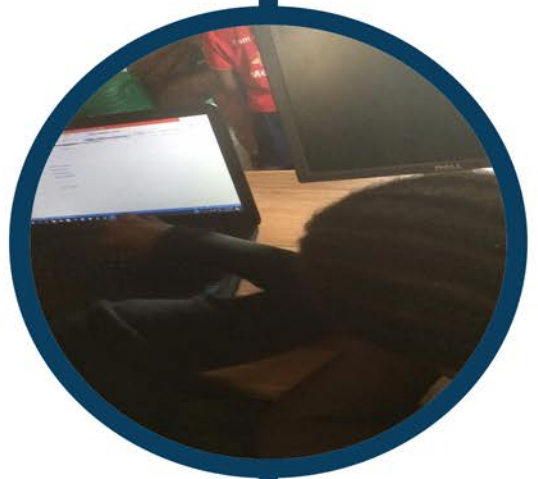
Preliminary visits to Ijamido

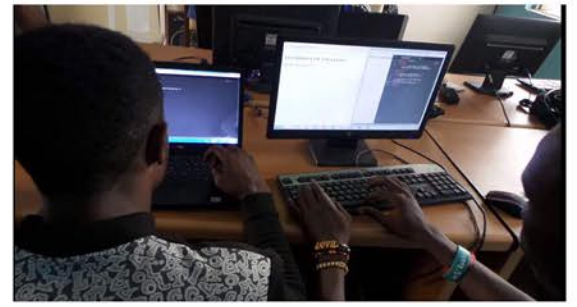**May 2nd: First visit to Ijamido orphanage, Otta, Ogun state**

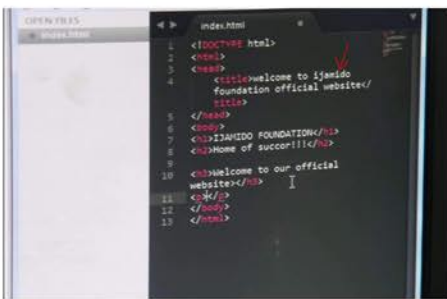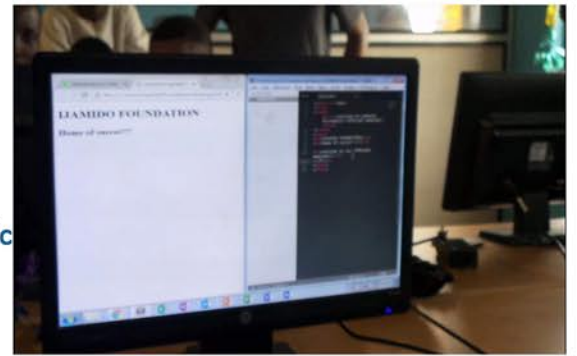# Intense 5 weeks Training at Ijamido to an average of 30 students at different ages and classes
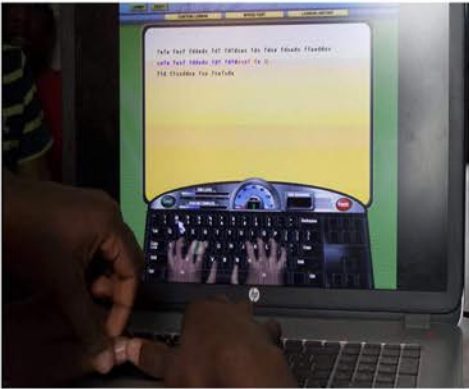
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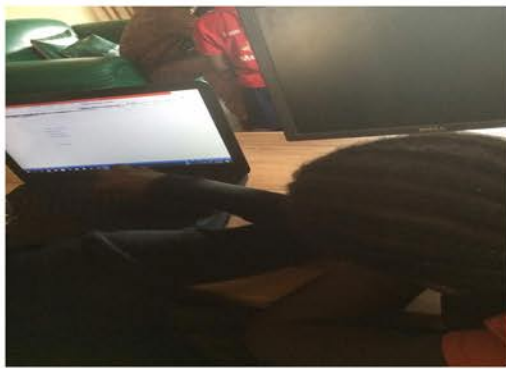
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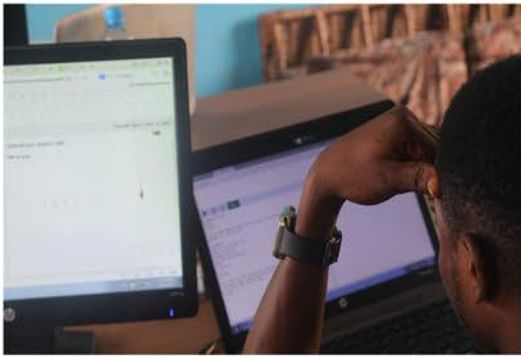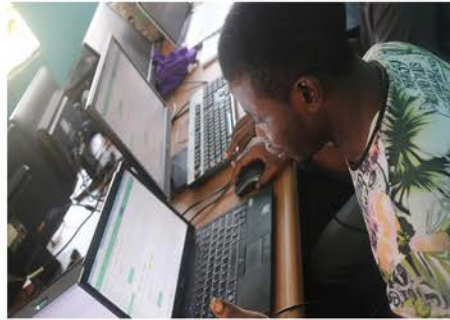
Advance class
website design and graphic
design for older orphans

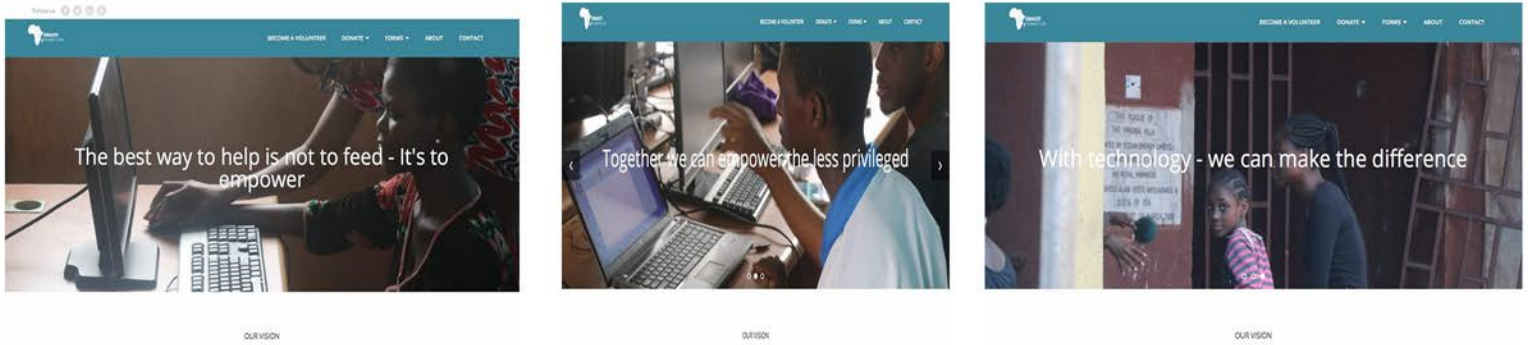# Computer introduction and typing lessons at Red Cross Children's home, Makoko, Lagos to 16 young children
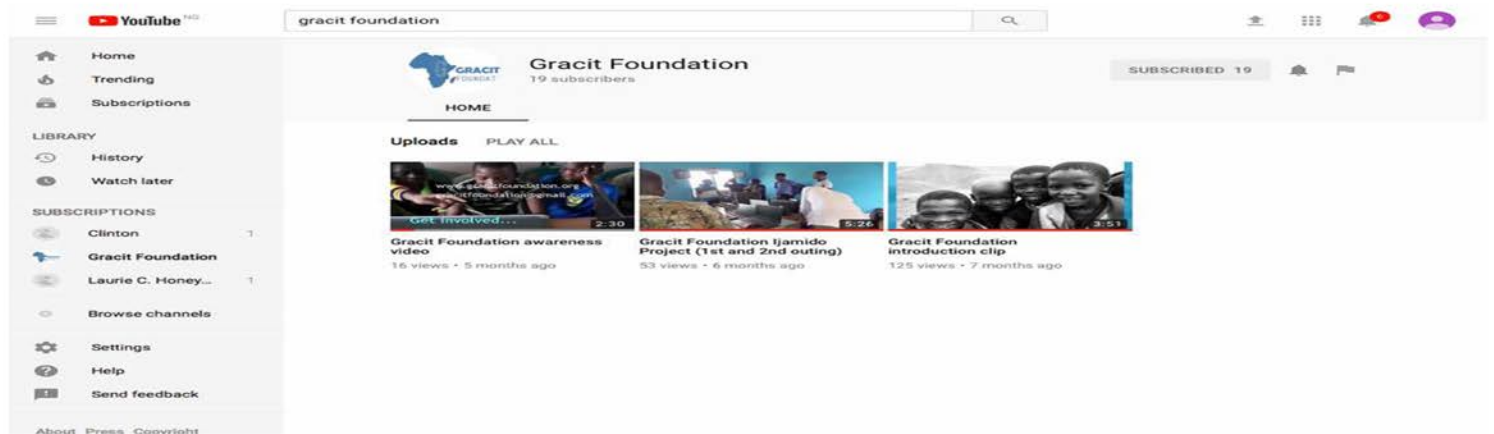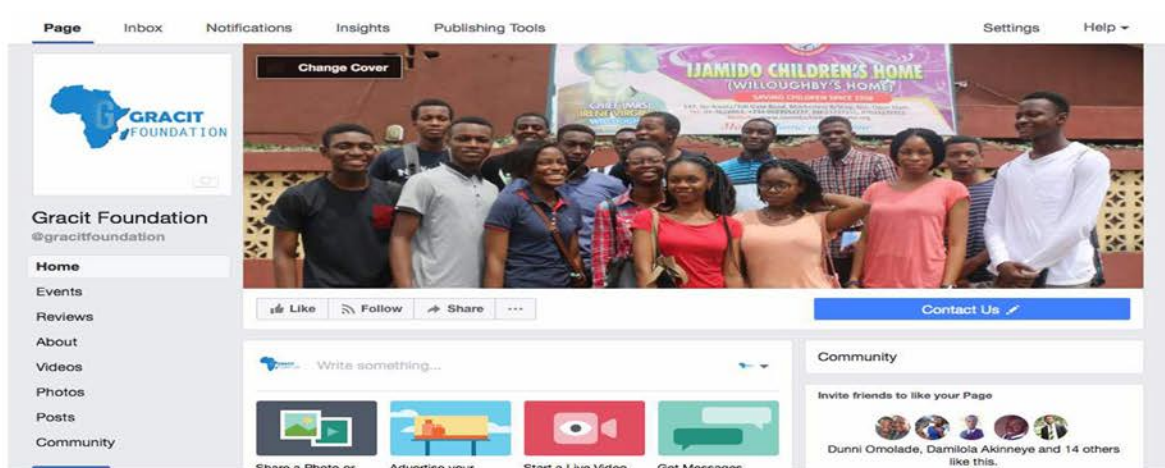
Interactions

Check us online

website

Youtube

Facebook

Hey!!!
Here's a sustainability quiz
See for yourself how many of
the goals we are achieving

THE AFRICAN CHILD

Picture this:
A child has the potential to change our world for the better
The child is unable to do so though
Why? You might ask
Well, the child probably lives in a refugee camp
or probably in a motherless home
The child cares more about surviving than improving
The child cares more about eating than reading
The child cares more about existing for one more day
than living to the fullest
For such reasons we see that our world is not
reflecting as much creativity as it ought to
I consider this a wakeup call to us all
We have a responsibility to make sure that such
children care less about surviving
and care more about changing their world
We have the responsibility to give them more
information than we give them perishables
Because knowledge never perishes
Knowledge is power
And that might be the only thing that changes our
world today
- Dara

Gracit Corner

An incubator for the next set of Bill Gates and Mark Zukerbergs