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COMPUTERS FOR COMPETENCE

Londolozi Learning Centre,
Kruger National Park, South Africa



Meet Mo Groch and her daughter, Kate. They run the Londolozi Learning Centre in the Sabi Sand under the auspices of the Varty family's Good Work Foundation – and you will go a long way to find two more passionate and dedicated people in this field.

With the Londolozi Learning Centre as their central hub, they are opening up a series of new hubs or centres in the Sabi Sand communities, where people can get basic literacy training, learn how to use and maintain computers, and receive health education to help combat the spread of disease in the area.

They already have the literacy and health programmes running, but for them the thing that will do more to lift many of these people to another level and enable them to succeed in the modern world is the ability to use computers - for education, for work and as a social tool.

They will tell you that connectivity is the key. 'Just think what a difference could be made to the way people think and learn in these remote rural communities, if we can connect them to other young minds and open up libraries and data sources across the world. Barriers will drop and people's lives can be transformed for the better,' says Mo excitedly.

The problem is that in these rural schools right now, all too often teachers are unable (or afraid) to use computers when they are available and therefore do not teach their pupils how to work with them; or teachers with full programmes are simply not able to take time for computer lessons - and frequently there are hardware and network problems for which there is no technical back up.

Mo and Kate have designed a programme to overcome all these problems. They have trained up three local people as computer facilitators, who are currently training a further 15 facilitators and are now ready to launch their 'Digital Literacy' programme in five schools in the communities to equip the children with all the computer skills they may need to compete in the working world of today.

Help Africa Foundation make it possible for Mo and Kate to realise their dream and connect these children with the rest of the modern world. Help us provide the **£28,000** they need to make this possible.