

Monitoring and Evaluation Report 2020



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Executive Summary

Our monitoring and evaluation for 2020 was understandably limited compared to normal due to the pandemic. Schools in Malawi were shut on 23rd March 2020 because of COVID-19. There was a phased re-opening of schools from September 7th with priority being given to classes taking examinations. Other classes re-started on October 12th, 2020.

Although data was collected on university admissions, the system for the allocation of university places changed in May 2020, when the government abolished the previous quota system that had been based on students' district of origin rather than merit. As a result, any comparison with previous years to try and establish whether having computers at school had an impact is not valid and so data on university admissions is not included in this report.

Likewise, due to the impact of the pandemic, data from this survey has been presented without comparison to previous years, as such comparison would not be helpful.

- 7 schools who had received computers from The Turing Trust (TT) / Centre for Youth and Development (CYD) were visited in November and December 2020.
- None of these schools had been involved in previous surveys.
- Schools had had computers for an average of 18 months (range 1-36 months).
- 4 of the schools had Kolibri (our offline learning management system) installed, but 2 reported problems with their Kolibri router or software.
- Questionnaires administered to headteachers, teachers and students using KoboCollect with data recorded on tablets in real time and uploaded automatically on return to base.
- Questionnaires were completed by 7 headteachers or their deputies, 3 teachers (all taught ICT as an extra-curricular activity) and 18 students from Forms 1-4.
- 5 of the schools were in rural areas and 2 were in semi / peri-urban areas.
- 3 of the schools were Community Day secondary Schools, 1 was a Government Secondary School, 1 was a Grant-Aided Secondary School and 2 were Private secondary Schools.
- On average there were 2 students with a disability per school (total 13 students). Of these, only 2 students in 1 school were not using the computer laboratory.
- 6 schools had a budget for ICT, but 1 school did not.

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- 1 school was only using the computers to teach ICT. 6 of the schools also used the computers for teaching other subjects as well as ICT.
- Only 1 school offers Computer Studies as a subject for MSCE and 1 offers Computer Studies as a subject for the Junior Certificate of Education (JCE), which is taken at the end of Form 2 and which is being re-introduced in 2021.
- All schools allowed teachers and students access to the computers out of hours; only 2 schools allowed members of the community access to the computers.
- Headteachers' views on the impact of computers in the school were very positive overall with positive effects on:
 - Students' motivation (100%)
 - Teachers' motivation (86%)
 - Ability of students to learn the curriculum (86%)
 - Ability of teachers to teach the curriculum (100%)
- Teachers' views on the impact of computers were also very positive.
- Students were more confident using computers after using them at school (average confidence level on a scale of 1–10 increased from 2.6 – 5.6).
- Students' views on the impact of computers were also positive. Overall there was agreement that computers:
 - Make learning more enjoyable (100%)
 - Make learning easier (94%)
 - Make learning science easier (88%)
 - Make learning ICT easier (100%)
- Free text responses also gave us positive feedback on the project, but did identify several areas where room for improvement:
 - Schools need more computers so that students do not have to share / have only limited access
 - More teacher training is needed
 - Some schools need a qualified ICT teacher
 - Some schools requested a printer / projector to facilitate their teaching
 - Some schools do not yet have a network or Kolibri
 - Schools would like access to the internet

Recommendations

The recommendations made here build upon those made in previous report, but seek to clarify our priorities in light of the ongoing pandemic and the increasing numbers of schools that we are working with.

- Continue to build up our teacher training, including training on basic maintenance and repair, and networking for ICT teachers, and the use of Kolibri and the pedagogy around using technology in the classroom for teachers of all subjects.
- Establish networks and the use of Kolibri in all schools.
- Consolidate our maintenance and repair service so that all schools we are working with have fully functional computer laboratories at all times.
- Work to develop regional networks of ICT teachers to share their experience and set up mentoring schemes for inexperienced and unqualified ICT teachers.
- Continue work on curriculum alignment within Kolibri and ensure mechanisms for updating channels locally are robust.
- Continue to promote use of the computer laboratory by teachers and students both during the school day, but also out of hours.



Students using Kolibri at Luwazi Community Day Secondary School

Background Information

The Turing Trust (TT) is working in partnership with Centre for Youth and Development (CYD), based in Mzuzu, Malawi, to equip secondary schools in the Northern and Central Regions of Malawi with computers and other ICT resources.

Our aim is to improve the ICT skills of students, enabling them to take computer studies as one of their Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) subjects and preparing them to use computers in their future studies and careers. The project started in April 2016 and our first shipment of PCs arrived in Mzuzu in December 2016. By the end of 2020, we had set computer laboratories in a total of 103 secondary schools in the Northern and Central Regions in Malawi.

Methodology

We used KoboToolbox for our researchers to collect data. The questionnaires used were based on those used in previous years, but with additional questions relating to disabled students and their ability to use the computers.

The questionnaires were designed to be administered to the headteacher, the ICT teacher and students in each school. All interviewees confirmed their informed consent to participating in the survey with an electronic signature.

All questionnaires included skip logic, so interviewees were only asked the questions that were relevant to them. Each interview was designed to last 10-15 minutes and to give each interviewee the opportunity to make any additional comments at the end of the questionnaire. These were recorded by the enumerators electronically.

All questionnaires used are available in the appendices to this report.

Data Recording

All enumerators were provided with tablets and their own log in details to KoboToolbox. Training for new enumerators was provided by the CYD project manager and they visited the schools with an experienced member of the team to ensure adequate support and consistency in administering the questionnaires.

Data Analysis

All data was uploaded from the tablets as soon as the enumerators were able to connect to the internet. Data was downloaded as an Excel spreadsheet and analysed in Excel. Data was reviewed as soon as it had been uploaded and any discrepancies queried with the data collection team in Malawi.

Background Information on the Schools

School location

Urban	0
Semi / peri-urban	2
Rural	5

Number of pupils (average (range))

Male	130 (0-236)
Female	152 (0-337)
Note: there was 1 all-girls schools and 1 all-boys school	

Day or boarding school

Day school	5
Boarding school	2

Number of teachers (average (range))

Male	11 (6-16)
Female	3 (1-5)

Type of school

Community	3
Government	1
Grant-aided	1
Private	2

Pupil / teacher ratio (average (range))

21 (12-28)



St Peter's Anglican Secondary School, Likoma, Malawi

Information from the Headteachers interviewed

All headteachers interviewed were male and had been in their current roles an average of 9 years (range 2-16 years).

This year we were interested in whether any disabled students attended the schools and whether their disabilities had any impact on their ability to use computers.

- There were a total of 13 students with disabilities in the 7 schools (4 male, 9 female).
- The types of disability were varied (some students had more than one type of disability)
 - Vision disability (4)
 - Brain disability / head injuries (2)
 - Mobility and physical impairments (3)
 - Cognitive or learning disabilities (2)
- 2 of the 13 students did not use the computer laboratory
- Challenges in using the computers included:
 - Difficulty seeing the screen, particularly without spectacles
 - Difficulty understanding the lessons

We also asked for clarification on the numbers of students achieving places at university as it had been clear in previous surveys that not all schools collected the same data. In addition, the quota system for allocating places was abolished in May 2020 and so no attempt has been made to compare numbers to previous years to try and establish whether access to computers has impacted this outcome measure.

- 2 schools quoted numbers of those with places at public universities and 5 those with places at public and private universities
- For all schools able to provide data the average number of students with places to go to university was 16% (range 7-23%)

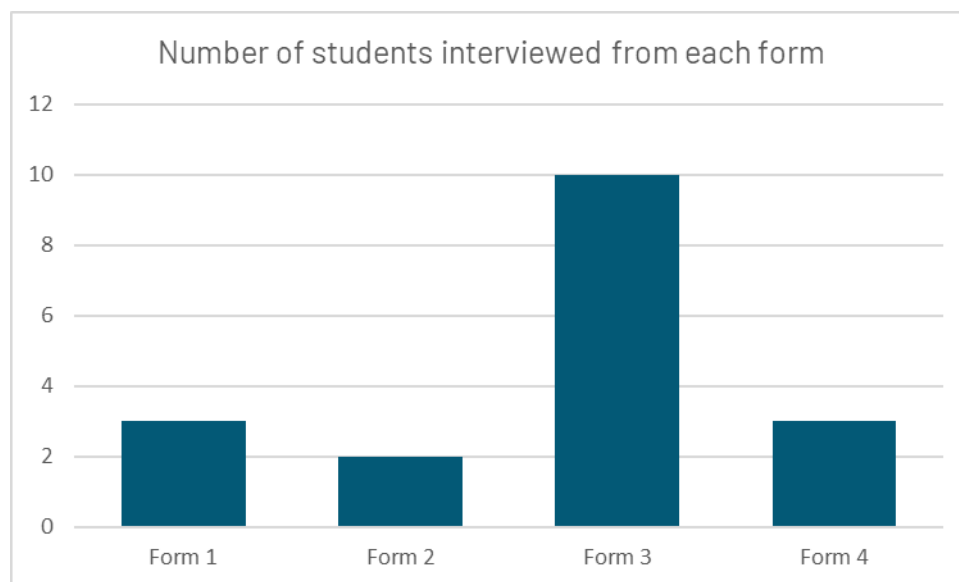
Headteachers in 6 of the 7 schools identified problems with their computer laboratory. These included issues with the Kolibri software or router, lack of computer protective equipment, non-functioning PCs and absent Office software. These had not been notified to the CYD team previously.

Information from the Teachers Interviewed

Note: only 3 teachers were interviewed for this Monitoring and Evaluation round

- Length of teaching experience: 2,10 and 11 years
- Age: 26-35: 2; 36-45: 1
- Male : 2, female : 1
- All 3 taught ICT as a non-exam subject
- Other subjects taught: Mathematics, English, Chichewa, Geography
- All 3 teachers had only ever used Windows as an operating system
- Training:
 - All 3 had received training from CYD on using technology in their lessons
 - All 3 had received training from CYD on basic maintenance and repair of computers
 - None had received any training on networking
- Only 1 of the 3 teachers thought that the PCs had been reliable
- None of the 3 teachers thought that the PCs were easy to maintain. One commented that this needed somebody with experience and another, based on one of the islands, commented that there were transport difficulties in getting PCs back to CYD base for repair.
- All 3 teachers agreed that:
 - The ICT equipment and software have been easy to use.
 - The computer laboratory makes my job as a teacher easier.
 - Using the computer laboratory has made it easier to deliver the curriculum.

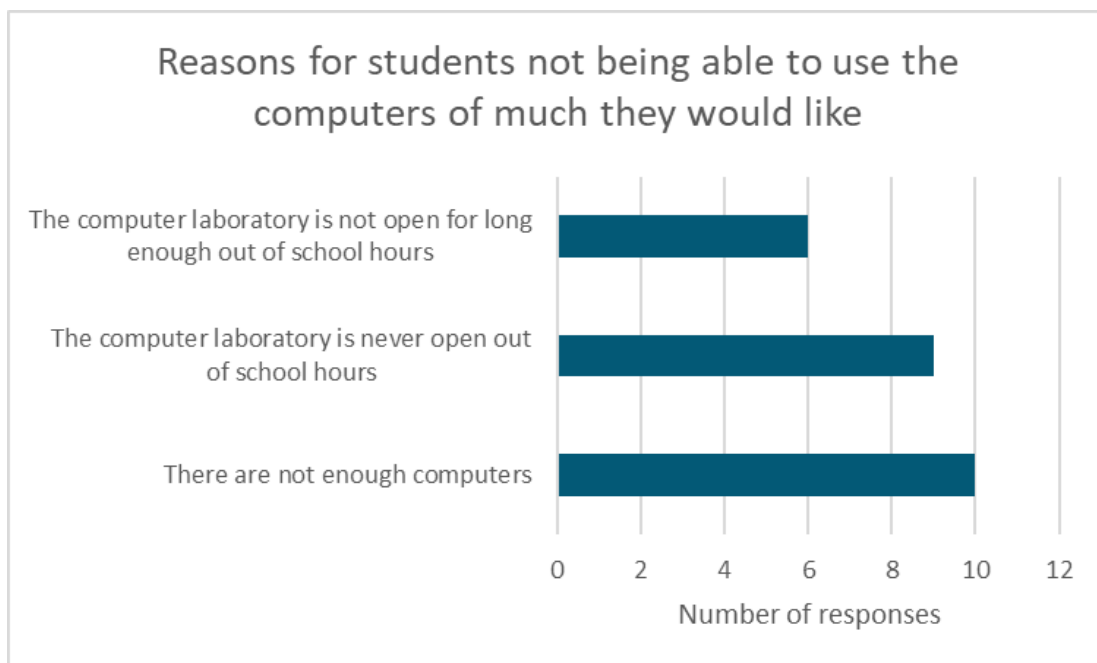
Information from the Students Interviewed



- 18 students were interviewed.
- 15 were from rural schools, and 3 from semi / peri-urban schools.
- 13 were from a day school and 5 were from a boarding school.
- 10 were female and 8 were male.
- 9 were day pupils and 9 were boarders.
- None of the students interviewed had a disability.
- All students had used a computer in the last month, 7 at school, but only 3 at home.
- Only 1 of the students was studying Computer Studies for MSCE.
- Only 8 of the students had an ICT class, but all used computers in this class on a regular basis.
- 7 students had an ICT class 2-3 times per week, 1 student 4-5 times per week.
- 5 students had classes lasting 30-45 minutes, 3 had classes that were longer than this, with the longest being 76-90 minutes.
- Only 8 students used computers during lessons in subjects other than ICT.
- However, 14 students said that they did have regular access to the computers and IT resources at school.

Information from the Students Interviewed (2)

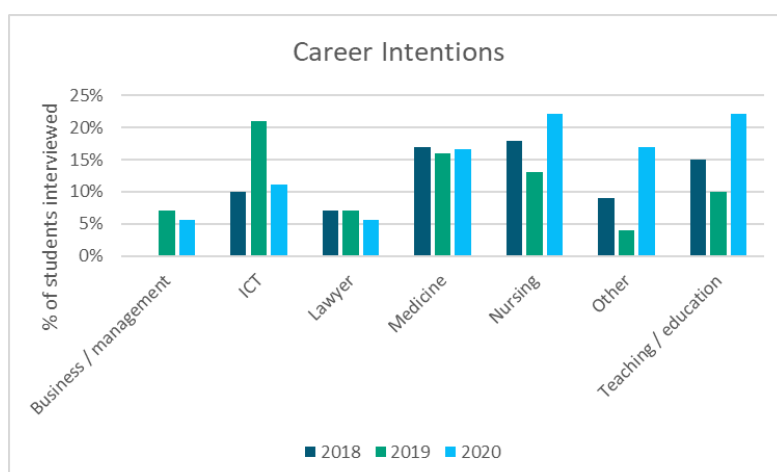
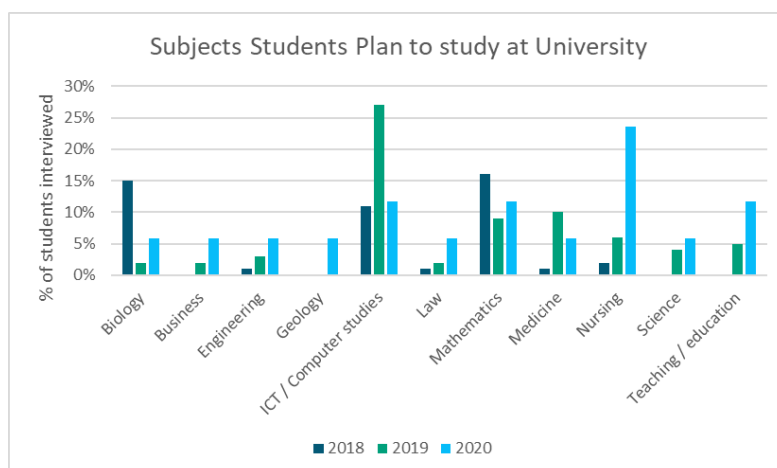
- 16 students said that girls were encouraged to use the computers at their school (the 2 who didn't were from a boys only school).
- Only 5 students were able to use the computers out of hours – the most common activities were:
 - Practising computer skills
 - Typing / word processing
 - Reading books / course notes
 - Learning other subjects
- Only 3 of the students said they were able to use the computers as often as they would like. Of these, 2 had access to a computer at home.



- In previous surveys students had reported problems with the computers not working as a reason they weren't able to use the computers as much as they would like, but this was not the case in the schools visited in this survey.
- Only 2 students were able to access the internet, 1 on a computer at home and 1 on a mobile phone.

Information from the Students Interviewed (3)

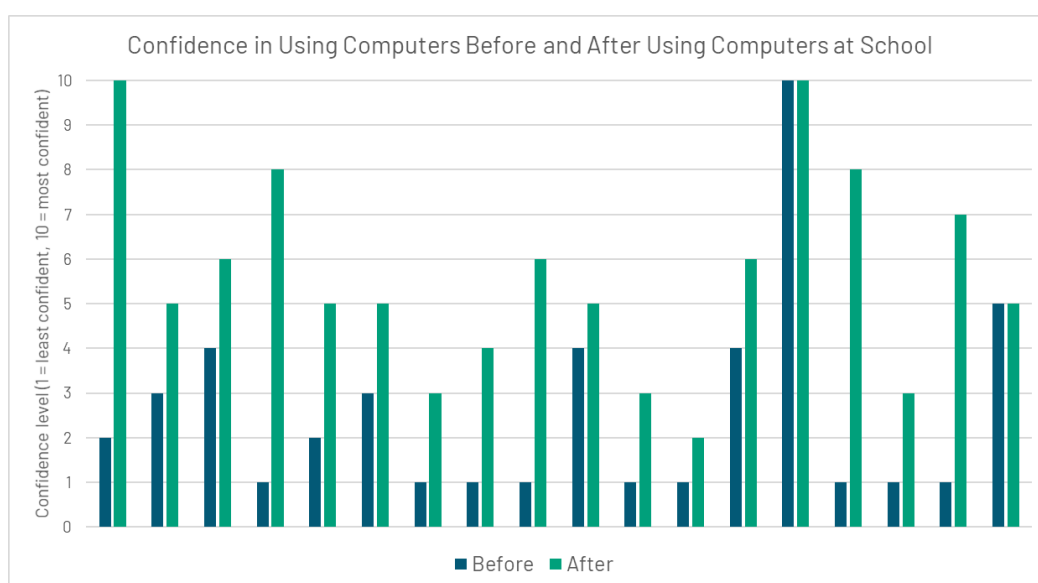
- Students were also asked about their plans for the future, including whether they were planning to go to university, what subjects they planned to study at university and their intended career.
- This information is presented as a comparison with previous surveys. However, it should be noted that the number of students interviewed in 2020 (18) was much less than in previous surveys (2019: 107, 2018: 307) and so the data for 2020 may not be representative.
- It is also worth noting that although 17 of 18 students interviewed were planning to go to university, overall the numbers who succeed in obtaining a place at university in Malawi each year remains very low with less than 1% of college age Malawians attending university in 2018. For the year 2020-21 only 27.4% of the applications for a place at one of the public universities were successful.



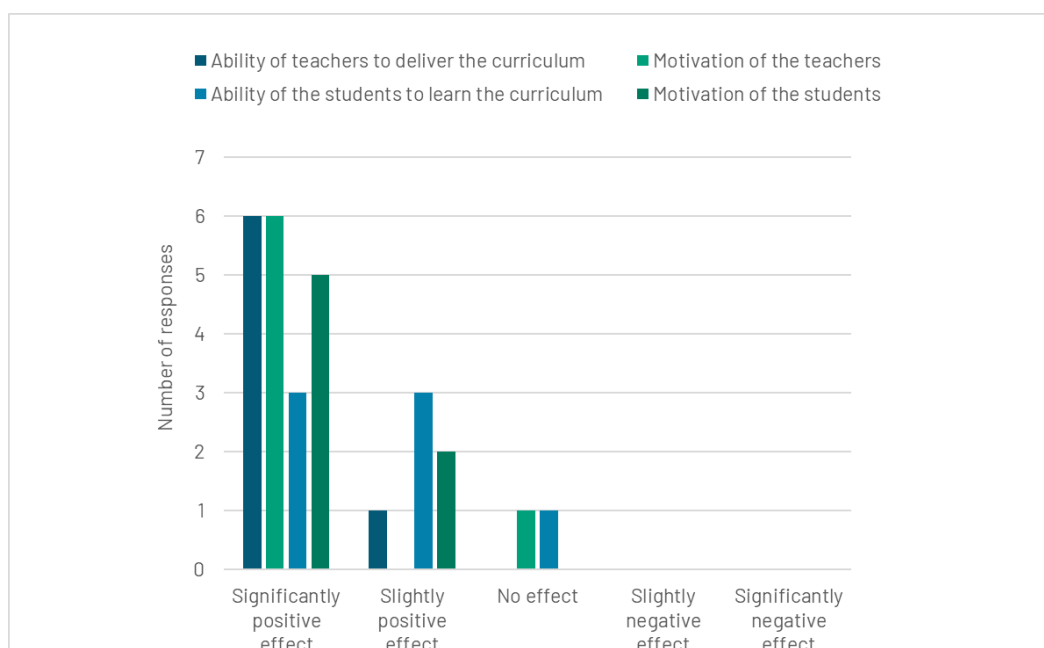
Impact of Computers

Students' Confidence Using Computers (n=18)

Students' confidence in using computers on a scale of 1 (least confident) to 10 (most confident) increased from an average of 2.6 to 5.6 after students were able to use computers at school. The 2 students whose confidence levels didn't increase both used computers at home.

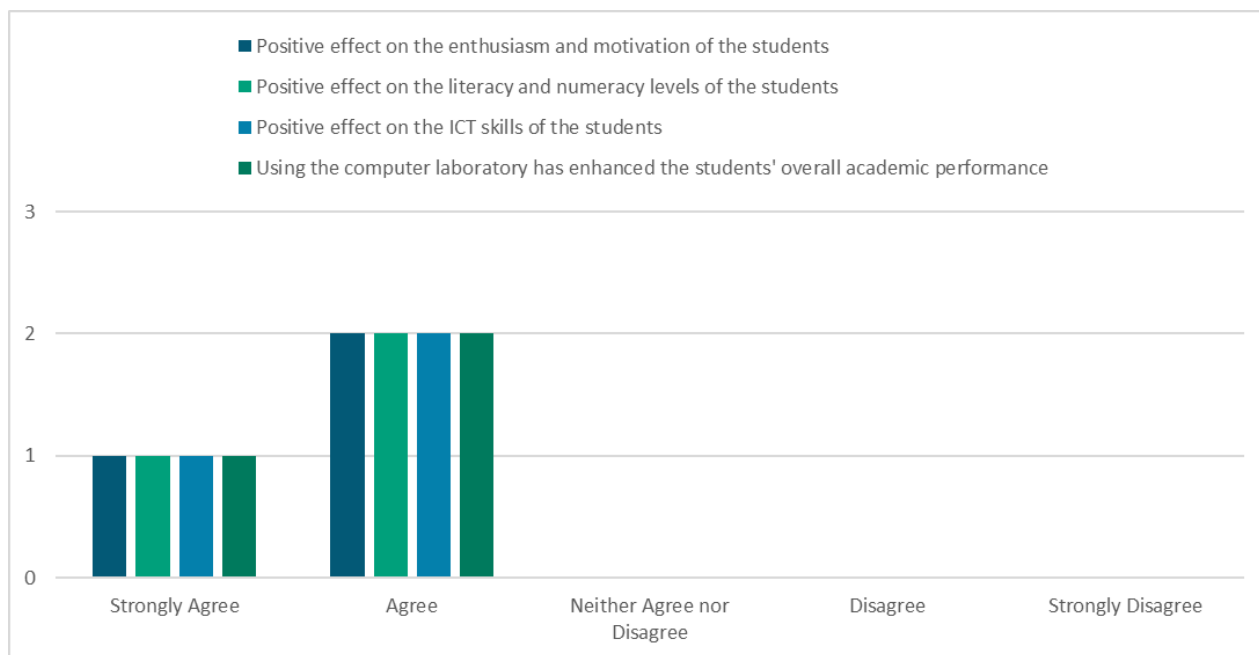


Headteachers' Views on the Effects of Computers (n=7)

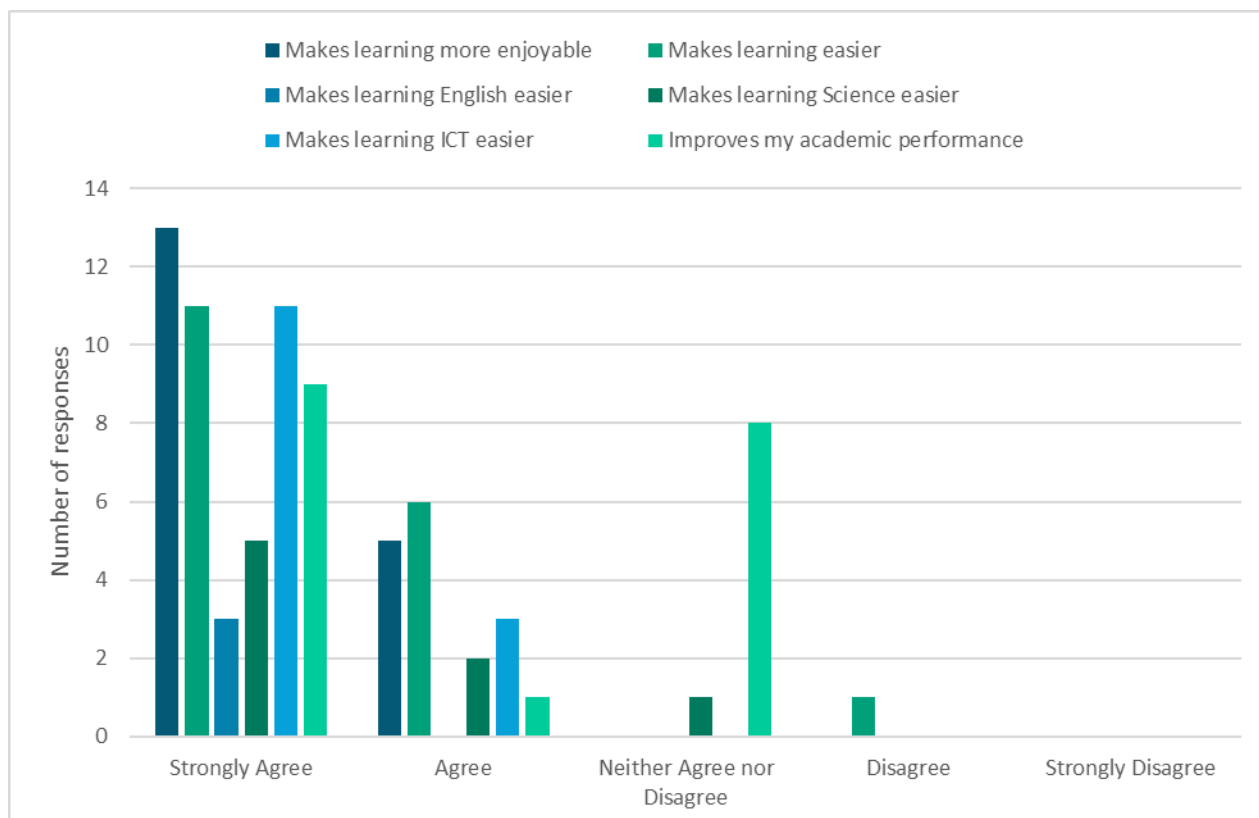


Impact of Computers (2)

Teachers' Views on the Effects of Computers (n=3)



Students' Views on the Effects of Computers (n=18)



Free Text Comments

At the end of the questionnaire all interviewees were asked open questions that allowed free text responses that were recorded verbatim by the enumerators.

Additional questions for headteachers:

- What has been the most significant change in the school as a result of the ICT equipment?
- What further improvements in the ICT equipment, resources or training would you like to see?
- Do you have any other comments?

Additional questions for teachers:

- Has anything changed in the way that you teach the students since the set-up of the computer laboratory? If yes, what has changed.
- What are the main challenges you have encountered to integrating ICT into the classroom?
- What further improvements in the ICT equipment, resources or training would you like to see?
- Do you have any other comments?

Additional question for students:

- Do you have any other comments about the use of computers or about this survey?

Free Text Comments (Analysis)

General Approval

General approval for the project was expressed by 64% of those interviewed.

General Comments (including changes)

These reflected the answers to the specific questions and included comments about:

- Student motivation
- Helping students to learn
- Improvements in computer literacy
- Helping teachers to prepare lessons and to teach
- Enjoyment using computers
- Using the e-library and resources in Kolibri

Further Support Required

	Head Teacher	Teacher	Student
More computers	1	4	6
Teacher training	2	4	0
ICT teacher needed	1	0	2
Printer	2	1	0
Projector	1	0	0
Network	2	0	0
Internet	2	0	0

As in previous surveys, the most significant need was for more computers in each school. There are still many secondary schools in Malawi that do not have a qualified ICT teacher and a desire for more training of all teachers on computer maintenance and repair and using ICT generally.

Discussion

KoboCollect continues to be a reliable way of collecting the data and allows us to ensure consistency with the surveys from previous years. Once again, views on the project were very positive. However, there continue to be several areas where more work is needed. These will be discussed according to the issues identified and recommendations from the 2019 survey.

Teacher Training

This continues to be an ongoing requirement— both in terms of computer maintenance and repair, but also in supporting teachers without much experience in ICT to acquire confidence in their digital skills and to use technology to enhance their teaching. Training is provided at the time that the computer laboratories are set up, with further training offered regionally. In 2020, 4 additional training courses were provided in Lilongwe, Karonaga and Chitipa. In response to previous feedback on the training provided, each course was longer and the number of modules covered each day was reduced to allow more time for each topic.

Our Kolibri channel also includes Teacher Training resources that cover basic computer maintenance and repair, the pedagogy related to using technology in education and how to use all aspects of Kolibri as a learning management system.

Kolibri

We have extended the use of [Kolibri](#) as our Learning Management System and have now completed the work to provide resources that are aligned to the Malawi curriculum for Computer Studies. Work continues to align content to the Malawi curriculum in other subjects, with a current focus on STEM subjects and Agriculture.

Kolibri has now been set up in 17 schools and work continues to provide networks and Kolibri servers in all the schools that we are working with. This survey has highlighted that 2 of the 4 schools with Kolibri had experienced problems with either the router or the Kolibri software. We already know that very few of the teachers we work with have any experience of networking and we need to establish robust backup systems to help resolve any problems that arise.

E-library & Typing Tutorials

Schools that do not as yet have Kolibri have our e-library delivered through [RACHEL](#) on individual machines. As the previous typing tutorial available on RACHEL depended on Flash which is no longer supported by most browsers, we are gradually replacing this with [RapidTyping](#).

Teacher training when the computer laboratory is installed includes working with the e-library, but not all the teachers or students interviewed had used the e-library. From the comments and discussions with teachers and students, we do know that since schools re-opened many have decided to restrict the use of the computer laboratory to those learning ICT to minimise congestion and the risk of spreading Covid. This may explain why there is less use of the computers to search for information.

Discussion (2)

Number of computers

Since the last survey, we have increased the number of computers that it is possible for a school to have from 20 to anything up to 50. The responses to this survey suggest that an average of 2 students (range 1–3) were sharing a computer. This is less than in previous surveys, but as the sample size was smaller it is difficult to draw any robust conclusions as yet. We need to continue to monitor the number of students who have to share a computer in class and work with the schools to ensure that all students are able to access a computer on their own.

Use of computers for teaching

It is encouraging that 6 of the 7 schools said that they were using computers to teach other subjects as well as ICT. However, even in these schools the time the computer laboratory was used was a maximum of 16–20 hours per week, with 2 of the schools using it for only 0–5 hours per week. The main reason for this was a shortage of teachers to monitor the computer laboratory, but for one school it was because they were worried about the computers overheating.

Use of computers out of hours

All the schools taking part in this survey allowed teachers and students to access the computer laboratory out of hours. This is a further improvement on the findings in 2019, but it is still very much the case that students are not able to access the computers as much as they would like. The reasons given for this are that the computer laboratory is not open as much as they would like.

Community Use of the Computers

Only 2 of the schools allowed any community use of the computers. One school allowed primary school teachers to prepare lessons and the primary education advisor to prepare presentations and the other allowed school leavers and youth from the community to learn end user computing at weekends. The others all cited security concern relating to their students and to the computers as the reason they did not allow any community access.

This is a question we will continue to monitor as it may help us learn how some schools are allowing community use successfully so that we can then share this with other schools. However, our primary focus at present should remain on having the maximum impact on students' education.

Maintenance and Repair

At the time of the survey 6 of the 7 headteachers said that there were problems with their computer laboratory. Schools are routinely contacted to ask about the condition of the computers and are encouraged to contact the team at CYD whenever problems arise. However, the fact that most of the schools in this survey identified problems that our team in Malawi had not been aware of prior to the survey suggests that schools are not always making us aware of problems. The schools also identified ongoing training needs in maintenance and repair to enable them to resolve the issues themselves without the need to return the computers to CYD or for a technician to visit the school.

On a positive note, none of the schools reported electricity problems preventing use of or causing problems with the computers, which may partly relate to our current policy of ensuring surge protectors are in place before computers are installed.

Recommendations

The recommendations made here build upon those made in previous report, but seek to clarify our priorities in light of the ongoing pandemic and the increasing numbers of schools that we are working with.

- Continue to build up our teacher training, including training on basic maintenance and repair and networking for ICT teachers and the use of Kolibri and the pedagogy around using technology in the classroom for all teachers.
- Establish networks and the use of Kolibri in all schools.
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Teacher training at Nkhata Bay Boys Secondary School, Malawi

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Maganga Community Day secondary School, Malawi

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used

Note: questions in lighter type are those dependent on skip logic, and so only appear if relevant according to previous responses.

Malawi Head Teacher Questionnaire 2020

Name of interviewer

- ☐ Doreen Luhanga
- ☐ Silvester Mtumbuka
- ☐ Vigilant Vigimbo
- ☐ Other

If other, please give your name

Please enter the school code here

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Please give the school name

Please add your location

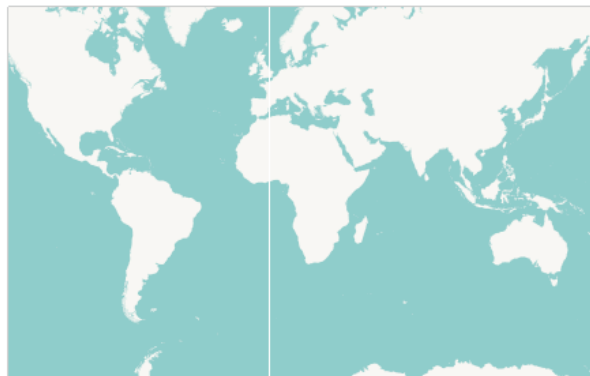
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Please take a photo of the school buildings, with school sign if possible

Click here to upload file. (< 5MB)

Please explain to the interviewee that this is a short questionnaire we are conducting in order to assess the impact of CYD / The Turing Trust's work. This is very important for us to be able to continue and improve on the work we have already done. It will take less than 15 minutes of their time. All of the information they provide will be used only for the stated purpose by the team, will be stored anonymously and securely. Once all the data has been collected and analysed, we will share our findings with all schools who have participated in the survey and publish them in our annual report.

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (2)

Please confirm that the interviewee understands the explanation above and consents to participating in this survey

☐ OK

Signature of interviewee

Interviewee can sign on the phone / tablet

Interviewee information

Please give the first 2 letters of your first name and the first 2 letters of your surname

If interviewee does not wish to give their initials, please leave as default

XXXX

Are you male or female?

☐ Male

☐ Female

What is your age range? (Leave blank if he / she would prefer not to say)

☐ 25 or below

☐ 26-35

☐ 36-45

☐ 46 or more

How many years have you been teaching?

Please give the nearest whole number of years

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (3)

What is your role in the school?

- ☐ Head teacher
- ☐ Other

If other, please give your role in the school here

How many years have you been working in your current role?

Please give nearest whole number of years in their current role

School Information

What district is the school in?

Pick from drop down list of districts which is an alphabetical order for all districts in the Northern and Central regions. If you can't find the district pick other at the bottom of the list and then type the district name in the text box.

- ☐ Chitipa
- ☐ Dedza
- ☐ Dowa
- ☐ Karonga
- ☐ Kasungu
- ☐ Likoma
- ☐ Lilongwe
- ☐ Lilongwe City
- ☐ Mchinji
- ☐ Mzimba
- ☐ Mzuzu City
- ☐ Nkhata Bay
- ☐ Nkhatakota
- ☐ Ntcheu
- ☐ Ntchisi
- ☐ Rumphu
- ☐ Salima
- ☐ Other

If other, please give district here

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (4)

How would you describe the location of the school?

- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Semi / peri-urban
- ☐ Rural

What type of school is this?

- ☐ Community
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Grant-aided
- ☐ Private

How many male students attend this school?

How many female students attend this school?

How many male teachers are in the school?

How many female teachers are in the school?

Disability questions

Do any students with a disability attend this school?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How many male students with a disability are in the school?

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (5)

What type of disabilities do your male students have? Please pick one or more of the options below. Pick other if you need to give more details.

Note: disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

- ☐ Mobility and physical impairments (upper / lower limb disabilities, manual dexterity, and coordination disabilities)
- ☐ Spinal cord disability
- ☐ Brain disability / head injuries
- ☐ Vision disability
- ☐ Hearing disability
- ☐ Cognitive or learning disabilities
- ☐ Psychological disabilities
- ☐ Invisible disabilities (eg chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure, sleep disorders if they significantly impair normal activities of daily living)
- ☐ Other

Please add any further details about the disabilities your male students have.

How many female students with a disability are in the school?

What type of disabilities do your female students have? Please pick one or more of the options below. Pick other if you need to give more details.

Note: disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

- ☐ Mobility and physical impairments (upper / lower limb disabilities, manual dexterity, and coordination disabilities)
- ☐ Spinal cord disability
- ☐ Brain disability / head injuries
- ☐ Vision disability
- ☐ Hearing disability
- ☐ Cognitive or learning disabilities
- ☐ Psychological disabilities
- ☐ Invisible disabilities (eg chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure, sleep disorders if they significantly impair normal activities of daily living)
- ☐ Other

Please add any further details about the disabilities your female students have.

Are disabled students accessing the computer laboratory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (6)

Please describe any challenges there are for disabled students in accessing the computer laboratory

Can we speak to your disabled students today or get their contact details to follow up with them to see if this project can support their particular needs better?

- ☐ Yes, contact details given
- ☐ Yes, speak to the student today
- ☐ No

If "No" please ask why it isn't possible to have contact details or speak to the disabled students today

Students who go to university after attending this school

Do you have statistics on the number of students going to university from your school each year?

- ☐ Yes - for public and private universities
- ☐ Yes - for public universities only
- ☐ No

Please note that the following questions all refer to students from this school who started university in the Autumn of the academic year stated

How many students from this school started at university in the academic year 2015-16?

Please leave blank if not known

How many of the students who started at university in 2015-16 were girls?

Please leave blank if not known

How many students from this school started at university in the academic year 2016-17?

Please leave blank if not known

How many of the students who started at university in 2016-17 were girls?

Please leave blank if not known

How many students from this school started at university in the academic year 2017-18?

Please leave blank if not known

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (7)

How many of the students who started at university in 2017-18 were girls?

Please leave blank if not known

How many students from this school started at university in the academic year 2018-19?

Please leave blank if not known

How many of the students who started at university in 2018-19 were girls?

Please leave blank if not known

How many students from this school started at university in the academic year 2019-20?

Please leave blank if not known

How many of the students who started at university in 2019-20 were girls?

Please leave blank if not known

Computer lab information

Are there any issues with your computer laboratory at present?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please give details of any issues you are having with your computer laboratory at present

Does your school have an annual budget allocation for ICT resources?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Does your school provide access to the internet for students?

☐ Yes, free access

☐ Yes, limited access only

☐ No

If your school provides access to the internet for students, approximately how much does this cost per year in MWK?

Please give the nearest approximate amount. If no information available at all please enter 0000

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (8)

Is the computer lab used for teaching other subjects as well as ICT?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why isn't the computer lab used for teaching other subjects as well as ICT?

On average how many hours per week is the computer lab used IN TOTAL by ANYONE during term time?

Please give approximate number of hours per week. This question is asking for the sum of all useage by teachers, students and community members, both inside and outside of formal lessons.

- ☐ 0-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21-30 hours
- ☐ 31-40 hours
- ☐ 41-50 hours
- ☐ More than 50 hours

Why isn't the computer lab used more during term time?

Please explain any difficulties encountered in using the computer lab for more hours per week

Is the computer lab used by students / teachers after school?

This question is interested in any use of the computer lab in ANY context outside of formal MCSE lessons.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why isn't the computer laboratory used by students / teachers after school?

Are girls / women included in these sessions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What percentage are girls / women?

Why don't girls / women use the computer lab out of hours?

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (9)

What is the computer lab used for out of hours? Tick as many as apply.

- ☐ Doing assignments / homework
- ☐ Finding / searching for information using e-library
- ☐ Learning other subjects (ie not computer studies / ICT)
- ☐ Learning to code / programming
- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ Playing games
- ☐ Practising computer skills
- ☐ Preparing lessons
- ☐ Printing documents
- ☐ Reading books / course notes
- ☐ Typing / word processing
- ☐ Watching movies
- ☐ Other

If other, please give details

Is the computer lab used by any community members who are NOT students / teachers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why isn't the computer lab used by any community members who are NOT students / teachers?

Please give details of who in the community are using the computer lab

How many hours per week on average does the community use the computer lab?

Please give approximate number of hours per week

- ☐ 0-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21-30 hours
- ☐ 31-40 hours
- ☐ 41-50 hours
- ☐ More than 50 hours

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (10)

What is the computer lab used for by community members? Tick as many as apply.

- ☐ Doing assignments / homework
- ☐ Finding / searching for information using e-library
- ☐ Learning other subjects (ie not computer studies / ICT)
- ☐ Learning to code / programming
- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ Playing games
- ☐ Practising computer skills
- ☐ Preparing lessons
- ☐ Printing documents
- ☐ Reading books / course notes
- ☐ Typing / word processing
- ☐ Watching movies
- ☐ Other

If other, please give details

Effect of ICT equipment in school

Please explain that the following section contains questions about the effect that the ICT equipment has had on the attitudes and performance of the teachers and students. The options for each are: significantly positive effect, slightly positive effect, no effect, slightly negative effect and significantly negative effect.

Has the ICT equipment affected the ability of teachers to deliver their curriculum?

- ☐ Significantly positive effect
- ☐ Slightly positive effect
- ☐ No effect
- ☐ Slightly negative effect
- ☐ Significantly negative effect

Has the ICT equipment affected the motivation of the teachers?

- ☐ Significantly positive effect
- ☐ Slightly positive effect
- ☐ No effect
- ☐ Slightly negative effect
- ☐ Significantly negative effect

Appendix 1: Headteacher questionnaire used (11)

Has the ICT equipment affected the ability of the students to learn the curriculum?

- ☐ Significantly positive effect
- ☐ Slightly positive effect
- ☐ No effect
- ☐ Slightly negative effect
- ☐ Significantly negative effect

Has the ICT equipment affected the motivation of the students?

- ☐ Significantly positive effect
- ☐ Slightly positive effect
- ☐ No effect
- ☐ Slightly negative effect
- ☐ Significantly negative effect

If any of the answers to the questions above were negative, please ask for more details to explain why the effect has been negative

Leave blank if not applicable

What has been the most significant change in the school as a result of the ICT equipment?

What further improvements in the ICT equipment, resources or training would you like to see?

Do you have any other comments?

Thank the interviewee for their time and explain that the results of the survey will help us to develop the IT resources we deliver to schools in Africa.

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (1)

Malawi Teacher Questionnaire 2020

Name of interviewer

- ☐ Doreen Luhanga
- ☐ Silvester Mtumbuka
- ☐ Vigilant Vigimbo
- ☐ Other

If other, please give your name

School Information

Please give the school code from the tracker

School list is in alphabetical order. If the school has only received computers since March 2020, please pick other and then type the name of the school.

Please give the school name

Please add your location

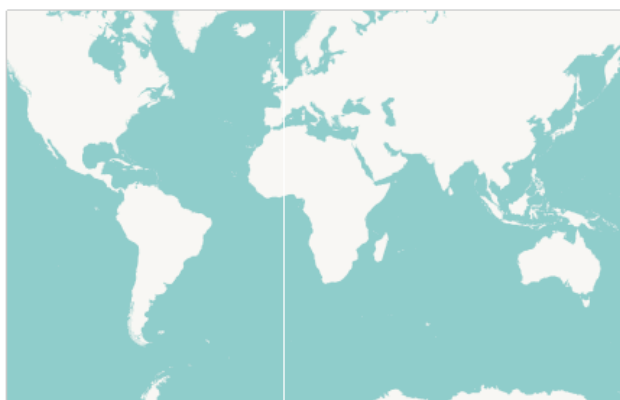
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latitude (x.y °)

longitude (x.y °)

altitude (m)

accuracy (m)



Please take a photo of the school buildings, with school sign if possible

[Click here to upload file. \(< 5MB\)](#)

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (2)

What district is the school in?

- ☐ Chitipa
- ☐ Dedza
- ☐ Dowa
- ☐ Karonga
- ☐ Kasungu
- ☐ Likoma
- ☐ Lilongwe
- ☐ Lilongwe City
- ☐ Mchinji
- ☐ Mzimba
- ☐ Mzuzu City
- ☐ Nkhata Bay
- ☐ Nkhotakota
- ☐ Ntcheu
- ☐ Ntchisi
- ☐ Rumphu
- ☐ Salima
- ☐ Other

If other, please give district here

How would you describe the location of the school?

- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Semi / peri-urban

What type of school is this?

- ☐ Community
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Grant-aided
- ☐ Private

Please explain to the interviewee that this is a short questionnaire we are conducting in order to assess the impact of CYD / The Turing Trust's work. This is very important for us to be able to continue and improve on the work we have already done. It will take less than 15 minutes of their time. All of the information they provide will be used only for the stated purpose by the team, will be stored anonymously and securely. Once all the data has been collected and analysed, we will share our findings with all schools who have participated in the survey and publish them in our annual report.

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (3)

Please confirm that the interviewee understands the explanation above and consents to participating in this survey

☐ OK

Signature of interviewee

Interviewee can sign on the phone / tablet

Interviewee information

Please give the first 2 letters of your first name and the first 2 letters of your surname

If interviewee does not wish to give their initials, please leave as default

XXXX

Are you male or female?

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

What is your age range? (Leave blank if he / she would prefer not to say)

- ☐ 25 or below
☐ 26-35
☐ 36-45
☐ 46 or more

How many years have you been teaching?

Please give nearest whole number of years the interviewee has been teaching

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (4)

Do you teach ICT?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you are not an ICT teacher, what is your role in the school?

Do you hold any ICT qualifications?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

What ICT qualifications do you hold?

What subjects do you teach?

Please tick all that apply. Note there is a difference fo teaching computer studies for MCSE curriculum and exams or just teaching for general learning / computer literacy (not examined)

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Bible Knowledge
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Business studies
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Chichewa
- ☐ Computer studies for MCSE exams
- ☐ Computer studies as an extra-curricular activity
- ☐ Craft, Design and Technology
- ☐ Creative Arts
- ☐ English
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ History
- ☐ Home Economics
- ☐ Life Skills Education
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Performing Arts / Music and Dance
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Religious and Moral Education
- ☐ Social Studies

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (5)

What is your average class size?

Please give the average number of students in the classes you teach

Disability questions

Do any students with disabilities attend this school?

Note: disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

☐ Yes

☐ No

How many male students with a disability are in the school?

What type of disabilities do your male students have? Please pick one or more of the options below. Pick other if you need to give more details. Note: disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

☐ Mobility and physical impairments (upper / lower limb disabilities, manual dexterity, and coordination disabilities)

☐ Spinal cord disability

☐ Brain disability / head injuries

☐ Vision disability

☐ Hearing disability

☐ Cognitive or learning disabilities

☐ Psychological disabilities

☐ Invisible disabilities (eg chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure, sleep disorders if they significantly impair normal activities of daily living)

☐ Other

Please add any further details about the disabilities your male students have

How many female students with a disability are in the school?

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (6)

What type of disabilities do your female students have? Please pick one or more of the options below. Pick other if you need to give more details. Note: disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

- ☐ Mobility and physical impairments (upper / lower limb disabilities, manual dexterity, and coordination disabilities)
- ☐ Spinal cord disability
- ☐ Brain disability / head injuries
- ☐ Vision disability
- ☐ Hearing disability
- ☐ Cognitive or learning disabilities
- ☐ Psychological disabilities
- ☐ Invisible disabilities (eg chronic illnesses such as diabetes, kidney failure, sleep disorders if they significantly impair normal activities of daily living)
- ☐ Other

Please add any further details about the disabilities your female students have

Are disabled students accessing the computer laboratory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please describe any challenges there are for disabled students in accessing the computer laboratory

Use of the computers for teaching

Are there any issues with your computer laboratory at present?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please give details of any issues you are having with your computer laboratory at present

How confident on a scale of 1 to 10 were you in teaching Computer Studies before your school received computers from this project?

1 = not confident at all and 10 = extremely confident

How confident on a scale of 1 to 10 are you now in teaching Computer Studies using the IT resources you have at your school now?

1 = not confident at all and 10 = extremely confident

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (7)

Have you had training by CYD on techniques to incorporate the use of computers in your lessons or how to use the software available on the computers?

This may have been at the time the computers were installed or on a teaching day

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Why haven't you had any training by CYD on techniques or software?

We are keen to understand why some teachers are missing out on training.

Have you used the techniques taught during CYD training sessions in your lessons?

This includes how to use resources on the computer during your lessons and for those schools that have Kolibri how to use this to help with lesson plans, finding resources for students to use and monitoring students' progress.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Have you used the software introduced during CYD training sessions in your lessons?

This includes RACHEL, Kolibri, typing tutorials, media player, libre office

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If you attended a CYD training session, but haven't used the techniques or software discussed in these sessions, please explain why not.

Have the CYD training sessions helped you to teach Computer Studies better?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If the CYD training sessions have not helped you to teach Computer Studies better, please explain why not and what else we should include in the training sessions to better meet your needs.

Does your school have an annual budget allocation for ICT resources?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

Does your school provide access to the internet for students?

- ☐ Yes, free access
☐ Yes, limited access only
☐ No

If your school provides access to the internet for students, approximately how much does this cost per year in MWK?

If not known, please enter 0000

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (8)

Do you sometimes teach lessons in the computer laboratory?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Why don't you use the computer laboratory for teaching?

On average, how many lessons do you teach in the computer laboratory each week?

Why don't you teach more lessons in the computer laboratory?

On average, how long (in minutes) does a lesson in the computer laboratory last?

- ☐ Less than 30 minutes
☐ 30-45 minutes
☐ 46-60 minutes
☐ 61-75 minutes
☐ 76-90 minutes
☐ More than 90 minutes

What ICT equipment do you use to help you teach?

Please tick all that apply

- ☐ PCs
☐ Laptops
☐ Tablets
☐ Projector
☐ Printer
☐ None

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (9)

What subjects do you teach in the computer laboratory?

Please tick all that apply. Please note that this question is specifically about subjects that are being taught in the computer lab.

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Bible Knowledge
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Business studies
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Chichewa
- ☐ Computer studies for MCSE exams
- ☐ Computer studies as an extra-curricular activity
- ☐ Craft, Design and Technology
- ☐ Creative Arts
- ☐ English
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ History
- ☐ Home Economics
- ☐ Life Skills Education
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Performing Arts / Music and Dance
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Religious and Moral Education
- ☐ Social Studies

Have you used the e-library on the computers?

This question refers to using resources found in RACHEL or Kolibri to help you teach

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why haven't you used the e-library / educational software on the computers?

How often do you use the e-library?

Please give the closest answer (daily would be most days, weekly would be 1-2x per week, monthly would be 1-2x per month)

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Less than once a month

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (10)

What resource in the e-library do you use the most?

On average, how many students share a computer?

Do students have regular access to the computers and IT resources?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If students do not have regular access to the computers and IT resources, please explain why not

On average how many hours per week is the computer lab used IN TOTAL by ANYONE during term time?

Please give approximate number of hours per week. This question is asking for the sum of all usage by teachers, students and community members, both inside and outside of formal lessons.

- ☐ 0-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21-30 hours
- ☐ 31-40 hours
- ☐ 41-50 hours
- ☐ More than 50 hours

Why isn't the computer lab used more during term time?

Use of computers out of school hours

Is the computer lab used by students / teachers after school?

This question is interested in any use of the computer lab in any context outside of formal MCSE lessons.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Please explain why the computer lab isn't used by students or teachers after school

On average, how many days per week do the students / teachers have access to the computers out of school hours?

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (11)

On average, how many hours per day do the students / teachers have access to the computers out of school hours?

Are girls / women included in these sessions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What percentage are girls / women?

Why don't girls / women use the computer lab out of hours?

What is the computer lab used for out of hours? Tick as many as apply.

- ☐ Doing assignments / homework
- ☐ Finding / searching for information using e-library
- ☐ Learning other subjects (ie not computer studies / ICT)
- ☐ Learning to code / programming
- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ Playing games
- ☐ Practising computer skills
- ☐ Preparing lessons
- ☐ Printing documents
- ☐ Reading books / course notes
- ☐ Typing / word processing
- ☐ Watching movies
- ☐ Other

If other, please give details

Have you run some form of IT club at your school?

This question is interested in any activity outside normal school lessons that encourages students and teachers to use the computer lab - this could be a code club, but includes anything that promotes the use of computers outside of normal lessons.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Preparing to start an IT club in the near future

Do you have any activities to promote the use of computers by girls?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (12)

Please give details of activities to promote the use of computers by girls

We are keen that schools are able to share good practice with each other

What are the barriers to promoting the use of computers by girls?

Is the computer lab used by any community members who are NOT students / teachers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please explain why the computer lab is not used by any community members who are NOT students/ teachers

Please give details of who in the community uses the computer lab

This question is not asking for names, but is interested in what types of people in the community are making use of the computers, and in particular whether this includes women

On average how many hours per week is the computer lab used by members of the community?

Please give approximate number of hours per week. This question is asking about usage by community members who are NOT students or teachers at the school.

- ☐ 0-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21-30 hours
- ☐ 31-40 hours
- ☐ 41-50 hours
- ☐ More than 50 hours

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (13)

What is the computer lab used for by members of the community out of hours? Tick as many as apply.

- ☐ Doing assignments / homework
- ☐ Finding / searching for information using e-library
- ☐ Learning other subjects (ie not computer studies / ICT)
- ☐ Learning to code / programming
- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ Playing games
- ☐ Practising computer skills
- ☐ Preparing lessons
- ☐ Printing documents
- ☐ Reading books / course notes
- ☐ Typing / word processing
- ☐ Watching movies
- ☐ Other

If other, please give details

Training and experience

Have you had any training in the maintenance and repair of computers?

Please tick as many as apply

- ☐ Yes, when the computers were installed
- ☐ Yes, I attended a CYD training course
- ☐ Yes, I attended another training course
- ☐ Yes, during my education / teacher training
- ☐ No

Have you had any training in networking computers?

Please tick as many as apply

- ☐ Yes, when the computers were installed
- ☐ Yes, I attended a CYD training course
- ☐ Yes, I attended another training course
- ☐ Yes, during my education / teacher training
- ☐ No

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (14)

Which operating systems do you have experience of using?

Please tick as many as apply

- ☐ Windows
- ☐ Mac OS
- ☐ Linux
- ☐ Ubuntu

Have you had any training in using computers to help teach your lessons?

Please tick as many as apply

- ☐ Yes, when the computers were installed
- ☐ Yes, I attended a CYD training course
- ☐ Yes, I attended another training course
- ☐ Yes, internal training in this school
- ☐ Yes, during my education / teacher training
- ☐ No

Satisfaction

Please explain to the interviewee that the following section contains statements that they will either strongly agree, agree, agree nor disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with. If a teacher does not have any experience of using the ICT equipment in the school, use not applicable.

The ICT equipment and software have been easy to use.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

The computer laboratory makes my job as a teacher easier.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (15)

Using the computer laboratory has made it easier to deliver the curriculum

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using the computer laboratory has had a positive effect on the enthusiasm and motivation of the students.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using the computer laboratory has had a positive effect on the literacy and numeracy levels of the students.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using the computer laboratory has had a positive effect on the ICT skills of the students.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (16)

Using the computer laboratory has enhanced the students' overall academic performance.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

If the interviewee disagreed with any of the statements above, please ask for more details about their answer to explain why they said that.

If the interviewee did not disagree with any of the statements, please leave this question blank.

Maintenance

The PCs have been reliable.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

The PCs are easy to maintain.

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

If the interviewee disagreed with any of the statements above, please ask for more details about their answer to explain why they said that.

If the interviewee did not disagree with any of the statements, please leave this question blank.

Comments

Has anything changed in the way that you teach the students since the set up of the computer laboratory?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Appendix 2: Teacher questionnaire used (17)

What has changed?

What are the main challenges you have encountered to integrating ICT into the classroom?

What further improvements in the ICT equipment, resources or training would you like to see?

Do you have any other comments?

Thank the interviewee for their time and explain that the results of the survey will help us to develop the IT resources we deliver to schools in Africa.

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (1)

Malawi Student Questionnaire 2020 incl disability

Interviewer

- ☐ Doreen Luhanga
- ☐ Silvester Mtumbuka
- ☐ Vigilant Vigimbo
- ☐ Other

If other, please give your name

School information

Please give the school code from the tracker

Please give the school name

What district is the school in?

- ☐ Chitipa
- ☐ Dedza
- ☐ Dowa
- ☐ Karonga
- ☐ Kasungu
- ☐ Likoma
- ☐ Lilongwe
- ☐ Lilongwe City
- ☐ Mchinji
- ☐ Mzimba
- ☐ Mzuzu City
- ☐ Nkhata Bay
- ☐ Nkhatakota
- ☐ Ntcheu
- ☐ Ntchisi
- ☐ Rumphu
- ☐ Salima
- ☐ Other

If other, please give district here

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (2)

Describe the location of the school

- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Semi / peri-urban

Is this a day school or a boarding school?

- ☐ Day school
- ☐ Boarding school

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Please confirm that the interviewee understands the explanation above and consents to participating in this survey

☐ OK

Signature of interviewee

Interviewee can sign on the phone / tablet

Student information

Student code - please give the first 2 letters of the student's first name and then the first 2 letters of the student's surname

If student does not want to give their initials, please leave default

XXXX

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (3)

What is your age?

Please record the student's current age in years

Are you male or female?

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

What form are you in?

- ☐ Form 1
☐ Form 2
☐ Form 3
☐ Form 4

Are you a day pupil or a boarder?

- ☐ Day pupil
☐ Boarder

Do you have disability?

Note: disability is defined as "a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Disability questions

The next questions ask about difficulties you may have doing certain activities because of a health problem. For each question you will need to pick from one of 4 responses: No - no difficulty, Yes - some difficulty, Yes - a lot of difficulty, Cannot do at all.

Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?

- ☐ No - no difficulty
☐ Yes - some difficulty
☐ Yes - a lot of difficulty
☐ Cannot do at all

Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?

- ☐ No- no difficulty
☐ Yes - some difficulty
☐ Yes - a lot of difficulty
☐ Cannot do at all

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (4)

Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?

- ☐ No- no difficulty
- ☐ Yes – some difficulty
- ☐ Yes – a lot of difficulty
- ☐ Cannot do at all

Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?

- ☐ No – no difficulty
- ☐ Yes – some difficulty
- ☐ Yes – a lot of difficulty
- ☐ Cannot do at all

Do you have difficulty (with self-care such as) washing all over or dressing?

- ☐ No – no difficulty
- ☐ Yes – some difficulty
- ☐ Yes – a lot of difficulty
- ☐ Cannot do at all

Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?

- ☐ No – no difficulty
- ☐ Yes – some difficulty
- ☐ Yes – a lot of difficulty
- ☐ Cannot do at all

Does your disability make it more difficult to access or use the computers?

This question is asking whether it is more difficult for disabled students to access or use then computers compared to students without a disability

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please give details of the difficulties you have in accessing or using the computers

ICT information

Have you used a computer in any of the places listed below in the last month? (please tick all that apply)

- ☐ Home
- ☐ School
- ☐ Internet cafe
- ☐ Other

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (5)

If other, please give details of where you access a computer

If you use a computer at home, please give further details

Who owns the computer, do you have to share the computer, how often are you able to use the computer?

How confident on a scale of 1 to 10 were you in using computers before you started using them in this computer laboratory?

Where 1 is not confident at all and 10 is extremely confident

How confident on a scale of 1 to 10 are you in using computers since you have had lessons in this computer laboratory?

Where 1 is not confident at all and 10 is extremely confident

Is computer studies one of your chosen subjects in your MCSE exams?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you have an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) / Computer Studies class?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Why aren't you doing computer studies as one of your MCSE exams?

Do you use computers during the ICT / Computer Studies class?

- ☐ Always
☐ Often
☐ Occasionally
☐ Rarely
☐ Never

How many times per week do you have ICT / Computer Studies class?

- ☐ Once per week
☐ 2-3 times per week
☐ 4-5 times per week
☐ More than 5 times per week

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (6)

On average, how long in minutes does the ICT / Computer Studies class last?

- ☐ Less than 30 minutes
- ☐ 30-45 minutes
- ☐ 46-60 minutes
- ☐ 61-75 minutes
- ☐ 76-90 minutes
- ☐ More than 90 minutes

Do you use the computers during classes other than the ICT / Computer Studies class?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How many times per week do you use computers in other classes?

- ☐ Once
- ☐ 2-3 times per week
- ☐ 4-5 times per week
- ☐ More than 5 times per week

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (7)

What subjects do you use the computers for apart from ICT / Computer Studies?

Please tick all that apply

- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Bible Knowledge
- ☐ Biology
- ☐ Business studies
- ☐ Chemistry
- ☐ Chichewa
- ☐ Craft, Design and Technology
- ☐ Creative Arts
- ☐ English
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ History
- ☐ Home Economics
- ☐ Life Skills
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Performing Arts / Music and Dance
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Physics
- ☐ Religious and Moral Education
- ☐ Social Studies
- ☐ Other

On average, how many students usually share a computer?

Do you have regular access to the computers and IT resources at your school?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Have you attended an IT club at your school?

An IT club includes any sessions that are organised outside of normal lessons - It may include learning to code, but also any other activities using a computer.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (8)

Are girls encouraged to use the computers at your school?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not applicable

Are there any girls only sessions for using the computers?

If this is a girls only school, please pick that option

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ This is a girls only school

Are there any boys only sessions for using the computers?

If this is a boys only school, please pick that option

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ This is a boys only school

Have you used the computer laboratory out of school hours?

For example as an intranet (local access to information) cafe, or to see a movie

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

On average, how many days per week do you use the computer laboratory out of school hours?

On average, how many hours per day do you use the computer laboratory out of school hours?

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (9)

What have you used the computer laboratory for when out of school hours?

Tick as many as apply

- ☐ Doing assignments / homework
- ☐ Finding / searching for information using e-library
- ☐ Learning other subjects (ie not computer studies / ICT)
- ☐ Learning to code / programming
- ☐ Listening to music
- ☐ Playing games
- ☐ Practising computer skills
- ☐ Printing documents
- ☐ Reading books / course notes
- ☐ Typing / word processing
- ☐ Watching movies
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What else have you used the computer laboratory for out of school hours?

Are you able to use the computers as often as you would like?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you are not able to use the computers as often as you would like, please give reasons

Please tick all that apply

- ☐ There are not enough computers
- ☐ The computers are not always working
- ☐ There isn't always electricity
- ☐ The computer laboratory is never open out of school hours
- ☐ The computer laboratory is not open for long enough out of school hours
- ☐ I don't have free time to use the computers out of school hours
- ☐ Other (please specify)

What other reasons are there that prevent you from using the computers as often as you would like?

Internet access

Do you ever access the internet?

Note that this is referring to the internet and not just to the intranet or local area network within the school

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (10)

Where do you access the internet?

- ☐ At home
- ☐ At school
- ☐ At an internet café
- ☐ On a phone
- ☐ Other

Where else / how else do you access the internet?

How many hours in total do you spend on the internet each week?

Please give approximately how many hours you would usually spend on the internet to the nearest 15 minutes.

Student attitudes

Please explain to the interviewee that the following section contains statements that they will either strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree or strongly disagree with. If a student doesn't have any experience of using the computer laboratory, please use not applicable.

Using a computer in school makes learning more enjoyable.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using a computer in school makes learning easier.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (11)

Using a computer in school makes learning Maths easier.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using a computer in school makes learning English easier.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using a computer in school makes learning Science easier.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Using a computer in school makes learning ICT easier.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

Appendix 3: Student questionnaire used (12)

Using a computer in school improves my academic performance at school.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Not applicable

If the interviewee disagreed or strongly disagreed with any of the statements above, please ask for more details about their answer to explain why they said that.

Student plans

Do you plan to study at university?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

What subject would you like to study after school?

What type of job / career do you plan to do?

Do you have any other comments about the use of computers or about this survey?

None

Thank the interviewee for their time and explain that the results of the survey will help us to develop the IT resources we deliver to schools in Africa.

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