



174 Secondary Teachers awarded certificates in Narok County

GESCI, in partnership with The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), held Regional Teachers' Conference in Narok County. 174 secondary teachers from Narok County successfully completed the first cycle of their professional development as part of the rollout of African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Programme being implemented by GESCI in 80 secondary schools in Kenya.

Representatives of the Ministry of Education Science and Technology and teachers from Narok County attended the event.

The practically-orientated conference focuses on the specific application of technology in teaching and learning. This conference is combined with ongoing online training over an extended period to assist the teachers to become experts in the integration of ICT in their daily work in the classroom. In total, over 800 Science, Technology and English teachers from 4 counties in Kenya are taking part in this innovative initiative. The other counties are Kiambu, Nyamira and Taita Taveta.

Speaking at the conference, Director of Education, Narok County, James Nyaga, said the proposed new school curriculum which takes effect next year recognized the need for students to have up to date ICT skills and this programme would go a long way in providing teachers with ICT skills to handle this new education programme.

Mr. Nyaga applauded the programme saying it is in line with the Ministries of Education vision to digitalize schools and curriculum and promised teachers who graduate in the program that they stand a higher chance of being promoted.

Mr Kipkirui Leonard , a teacher of English at from Murkan Secondary School was delighted that they received digital equipment to ensure implementation of the project is smooth. He added that students are enthusiastic. They get to engage with new technology through teacher mediation; watch instructional videos and listen to audios on relevant topics, which improves memorability of the lessons taught and allows for self-directed learning.

The teachers' conference is part of a wider implementation and institutionalisation of the programme in Kenya. The African Digital Schools Initiative is funded by Mastercard Foundation, Canada.

About GESCI

The Global E-Schools and Communities initiative (GESCI) is an international non-profit organisation based in Nairobi, Kenya. GESCI was founded by the United Nations in 2003, GESCI's mission is to assist governments in their efforts to promote socio-economic development, through the successful and widespread integration of Information and

Communications Technologies (ICTs) for the development of knowledge societies, for the enhancement of teaching and learning through ICT integration and for ICT skills for youth employment. More information available at www.gesci.org

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