



African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Regional Education Leaders Meeting

Kiambu, Kenya 28th January, 2020: GESCI held a successful meeting with education stakeholders and principals from schools implementing the ADSI Programme in Kiambu County, Kenya.

The ADSI programme model incorporates capacity building for teachers using the ICT Competency Framework for Teacher Professional Development, Technology Pedagogy for content creation, embedding 21st Century Skills across the curriculum and whole school transformation through the five thematic actions towards achieving **Digital Schools of Distinction (DSD)** status.

The meeting provided a platform to discuss the sustainability and scaling up aspect of the programme given that it is getting into its final year of implementation under GESCI.

Speaking at the meeting, Education Director, Thika West Sub County Ronald Mbogo said that ***“The ADSI Programme needs to be scaled up to reach all schools in the county. This will play a pivotal role in promotion of education and enhancing teaching and learning.”***

His Teachers Service Commission (TSC) counterpart Ms. Eva Kogo from Juja Sub county lauded GESCI for capacity building of teachers and improved performance in the schools that are in the project. Ms. Kogo noted that there is improved use of computers in schools and increased enrolment in students who are attracted to ICT use in these environments.

Representing the Parent’s Association in Kiambu, Dr. David Maina said “ADSI has been essential in advancing our children’s technology use ability. We shall mobilise parents and teachers to support the sustainability and scale up of the project in the county.

Esther Mwiyeria, Country Project Manager Kenya reminded the participants that ADSI is a whole-school model that is why GESCI seeks the involvement of

teachers, students, parents, Boards of Management, Heads of Departments in schools, Teachers Service Commission and all other players in education.

GESCI has since 2016 implemented the ADSI Programme in 80 secondary schools in Kenya. Over 40,000 students and 2000 teachers have benefited from the project.

The African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Programme is also under implementation in Tanzania and Cotè d'Ivoire, it 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.

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