

AVANTI COMMUNICATIONS & SINA: BROADBAND FOR REFUGEES IN UGANDA

Partners	Avanti Communications, Social Innovation Academy (SINA)
Location	Uganda
Initiated	September 2018
Implemented	January 2019
Focus	Provide stable, high-speed internet connection at no cost



CHALLENGE

While the educational system in Uganda certainly decreases illiteracy and helps students to understand basics concepts, an 83% youth unemployment rate in the country with the world's youngest population (78% below the age of 30) indicates that Uganda is systemically conditioning the majority of its people to seek for jobs rather than to create them. The immense opportunities, such as creative capacities and the social capital are not being developed.

PARTNERSHIP

REACT connected Avanti Communications with SINA to provide free high-speed internet connectivity to the SINA campus in Mpigi, Uganda. Avanti Communications is a UK based satellite operator, delivering broadband access to a wide-range of actors across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Through its Project Heart program, Avanti is providing access to opportunities, improving connectivity, and enabling individuals – impacted by geographical displacement, social, and economic circumstances – to turn their ideas into reality.

SINA educates former orphans, street children, refugees, and other disadvantaged youth in Uganda to become job creators and social entrepreneurs with the ability to turn challenges into solutions. The stable high-speed internet provided by Avanti will enable SINA to deliver its innovative program to help scholars transform their own personal tragedies into a social enterprise, disrupting root causes of social problems.



ANTICIPATED RESULTS

The partnership with Avanti will allow SINA to deliver online self-learning curriculum to 50-70 scholars who reside in or visit the SINA campus everyday. SINA is currently partnering with Humentum to expand its online learning curriculum to refugees in Bidi Bidi camp in the near future.