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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE COMPUTER LABS AT PTS KUMBA

We bring you season's greetings from the town of Kumba and the locality of Kosala. We do hope this report will meet you all in good health. For us, we want to say the grace of God has really been sufficient for us. We have experienced His hand of protection and Spirit of guidance in all that we have had to do here at the PTS. Life here in Kumba and at the PTS has not been so easy as desired by God is seeing us through.

In spite of the challenging times, Informatik Fur Afrika has kept the candle of ICT burning at the PTS. Through the constant checks by Mrs. Rosina Hug and recommendations made, we feel your presence. We really miss your organisation's physical presence due to her inability to come to the PTS, because of the socio-political crises in the Anglophone Regions of our country. But that has not kept her from making sure all is well with us here at the PTS.

The academic year that began late August 2018 as reported in our last report is about to end. The students are exploiting the computer lab to maximum though with some challenges stemming from faulty laptops and desktops to very frequent electricity power cuts. In the course of the academic year, we also experienced lack of internet connection because the Service Provider, MTN, is facing difficult times partly because of the crises. Students have to use their phones most of the times to carry out internet research, which is dangerous to the health of the phone. Another major challenge we have been facing is that of the voltage regulators, as we are currently using only one to supply the entire lab. The reason is that one got destroyed by serious low voltage supply. These among others are the challenges we face here at the PTS.

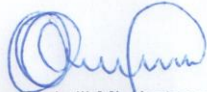
In the midst of the challenges, the lab is alive as we presently have, six desktops, four laptops, and five low-power computers, down from the number we indicated in our last report, that are functional. From the recommendations of Mrs. Rosina Hug, the last time she visited us, we were to send the out-of-use desktops and laptops to the recycling unit in Buea. But the current of things in Anglophone Cameroon does not allow that to be effected. So far, we are trying our best to maintain the computers technically though it is not easy.

We are in a teaching and learning institution, and if the resources needed to accomplish the tasks are not there, then we can hardly dream of total success. We have difficulties especially in the domain of research as students have to go through very difficult moments and situations to get material from the internet and use. All this is due to the absence of internet connections. This of course cannot really function well with the frequent power cuts and persistent low voltage. With internet connections restored and the electricity power system improved upon (possibly with installation of Solar energy), then things will be better at PTS. We hope that the partnership between the PTS and your organisation will continue and emerge stronger with greater dreams and visions in the field of ICT.

As usual, we promise to put in our best to sustain the partnership and uphold the values of your organisation.

We wish all the board members of Informatik Fur Afrika God's abundant blessings.

In the service of the Lord,



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