Shikusa Borstal Institution Gets ICT Learning Boost from Safaricom Foundation

The equipment was handed over by Peter Ndegwa on his first visit to Western Kenya as Safaricom CEO

Kakamega, 25th September, 2020…. Over 300 students at the Shikusa Borstal institution in Kakamega County will be able to access digital learning skills after Safaricom Foundation handed over 30 computers.

The internet-enabled computers are aimed at enhancing the students’ ICT literacy and research skills as they look to re-integrate into society. The KES 1 million investment is part of Safaricom Foundation’s focus on technical and vocational education.

“The vocational skills these students have learned so far will add value to the communities where they come from. Adding computer literacy and digital skills is critical to their future if they are to re-integrate successfully into society. That is why Safaricom Foundation has equipped their ICT centre with 30 computers ,” said Peter Ndegwa, CEO, Safaricom.

Shikusa Borstal Institution was established in 1963 and is a Youth Correction Training Centre that caters for the boys aged 15- 17 years. The only other such institution in Kenya is in Shimo La Tewa prison in Mombasa. Both institutions are under the Prisons Service, and Shikusa has 400 boys.

As part of the rehabilitation programs, the institutions offer formal education (primary and secondary), Vocational training and Psychosocial support. The Foundation recently invested KES 1 million into technical training equipment in Shimo la Tewa Borstal Institution in Mombasa County.
In March 2020, Safaricom Foundation launched a TVET programme targeting food and beverage, electrical engineering, plumbing and welding courses.