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Sekanani Maasai IT Centre, Kenya

Bringing the internet and IT to local communities can transform lives in the poorest parts of Africa. Once online, people can learn skills that last a lifetime. But there is a funding gap. Most rural users in Africa don't have a penny to spend on this stuff – and if they did they would use it to buy food. It's an established truth that connectivity brings development to people living in wildlife areas of Africa. And where there is development and less poverty, there is in tandem less poaching of wildlife.

We are therefore delighted to be supporting Maasai villagers living on the Narok side of Kenya's Masai Mara with resources to enhance IT provision. This is a community that High Five Club Co-Founders Manny and Cheryl Mvula have worked alongside for the past 10 years on livelihood initiatives linked to cultural tourism. It is also a community that High Five Club members have supported previously with the construction of a classroom at the local Sekanani Nursery School.

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High Five Club Support

The Sekanani Maasai Development Project (SEMADEP), a local Maasai-owned and run community self-help group, has set up and operates a basic IT Centre in the midst of the villages in this popular safari tourism destination in Kenya. Here villagers can learn to use computers and basic software programmes and access the internet 7 days a week. The community has come together to pay

the salary of an IT literate person to manage the centre and the profit generated by SEMADEP's small tented safari camp has funded the construction of the centre, along with the laptops and PCs.



SEMADEP approached the High Five Club to see if we could fund a photo copier, scanner and printer to complete the centre, which we were very happy to do. With a grant from H5C of £975.24 the Maasai are now proud owners of a Cannon printer/copier. We are delighted to be continuing our support of this pro-active community and look forward to the development that this will bring to this marginalised rural community.

If anyone would like to support SEMADEP by booking into their safari camp or Maasai cultural homestay do get in touch with Cheryl.

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