



Calestous Juma Innovation and Resource Hub

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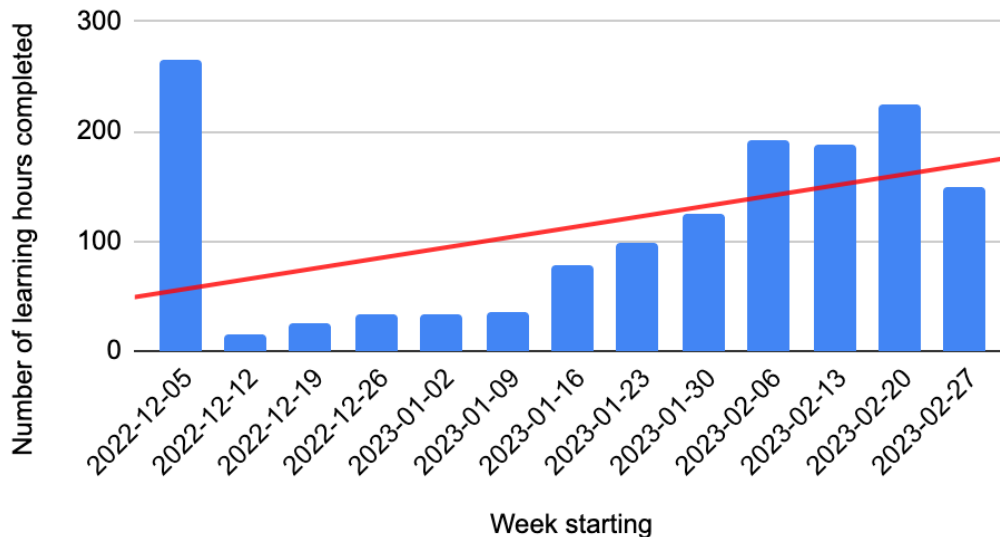
The Calestous Juma Innovation and Resource Hub (CJ Hub) opened on December 7, 2022, with a mission to empower the community by providing training in basic computer skills, coding, financial literacy, and other high demand tech skills. This report provides an overview of the Hub's activities and achievements since its opening, as well as its future plans.

Training and Certifications:

The inaugural training at CJ Hub was conducted by our partners at Taiwan Africa International Service Association (TAISA), who provided 24 hours of in-person "train the trainer" for 11 students in Scratch coding. The students received certification and are now equipped to train others in Scratch coding.

Attendance has been good, and despite power outages and expected absences, community members have **completed a total of over 1400** hours at the Hub, learning basic computer skills and coding.

Number of learning hours completed per week

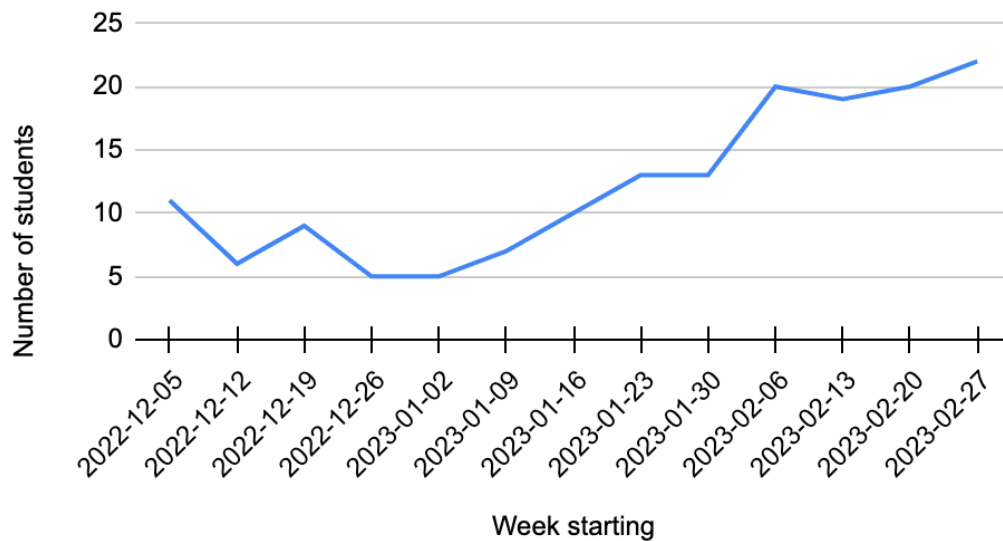




Facilities and Courses:

The CJ Hub has 12 computers that can accommodate 11 students and 1 teacher per session. As the demand for training has increased, the Hub has increased its opening hours and currently offers two sessions per day, serving up to 22 students, six days a week. Attendance has become more steady as learners realize the value of the training and begin to envision their future career paths.

Number of students per week



The CJ Hub currently offers a 12-week course (144 hours) in basic computer skills, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint, Publisher, Edge, and Outlook. The first cohort of 11 students successfully completed the course and were awarded certificates of completion. The second and third cohorts are fully subscribed and underway.

Career Counseling:

The CJ Hub is proud to provide career counseling to its pioneer students. The Hub's team of experts helps students identify their strengths and interests and provides guidance on how to pursue their desired careers. This service has been well-received by the community, and the Hub is committed to providing learners with the support they need to achieve their full potential.



Future Plans:

The number of students at CJ Hub is rising sharply as word about the Hub gets out. Learners are coming to improve their basic computer skills before going to university or technical schools. To meet the increasing demand, CJ Hub hopes to open for a third daily session to accommodate more learners, but the training courses are currently being taught by volunteers with limited availability. The Hub is seeking funding to hire staff and consultants, add more courses, serve more students, and offer more advanced training. With additional funding, CJ Hub can provide more comprehensive and diverse training opportunities for the community.

The success of the CJ Hub has not come without challenges. Power outages and fluctuations have caused delays in the training schedule, as well as wear-and-tear on the hardware. To address this issue, CJ Hub is in need of upgrades, including several UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) units and a generator. The CJ Hub would also like to offer more courses in web based applications, which will require more internet bandwidth.

In addition to the power supply issues, the toilet facilities at the CJ Hub are also in need of upgrading. As attendance increases, the demands have grown, and upgrades are necessary to ensure that the facilities meet the needs of the learners and the community.

Despite these challenges, the CJ Hub remains committed to providing quality training and support to the learners in the community. To ensure that the Hub can continue to meet the needs of its students, CJ Hub is seeking funding to upgrade the power supply, internet, and toilet facilities, as well as to hire staff and consultants, add more courses, and serve more students with advanced training.

Conclusion:

The CJ Hub has become a valuable resource for the community, providing training in basic computer skills and coding, as well as career counseling. The Hub's commitment to empowering learners has been met with enthusiasm and appreciation from the community. Sustainable operations coupled with intentional growth will allow the CJ Hub to provide more opportunities for learners to improve their skills and achieve their goals.