

## 196 Secondary Teachers attend a Teachers' Conference held in Nyamira County

GESCI, in partnership with The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST), held a Regional Teachers' Conference in Nyamira County, Kenya.

Those present included; representatives Ministry of Education Science and Technology, representatives of the local education authorities, CEO Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) teachers from Nyamira County.

The conference aimed at reinforcing the need for technology integration in teaching and learning. The first cycle of ADSI (African Digital Schools Initiative) began with face to face trainings and will continue online over an extended period. 196 secondary teachers from Nyamira County successfully completed the first cycle of the African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Programme. Over 800 teachers in 80 schools are participating in ADSI in Kenya.

KICD CEO, Dr. Julius Ouma Jwan, commended GESCI for running this project in secondary schools which will allow learners from primary schools who have exposure to technology to continue to experience and benefit from the value of ICT in learning. Dr. Jwan requested the teachers to take digital literacy seriously as ICT skills will enable them to create technology-incorporated content to enrich their learning.

Ms Rhoda Nyamisa, a teacher from one of the secondary schools in Nyamira, expressed her joy in using ICTs in her teaching. Ms Nyamisa said that skills learnt from ADSI have enabled her to research and refine content suitable for her subject teaching which leads to more effective teaching and improves learning experiences which, ultimately, improves the performance of her students.

This teachers' conference is part of a wider implementation and institutionalisation of the ADSI programme in Kenya running in 4 counties.

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## **About GESCI**

The Global E-Schools and Communities initiative (GESCI) is an international non-profit organisation based in Nairobi, Kenya. GESCI was founded by the United Nations in 2003, GESCI's mission is to assist governments in their efforts to promote socio-economic development, through the successful and widespread integration of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) for the development of knowledge societies, for the enhancement of teaching and learning through ICT integration and for ICT skills for youth employment. More information available at <a href="https://www.gesci.org">www.gesci.org</a>

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