



African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Regional Education Leaders Meeting

Voi, Kenya 24th January, 2020: GESCI held a successful meeting with education stakeholders and principals from schools implementing the ADSI Programme in Taita Taveta County, Kenya.

The ADSI programme model incorporates capacity building for teachers using the ICT Competency Framework for Teacher Professional Development, Technology Pedagogy for content creation, embedding 21st Century Skills across the curriculum and whole school transformation through the five thematic actions towards achieving ***Digital Schools of Distinction (DSD)*** status.

The meeting provided a platform to discuss the sustainability and scaling up aspect of the programme given that it is getting into its final year of implementation under GESCI.

Deputy TSC Director, Taita Taveta County, Boniface Ngugi had this to say with regards to the ADSI Programme “ ***The project has transformed learning in our county. Our teachers are empowered, students have been uplifted, you just cannot compare the schools in ADSI to the other schools in the county. We wish to request GESCI to take up more schools even as we work on rationales to take the learnings there.***”

Esther Mwiyeria, Country Project Manager Kenya reminded the participants that ADSI is a whole-school model that is why GESCI seeks the involvement of teachers, students, parents, Boards of Management, Heads of Departments in schools, Teachers Service Commission and all other players in education.

70% of the schools implementing the ADSI Project recorded an improvement in the 2019 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams.

GESCI has since 2016 implemented the ADSI Programme in 80 secondary schools in Kenya. Over 40,000 students and 2000 teachers have benefited from the project.

The African Digital Schools Initiative (ADSI) Programme is also under implementation in Tanzania and Côte d'Ivoire, it is funded by Mastercard Foundation, Canada.

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.

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