

Purchase of Kindles to load with resources for test prep, deeper reading, and application assistance for students in rural areas of Zimbabwe, allowing students to study at night without a power source for extended periods of time.

At the time we applied for the grant, we had no idea how essential it would become for the educational lives of our students. We bought the Kindles for use by our students at the USAP Community School and with Education Matters programming, and they were indeed being used for their intended purposes, allowing our students to have a device to use for college prep and high school work.

However, once COVID-19 hit and we had to close school in late March alongside a government directive and lockdown, the kindles took on a more vital role. In the three days that we had before we closed USAP Community School for COVID19 we were able to download copies of all of our students' A level textbooks onto their Kindles as well as two months of homework from their teachers and reading for their Humanities class. For the one dozen of our students who live in rural areas or the refugee camp far from any source of electricity, we gave them solar lights and chargers to use with their kindles. Because of the International ACAC Opportunity Grant to use for this kindle project, we have been able to continue with school even though our students have no access to wifi or the Internet. Our teachers create and download short videos and put them on WhatsApp where we have our live "lessons". Students work out their homework on their kindles and using data submit via Google classroom.

Attached are a few photos, albeit not of high quality, given that they were taken on basic phones by our students, that show our kindles in use around Zimbabwe. In the first one, Fadzai is studying outside in her rural area using her kindle. In the second, Hullibutton is taking advantage of a neighboring villager's solar panel to recharge his kindle to be ready for lessons in an area about 7 hours from Harare. And the third shows Olive in her tent at the refugee camp she calls home near the Mozambique border, reading a textbook while charging from a solar charger. We hope these give you a more visual sense of the impact your grant is making at this time.

To date, we have not had a single kindle damaged, destroyed or lost - our students know that these devices are their lifelines to education during this COVID19 crisis. We just want to thank International ACAC sincerely for giving us this lifeline.

Thank you, International ACAC, for your support of USAP Community School and all of our students here in Zimbabwe.



