

NATCOM Empowers Women's Vocational Institutes through ICT Education

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As part its commitment in the 2014 Performance Contract signed with HE Dr Ernest Bai Koroma to support education for the girl-child, the National Telecommunications Commission (NATCOM) has provided computers and computer accessories to two women vocational institutes in the north and east of the country.

On Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June 2014, NATCOM handed over the ICT equipment to the Women's Development Movement Vocational Institute in Koidu City, Kono district, and to the St. Joseph's Junior Secondary School and Tech/Voc for Girls in Magburaka, Tonkolili district. The donation includes four computers, one printer and three electrical extensions to each of the two institutions.

Founder and Head Teacher of the Women's Development Movement Vocational Institute, Agnes T. T. Mansaray expressed appreciation to NATCOM for coming to their aid. She assured NATCOM of that the materials would be used for their intended purpose for the benefit of the pupils.

Receiving the donation on behalf the Principal of St. Joseph's Junior Secondary School and Tech/Voc for Girls, Sister Agnes Bindi emphasized the value ICT facilities would add to the teaching and learning process especially in this age of electronics and against the background of a largely disadvantaged girl-child in respect of access to ICT.

A passion of joy, appreciation and hope beamed in the faces of the pupils of both institutions, as a good number of them never saw or touched a computer before.

"This is a dream come true" remarked one of them, adding that "God bless NATCOM for putting us in the age of computer technology".

The NATCOM team encouraged the pupils to make good use of the opportunity offered them, which would create the basis for further assistance. The team promised the two institutions follow-up visits and network configuration.



Women's Development Movement Vocational Institute in Koidu City, Kono receiving the donation



St. Joseph's Junior Secondary School and Tech/Voc for Girls in Magburaka, poised to receive their package

