



Meet the YALI Alumni

Nozipho Penelope Ndzabandzaba Cohort 4 (2016) - Eswatini

Nozipho Penelope Ndzabandzaba is the founder of E-Learning with Eswatini, a non-profit organization promoting digital literacy in rural Eswatini. The organization runs computer literacy and IT programs for young girls across rural Eswatini.

Since its inception in 2018, E-Learning with Eswatini trained more than 150 girls in technology related programs. The organization conducted training programs across multiple districts to demystify tech-phobia among girls in rural areas and to encourage them to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Of the beneficiaries who completed the training, three went on to pursue qualifications in STEM.

After graduating from YALI, Nozipho played around with the idea of creating an “All girls’ empowerment club”. A safe environment for young girls where they can be free to be themselves, learn from each other’s experiences and make a difference in their communities.

Today, E-Learning with Eswatini is a vibrant technology hub where young girls acquire the life skills they need to build successful careers in disciplines traditionally deemed suitable for boys and men.

“Even prior to attending the YALI fellowship, I had always been passionate about creating spaces that will enable the girl child to shine and make her feel just as important as the boy child. The world is set up in favor of the boy child and this is particularly true in rural areas where educational opportunities



narrow significantly for girls and YALI helped me bring my ideas into fruition.” Nozipho Penelope Ndzabandzaba, YALI Alumni

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