



## After Microsoft, NIIT gifts five computers to Ghana teacher who went viral

Owura Kwadwo Hottish's MS Word drawing on the blackboard impressed NIIT Ghana's business partner Dr Kapil Gupta who didn't bat an eyelid before donating computers for the kids

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Owura Kwadwo Hottish receiving a laptop from the officer at municipal corporation

Remember the Ghana teacher who went viral on Facebook a month ago? Not only did he gain Microsoft's attention but bagged a helping hand from an Indian education firm. In an attempt to help the kids after being majorly impressed by the efforts of the teacher, Indian IT education firm **NIIT sent across five computers, ICT textbooks and a couple of laptops.**

**Dr Kapil Gupta, Business Partner, NIIT Ghana** is the man who saw the stories online and decided to do their bit. "I only thought of helping the teacher, school and the community after seeing this news which attracted many eyeballs. The actual credit goes to the ICT teacher Richard Akoto who posted his picture on Facebook with the caption 'Teaching of ICT in Ghana's Schools is very funny'. And that's how one good deed led to another," he says.

Akoto's photo of computer education being done without computers initially went viral for its LOL value and then quickly became a cornerstone for the state of affairs in schools in countries like Ghana.

Being a true believer of the Ripple Effect, Gupta added, "If you want to get something done, no excuse can come your way. This is what I felt when I saw the teacher drawing the Microsoft Word logo on the blackboard." After quickly finding the systems and ensuring they were ship shape, the computers were dispatched to the kids.

To state the obvious, the teacher, students and municipal coordinators were full of praise and commended NIIT Ghana for the philanthropic gesture. Kapil explained that more people needed to support the cause of education in Africa because there are often teachers, but few facilities, "Teachers make the impossible look possible by painstakingly doing what others take for granted. And that's why they need to be encouraged," he believes.

The team's effort made the kids' day. It was bliss spectating the students and teachers at the school exploring what they had only seen drawn on a board previously. "It was an overwhelming feeling to see the curious students value and learn from their new assets. The joy of the students is an enormous feedback within itself," Kapil signs off.

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