



Fantsuam Foundation Connects People with the Tools to Succeed

Since 1996, Fantsuam Foundation has supported the sustainable development of rural communities in Nigeria by delivering a holistic suite of integrated services in health, microfinance, ICT, and education.

Becoming an ICIP

In 2007, Fantsuam Foundation received a grant to set up a local community network in support of their ZittNet initiative. ZittNet aims to improve access to information in local medical facilities through affordable wireless services and shared connectivity.

When setting up the network, the foundation installed Inveneo's low-power computers, based on the recommendation of a consultant. After completing an Inveneo-led training session on the installation and use of the computers, foundation representatives asked to join the Inveneo Certified ICT Partner (ICIP) program.

Impact and Future Plans

Bala Bidi, who manages the ZittNet project, reports that becoming an ICIP has helped improve Fantsuam Foundation's ability to implement solutions for clients.

"Being able to design and install appropriate IT solutions has become much easier," he says. "With a few emails, we can order the kind of rugged, low-power systems we need for our climate and power situation."

To help deliver the benefits of connectivity to more users, Fantsuam Foundation plans to extend coverage to a 120-km radius over the next 4 years.

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Fantsuam Foundation Overview

Location: Kafanchan, Kaduna State, Nigeria
Focus: Sustainable livelihoods, health services, education

Fantsuam Foundation promotes rural development in West Africa by delivering an integrated suite of solutions in response to local needs. To multiply their impact, they teach others how to achieve sustainable economic development.

Featured Client: Premier Parks and Garden Enterprises

Location: Madakiya Village, Kaduna State, Nigeria
Specialty: Business Development Services

In August 2010, Fantsuam Foundation implemented a long-distance Wi-Fi link using Ubiquity NanoStation to help Premier Parks and Garden Enterprises (PPGE) improve their capacity building, communications, and service delivery capabilities.

As a result of the installation, PPGE students have gained access to online resources at the center and staff members are completing online courses to improve their project management skills.

Fantsuam Foundation also plans to help PPGE establish 10 Agricultural Network Centers in chiefdoms where they provide microfinance services.

