



HELPING TO BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Global DTC Workshop 2025

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Thank you to our partners and DTCs

Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so **much**

- Helen Keller



Promoting Digital Inclusion: The ST Foundation & ITU Partnership under the DTC Initiative

ICB4VI TOT in Pakistan November 2024



Launch of the ICB4VI course in collaboration with ITU and the Virtual University of Pakistan

- Date: November 18, 2024
- Trainers certified: 20
- Trained: 20 visually impaired learners

The Virtual University played a vital role in tailoring the course to the local context and ensuring inclusive learning. ✨

ICB4VI TOT in Uganda April 2025



New implementation of ICB4VI in collaboration with ITU and the Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology. UICT

- Date: April 21, 2025
- Trainers certified: 20
- Trained: 10 visually impaired learners

For the Final day, the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance was present and acknowledged the value of the initiative.

Empowering underserved communities through ST Foundation's DTCs

Senegal



In Senegal we implemented the following major projects:

1. Organization of a ICB4VI TOT in July
2. Cascading of the ICB4VI course over a 6-month period (August 2024 – January 2025) across 4 DU centers: CDEPS Kolda, CDEPS Guédiawaye, Enda Ziguinchor, and Mairie Biscuiterie, reaching **200 visually impaired learners**.
3. Celebration of the International Girls in ICT Day, during which **80 young women** participated in advanced IT skills training and **leadership courses** delivered through the HP Life platform.
4. Annual teachers' meeting, held in November, where all teachers took part in capacity-building sessions based on HP Life and Cisco Academy courses.

Sierra Leone



In Sierra Leone, we strengthened community-based digital education through the following actions:

1. With support from ITU and in collaboration with BDD-SL, we trained **26 new trainers** on the ICB course and reached **606 trainees** between October and December 2024 across 4 centers in Kambia.
2. A week-long awareness campaign (30 September – 4 October 2024) reached **over 2,000 people** through community radios, motorbike rallies, and WhatsApp, engaging educators, local leaders, and youth.
3. From April 7 to May 7, 2025, a ToT on Cisco Academy and HP LIFE platforms was conducted in 5 cities (Bo, Magburaka, Kambia, Waterloo, and Freetown), **certifying 211 trainers**, 35% of whom were women..



Next Steps in Inclusive Innovation



Advanced ICB4VI (*Under development*)

Objective:

Equip visually impaired individuals with advanced productivity tools to enhance autonomy in academic and professional settings.

Modules include:

1. Word processing (formatting, hyperlinks, tables, collaboration)
2. Spreadsheet skills (data analysis, pivot tables, sonification)
3. AI for productivity (ChatGPT, Gemini for document automation)

Duration: 25 hours |

Prerequisite: Basic ICB4VI knowledge

Status: development ongoing



Smartphone Course for Visually Impaired

Objective:

Empower learners to use smartphones for communication, orientation, and independence.

Modules include:

1. Accessibility tools (TalkBack, magnification, contrast settings)
2. Communication & planning (calls, WhatsApp, calendar, alarms)
3. AI-based apps (Seeing AI, Be My Eyes)
4. Digital safety & emergency use

Duration: 28 hours |

Prerequisite: None


Status: The outline of the course is ready. However, we are seeking funding to support its full development and implementation



Let's Explore Further Synergies

While much of today's focus has been on the ICB4VI course, we would like to remind all DTCs that the ST Foundation also offers:

- ✓ **Introduction to Computer Basics (ICB)** – Our core 20-hour course for beginners
- ✓ **Tablet for Seniors (T4S)** – Designed to build digital confidence among older adults
- ✓ **Smartphones for Seniors** – A new course currently in the finalization phase, designed to support older adults in navigating a digitalized world and staying connected with loved ones and essential services.
- ✓ **Coding for Beginners** – Launched in 2024, tailored to youth and school settings

 **We warmly invite all DTCs** to explore these additional programs during the workshop days and to reach out to us to evaluate potential synergies and collaborations.