Banjika makes headway in technology

Ms Janice Lathon.

BANJIKA Secondary School in Karatu District, Arusha Region, has made great strides in training students on new technology, says the Founding Executive Director, Ms Janice Lathon, who is based in New York. In this exclusive interview that she granted to Our Staff Writer Jaffar Mjasiri, she explains that since June 2009, the establishment has conducted seven Technology Tent training sessions and has trained 255 students at Banjika.

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QUESTION: Give brief account of the activities that are undertaken by your organization?
A: Our organization provides solar-powered modern computer laboratories with training to schools in rural Tanzania. We call this programme The Technology Tent.
Q: What inspired you to donate and install a satellite Internet dish at Banjika Secondary School?
A: It was the idea of Aanad Sethupathy who was an advisor to Powering Potential. He wanted to provide Internet access to the school. He provided most of the money to make it happen.
Q: What are the major challenges facing your organization?
A: I wish I could answer this question. I do not face such challenges. Our organization is making a positive impact in the lives of our students.
Q: What is the reaction of the students in appreciation of this project?
A: The students seem enthralled by what they are experiencing. Some of them are using their Internet connection to study and share their findings with their peers.
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