

# **Student Involvement in an African Project**

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## **Abstract**

The paper discusses the involvement of students at Southampton Solent University in the development of software relating to projects for rural Africa. The views of students who chose these topics, are African projects.

The paper discusses how these students chose the African related projects, the requirement capture, and their outputs relating to the TULSA (The Universal Learning Support Agency) project.

The relations of the second year student group projects and the development of the TULSA project is discussed. This aims to bring "ready" prepared and functional small computer suites to rural communities, initially in Kenya. The technical problems and possible solutions are discussed.

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major charities, which provide basic IT education, are mainly situated in the cities [1,2,3,4].

### **1.1 TULSA and the Container Classrooms**

TULSA (The Universal Learning Support Agency) was founded by Bernard Griffin to provide the opportunity, particularly for women and children in rural Africa, to obtain education using the Internet [5]. The IT equipment has been

7. A football training resource for 30 clubs around Mombasa which form a sponsored league, a gamified skills training guide supported by league tables and club news.
8. Internet safety requirements for users – a gamified approach to educating new internet users about the risks and safety requirements.
9. A health and safety application to educate young people about risks around the home, including fire safety.

## **2.1 Student Views –**

“Not sure if the product will be accepted”

“Worry that end product is unsatisfactory”

“Not knowing the exact situation of a country and rely only on Internet for news”

