



**Scholarship - IT Bootcamp Training  
School Leavers from Muzarabani District  
First Progress Report, 6 March 2026**

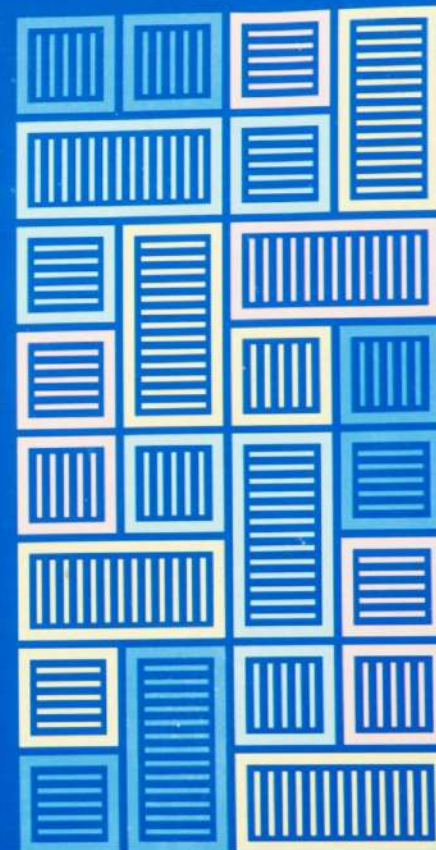




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# Scholarship - IT Bootcamp Training Overview

- ❑ In late Jan 26, 4 female school leavers from Muzarabani District were selected (via interviewing) for scholarships in the [Uncommon IT-Bootcamp](#) program. They commenced their training at Uncommon's [Mufakose Innovation Hub](#) in metro Harare on 9 Feb, 3 weeks after the start of the 2026 program.
- ❑ **IT-Bootcamp:** 12 months intensive, full-time training in Systems Design, Coding & Digital Marketing and “soft skills”; includes an internship and introductions to potential employers.
- ❑ The responsibilities for the scholarship are shared in the following way:
  - **Uncommon:** training provider; supervision of scholars; disbursing payments for accommodation/utilities and monthly allowance for scholars; welfare monitoring of scholars.
  - **NoBarriers:** liaison with District and School Authorities, managing selection process, monitoring scholars' wellbeing and learning, funding of scholars' living expenses – **made possible by a generous donation by Eminent Homes.**



# Profile of Scholars – Edna, 19 years old



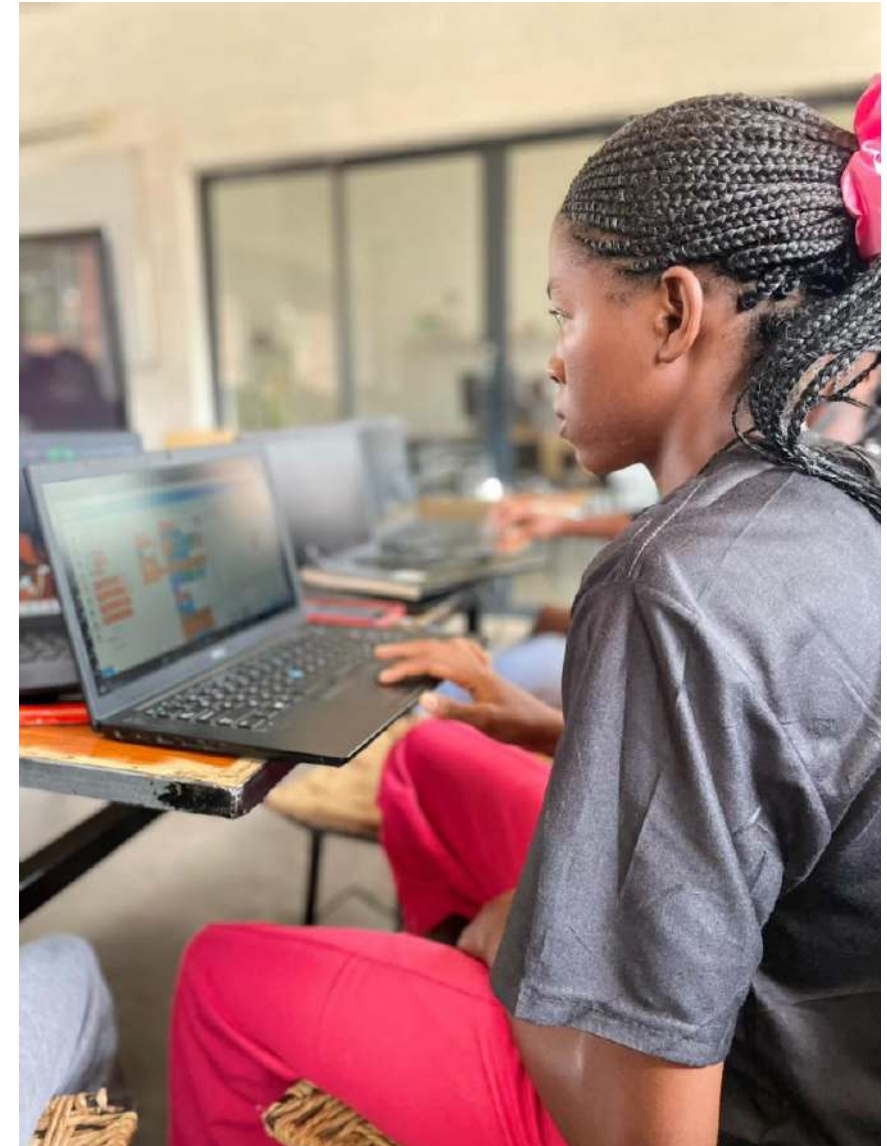
- ❑ Edna completed secondary school in 2024 in Muzarabani assisted by NoBarriers school fee support program;
- ❑ She was keen to pursue further training, but her parents were unable to afford its cost; she was looking for work, with the intention to save up for further studies sometime in the future;
- ❑ As soon as she heard about the scholarship, she decided, it is her one and only chance and she lobbied hard to be included on the interview list;
- ❑ She promised herself, that she will give her utmost to make a success out of this training opportunity.



# Profile of Scholars – Pretty, 20 years old



- ❑ Since she completed secondary school in 2024, Pretty was looking for work as a house help;
- ❑ She had given up hope of further studies, as she is the oldest of 4 children and her parents must focus on getting her three siblings through school;
- ❑ She is very much excited about the unique training opportunity, especially as she always wanted to work in the tech field;
- ❑ She loves the program and is very optimistic about her future.



# Profile of Scholars – Claretta, 19 years old



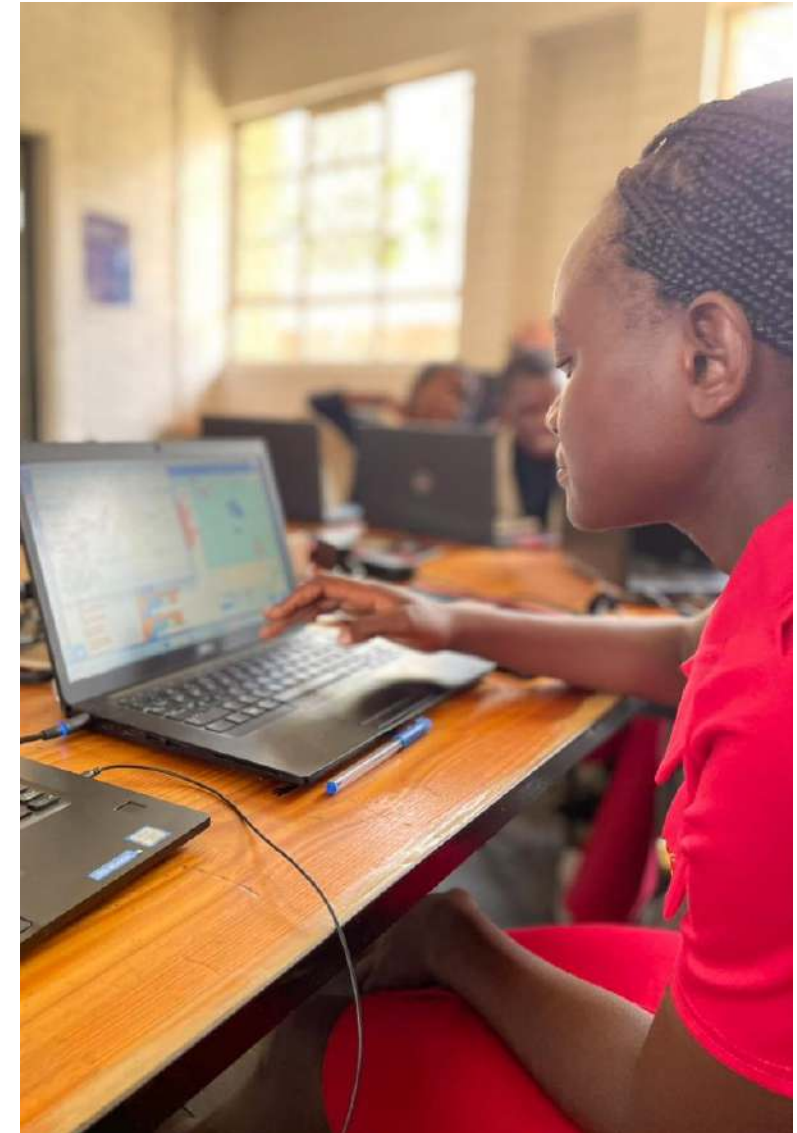
- ❑ Claretta lived with her mother and stepfather and is the oldest of 3 children;
- ❑ She completed secondary school in 2025, but did not pass her O-levels, which made her lose confidence as she doubted her abilities;
- ❑ A former teacher encouraged her to apply and when she was accepted into the program, she felt she was given another chance in life – a chance, which she is committed to grab with both hands.



# Profile of Scholars – Chiedza, 18 years old



- ❑ Chiedza grew up at her grandparents, who very much struggled financially and were unable to pay for her school fees;
- ❑ Home life was very difficult and she was searching for a pathway to a better life without being able to find one.
- ❑ She believes this training opportunity will be “her breakthrough”: it will allow her to carve her own, better future





Edna



Pretty



Claretta

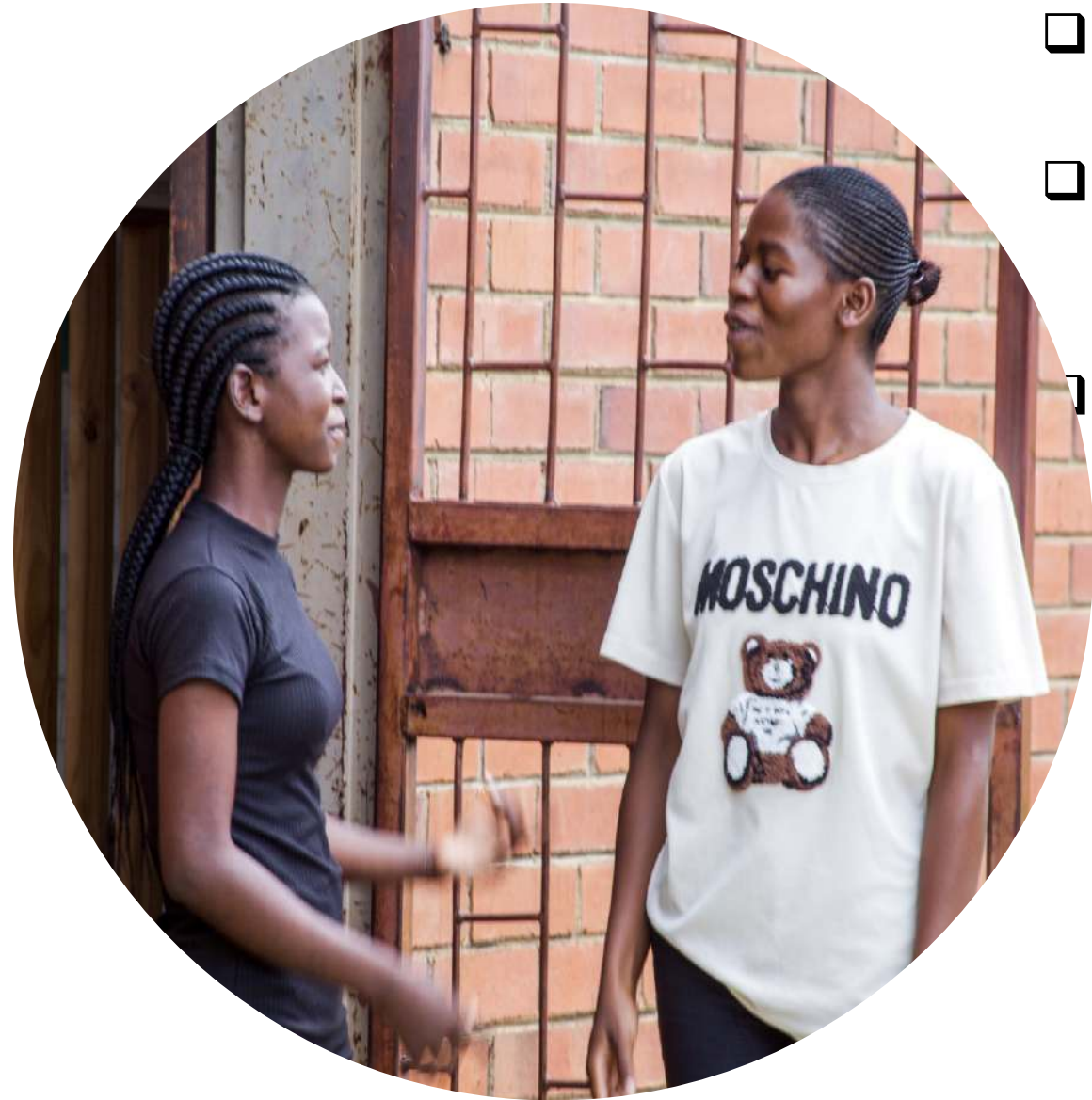
Chiedza

## Scholars' Progress – IT Training

- ❑ Due to delayed interviewing the scholars could only relocate to Harare and commence their training 3 weeks after the start of Bootcamp 2026;
- ❑ They received extra lessons for the first 2 weeks; now, one month into the program, they feel they have fully caught up with their peers;
- ❑ As part of the program, each scholar received her own laptops, which they can also use outside the bootcamp;
- ❑ For the next 6 months, their training covers 3 modules: Systems Design, Coding & Digital Marketing; then they can specialize by focusing their studies on one module only;
- ❑ Integral to the program, scholars are expected to volunteer for several hours per week to teach basic computing (through play / games) to pupils at the school, where the hub is collocated.



## Scholars Living in Harare



- ❑ The scholars are accommodated in a shared house 20-minute walking distance from the training location;
- ❑ The house is fitted out with essential furniture and household items funded through the scholarship; so are its rent and utility expenses;
- ❑ Each scholar receives USD 175 per month for their living expenses (food, transport, hygiene);

A recent monitoring visit conducted by NoBarriers' Administration Assistant at the home of the scholars assessed that –

- Their accommodation is secure and scholars feel well settled;
  - Scholars jointly buy groceries and cook and eat together;
  - They manage well with the given monthly stipend.
- ❑ NoBarriers will continue to conduct these monitoring visits monthly.



On behalf of Chiedza, Claretta, Edna & Pretty and their families, we thank Eminent Homes for making this unique training opportunity possible through its most generous financial support



We extend our gratitude to Uncommon, whose generous provision of four places for its much sought after IT-Bootcamp Training program allowed us to develop this scholarship



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