- Letter from Burundi - Computer needs

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From: Jean Claude Kundwa
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Tel: 257 79 575004 -May 4, 2007- I hope you are well. I and whole AYINET Committee are very pleased of your wi and action to support our network and setting global family for working in solidarity legally.This will give all of us more strength in our very struggle. Let me also express my gratitude for the web site access, I promise you to send information to your address in order you guys can put up. I hope that AYINET also will be able to make a web site for up dating you as solidarity is being strong. Our network has just passed trough many difficulties as we were passing trough difficult time. Now members can concentrate their efforts to put thing in order again. It is so sad that we are not able to up date people by using web just because of material constraints. Any way some activities are going a head using our small capacities. Let me tell you that Central Africa is the area where computer skills are much ignored, then communication is not really effective. For that reason we believe that together with you guys young people will benefits many things. As you know already I was in touch with Mic and Pam just up dating them when I get e mail facilities. We are trying to send you pictures about some disasters that are damaging many things here. You realized that I responded your e mail later I found it was so important to discuss this questions in my committee and try to give clear answers. AYINET is still hosted by the other organization in the process of getting its own status which I hope to make soon. We are very happy to hear that there are many people who want to help us by sending materials. So as you guys have already begun to find away the computers can reach us go a head because we do not know any company that might work well here. About the use of computers, as we discussed with Mic and Pam just the time we met in workshop in Rwanda , we want to help young people in this region to get access to computer technology which seems to be prevented from them but still is the main key in order someone can get a job. You can not imagine when you meet a student who goes to write his / her theses having any information about turning off or on, a computer. So in our peace and development program, we really want to help young people to be up dated in informatics technology. We want a computer center which will be holding a cyber coffee. This will help us to cover some other needs in our work. Sometimes we feel so bad when we have to intervene in humanitarian assistance, but waiting for founders to give us money with and spend a long time talking about philosophies in the time we watch people dying with hunger and erosion and much kind old disaster. So you understand that computers will have multi task and roles to play. Again some of them will help in AYINET office. Most of the computers we use here are coming from USA and Europe . They are mostly between 2000 and 2004 if you can get any, do not hesitate to ship it. Something we change in them is just language system. Most of the computers have English key boards but they are useful even in French. In addition of accessibility of window 2000, Linux also is useful here. If all computers are between window 2000,2004, Linux,, even Macs, it will be good. As you understand that Cyber can serve as generator activity we would like you guys do your best and check all the accessories that will work in every informatics’ role. You understand that computers will work as network so we will need as much accessories as possible. Power supply, converters, stabilizer and all kind of peripherals… are very important. Answering to your question about buying used computer here, I think it would not be good regarding the use of computers. Just because most of the computers that are used here are donated from west and they are given because they are no longer usable in the origin area. It means that they are very old they can not work a long time. So we suggest you guys to ship them as you thought already. Considering the use of computers, it is important to mention that we will need some computer related such as: -Printers, (it is good to have different kind like Laser to use in urgent circumstances and the mal one because it powerful and no it damaged a lot) -Scanner -Photo copy (There are some new photocopies machine here we can by it here you can just send money for that. It costs $2000) -Power point -Computer speakers -Computer secondary memories such as Flash disks, hard disks, compact disks etc… About speed I have no clear suggestion but you guys can find the minimum of it that can be useful I trust you. Any way the minimum program in each computer can hold: -Internet explorer -Microsoft outlook -Microsoft office word 2003or 2004 -Microsoft Excel -SPSS: Statistical Package For social Sciences -Short cut to flash -Real player -Microsoft office power point -Window medial player -Note pad In the computer program we believe you guys know what the up dated ones are. So try to put as much as you can. If there are some new it will be up to us to make research about how to use them. That will be our opportunity to progress. Quality of needed computer: Pentium 4 Processor 2.6GHZ System : Windows XP with Graver DVD Screen: 14 Pouces or more Key Board: Azerty or Querty Ondular: APC 650 Scanner Printer: Laser Thanks alot. Jean Claude Kundwa AYINET Commitee C/O P.O BOX 7123 Bujumbura- BURUNDI. jckunda2001@yahoo.fr Tel: 257 79 575004