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### **Lubuto Library Partners Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant**

Washington, D.C., United States—October 12, 2021—Lubuto Library Partners (LLP) today announced it has received a grant for \$25,000 USD from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions. This follows a 2019 Motorola Solutions Foundation award to LLP that allowed them to develop a Girls Can Code! curriculum and train staff to run workshops for vulnerable girls.

Through the new grant, LLP will develop STEM skills among marginalized girls by conducting four 12-week coding workshops for 96 girls between the ages of 11 and 20 in Lusaka, Zambia.

“The Girls Can Code! program at Lubuto Libraries will open up life-changing opportunities for Zambian girls. We are very excited to introduce new career paths for girls who have so much potential but have been greatly underserved,” says Hadassah Kasukumya, LLP’s Director of Operations.

The workshops will teach programming, computer logic, circuitry, electronics, robotics and physical programming, and computer systems and architecture. This will not only provide girls with new skills but will also expose them to female role models in STEM fields. The project prioritizes girls living in poverty from under-resourced communities and schools.

Each year, the Motorola Solutions Foundation awards grants to charitable organizations such as Lubuto Library Partners to support three primary areas of focus: first responder programming, technology and engineering education and programs that blend the two. Within each area of focus, our grant program supports underrepresented populations, including women, people of color, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ community, veterans and others.

“The Motorola Solutions Foundation aims to partner with organizations that align to our values of accountability, innovation, impact, diversity and inclusion,” said Karem Perez, executive director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. “We are proud to support organizations like Lubuto Library Partners that embody these values while driving positive change in their communities.”

- For additional information on the Motorola Solutions Foundation grants program, visit: [motorolasolutions.com/foundation](https://motorolasolutions.com/foundation)
- For more information on Lubuto Library Partners please visit [lubuto.org](https://lubuto.org).

### **About Lubuto Library Partners**

Lubuto Library Partners ([www.lubuto.org](https://www.lubuto.org)) is an innovative development organization that builds the capacity of public libraries to create opportunities for equitable education and poverty reduction. Its mission is to enlighten and enrich the lives of children and youth in sub-Saharan Africa, especially those not in school or highly vulnerable.

LLP constructions enduring, indigenously styled open-access libraries stocked with comprehensive collections of well-chosen books and appropriate technology. These libraries serve as safe havens and are the center for LLP’s programs, which offer education, psychosocial support and self-expression through reading, music, art, drama, computers, mentoring and other activities.

LLP, working hand-in-hand with community-based programs, has pioneered a model for addressing the problems of specific communities and countries.

## **About the Motorola Solutions Foundation**

As the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions, the Motorola Solutions Foundation partners with organizations around the globe to create safer cities and equitable, thriving communities. We focus on giving back through strategic grants, employee volunteerism and other community investment initiatives. Our strategic grants program supports organizations that offer first responder programming and technology and engineering education, and align to our values of accountability, innovation, impact, diversity and inclusion. The Foundation is one of the many ways in which the company lives out its purpose of helping people be their best in the moments that matter. For more information on the Foundation, visit:

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