

Girls in ICT Learn-A-Thon — Zambia's National AI, Cybersecurity and Data-Science Track for Schoolgirls

AI in Education · Good practice · Zambia

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Zambia's SMART Zambia Institute runs a nationwide Girls in ICT programme with Cisco Networking Academy — from 150 girls trained in 2021 to a 2025 three-week Learn-A-Thon in AI, cybersecurity and data science, backed by 58 Starlink-connected school kits.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	1/3
Equity & inclusion	3/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

[SMART Zambia Institute, Ministry of Education & Cisco Networking Academy](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

[SMART Zambia Institute: Girls in ICT Learn-A-Thon launch](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

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