



Case Study: Networking Academies at Prisons

Nigeria, Ogun State: Borstal Detention Center

Borstal Remand Detention Center is a correctional home within the Nigerian Prisons Service. Remand works to rehabilitate prisoners between the ages of 16 and 23, helping them develop the skills they need to transition to a new phase in life. Cisco Networking Academy courses were launched at Remand Center to help rehabilitate youth through the delivery of ICT skills and entrepreneurship training.

For purposes of a correctional facility, Cisco Networking Academy courses can:

- Be delivered in a completely secure, offline environment, including hands-on skills practice
- Prepare inmates to earn worldwide industry-recognized certifications for their resume
- Help them obtain entry-level IT jobs after their release

The Cisco Networking Academy program is part of Cisco's global corporate social responsibility endeavors. These ICT and networking courses, including hands-on practice, prepare inmates for industry-recognized certifications, higher education and entry-level careers. Integrated within the technical training are methods to develop 21st century skills, and a range of career and business skills that can support inmates as they prepare for employment or start their own businesses.

Remand was able to set up and equip a basic computer learning center for detainees, and offer the Cisco Networking Academy course called "IT Essentials" to their inmates. Mrs. Lawal I. G., head of the center, describes the Networking Academy program as "Very educative and exciting. The boys enjoy the lessons and look forward to each day, which assisted us in preparing them for the future."

At the Graduation Ceremony, a group of 15 boys became the first graduates of the Cisco IT Essentials course at the Borstal Academy. The plan is to extend the NetAcad program to other Remand centers within the Nigerian Prisons Service.

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