



# Reuse first...

**To recycle is good  
To reuse is  
BETTER !!**

**If you donate your old working computer to ComputerAid, it will be involved in changing the world.**

**Your computer may end up making a difference in a school, a workplace or in healthcare in the third world!**

**We at ComputerAid refurbish your computer before it is sent out on its mission!**

**All computers have a recycling guarantee at the end of its active life in the third world.**

## **What is ComputerAid Sweden ?**

ComputerAid Sweden was started by Rasmus Nordström and Erik Elster in 2005. We started ComputerAid because we think that we in Sweden and the rest of the West replace our computers before they are worn out. We asked ourselves: Why not let what we consider to be obsolete and slow do good for someone else?

## **Why ComputerAid:**

Because we think it is appalling that so many computers are thrown away, when there are people in the world who cannot afford proper education and healthcare. Our used computers and other equipment can help these people. Instead of being thrown away a computer may be able to help someone in Africa, or somewhere else, to get an education. The computer might even be of service to a medical centre or a hospital.

## **ComputerAid today:**

Since the startup of ComputerAid we have mediated the placement of roughly 10 500 computers and other electronic goods, such as printers, fax machines, mobile phones, hubs etc. Organizations which have turned to ComputerAid include Erikshjälpen, SAM-hjälpen, Operation Mercy, Ideella föreningen Lettlandshjälp and Centrala Afrikahjälpen.



# Recycle later!

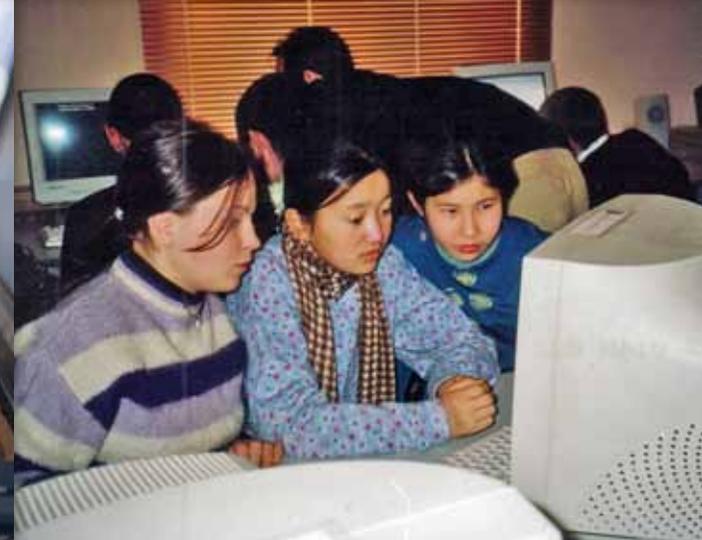


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## Computers get a new life in Africa

Jönköping International Business School have all together donated 190 PCs, 143 keyboards, 17 printers, three fax machines and a scanner to ComputerAid Sweden's work. Instead of the used machines being scrapped, they are now in use in schools and hospitals in Ethiopia.

The idea was born when IT-coordinator Stefan Nylander started preparing for a new printer system. Most of the old printers were part of a buyback deal, but many were about to be scrapped, despite still being in working condition. With a recent reduction in the number of computer labs, there was also a large amount of computers that were no longer being used.

Stefan then contacted ComputerAid and concluded a contract on the transfer of the machines. The staff of ComputerAid erased all data stored on the hard drives, with

specific, classified programs, and installed opensourced license-free operating systems and software to make the computers clean and ready for the new users.

The receiving aid organization that distributes the computers to their final location is also responsible for reporting to ComputerAid that the equipment is being used for the intended purpose, so that the risk for abuse is minimized. ComputerAid also requires that the organization prepares a plan for recycling of the computer components when they can no longer be used.

**Could your computer have a longer life?**

**Send us a SMS att +46 768 285733 and we will contact you. Or contact us directly by e-mail or by phone!**

## How do I get involved?

Donating computers and other office equipment to ComputerAid is an alternative for companies and individuals who wish to do their part for the people of the third world. You as a donor can be sure that your data has been completely erased prior to shipping.

**This is what you can donate** *(minimum specifications):*

- Complete computers in working order along with their respective monitor, keyboard and mouse.
- You may also donate only the box but this requires that the motherboard is fully functional.
- Desktop computer – Pentium IV 1200 MHz or AMD Athlon 2000 Mhz
- Laptop computer – at least 1Ghz
- Laser writer – Complete and fully functional. Empty toner cartridges are OK as long as they remain mounted.
- Copiers – Complete and fully functional
- Fax machines – Only laser faxes in full working order.