



Data Community Africa Impact Report

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Co-Founder's Note



GIFT OJEABULU
Co-Founder

There is a particular kind of frustration that comes from watching your continent being spoken about, analyzed, and defined by everyone but itself.

That frustration is what started Data Community Africa.

Africa has never had a talent problem. It has a structural issue: a missing ecosystem that intentionally connects people, builds their capacity, and opens real doors in data and AI. We decided to stop waiting for someone else to build it.

What has happened since still moves me.

People who came in simply curious have gone on to lead teams, publish research, drive decisions, and represent Africa in rooms that once felt out of reach.

That kind of transformation does not happen by accident. It happens when community is taken seriously, when mentorship, access, and shared knowledge are treated not as extras but as the foundation.

That is what we are building. Not just a network, but a generation of African data professionals who are not sitting at the edge of the global conversation; they are shaping it.

There is much more ahead. The demand is growing, and the opportunity is significant. But I am not thinking about scale right now. I am thinking about the person reading this who is just starting out, wondering if there is a place for them in this field.

There is. That is exactly why we are here.

To everyone who has been part of this journey, our members, partners, and supporters: thank you. You are not just supporting a community.

You are helping build something that will outlive all of us.

This is just the beginning.

About Data Community Africa



Data Community Africa is a community-driven organization that focuses on promoting data science, analytics and AI in Africa. The community aims to connect data enthusiasts, professionals, and organizations across the continent, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing in the field of Data and AI.

VISION & MISSION

Vision

To be the leading community that empowers individuals, organizations, and nations in Africa to harness the power of data for; Sustainable Growth, Innovation and Societal Impact

Mission

Our mission is to foster a vibrant and inclusive community of data enthusiasts, professionals, and organizations across Africa.

We strive to promote data literacy, advance data education and training, facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration, and drive data-driven innovation across sectors. By empowering individuals and communities with data science skills and knowledge, we aim to unlock the transformative potential of data for Africa's development and prosperity.



Impact Summary



Community Members

15.9K

Applications Received

21.8K



Countries Represented

70



African Youths Trained

7.7k



Scholarships Awarded to Women

3.2k



African Countries

40



Student Community

3K



Hackathons

5



Hackathon Winners

15



Physical Events

4

Registrations

5.8K

Speakers

134

Sponsors

25

Social Media Followers

54.4K

Newsletter Subscribers

23.9K

Sponsors & Partners

33



We are working towards our mission in four core ways;

01

Education

02

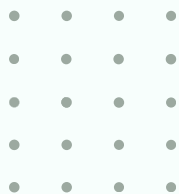
Community

03

Innovation

04

Research



Education

DataCamp Scholarship Initiative

We provide access to high-quality, structured learning opportunities that equip individuals with in-demand data skills.

Through initiatives like the DataCamp Scholarship Program, learners gain hands-on experience in Data Analysis, Data Science, Machine Learning, and Data Engineering, enabling them to build job-ready skills and transition into data careers.

The data below highlights key metrics from the DataCamp Scholarship Program, including total applications received, scholarships awarded, and the number of youths trained.



21.8K

Applications
Received

7.7K

Beneficiaries

75%

Applicants without Prior
Knowledge in Data

13,303

Male Applicants

8,304

Female Applicants

70

Countries



In 2020, DataCamp launched the DataCamp Donates initiative to provide free subscriptions to nonprofit organizations advancing education and workforce development. In January 2023, Data Community Africa (DCA) partnered with DataCamp to address the cost barriers preventing many African youths from accessing high-quality data training. Since then, the partnership has grown from 300 licenses to 5,000 in 2026, enabling thousands of learners to access premium courses in Data Analysis, Data Science, Data Engineering, Machine Learning, and AI at no cost.

Through this initiative, learners gain hands-on experience with tools such as Python, R, SQL, Excel, Power BI, Tableau and AWS, supported by DCA's structured community model. This includes cohort-based learning, learning circles, the 30-Days of Data Challenge, webinars, and mentorship opportunities, all designed to drive consistency, completion, and practical skill development.

By 2026, the program has reached over 7,730 learners, with more than 2,100 career tracks completed and 50+ reported job outcomes across countries including Nigeria, Kenya, and Ghana. This partnership highlights the impact of combining global learning platforms with localized community support to bridge both skills and opportunity gaps across Africa's data ecosystem.

Program Statistics

162M+

Learners XP Earned

193.3K

Total Learning Hours

2,137

Completed Assessments

1,141

Learning Tracks

531

Completions

61,807

Courses Started

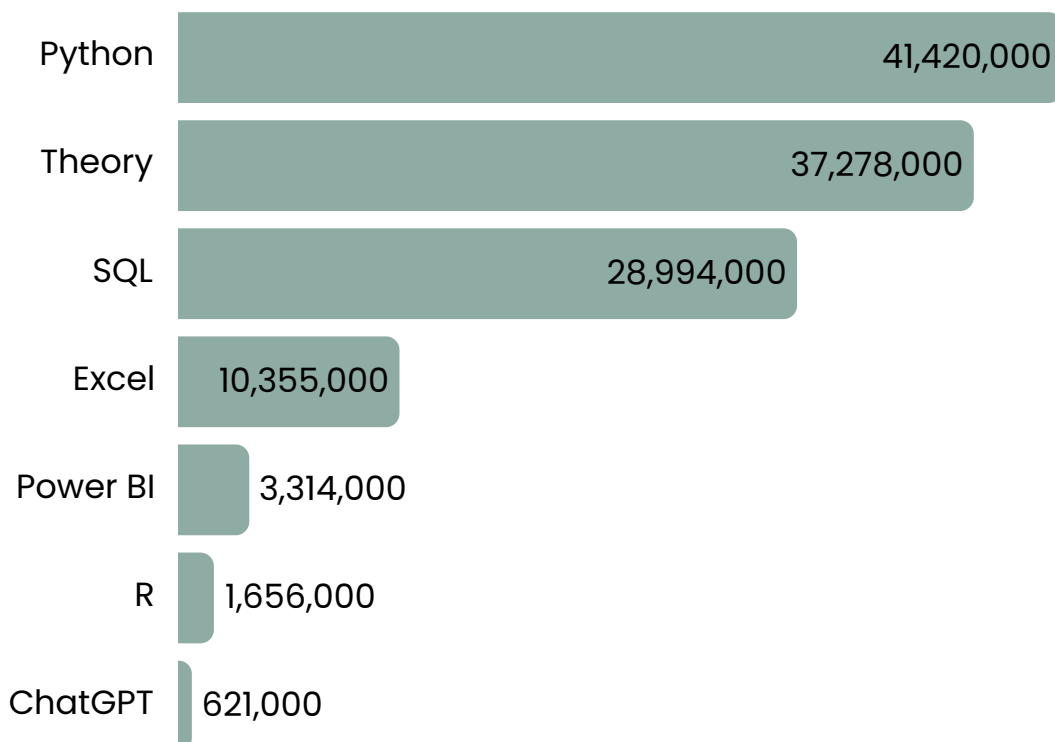
38,488

Courses Completed

62%

Completion Rate%

Content Insight: XP earned by Technology



Learners Engagement

To promote engagement and peer collaboration, all learners were brought together within a shared virtual community, creating a space for continuous interaction, accountability, and support. We hosted 17 career talks featuring industry leaders, providing learners with valuable insights into career pathways and real-world applications of data skills. In addition, resources and key learnings from these sessions were curated and shared, ensuring participants could revisit content and continue building their knowledge beyond each engagement.

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Virtual Engagement
Space

14

Webinars

2

Project Review
Sessions

We launched the [#30DaysOfDataChallenge](#) to set the tone for the scholarship. We noticed that 75% of the applicants were new to the data world, so we wanted to help them navigate their interests and get used to using the platform. This helped drive completion and engagements. We assigned XP, assessments, and projects to learners based on the career track they were learning from.

Over the 30-day period, learners committed to daily activities such as completing courses and working on projects, while sharing their progress publicly using designated hashtags([#30DaysofData](#) & [#DCADatacamp](#)).

This approach significantly improved participation, increased completion rates, and fostered a strong culture of collaboration and continuous learning within the community.

Partner's Story

In 2023, Data Community Africa joined the DataCamp Donates programme – a global initiative built on a belief we share deeply: that talent is everywhere, but opportunity is not. Within the first nine months of the partnership, our scholars had completed over 114,000 exercises, more than 2,000 courses, and 90 learning tracks, spending a combined 34,818 hours learning on the platform. The recognition that followed came directly from DataCamp.

"Data Community Africa is one of the most engaged DataCamp Donates partner organisations on the platform – and we have over 200 of them. In these nine short months, Data Community Africa scholars have spent a combined 34,818 hours on DataCamp – that's equivalent to almost 4 years. That's like saying for any given hour that passed between January and now, about 5 of you, on average, were learning on DataCamp.

DCA's story is also deeply personal to us. Tina Okonkwo, your community lead, was herself a DataCamp Donates scholar. She went on to achieve a 150-day learning streak, win a DataCamp competition, and land her first role in data analytics – and rather than keep that opportunity to herself, she helped manage an entirely new community so others could access the same doors that had opened for her. That is the spirit DataCamp Donates was built to inspire."

– Nathaniel Taylor-Leach, Social Impact Manager, DataCamp (2023)

Three years on, that foundation has only deepened. What DataCamp observed in our first nine months of partnership – a community that shows up, that learns with consistency, and that lifts others as it rises – continues to define how we build at Data Community Africa. The partnership remains one of the pillars of our learning access work, and a reminder that opportunity, when placed in the right hands, multiplies.

Impact Stories

“My journey into data analysis began with a single opportunity that completely changed my trajectory – the **DCA x DataCamp Scholarship**.

Before this, I had no background in data analysis. It was a field I had only heard about in passing, but everything changed when I came across the scholarship on X (formerly Twitter). Getting accepted marked the beginning of a transformative chapter in my life.

Through the program, I gained access to structured learning paths that introduced me to core tools like Excel, SQL, and Power BI. What started as curiosity quickly grew into genuine interest and then into a strong passion. Beyond learning tools, I developed the ability to think analytically, ask the right questions, and turn data into meaningful insights.

To deepen my skills, I began participating in monthly data challenges. These became a turning point in my growth, pushing me to apply my knowledge to real-world datasets, improve my storytelling, and refine my dashboard design. Within a short time, I started winning some of these challenges – a milestone that validated how far I had come from being a complete beginner.



Nina Ikpe
DCA DataCamp Beneficiary

The DCA x DataCamp Scholarship didn't just teach me data analysis; it gave me access to a supportive community that made growth easier and more meaningful. What once felt like an inaccessible career path is now a space where I actively compete, create, and contribute.

Today, I continue to build on this foundation, driven by a commitment to learning, storytelling, and using data to create impact. What started as a single opportunity has become a defining part of my professional journey.”

Impact Stories

In December 2022, I received a **DataCamp scholarship** through DCA with no prior data experience and no roadmap. What transformed my journey wasn't just the learning platform—it was the people. Through dashboard reviews with David Abu, Oyinbooke, and Tina, I gained confidence. I started building in public, embracing vulnerability as a beginner, and discovered a community of peers all figuring things out together.

In July 2023, everything changed. A senior community member, Malcolm, recommended me for my first data role—not because of credentials, but because I'd consistently shown up, answering questions and reviewing projects late into the night. That visibility opened the door.

Months later came the moment that truly shook me. My rookie team entered a data hackathon against far more experienced professionals. We didn't expect to win; we just wanted to grow. After 12 days, I found out that we'd made it to the top 10 and we eventually finished as 1st runners-up. That win transformed how I saw myself—from someone still learning to someone who could genuinely compete and lead.



Oluwatobi Afintinni
DCA DataCamp Beneficiary

Today, I'm a Data Analytics Engineer at a leading Nigerian fintech company. David Abu cheered me on through interviews, and Opeyemi Fabiyi, who'd held the same role before, was moved to see how far I'd come—I'd learned dbt from his webinars as a student.

A year into my career, I reached out to Tina to volunteer. Together with the DCA team, we've directly impacted over 7,000 Africans through scholarships, hackathons, and job opportunities. In three years, I've won two hackathons, transitioned into two roles, and mentored over 5,000 new members.

“DCA gave me more than skills. It gave me family, purpose, and proof that when a community invests in people, those people invest in others.”

Impact Stories

I started with nothing.

In 2022, I first heard about data through a post by Jessica. I was curious, but I had no laptop — just a 1GB RAM phone. Learning felt almost impossible, but I stayed curious anyway.

By late 2023, during my SIWES placement, I made a decision that changed the direction of everything. I convinced my father — who did not believe in what he called "online money" — to get me a laptop. It was not perfect; 4GB RAM meant Power BI was a daily battle. But it was enough to start. I invested ₦10,000 in an Excel course and committed myself fully. My first project, a Customer Churn Analysis, opened the first real door: a scholarship to learn data.

From there, things began to shift. Through the community, I received a ticket to DataFest Africa 2.0 from David Abu. That experience changed my perspective completely. I saw what was possible, where data could take me, and the kind of people I needed around me to grow. I connected with mentors and community members who showed up for me in ways I had not expected — through mentorship, free learning resources, financial support, and friendships that have stayed with me since.

The journey was not easy. Electricity in my area was unreliable — the only consistent power we had was during university lectures. To avoid missing classes, I studied at betting shops after school, long hours under fluorescent lights, managing data subscriptions bought on night plans just to access DataCamp. Poor feeding, little support, and a lot of sacrifice. But I kept going.



Alani Joshua
DataCamp Beneficiary

In 2025, just as I had found clarity on my path, my laptop broke down. It felt like everything had stopped. I made the decision to share my journey publicly on X, not knowing whether it would make a difference. The DCA community showed up. Through their support, I was able to raise enough to get a Dell Latitude 7400 — 32GB RAM — and a new phone. That moment of solidarity changed everything. Since then, I have landed international and local freelancing opportunities, secured internships and externships, and built connections that my degree alone could not have given me. I am in my final year, preparing for a full-time role, and I am ready.

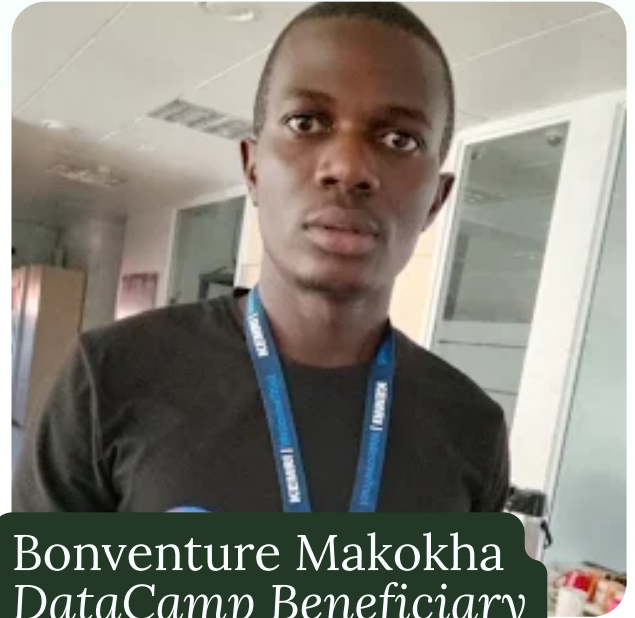
Looking back, one thing is clear: without Data Community Africa, I honestly do not know where I would be today. This community did not just open doors — it helped me believe the doors existed in the first place.

Impact Stories

My journey into data did not start with a clear plan. In my third year as a Computer Science student, just after my attachment at KEMRI-Wellcome Trust, I found myself curious about the tech space but unsure of where I fit within it. I created a LinkedIn profile to explore, connect, and learn from people already in the industry.

While scrolling one day, I came across a **DataCamp scholarship opportunity** shared within the **Data Community Africa** network. It felt unexpected. I decided to apply. A few weeks later, I received an email confirming I had been awarded a full year of access. That moment felt like a door opening — and I chose to walk through it.

From there, my approach to learning shifted. I became more intentional — following structured career paths, working on hands-on projects, attending international workshops, and engaging with the wider data community through conversations and podcasts. Over time, things started to click. My confidence grew alongside my skills.



Bonventure Makokha
DataCamp Beneficiary

I went on to build a data portfolio, earn relevant certifications, and approach opportunities with a clearer sense of direction. Shortly after graduating, I secured my first remote role as a Lead Data Analyst — something that had once felt out of reach.

Looking back, **Data Community Africa** offered more than resources. It gave me clarity, exposure, and belief in what was possible — turning a quiet curiosity into a meaningful career in data.

Community

*DCA Alumni, Book Reviews, Newsletters,
DataFestAfrica*



Data Community Africa extends its impact beyond core programs through a range of initiatives designed to sustain engagement, deepen learning, and strengthen the data ecosystem. The DCA Alumni network serves as a growing community of program graduates, providing continued access to opportunities, mentorship, and collaboration, while fostering long-term career growth and leadership within the ecosystem.

Through Book Reviews and Newsletters, DCA promotes continuous learning and knowledge sharing by curating valuable insights, industry trends, and educational resources for its community. These platforms help members stay informed, inspired, and connected to the evolving global data landscape.

At the center of these efforts is DataFestAfrica, DCA's flagship conference, which brings together data professionals, industry leaders, and learners from across the continent. The event creates a space for learning, networking, and opportunity discovery, further reinforcing DCA's mission to build a thriving and interconnected data ecosystem in Africa.

DataFestAfrica

DataFestAfrica is the flagship conference of Data Community Africa, created to bring together data professionals, learners, and industry leaders across the continent.



Launched as a community-driven initiative to bridge gaps in access to knowledge, opportunities, and collaboration, the event has grown into one of Africa's leading data gatherings.

Through keynotes, workshops, and networking sessions, DataFestAfrica provides a platform for learning, connection, and career advancement, while strengthening Africa's presence in the global data and AI ecosystem.

Event Summary

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Events

5,832

Registrations

25

Sponsors

134

Speakers

14

Panel Sessions

7

Partners

8

KeyNotes

39

Breakout Sessions

2

Media Partners



Innovation

DataFestAfrica Datathon



The DataFestAfrica Datathon is a solution-driven event designed to promote the application of data and AI in solving real-world business and global challenges. The event brings together multidisciplinary teams of data scientists, data engineers, and data analysts to collaborate and develop innovative, data-driven solutions using modern technologies such as Power BI, dbt, Azure, AWS, SQL, Microsoft Fabric, Python, R, and Excel.

Participants are tasked with analyzing curated datasets to uncover insights, build models, and deliver actionable recommendations that improve business productivity, enhance customer experience, increase revenue, and enable predictive decision-making. Beyond technical execution, the datathon emphasizes collaboration, problem-solving, and data storytelling as critical components of impactful solutions.



Winners' Report

Over the years, the datathon has produced outstanding teams and solutions, with **Team Nova (2022)**, **Team Vanguard (2023)**, **Team Kaizen (2024)**, and **Team Rosh (2025)** emerging as winners – reflecting the growing depth of talent and innovation within Africa's data ecosystem.



At the 2022 DataFestAfrica Datathon, **Team Nova** emerged as the winning team, demonstrating exceptional problem-solving and analytical capabilities. The team developed a data-driven solution to analyze customer complaint management and service performance, focusing on key metrics such as response time, turnaround time (TAT), and operational efficiency.

Their work provided actionable insights into peak-hour performance, identified factors contributing to delays in ticket resolution, and evaluated the effectiveness of managers and operators – ultimately showcasing how data can be leveraged to improve service delivery and customer experience.

Winners' Report

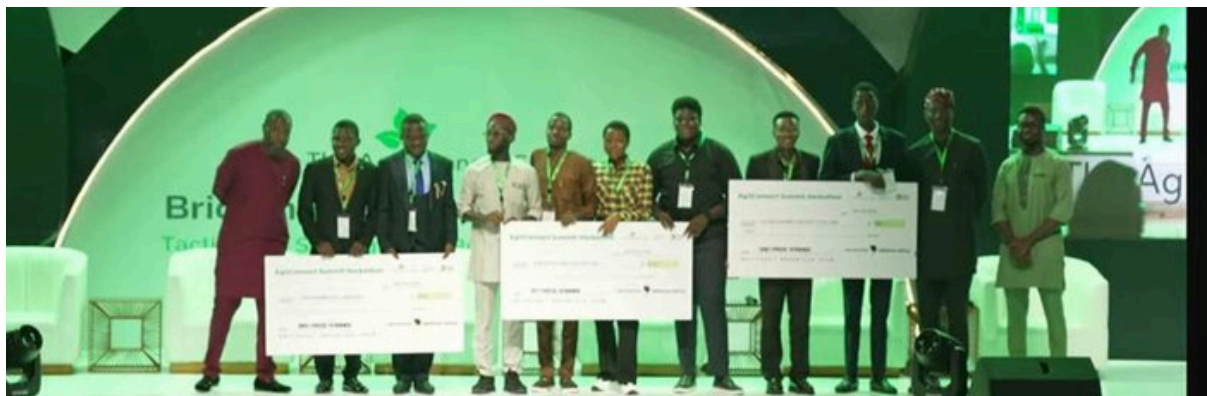


In 2023, **Team Vanguard** emerged as the winning team, delivering a data-driven solution for an agro-based company aimed at improving yield and profitability through actionable insights.



Winners of the 2024 DataFestAfrica Datathon

Winners' Report



Winners of the 2025 DCA Quarterly Datathon



Winners of the 2025 DataFestAfrica Datathon

From Community Member to AI Leader

“My journey with Data Community Africa started in 2022, when I was exploring data science and AI and looking for people who spoke the same language I was learning. I discovered the community on Twitter through a post bringing data professionals together, and I stayed because it gave me a space to think, learn, and grow alongside others.

Before the first DataFestAfrica, I attended a hackathon as a beginner. I didn't have strong technical skills yet, but I showed up, engaged actively, and started building connections. By the time DataFestAfrica launched in 2022, I was already deeply involved, eventually becoming a volunteer, contributing to social media, and later speaking at the event. In 2023, my team placed third in the DataFestAfrica hackathon, and that moment validated my growth. Through the community, I also gained exposure to opportunities, mentorship, and meaningful relationships, including one that led directly to my current role.



Frank-Felix Felix
Datathon Winner

Over time, my journey evolved from participant to contributor. From an amateur competitor in 2022 to a prize winner in 2023, and now a co-organizer of the DataFest hackathon, helping shape problem statements and experiences for others.

Today, I lead AI Engineering at my company and work as a Data and AI Solutions Architect. Community has been the foundation of it all, from learning and validation to opportunity and growth. DCA didn't just give me access to knowledge; it gave me a space to belong, build, and now, give back.”

From One Tweet to a Career in Fintech

“My first contact with Data Community Africa was through Gift Ojeabulu. I came across a tweet of his advising that anyone who wanted to learn data science should start from data analysis – to first understand the fundamentals of how data actually works. At the time, I had already jumped straight into Python and was confused. That tweet made me stop and reconsider.

I went back to basics. I dropped Python for a while and started learning Excel instead. That decision cleared a lot of things up for me. It shifted my thinking from tool-focused to impact-focused, and that shift turned out to be one of the most important things that happened in my early career. When I eventually transitioned into data engineering, I found it easier than expected – not because of the tools I knew, but because I could walk into interviews talking about business problems I wanted to solve, not just technologies I had touched. That approach helped me land my first full-time role as a Data Engineer.

The community played a significant role in getting me there too. While I was still a student and could not take on a full-time position, the hackathons organised by Data Community Africa gave me visibility.



Nancy Amandi
Datathon Winner

It was through Data Storytelling that people started to notice my work – and that recognition led to referrals for gigs while I was still in school. I was building real experience and a reputation at the same time.

Today, I am a Data Engineer at Moniepoint. Applying data engineering in the fintech space is meaningful to me, and I genuinely enjoy the work. Beyond the role itself, the people I have met through DCA have made this journey far more enjoyable than it would have been otherwise.

This is me saying thank you to Data Community Africa for the impact they have had on my career and my growth.”

Three Gold Medals, Six Figures, and a Community That Made It Possible

“I chose Civil Engineering not out of passion, but out of practicality. I loved Mathematics, and I was advised that an Engineering degree would open more doors for me in Nigeria. They were not wrong. But by my second year, I discovered that a tech career was something you could actively build while still in school. After researching different paths, Data Analytics felt most aligned with my strengths – and when I understood what the field could offer, my mind was made up. I enrolled in the Google Data Analytics course and began sharing my journey online.

One of the first people I followed on Twitter was Gift Ojeabulu – outspoken, active, and impossible to ignore. Through him and David, I found Data Community Africa. I was looking for a space that offered real relationships with people on the same journey, not just content to consume. I found that, and more.

Two DataFest Africa events changed the trajectory of my career. At DataFest 2023, my team and I competed in a hackathon and emerged as second runners-up – a result that showed me I could hold my own. At DataFest 2024, the impact went further. I landed an internship and reached the final stage of a role at Jada Squad. The position did not work out due to NYSC requirements, but the experience reminded me how far I had come – and how visible DCA had made me in a space I had only recently entered.



Chinonso Okonkwo
Datathon Winner

Since then, the growth has been measurable. I transitioned from Data Analytics into Data Science and ML Engineering. I won a DataCamp competition, made possible by the DataFest x DataCamp Donates scholarship that gave me access to the platform. I have earned three gold, one silver, and two bronze medals on Zindi, and landed consulting engagements generating six-figure earnings in Naira.

I am grateful to Data Community Africa for doing what few communities actually do: connecting people not just to content, but to opportunity. I did not stumble into this career – I chose it. And DCA helped me build it.”

Career Outcomes & Opportunities

Data Community Africa is committed to bridging the gap between learning and real-world opportunities by connecting members to jobs, internships, and career pathways within the data ecosystem. Through a combination of structured programs, community engagement, and strategic partnerships, we create an environment where talent is not only developed but also discovered.

Throughout the years, members gained access to job opportunities, interview referrals, and career support, including CV reviews, portfolio feedback, and career talks with industry professionals. Our community-driven model encourages visibility, collaboration, and consistency — enabling learners to showcase their skills, build in public, and position themselves for opportunities.

As a result, many members have transitioned into data roles, secured internships, and advanced in their careers across multiple countries. To track these outcomes, we rely on self-reported data from our community. In 2025, we reached out to our community members, and 800 responded in time for this report. Of the respondents, 89 reported interview opportunities, 57 secured jobs, and 27 received promotions.

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CV/Portfolio Reviews
Conducted

89

Interview
Opportunities































57

Jobs

27

Promotions

Our Sponsors & Partners

Communications Report

Data Community Africa leverages strategic communications to amplify its mission, engage its growing community, and extend the impact of its programs beyond physical events. Through a mix of digital platforms, storytelling, and content-driven initiatives, DCA continues to build visibility for data and AI opportunities across Africa.

Our communication efforts span social media, newsletters, community platforms, and video content, enabling us to reach thousands of learners and professionals across the continent. Regular updates, educational content, and community highlights are shared to keep members informed, inspired, and actively engaged in their learning journeys.

Flagship initiatives such as DataFestAfrica, the DataCamp Scholarship Program, and community challenges are supported by coordinated campaigns across platforms, driving participation, awareness, and sustained engagement. In addition, our newsletters and curated content series provide valuable insights into industry trends, learning resources, and community success stories.

Through consistent and intentional communication, DCA has strengthened its brand presence, fostered deeper community connections, and positioned itself as a leading voice in Africa's data ecosystem.

Social Media Statistics



26.5K

Followers



30.7K

Followers



3.3K

Followers



4.7K

Discord Members



1.8K

Whatsapp
Followers



2.0K

Youtube Subscribers



23.9K

Newsletter
Subscribers

Newsletter Statistics

Our newsletter continues to serve as a key channel for community engagement and knowledge sharing, with a growing audience of **23,895 total subscribers**. Our readership spans **98 countries and 31 states**, with the majority based in Nigeria (76%), followed by Kenya (6%), the United States (3%), Ghana (2%), and the United Kingdom (2%). Over the past three years, the newsletter has maintained a strong **average open rate of 49.89%**, reflecting high engagement from our audience. In the same period, we have recorded **253,000+ views**, including **191,000 views in the past year alone**, demonstrating sustained growth and relevance across our content.

98

Countries

253K+

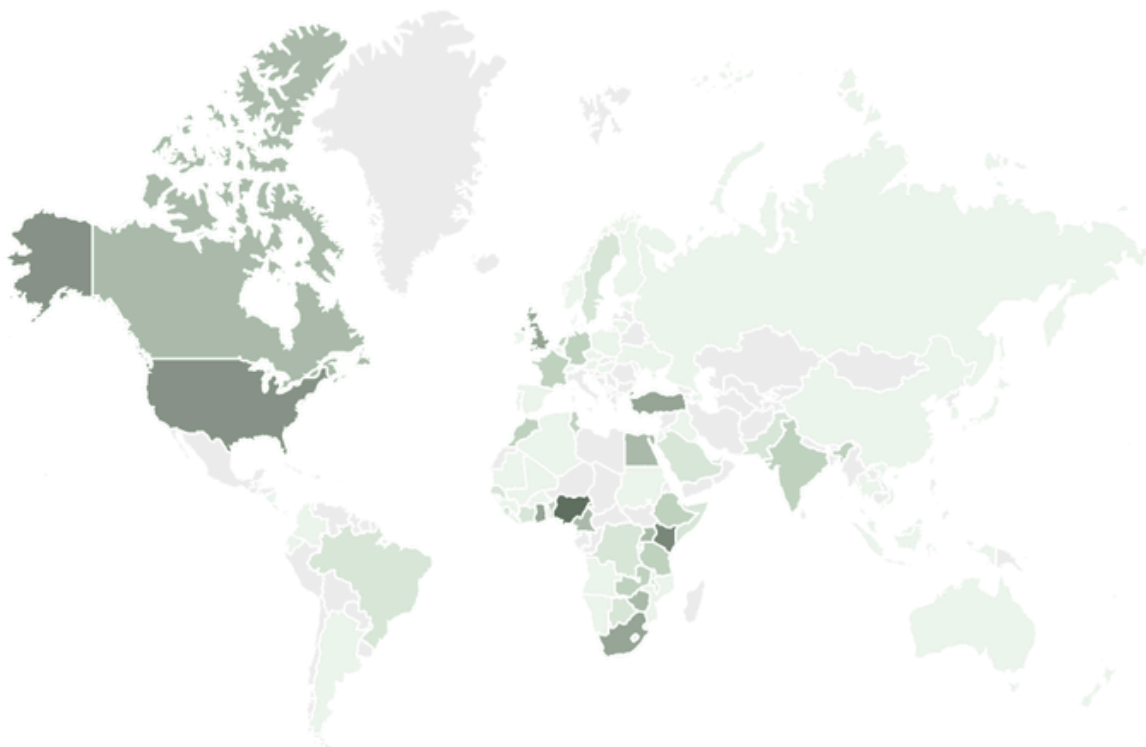
Views

48.89%

Average Open
Rate

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Top Subscriber
Location



Geographic Distribution of Subscribers

What's Ahead?



DAVID ABU
Co-Founder

Four years in, I'm more excited about what lies ahead than what we've already built.

And we've built something real – 16,000 members across 40 countries, DataFestAfrica, and over 7,000 scholarships. That's not just progress; it's a foundation. But we built all of this before AI became the defining force reshaping industries across the continent. Before the conversation shifted from **“Does Africa have data talent?”** to **“Africa is where the next wave of data and AI innovation will come from.”**

We built Data Community Africa(DCA) for that moment – and that moment is now.

The opportunity ahead is unlike anything we've seen before. Companies are looking for AI-ready talent. Governments are investing in data infrastructure. Young professionals across Lagos, Nairobi, Accra, and Kigali are no longer just asking “**How do I get a job?**” – they are asking “**How do I build something?**” And that question deserves a community that can meet them at that level.

That's what the next four years are about.

But we cannot do this with passive membership. DCA has always been powered by people who choose to give, not just receive. And to move forward, we need three things:

01

PARTNERS

Partner with us as part of your CSR projects that align with the mission. You can also join our team of corporate partners to make an impact through opportunities like becoming a mentor, sponsoring an event, donating in-kind.

02

VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for awesome mentors, facilitators, and organizers who are willing to support others on their journey and make lasting impacts in their lives.

03

DONORS

We are looking for donors because sustaining a free and accessible pan-African community requires long-term investment

The legacy we're building goes beyond events and scholarships.

It will be defined by the builders we help create and the systems they go on to build.

Africa's AI story is being written right now.

We want DCA to be one of the places where that story begins.

Come build it with us.



Businesses as Catalysts for Change

Since inception, Data Community Africa has grown through the power of community – driven by people, collaboration, and a shared commitment to building Africa’s data ecosystem. With limited resources, we have scaled our impact across education, innovation, and career development, reaching thousands of learners across the continent. As we continue to grow, we recognize that deeper, more sustainable impact requires strong partnerships with organizations that share our vision.

We believe businesses play a critical role in advancing Africa’s data and AI ecosystem. By partnering with Data Community Africa, organizations can develop job-ready talent, expand access to education, and drive innovation, while also fulfilling their brand’s CSR objectives. Partners can engage our vibrant community for experiential marketing, research, and product testing, while gaining access to a growing pipeline of skilled data talent and meaningful brand visibility.

Access to a vibrant and engaged community of data professionals across Africa

Talent pipeline for internships, hiring, and collaborations

An opportunity for your company to fulfill your Corporate Social Responsibility.

Brand visibility through events, content, and community platforms

Collaboration on research, innovation, and data-driven initiatives

Opportunities for experiential marketing through DataFestAfrica and other programs

How you can Support

Since inception, Data Community Africa has empowered thousands of learners across the continent through scholarships, training programs, community initiatives, and career opportunities. From individuals transitioning into their first data roles to community members building impactful projects and leading initiatives, the impact continues to grow – but there is still more to be done.

As the demand for data and AI talent accelerates across Africa, expanding access to opportunities, resources, and support systems requires collective effort. By supporting Data Community Africa, you contribute to building a stronger, more inclusive data ecosystem where individuals can learn, grow, and unlock new possibilities.

Together we can do so much more. If you feel aligned with the mission and the cause and would like to donate to empower African youth with skills to help increase their earning power and realize their dreams, visit this link to donate online: <https://opencollective.com/datafestafrica>

To our Nigerian account

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Account Name: Data Community Africa Foundation

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Meet the Leadership Team

Co-Founder



DAVID ABU

Product Marketing Manager, Microsoft, US

Co-Founder



GIFT OJEABULU

Senior Machine Learning Engineer, FastDoc, Canada

Community Lead



TINA OKONKWO

Technical Community Manager

Operations Lead



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Relations Lead



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