KASPERSKY lab

Customer Profile
The Population Council has over 600 desktops and laptops in 21 offces around the globe, including the US, Kenya, Ghana, Egypt, Pakistan, India, and other countries.

Industry
Non-Profit

Challenges
Existing anti-virus solution was
 not providing adequate protec-tion in international locations, resulting in numerous infections that were impacting global operations.

Kaspersky Solution
Kaspersky®
 Work Space Security

Results
• Better protection
    – improved detection rate

• Increased system performance

• Global standardization
    and centralization of malware
    protection

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The Population Council Deploys Global Protection with Kaspersky Lab

In the Fall of 2008 The Population Council faced a technical problem.

 " The anti-virus software we were using in the United States began failing in our international offes," says Stan Mierzwa, Director of IT for the Council. " Malware and viruses were getting through our anti-virus software, causing performance problems and taking our focus away from our core mission."

That core mission is to improve the well-being and reproductive health of cur-rent and future generations around the world and to help achieve a humane, equitable, and sustainable balance between people and resources. A nonprofi, non-governmental organization, the Council conducts research in three areas: HIV and AIDS; poverty, gender, and youth; and reproductive health.

With over 520 employees in 21 offces around the world, The Population Coun-cil is truly a global organization. " We rely on our international o.ces to carry out the organization's many projects, so it was important that we ask them to do the analysis on which platform to use worldwide," Stan recalls. " It was the international offces that suggested that the corporate offce look into Kaspersky Lab." The research and analysis was performed by Adan Isaac in Kenya, Ashu-tosh Mishra in India, Ahmed Kodira in Egypt, and Khalil Mohammad in Pakis-tan."

"They told us that Kaspersky works!" reports Mike Lim, Senior Systems Engineer for The Population Council. " And since we were already looking for a security application that we could standardize for global centraliza-tion, we deci-ded to give Kaspersky Work Space Security a try. The Council provides standard computing platforms and software for all of its offces, but we realized that in this case, there was not a one-size- ts-all solution for malware protection.

"When the Council began installing Kaspersky in its international offces, Stan says, " we had no idea that we had compromises outside the US until we put it on our systems. We also found that performance issues dropped with Kaspersky on our systems."

" Another problem we have at international locations is intermittent Internet links. They are not always on," Stan adds, " so using Kaspersky is great in our environment because of its frequent small updates, protect-ing expensive bandwidth."

The Solution

In December 2008 The Population Council launched Kaspersky in its international offces. According to Mike, " The process was pretty simple. Kaspersky was able to remove the current anti-virus software from theirmachines and then install Kaspersky. It ran very well."

" We quickly saw the impact of Kaspersky," Stan adds. " We saw fewer infections, which had a positive operational impact and supported our goal of moving towards greater effciency."

And since Kaspersky's management console, The Administration Kit, is included, The Population Council could distribute the console to each international location and remain within its budget.

The Results: A New Standard in Security

Once Kaspersky was in place, The Population Council quickly realized signiffcant beneFfts that enhanced its cost savings:

- Greatly improved protection
- SigniFfcant performance improvements
- A more reliable global solution

Improving the productivity of employees and IT Staff, reducing the churn of malware FfreFfghting by providing better protection, and making the upgrade process easy and fast all contributed signiffcantly to costs savings and excellent results.

"Kaspersky," Stan attests, "is a great t for our global centralization and standardization project. And that supports us in making a di erence in the lives of the world's most vulnerable populations."