

**BCO Partnership Agreement with DFID - Accountable Grant- AG3875**  
*Reporting in terms of agreed on Monitoring Framework*

Strategic Outcomes	Strategies	Success criteria	Achievements Aug. 2005-Dec. 2005
<b>Goal</b>			
To eliminate poverty			
<b>Purpose</b>			
To provide support for APC in pursuit of its strategic objectives that contribute to the overall BCO purpose: "To investigate, mobilise and support key ICD opportunities that impact poverty"	Support to the following thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy advocacy on ICD's role in key development agendas;</li> <li>• Gender equality and women's empowerment;</li> <li>• Strategic use of ICD by southern based civil society organisations;</li> <li>• Poverty impact of ICD.</li> </ul>		
<b>Strategic outcomes</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Success criteria</b>	<b>Achievements Aug. 2005-Dec. 2005</b>
1. Informed and inclusive debate and policy dialogue around ICD's role in mainstream development agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen policy advocacy by extending CATIA activities to at least three additional (BCO priority) countries in Africa and/or Asia.</li> <li>• Leverage opportunities provided by the CATIA activities to benefit other DFID priority regions.</li> <li>• Support locally based advocacy working with the private sector, consumer groups (where they exist), civil society organisations, government and the media.</li> <li>• Facilitate locally driven policy advocacy campaigns; inclusive policy making processes; and policies that create enabling environments for using ICTs to achieve development goals and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater awareness by CSOs of ICD policy issues</li> <li>• Locally driven advocacy campaigns which influence ICD policy/regulatory environments</li> <li>• Continued production of vital <b>plain language</b> materials that provide input into and sustain the debate and dialogue</li> <li>• Vital materials are repackaged into formats that can be widely distributed.</li> <li>• Vital materials are made available in multiple languages</li> <li>• Coordination between BCO-partners to pool know-how</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy advocacy processes were extended to Uganda on gender and rural development funds for ICTs and Bangladesh on open access to broadband.</li> <li>• WOUGNET has been partly integrated into the CATIA process through attending animators' workshops and being part of the animators' list.</li> <li>• WOUGNET and BFES are engaging with all stakeholders in the process of their advocacy.</li> <li>• Training materials on ICTD, social exclusion and advocacy have been used in capacity building in Bolivia and Ecuador. <a href="http://www.apc.org/english/capacity/policy/curriculum.shtml">http://www.apc.org/english/capacity/policy/curriculum.shtml</a></li> <li>• Production of plain language online discussion materials for online preparation and building capacity of African civil</li> </ul>

	<p>strengthen human rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase understanding within the international mainstream development community, of the role of ICD.</li> </ul>	<p>and resources and increase distribution reach especially in target countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of media partnerships that broaden reach so that ICD-related information is picked up by mainstream media in target countries</li> <li>• Discussion papers</li> <li>• Facilitate southern participation in policy forums</li> </ul>	<p>society organisations before the Africa WSIS PrepCom in Accra in February 2005.</p> <p><a href="http://africa.rights.apc.org/index.shtml?apc=29740ieDiscussion1&amp;x=30659">http://africa.rights.apc.org/index.shtml?apc=29740ieDiscussion1&amp;x=30659</a></p> <p><a href="http://africa.rights.apc.org/index.shtml?apc=29740ieDiscussion1&amp;x=30657">http://africa.rights.apc.org/index.shtml?apc=29740ieDiscussion1&amp;x=30657</a></p> <p><a href="http://africa.rights.apc.org/index.shtml?apc=29740ieDiscussion1&amp;x=30658">http://africa.rights.apc.org/index.shtml?apc=29740ieDiscussion1&amp;x=30658</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination with OWSA took place in the running of the South Asian WSIS Consultation and capacity building workshop in Dhaka in January 2005.</li> <li>• APC LAC Monitor participated in a regional workshop on ICT strategies for poverty reduction, convened by IICD and the SDC, Bolivia in August 2005</li> <li>• African and LAC ICT Policy Monitors made information broadly available and news items regularly appear high on the lists of items on Google's search engine</li> <li>• A discussion paper on 'Interconnection Costs' was produced for WSIS PrepCom-3 in September 2005 EN, ES, FE <a href="http://rights.apc.org/papers.shtml">http://rights.apc.org/papers.shtml</a></li> <li>• APC played a lead role in supporting southern participation in regional and global WSIS forums and the UN ICT Task Force and in advancing advocacy positions in these forums on access, finance and internet governance from a development perspective.</li> <li>• Issues papers on Violence Against Women and ICTs, women's economic empowerment and ICTs and Digital Dangers: ICTs and Trafficking in Women <a href="http://www.genderit.org/upload/ad6d215b74e2a8613f0cf5416c9f3865/digital_dangers_EN.pdf">http://www.genderit.org/upload/ad6d215b74e2a8613f0cf5416c9f3865/digital_dangers_EN.pdf</a></li> </ul>
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<p>2. Gender equality and women's empowerment promoted through ICD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to building an effective gender and ICD advocacy movement, with specific focus on, rural development, poverty reduction, the media, and governance and women's rights</li> <li>• Extend the use of gender evaluation approaches in ICD initiatives.</li> <li>• Research, learning and knowledge sharing on gender and ICD.</li> <li>• Capacity building for BCO and other strategic partners.</li> <li>• Embed gender within key international ICD development and policy processes.</li> <li>• Develop gender and ICD resources to support advocacy.</li> <li>• Diversify the network of GEM practitioners with the BCO and other strategic partners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influence ICD policy and gender policy with the gender and ICD agenda on an international, regional, and national level, including donors and international agencies.</li> <li>• Diversity of organizations and actors engaged in gender and ICD issues and policies</li> <li>• More women involved in ICD policy processes</li> <li>• ICD advocates promoting gender agenda</li> <li>• Increased accessible and visible content on gender and ICD policy (language and style)</li> <li>• Beijing +10 process incorporating our agenda.</li> <li>• Use of tool by diverse initiatives</li> <li>• Consolidated GEM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanding gender work in national ICT policy processes through support for engendering national ICT in Uganda, research on gender and rural information systems in Indonesia and training of National women's machineries in five African regions</li> <li>• Consolidating women's networking initiatives at global and regional levels through developing positions and organising events on the interconnections of ICTs , violence against women and rural development during the 10 year review implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and other international women's gatherings such as the AWID Forum and the Latin American Feminist Encuentro. <a href="http://www.apcwomen.org/news/index.shtml?x=73487">www.apcwomen.org/news/index.shtml?x=73487</a>  <a href="http://www.unece.org/oes/gender/beijing10.htm">http://www.unece.org/oes/gender/beijing10.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.apcwomen.org/b10">http://www.apcwomen.org/b10</a></li> <li>• <b>GenderIT:</b> Building of GenderIT.org provides women's rights activists, policy makers and ICT4D activists with practical tools and guidelines, as well as with</li> </ul>

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<p>3. Increased capacity, networking and influence of poverty focused southern</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amplify voice and debate among CSOs in the South through the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online campaigning toolkit based on FLOSS software</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ActionKit researched, platform decision made, development tendered to APC</li> </ul>

<p>based civil society organisations, through their strategic use of ICD;</p>	<p>provision of information, appropriate tools, facilitation of on and offline learning/consultation exchanges, and capacity building to ensure that CSOs are able to make effective use of such resources. Specifically to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and co-ordinate the multi-stakeholder ItrainOnline partnership, which aims to empower CSOs to take full advantage of the ICTs to accomplish their development and social change objectives. Work will focus on increasing the level of local training and tailoring the available material in response to clear user demands;</li> <li>• Develop and facilitate, with BCO partner IICD, a trainers and training materials practitioners network;</li> <li>• Develop and make widely available a simple-to-use and freely available package of tools for online advocacy and campaigning, tailored to the needs of Southern CSO;</li> <li>• Promote an integrated approach to low cost connectivity and appropriate technologies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased capacity of southern software developers through their collaboration in developing the toolkit</li> <li>• Software development programming and skill sharing event (based on the toolkit development) in Africa</li> <li>• Reassessment of Itrainonline based on input of southern ICD trainer community</li> <li>• Diversification of ITO membership/participation</li> <li>• Integration of outcomes of this assessment in ITO structure, objectives, governance and content</li> <li>• Practitioners network/exchange and development of strategic approach to ICD training based on assessment of changing training needs in the ICD end user community</li> <li>• Knowledge of examples of different types of good practice in providing low cost connectivity from around the world (from wireless to email only networks, exploring technical solutions AND business models)</li> <li>• Learning event that shares skills and promotes appropriate technology and</li> </ul>	<p>network members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telecentre.org joins ItrainOnline partnership, bringing in wider communities of telecentre operators.</li> <li>• IICD survey of trainers to inform development of ItrainOnline community of trainers.</li> <li>• Promotion of low-cost connectivity using wireless networks and Linux-based infrastructure through training and development and dissemination of learning resources. New materials added to Itrainonline <a href="http://www.itrainonline.org">http://www.itrainonline.org</a></li> <li>• Establishing and APC WSIS blog in November 2005 that became the primary French and English blog space on the Tunis Summit <a href="http://blog.apc.org/en/index.shtml">http://blog.apc.org/en/index.shtml</a></li> </ul>
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		lost cost connectivity as viable solutions	
<p>4. Poverty impact of ICD evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the analysis of the poverty impact of ICD, through developing, testing and applying appropriate evaluation methodologies and then disseminating the results effectively through other key networks - co-ordinated closely with the DFID funded 'Impact Programme'.</li> <li>• Apply the gender evaluation methodology (GEM) tool to evaluate the relationships between the impact of ICD initiatives on poverty and on women's empowerment.</li> <li>• Help identify and support <u>scaleable</u>, innovative, southern led opportunities for poverty focused ICD policy &amp; practice, as part of a BCO peer-prioritised 'Poverty Focused Scalable ICD Seed Fund'.</li> <li>• Commission discussion papers and facilitate influential discussion forums</li> <li>• Increasing meaningful participation of southern voices and civil society in public policy platforms and in key ICD forums.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application of GEM to poverty oriented initiatives and dissemination of the results</li> <li>• Implementation of poverty focused ICD seed fund that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Integrates gender concerns</li> <li>○ Prioritises women's participation</li> <li>○ Enables extraction of learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Online information dissemination platforms that are well used, and receive positive feedback from the target use community</li> <li>• Discussion/position papers on critical issues that add to the pool of thinking and knowledge on ICD</li> <li>• More critical debate on ICD and poverty impact</li> <li>• Southern and civil society voices that are influential in key ICD policy forums</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of GEM as an evaluation framework for ICT projects on rural poverty in Bangladesh and Samoa</li> <li>• Support for women's economic empowerment and ICD through the Gender and ICT awards through development of database of projects, recognition and prizes (USD8,000) for three outstanding projects and knowledge sharing between prize winners</li> <li>• <b>Genardis small grants programme</b> Grants of 5,000 Euros to 10 organisations to support ICT and rural development projects in Africa.</li> <li>• <b>BCO impact process:</b> Participation in BCO impact working group and plans for impact study planned for 2006</li> <li>• <b>APC News and Noticias:</b> Regular writing and distribution of stories about the impact on ICD in APC's newsletters in English and Spanish. Items are regularly picked up by the international media, particularly BBC online.</li> </ul>