

BCO Reporting

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Organisation: IICD

Purpose of the BCO Alliance is to investigate, mobilise and support key ICT4D opportunities that impact poverty.

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<p>①</p> <p>ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The project portfolio in all countries, contributing to faster build up of critical mass, has been increased. ➤ There is an increasing number of cases of embedding at institutional level, in which case partner organisation takes on part of the project cost and also introduced ICT as part of its core activities ➤ Mali: The health sector is upscaling. A small RT was held. The policy trajectory is helping regional hospitals and Health authorities to get a better grip on the opportunities of using ICTs. ➤ Tanzania: The development of an ICT strategy for the health sector started off with the Ministry of Health and other stakeholders. ➤ Tanzania: a 'pre-white paper' on an ICT strategy for education was presented and well received by the government. The document should deepen the understanding on ICT4Education by decision-makers ➤ Uganda: Development of ICT implementation strategy for MTTL. Workshops at ministry were held. ➤ Jamaica: The J CUTE initiative was launched by the Prime minister. The government has begun implementing ICT-enabled initiatives for universal technology education programmes which are promoted by the initiative. ➤ The portal ww.ghana.gov.gh is recognised as official portal for Ghana. To further develop the portal the e-governance component will be integrated. ➤ Bolivia: workshop for provincial representatives of Ministry of Agriculture resulted in further formulation of large 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is difficult for partners to get access to local funding ➤ Mali: Within the Ministry of Health several departments fight over the claim on ICT4Health. It is difficult for IICD to discern with whom to work and with whom not ➤ New government in Tanzania (movements and adjustments in policy) and low electricity supply delay projects implementation. In education new staffing seems more conducive to the use of ICT, thus is positive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mali. Togunet is recognised as the leader of the ICT4D civil society in Mali by national authorities. The Togunet Network realised the highest score of ICT awareness raising activities carried out in 2005. Therefore, selected by authorities for partnership (IICD-ToguNet and AGETIC) in implementing parts of ICT strategy. ➤ EU and Ministry of Agriculture interested to support a replication workshop (12 out of 72) from the Uganda Commodity Exchange project ➤ Bolivia: most projects in agriculture and governance have found new external funding to continue provision of monitoring and advisory activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uganda: NUFFIC (NL) is taking over and scaling up two projects ➤ Uganda: funding was found from the government and EU for continuation of UCE ➤ Bolivia: APCOB found funding from EU and CIOEC from DANIDA ➤ Relations with local donor agencies (Netherlands Embassies and SDC local offices) are improving through more intensive and regular information and communication ➤ Togunet, AGETIC and IICD launched a study on the legal framework of ICT in Mali ➤ Tanzania: Pre-white paper process financed by SIDA ➤ The www.ghana.gov.gh portal is supported by the World Bank and Inter Access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Burkina Faso: RT on secondary education together with Ministry is organised. Lay basis for policy development assistance and upscaling and upgrading of TICE project. ➤ Burkina Faso: Minister for ICT has requested IICD to assist him in elaborating six e-policies. IICD offered to assist in e-education and e-agriculture. ➤ Through BCO an evaluation of policy efforts in Uganda in collaboration with APC will take place

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ network's sustainability plan. ➤ Ghana: the GINKS network staff has increased and had to move to its new premises, which is well equipped with a broadband connection. A workshop was given on membership and sustainability of the GINKS network. ➤ Ecuador: an ICT public policy diagnostic was produced and disseminated among Infodesarrollo's members. ➤ Ecuador: Results of Focus Group meeting were shared in a trainers' meeting. 				
<p>③</p> <p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cross-country: evaluation of 20 of the 50 livelihoods projects makes clear that small rural farmers awareness levels are indicated by 60% and empowerment is perceived by 50%. Economic impact is 35%, which regularly sums up with 20% each year. ➤ Burkina Faso: the development impact of the TICE project in the education sector showed: awareness 67%; empowerment 67%, economic impact 37% and sector impact 77% ➤ Burkina Faso; Access training was given to Song Taaba, Fepassi and Sahel Solidarité. MYSQL training to IABER, Update seminar on ICT communication tools for project partner. The Pag La Yiri project opened a multimedia centre ➤ Mali: advanced management course to help project partners with budgeting, reporting techniques and long-term financial planning was held. ➤ In Zambia a health RT generated feasible project ideas. Four projects are in formulation. Capacity development is main issues in RT. ➤ Ecuador: Five projects in governance are in formulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mali: In agriculture the formulation process of projects take longer than expected. Two workshops were held to address parts of the project proposal template which partners found difficult to comprehend. Result: seven out of ten project ideas qualitative enough for funding. Four have been handed in. ➤ Uganda: the re-election of president Museveni makes development partners cut down direct budget support to the country. This might have negative impact on the ICT4D programme in 2006 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bolivia: end users of ICT4D projects indicate increased satisfaction rates and impact levels. Satisfaction with the services provided mostly close 90%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project partners in IICD countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cross-country Train the Trainer course on OSS in Uganda for health sector