

BCO Reporting

Reporting period: July-December 2006

Organisation: OneWorld South Asia

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

Outcomes	July-December report	3 key lessons and implications for the BCO work	3 key successes and implications for the BCO work	Collaborations in support of activity – with both BCO and non-BCO partners	S c
<p>ICT has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<p>1. Thematic consultations inviting development practitioners towards mainstreaming ICT on relevant MDGs. The objective was to debate on the gaps in transforming the policies into action.</p> <p>Consultations on Child Rights; National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and how ICTs can add value; Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan; National Rural Health Mission etc.</p> <p>The National level experts, academicians, practitioners and NGO representatives participated.</p>	<p>The need to raise the voice in addressing the gaps in transforming the policy decisions at the ground level.</p> <p>The voices need to be streamlined and shared at the right quarters for right action.</p> <p>Under the Right to Information Act, and the schemes/benefits announced for the poor communities, should be intimated to them and they should know to which quarters they have to approach for right information/knowledge.</p>	<p>The voices were shared through OWSA portal.</p> <p>Many other organisations doing campaign on various themes approached us, like Wada Na Todo Andolan; Indian Social Forum; Nine is Mine campaign organised by school children.</p> <p>OWSA got recognition as a facilitating organisation supporting these campaigns online and offline too.</p> <p>Advisory and help-desk support to multi-</p>	<p>The partnership network was used to call the NGOs.</p> <p>Experts from Government bodies to speak about the government programmes.</p> <p>International Organisations also participated and associated with OWSA</p>	

			stakeholder partners in government, academia, private sector and civil society.	
	<p>2. Participation and partial sponsorship of the Session on ICT tools and its use in Behavioural Change Communication for ensuring Safe Motherhood during the International Conference on Experience Sharing on Safe Motherhood-Looking to be held on 8-9 September 2006 at BITS-Pilani, Rajasthan.</p>	<p>OWSA contributed by sharing the South Asia perspective in the Conference by nominating experts from Nepal. BITS invited from Sri Lanka.</p> <p>OWSA also provided the opportunity to its partner to share the situation from Hilly region and the problems faced by women and how radio helps in addressing issues on Safe Motherhood.</p>	<p>OWSA learnt how Mobile services could be used in addressing emergency obstetric care cases.</p> <p>How ICTs can help in addressing safe motherhood and how rural youth can play a role in using ICTs for addressing four MDGs.</p>	<p>Coordination with Research and Management Institute like BITS-Pilani gave recognition to OWSA to strengthen partnership on various ICT related programmes.</p> <p>Sharing of expertise at various for a like gender and ICTs; Rural entrepreneurship and ICTs and also a member of their evaluation committee programmes on ICTs and Center for Women Studies cell.</p>
Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)	<p>20 grassroots advocacy centres in South Asia</p> <p>Capacity building among CBOs in the use of audio tools</p> <p>Grassroots story telling competition</p>	<p>Advocacy Centres in India, Nepal, through partnership with CBOs/CSOs. The expected outcomes of these advocacy centers are : To get voices from the communities on MDGs; to enable them to use radio as a tool for knowledge dissemination on the voices</p>	<p>A network of organisations is strengthened to use ICTs.</p> <p>It provides a platform for common sharing; peer to peer learning; understanding of the MDGs; demanding information as their right and</p>	<p>Collaboration is more with the non-BCO partners but adding value to the programme on Building Communications Opportunities as a whole.</p> <p>Sharing the voices at the global level through grassroots websites ; www.grassrootsvoices.net and http://radio.ekduniy</p>

		<p>collected from the communities; to select a cadre of Ek Duniya Fellows and to establish to and fro exchange of information and knowledge for empowerment.</p> <p>Stories are digitised and translated into English. Portal is being maintained for sharing stories related to MDGs.</p> <p>Capacity building workshops on radio programming and production are being organised every month with a network of 50 odd NGOs. The objective is to make communities understand MDGs and how radio can help in addressing MDGs. Through the process Grassroots Broadcasters' Network has been established. This network is being connected with the mainstream media to give their voices. The project is also on in other states of India as well as in Nepal.</p>	<p>debating on issues concerning their own development and a society as a whole. Strengthening Media and Communications for Development at the grassroots level.</p>	<p>a.net</p>
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		Various other networks are also used to enhance the capacities of grassroots to use ICTs.		
Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences	Highlighting best practices on DO channel. www.digitalopportunity.net	OWSA is maintaining the DO channel where news, views, stories, academic researches are highlighted.	It gives recognition to the organisations and global researchers get in touch with us to know the development scenario and how ICTs are adding value.	