

BCO Reporting

Reporting period: July to December 2006

Organisation: OneWorld Africa.

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>	<p>NGO Symposium on NGO regulation and Coordination in Zambia which will lead to self regulation and reduce NGOs being at the mercy of govt whims.</p> <p>Consultative Stakeholder Meeting on the 5th National Development Plan. OWA was presenting on inclusion of ICTs in the plan. July</p> <p>An MP Leadership Program initiated to enable citizens discuss policy issues with their MPs December</p> <p>Sensitization meetings were held with seven constituencies in Luapula and Northern provinces, computers were also distributed to the constituency information offices. December</p>	<p>Non of the local partners of BCO members taking an interest in the discussion which could have serious implications for NGOs engaged in advocacy if the policy is unfriendly.</p> <p>A chapter on ICTs included in the national plan means govt doors can open for ICT related issues, but donors not yet seen to support this part of the document</p> <p>A new programme in getting elected officials be more accountable to their electorate. Began immediately after elections before the leaders are tainted and corrupted</p> <p>We used HIV/AIDS as an entry point in this case but advocacy is being conducted on all other issues of concern.</p>	<p>OWA being part of these deliberations can engage with other ICT4D organisations in order to get more NGOs interested in this issue</p> <p>A department in the ministry has been created to deal with ICT though not enough resources dedicated to this issue.</p> <p>Newly started but the first motion on HIV and AIDS by one of the MPs trained by OWA was tabled in parliament last week and accepted by the house.</p> <p>The locals have taken control of the activities and elected animators amongst themselves to run the activities.</p>	<p>Potential IICD, Panos</p> <p>Wougnet Azur Fantsuam OKN, SDC</p> <p>IICD through Ebrain. DGIS, DFID</p> <p>DGIS, PACT Zambia,</p> <p>SDC, Tango, OKN, Jamana</p> <p>PACT, DGIS</p>	<p>Convene a meeting of I-network partners to plan advocacy activities around this issue</p> <p>ICT and female Policy Makers in Uganda, Congo Brazaville, Nigeria, Mali, Nigeria</p> <p>Close monitoring of the new department and lobbying new personnel</p> <p>Production of training manual on the methodology and process.</p> <p>Initial assessments on policy in Mali, Mozambique, Tanzania</p> <p>Workshops in 8</p>

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	<p>ESSAy Meeting, Lusaka August to gauge zambia's readiness.</p> <p>Radio call in programmes on the Eassy debate</p> <p>GCAP/MDG National meeting. To refocus on the particular MDG themes on Zambia and mobilise people on these themes so as to put pressure on Government. OWA works with the local GCAP team and is responsible for the information component.</p>	<p>Since this is a regional issue with seious implications, we could have involved more BCO partners to strengthen the process.</p> <p>Govt was not very forth coming with information about ESSAy, we could have employed other tactics if we talked to other BCO partners.</p> <p>These were done just before the general elections, a high campaign period so we did not get as much participation as people were more interested in debating with their candidates.</p> <p>This is the main group leading the MDG campaign but not so many of the local partners of BCO members are taking part so OWA has a small voice compared to the hard core poverty based organisations.</p>	<p>When we use an issue close to them they take ICTs on board without our having to push for it.</p> <p>We created awareness on this issue in Zambia.</p> <p>Radio call in programmes have the potential to generate good debate but should be well timed.</p> <p>Not much for BCO</p>	<p>CIPESA, DGIS, CATIA</p> <p>CIPESA, AFRICONNECT, HIVOS</p> <p>UNDP, DGIS, DFID, HIVOS</p>	<p>constituencies on Leadership, advocacy and ICTs.</p> <p>One on One lobbying and orientation meetings with MPs</p> <p>More radio programmes in different provinces to create awareness</p>
Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)	Set up computer lab at Evelyn Hone College to teach Open Source to IT students	A partnership that works both ways by us contributing the computers and building a support	OWA has a pool of IT support for its rural programmes, it has also	DGIS, HIVOS	Similar partnerships with University of Zambia and Copperbelt University

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	Solar panels and mobile phones to five rural womens groups in Chipata for advocacy work	<p>team on open source through the students trained.</p> <p>Private/local partnerships work best where the company gets publicity We keep adding on to this project and leave the community to run of their own.</p>	<p>strengthened the volunteer programme.k The Chipata rural womens groups is able to sustain their programmes while OWA mostly links them to other groups.</p>	<p>DGIS, DFID</p>	<p>To distribute equipment to the constituency groups in Luapula and Northern for similar work.</p>
	Needs assessment with rural organisation engages in advocacy to set up advocacy centres in three provinces in Zambia.	<p>Important to work with groups that already have their own agendas and are already doing advocacy so that we can add the value of communication</p>	<p>After the Needs assessments, the rural organisations set up structures by themselves as their contribution and willingness to have centres.</p>	<p>SDC, DGIS</p>	<p>Inspect the structures set up by the groups as centres</p>
	Setting of eight Community liaison committees in eight constituencies	<p>The committees were set up with the MPs as part of the process and so becomes easier for policy work and people participation.</p>	<p>So far the MPs are very enthusiastic as they see this as a vehicle for more development projects in their constituencies that can ensure them more votes. For OWA, these committees can push the need for ICTs in their communities.</p>	<p>PACT, DGIS</p>	<p>Equipping the centres and more training of the committees.</p>
	35 teachers trained in the use of ICTs to improve upon teacher training materials in poorly resourced schools.	<p>Teachers, once capacitated with ICT knowledge are the best champions for ICTs.</p> <p>The assumption that because there is a computer lab at a school then teachers have the skills is a fallacy.</p>	<p>Teachers are happy to get recognition for their contribution in producing teaching materials</p> <p>They are happy to share their notes with other teachers.</p>	<p>IICD, Ebrain, DGIS, HIVOs</p>	<p>Upgrading computer skills for the teachers Orientation for headmasters.</p>
	Set up computer labs in 20 secondary schools including open community schools to enable pupils discuss HIV	<p>Access is still a very big problem for schools and small communities</p>	<p>All the recipient schools were asked to show their</p>	<p>IICD,FAIR, Norwegian ChurchAID, Ministry of</p>	<p>Training in computer skills, orientation to OWA and project outputs.</p>

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	<p>issues</p> <p>Online discussions with pupils in nine secondary schools on HIV/AIDS to encourage debate and discussion which will lead to resolutions tabled for policy makers</p>	<p>Computers in schools also give a chance to the community to understand the importance of the tools.</p> <p>The discussions were not very well attended, as most pupils were at this time engaged in examinations. There was also poor moderation from OWA as this is done purely on voluntary basis.</p>	<p>commitment by providing a secure space as well as sustainability plan for the computers, we could not even keep up with the pace once they started.</p>	<p>education</p> <p>IICD, Schools, HIVOs</p>	

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<p>③</p> <p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<p>Online Partner survey</p> <p>Carry out a training needs assessment of partner organizations to enable in depth capacity building</p>				