

Organisation: SDC (www.deza.ch/ict4d)

Reporting period: 2005 (per 31.12.2005)

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① ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SDC ICT4D Concept approved and rapid growth of ICT4D activities all over SDC (see e.g. >50 ICT4d progr. In WSIS stocktaking, http://www.itu.int/wsis/stocktaking/scripts/listing-all.asp (=> enter "SDC" as key word) - WSIS involvement, mainly through GKP and BCO partners - Initiated and facilitated learning process on "ICT and large scale poverty reduction" in cooperation with Panos, Foundation for Development Cooperation, IICD, Swaminathan Foundation (MSSRF) and UNDP see http://162.23.39.120/dezaweb/ressources/resource_en_25250.pdf - new and large SDC/IDRC partnership in telecentre.org (intended to be important factor in SDC's mainstreaming efforts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rapid growth of interest and awareness at implementation level - interest from other donors still limited (but subst. increase by Germany) - compilation of latest lessons in "ICT and large scale poverty reduction" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the process related to the publication "ICT and large scale poverty" generated much interest and momentum (BCO role in follow up?) - SDC WSIS involvement (see column 2) - initiative and conceptual support to the BBC World "Digital Dividend" (50 minutes) Debate (reach >270 Million audience beyond the ICT community - initiative and conceptual support to the Session on Broadcasters Role in fighting Poverty at the World Electronic Media Forum 2005 (http://www.wemfmedia.org/05.10.31_ENG_WEMF%20Programme_Final.pdf session 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cooperation with several BCO partners BCO partnership network was helpful for finding suitable panellist and participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SDC ICT4D Strategy and deepening of ICT4D integration efforts all over SDC - streamlining and the SDC ICT4D long term partnerships especially in C4D
③ Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supported the voice and involvement of developing countries, indigenous people and grassroots level in the WSIS in general and in the WGIG in particular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - strengthening the grassroots voices in a global forum can positively affect their importance in their own country (OWSA/SDC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the success and strong demand for the ICT4all Platform at WSIS Tunis confirmed that SDC/GKP initiative for the ICT4D Platform @ WSIS Geneva 2003 was a good idea. BCO can build on the experience and momentum 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - process of reviewing, streamlining the SDC mid and long term partnerships, especially in C4D - SDC supported IGF Prep. Conference in Malta (DiploFoundation)
③ Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See "ICT and large scale poverty reduction in the mainstreaming column" 				

Organisation: HIVOS (www.hivos.nl)

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<p>①</p> <p>ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal reorganisation of Hivos from regional focus to sector focus. ICT4D activities changed from separate setting within Hivos to an integrated setting as one of the 7 sectors, namely Information, Media and Knowledge Sharing Sector (IMK). Budget doubled, covers 7% of Hivos budget and at the moment IMK has > 50 partners and own programmes. IMK will continue to mainstream ICT within other Hivos sectors • STAR programme Africa: Hivos initiative on using ICT tools within AIDS and microfinance sector in cooperation with KPN. Pilot has been carried out in Malawi, Mozambique, Kenya and Namibia. • Satu Dunia (=One World): web portal and ICT centre in Indonesia. Keywords: ownership, awareness and skills. Get to know workshop and a TOT workshop resulted in 9 trainers for rural areas and partaking of 34 Hivos counterparts working in the sectors sust. dev., AIDS, human rights and gender. 	<p>Strategic alliances with OneWorld, IICD and APC have been very helpful</p> <p>Create real local ownership is most difficult and most crucial step</p>	<p>Full recognition of work done by earlier special unit hivos.com</p> <p>Attractive and telling public-private partnership with major Dutch telecom provider KPN</p>	<p>New partnership with OSI</p> <p>PSO (co-funder STAR programme)</p> <p>Joint implementation Hivos Jakarta Office and OneWorld International</p> <p>EU (co-funding)</p>	<p>Workshop in South Africa (Feb) on ICT & HIV/AIDS with 20 Hivos counterparts working on AIDS</p> <p>Developent webportal</p>
<p>③</p> <p>Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-WSIS: Fill the Gap III debate in NL plus lobby in NL. • "Expression under Repression" workshop and training organised at WSIS Tunis >25 Hivos counterparts enabled to participate at WSIS in Tunis • Hivos for the second time member of official Dutch WSIS delegation 	<p>Practical tools (NGO-in-a-box package-security edition) highly appreciated</p> <p>No inclusive information society without human rights at the heart of the matter</p>	<p>Successful third edition of this public event</p> <p>Event provoked lots of wished and unwished attention from local authorities, international and Dutch media</p> <p>Effective lobby opportunities</p>	<p>Together with OneWorld.nl and IICD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill the Gap IV NL debate (autumn) • Expression under Repression NL debate (May) • WSIS follow-up EU, in co-operation with IICD

<p>③</p> <p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to read "4-pager" published on Hivos' ICT and KS programme "Making Civil Voices Heard" including reflection on evaluation of Hivos' previous ICT programme (Access for All). • co-operation with I4D magazine on two issues of the i4d magazine: 1.Human Rights, 2.HIV/AIDS • publication and presentation (at WSIS) of Incommunicado reader/book Geert Lovink 			<p>I4D magazine,SDC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South-South Exchange Ecuador • co-operation on 2 issues of i4d magazine in 2006
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Organisation: IICD (www.iicd.nl)

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<p>①</p> <p>ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overall: IICD IN partners and networks increase their participation in the national ICT policy ➤ ICT4D sector policies for health and agriculture have been completed in Jamaica in Q3 2005. Also, peer exchange on policy processes has been set up between Jamaica and Ghana ➤ Bolivia: SDC, IICD and the local office of SDC in Bolivia organized a regional workshop on embedding and up-scaling ICT for poverty alleviation. ➤ Bolivia: In the National ICT Strategy (ETIC) publication, which was finally concluded, IICD and the IN network – Red TICBolivia – have been formally acknowledged for their contributions to the ETIC document and thanked for their constructive roles in the ICT Policy process. ➤ Ecuador: The Publication on the ICT Policy Research is finalised. ➤ Uganda: Two ICT policy workshops with a high Round Table character (multi-stakeholder, participatory) were implemented in Q4: One on national level in co-operation with the National Planning Authority. ➤ Ghana: Under the national processes, the ICT4D sector policies for Health and Agriculture have been completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Still lengthy negotiation time to access financing through local desks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improved relationship with local donor desks in Uganda, Tanzania and Bolivia; ➤ New way of embedding processes emerging in Bolivia (link with M&E); ➤ ICT4D policy team established in Uganda (5 senior experts as part of I-Network) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bolivia: SDC, SIDA, Ministry of Education, Netherlands Embassy, Ministry of Agriculture, TRANSREDES (private sector), Locus World (private sector) ➤ Jamaica: CITO (mandated to develop Jamaica's new national ICT strategy) President and his Cabinet Ministers ➤ Tanzania: MOEC/Costech (Education sector), CSSC and Ministry of Health ➤ Uganda: National Planning Authority, Ministry Tourism Trade and Industry, Ministry of Health ➤ Ghana: GINKS, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, NICI Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Policy work to start with APC; ➤ Embedding health projects in the health sector in Mali; ➤ Jamaica National ICT strategy facilitation
<p>③</p> <p>Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bolivia: In Q3 and 4, TicBolivia issued 6 monthly e-bulletins with contributions from IN team and project partners. Other publications include: an updated Red TICBolivia brochure, both in Spanish and English (for distribution at WSIS). The final version of the ICE publication (focusing on Lessons Learnt resulting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Major challenge remains the level of support required by IICD in maintaining the dynamic in the institutionalisation of the Information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ "District approach" in Uganda allows for regional and cross-sector exchange ➤ IICD IN partners and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ IN (Information Network) partners in all IICD countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ecuador: To promote integration of CP partners in the overall IN network a "Large Scale Intervention" workshop is considered to be held with all networking partners to

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	<p>from peer exchanges between Bolivian project partners) was delivered by the Director of Ondas Libres and is now in production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jamaica: The Country Programme as such will increasingly disappear during the Shared Dialogue phase as it is gradually integrated into a wider ICT4D programme at the national level. Throughout this phase, the ICT4D Jamaica network will be the major mechanism for IICD-related involvement. In Q4, IICD's Jamaica Year Plan and Budget 2006 were further discussed with the network's Board and Secretariat. Its main priorities will feed into the network's 2006 proposal towards IICD. ➤ Uganda: i-Network Uganda is a network with approximately 250 members and is highly active. The network has been professionalizing rapidly in 2005 with as major step the split between a policy side and a knowledge sharing side. While full list of activities can be obtained from IICD country manager, we flag two seminars held in October and November focusing on "The Role of ICT in Advancement of Education" and "Effective Project Management with a focus on ICT" ➤ Ghana: ➤ Mali: awareness-raising seminar on women and ICT in Mali has resulted in UNDP funding obtained by COFEM (association of Malian women) ➤ Ecuador: New Members: the organization e-ducate (www.e-ducate.org) of Guayaquil has showed interest in being part of the Network. The application is in process, pending consultation with existing members. ➤ Tanzania: SWOPnet made an ambitious expansion plan including monthly seminars, a new website and a Tanzanian WSIS preparation event. 	<p>networks. This come out in Jamaica, Ecuador and Bolivia where the functioning is not optimal.</p>	<p>increase their participation in the national ICT policy</p>		<p>further develop a common vision and activities. Given the upcoming change in IICD staff (both CM and IN will be replaced), this workshop is expected to be organised in 2006, but some preparatory meetings will already be held in 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bolivia: The publication on the TUS "Connectivity for social inclusion" has been edited but is still awaiting the introduction by enbolivia.com and a contribution from the ETIC coordinator, Gonzalo Aramayo. ➤ Tanzania: Discussed and finalized the capacity development programme 2006 with Learn-IT and UCC. The training focussing on the establishment of the project support group took place in consultation with the two National Training Partners. ➤ Ghana: GINKS to define strategic priorities and concrete activities for 2006. an important objective for GINKS will be to focus both thematically and regionally. The idea is to work on the themes of community radio, HIV/AIDS and

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					ICT4AD. The selected regions are Brong-Ahafo, Volta and Northern Regions. In each region, two forum will be organised during 2006.
<p>③</p> <p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Country pick from Bolivia: The National Committee for Economic Farmer Organisations is set up to provide legal and economic services to 600 Economic Farmer Organisations, representing 100,000 farmer families on national level. This project will inform the organisations on public production tenders and other rural investment programmes, for example for the delivery of quinoa for breakfasts for schoolchildren. ➤ Country pick from Ecuador: Productive Project Formulation in Governance sector: After the Roundtable in April, a follow up mission was planned for the formulation of the project ideas. About 7 organisations have started actively on working on the project ideas. ➤ Country pick from Tanzania: Project formulation for health progresses well. Four projects will start soon, but due to end of the year operational pressure and travel, most of them will only become operational early 2006. ➤ Country pick from Uganda: The new connectivity solutions offered by the main providers are a breakthrough for rural connectivity. ➤ Country pick from Mali: Keneya Blow'n project enters in extension phase in Q3. The project – aiming to to raise awareness amongst Health-professionals around ICT for Health and to capacitate Health workers via the provision of training workshops, telemedicine courses and general information via e-mail and the world wide web -- has been doing quite well during 2004. It achieved most 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mali: low institutional capacities in some countries prevents project formulation phase ➤ Tanzania: Activities involving senior decision makers were slowed down in view of the postponed elections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overall: Health and governance sector portfolio expanding; ➤ Country enters new phase: Expansion phase started in Ecuador; ➤ Working towards sustainability in "shared dialogue" phase: work on the ICT4D Jamaica's sustainability plan has started. The plan looks into financial, institutional and political sustainability ➤ Ecuador: The Ecuadorian IN network - Infodesarrollo.ec - was nominated by the International Internet Society (ISOC: www.isoc.org.ec) as best website and ICT4D initiative in Ecuador 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ HIVOS in Ecuador; ➤ Project partners in IICD countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uganda to start transition into the "shared dialogue" phase (transition to be completed by the end of 2006).

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	<p>of its set goals, performed a large majority of its intended activities and did receive a lot of national and international attention. Some weak points of the project (content production) will be addressed during the extension phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Country pick from Ghana: WADEP project launched. It aims to improve information, communication and dissemination channels on agricultural information between the Jasikan DDO and WADEP to support agric extension services to farmers; as well as build capacities within both organizations to use appropriate technology/(i.e.) to produce, repackage and disseminate agricultural information for the target groups. The pilot is expected to run for an initial 12 month period and will seek to actively involve other local stakeholders including the District Assemblies (DA's), the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA), existing producer organizations and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. ➤ Jamaica is in "shared dialogue" phase 				

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① ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors	<p>A. Reporting the information society: a) Nine southern journalists covered WSIS, for Panos and their home media b) Third round of GKP/Panos Media Awards c) ICT Media Brief: Digital Solidarity Fund d) Media dialogue in Chennai, India, 2 September e) Presentations at Highway Africa and a Wilton Park conference on "Becoming an Information Society".</p> <p>B. Communication and the MDGs: a) Panos thematic position papers on website, ahead of UN MDGs meeting b) Participation of Panos Radio and HIV/AIDS programme in a photo exhibition in London, "Eight ways to change the world" Sept</p>		<p>A) Earlier Media Brief, on ICANN, continues to receive very positive feedback: such clear and unbiased explanation of ICT issues and actors is valuable.</p> <p>B) Photo exhibition success</p>	<p>A) GKP; OWSA; Panos South Asia; CTO; Highway Africa</p> <p>B) Panos Pictures, UK-based development NGOs, MSF in Zambia</p>	<p>Media Briefs on wireless technologies and FOSS (with Catia partners); Media dialogues planned with APC, Panos Southern Africa, Panos West Africa.</p>
③ Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)	<p>A. HIV/AIDS programme a) TB communication: participation in Mexico meeting of WHO Stop-TB campaign b) TB communication publication c) Reporting AIDS: review of media coverage in Southern Africa (web publication) d) Citizen monitoring of UNGASS commitments: country studies published on web for World AIDS day e) ICASA, Abuja: Global AIDS programme round-table on the UNGASS monitoring f) Health Journalism Project agreed, launched on World AIDS Day</p> <p>B. Media and PRSPs a) Media brief on PRSPs "Who's richer, who's poorer?" b) Pakistan: National workshop, Oral testimonies, baseline study of media coverage c) Zambia: study of media coverage, national workshop Aug 18, Oral Testimonies, national toolkit d) Ghana: national roundtable, Dec.</p>			<p>A) a) WHO</p> <p>e) Internews, ICFJ</p> <p>B) Panos South Asia Pakistan; UKS (women's NGO), Shirkat Gah, National Planning Commission, Aaj TV</p>	<p>A.</p> <p>d) Publication of Latvia study e) Survey and analysis of journalism training for health including AIDS reporting in selected countries</p> <p>B. Two further media briefs, March: trade and poverty; trade negotiations. National activities in Kenya, Mozambique, Bangladesh, to be set up in coming six months.</p>

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	<p>C. Panos Radio Catia 2b activities: Connectivity costs for Radio Paidha and Radio Rhino, Uganda Kampala hub Addis hub HIV/AIDS reporting workshop, Lira, Uganda, August Broadcaster forums in Uganda, Ethiopia In-station fellowships Features Resource packs Content grants</p> <p>D. Trade and Poverty Programme: 12 journalists covered the WTO Meeting in Hong Kong, Dec 2005. 24 feature stories produced.</p> <p>E. Oral Testimony Programme Testimonies from China and Pakistan uploaded onto Mountain Voices website</p>			D. Panos South Asia, IDRC	<p>D. Eight further features for April WTO meeting to finalise the Doha Round; continuing development and promotion of the website.</p> <p>E. Upload onto website of local partner publications in <i>Mountain Voices</i> series</p>
<p>③</p> <p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<p>a) Presentation on local radio content at Global Forum on Media Development, Oct 05</p> <p>b) Evaluation of “Relay” (disseminating findings of development research); renewed funding for the programme.</p> <p>c) Brief from CTO/ictDA/Gamos research, <i>Telephones and Livelihoods: how telephones improve life for rural people in developing countries</i>, Sept.</p> <p>d) Publication on Lessons in Upscaling Poverty Reduction, for SDC and partners ahead of WSIS</p> <p>e) Evaluation planning: Catia (Broadcasting Policy) and BCO.</p>	<p>a) A gap still exists between Media support organisations focusing on Media Freedom, and those concerned with strengthening the contribution of media institutions and content to development.</p> <p>d) Impact evaluation is still a challenge.</p>		<p>a) Global Forum for Media Development (Internews, IWPR and other media support organisations)</p> <p>b) DFID; UK and southern development research organisations – IDS, ODI, IIED.</p> <p>c) CTO, ictDA, Gamos et al</p> <p>d) SDC, OWSA, MSSRF, FDC, UNDP</p> <p>e) Catia 1d partners, BCO members</p>	b) “Communicating Research” network planning evaluation

Organisation: Panos South Asia, Kathmandu, Nepal (www.panosouthasia.org)

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<p>①</p> <p>ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Online Journalism and Web Publishing Training Workshop: A South Asian regional workshop entitled 'Online Journalism and Web Publishing Training Workshop' was organized from 15-19 August, 2005 at the Panos Media Centre. For details and outputs of the workshop, visit: www.panosmultimedia.org (BCO-SDC). Bridging Gap Between Policy and Grass-root Reality (A radio programme on Jeebika and PRSP): Support to local radio stations in Nepal for local content development in partnership with Communication Corner and 15 FM radio stations. Eighteen episodes of radio magazines are being produced in partnership with Communication Corner at http://www.commoneronline.org/jeebika.htm and broadcasted by 15 FM stations. After all the 18 episodes are broadcasted it will be documented into audio tapes and CDs for further distribution. These radio programmes will be shortly made available online also for download and online listening. Selected programmes are being translated into English also. (BCO-DFID) Himal Southasian Media Portal: This project initiative is also a part of local content development activities. Under this project Himal Southasian magazine which is an undertaking of The South Asia Trust will: develop the current Himal Southasian website into Himal Southasian Media Portal focusing on reviews, commentaries and analysis; develop Himal Southasian 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the South Asian media institutions and individuals lack infrastructure capacity to use new media technologies to produce multimedia local content. Media in South Asia needs to be trained and sensitised more on thematic development areas and programmes such as PRSP, MDGs etc. (e.g. before producing and broadcasting local radio content on PRSP issues in Nepal, all the fifteen radio station's reporters/producers were given a two day training on understanding PRSP and issues in Nepal). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Radios and satellite radio network in Nepal has been effective in bridging the gap between the policy and grassroots reality on PRSP issues in by developing and disseminating local radio content. Media practitioners in South Asia trained on using new media technologies to capture and raise the voices of the poor and marginalized. Capacity building of media in South Asia on new media technologies has been able to effect raising the voices of the poor and marginalized people by developing local content using new multimedia ICTs. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mantra Network, Kathmandu Nepali Time Weekly, Kathmandu, Nepal Various media organisations in South Asia (e.g. UnnayanNet, The Kathmandu Post, Pakistan Press Foundation, South Asia Free Media Association, Bhutan Broadcasting Corporation). Communication Corner, Kathmandu, Nepal. Fifteen FM radio stations in Nepal. National Planning Commission, HMG, Kathmandu, Nepal. UnnayanNet, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The South Asia Trust, Kathmandu, Nepal. Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panos Radio Global Network Meeting: February 6-11, 2006 (BCO-DFID) TV, Digital Technology and Online Broadcasting Training Workshop: 28 February -7 March 2006 (tentative) (BCO-SDC) Environment Reporting in Radio Using Digital Technology Training Workshop: 28 March – 4 April 2006 (tentative) (BCO-DFID) Online Journalism and Web Publishing Training Workshop: 9 – 14 May, 2006 (tentative) (BCO-SDC) Online Radio Broadcasting Training Workshop: June 20-26 2006 (tentative) (BCO-DFID)

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	<p>Archive from 1996 to date; develop an exhaustive archive of historical documentation relating to key Southasian issues; and develop a network of writers and scholars to contribute to the portal. The current Himal South Asian website is: www.himalmag.com</p> <p>This project is for one year, effective from 15 December, 2005. (BCO-SDC)</p> <p>4. Support to Media Orientation Workshop on the Launch of Linux in Nepali (Nepalinux): Panos South Asia provided a financial and technical support to Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP) to orient the media in Nepal on the launch of Linux in Nepali in a half-day workshop. For further details on MPP please visit: http://www.mpp.org.np</p>	<p>3. ICD content development is determined by the infrastructure/technical capacity and content priority of the respective media.</p>			
<p>©</p> <p>Stronger voice and debate enabled by ICT4D (ICD)</p>	<p>1. Panos Radio South Asia Feature Production: Activity to produce radio features for distribution to global audience on various development issues. An editor and two correspondents have been recruited and 8 features are being commissioned and being produced. (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>2. Bridging Gap Between Policy and Grass-root Reality (A radio programme on Jeebika and PRSP): Support to local radio stations in Nepal for local content development in partnership with Communication Corner and 15 FM radio stations. Eighteen episodes of radio magazines are being produced in partnership with Communication Corner at http://www.commoneronline.org/jeebika.htm and broadcasted by 15 FM stations. After all the 18 episodes are broadcasted it will be documented into audio tapes and CDs for further distribution. These radio programmes will be shortly made available online also for download and online listening. Selected programmes are being</p>	<p>1. It was more effective to have a regular correspondent to produce features then one-off commissioning.</p> <p>2. ICD local content development on various thematic development issues entails training and sensitising the media partners on specific development themes or programmes such as PRSP and MDGs.</p> <p>3. Most of the community/local media</p>	<p>1. Radios and satellite radio network in Nepal has been effective in bridging the gap between the policy and grassroots reality on PRSP issues in Nepal by developing and disseminating local radio content.</p> <p>2. Capacity building of media in South Asia on new media technologies has been able to effect raising the voices of the poor and marginalized people by developing local content using new multimedia ICTs.</p>	<p>1. Communications Corner, Kathmandu, Nepal.</p> <p>2. Fifteen FM radio stations in Nepal.</p> <p>3. National Planning Commission, HMG, Kathmandu, Nepal.</p> <p>4. UnnayanNet, Dhaka, Bangladesh.</p> <p>5. Uks Research Centre, Pakistan.</p> <p>6. Environment Cycle Radio 104.2 Mhz, Lalitpur, Nepal.</p> <p>7. The South Asia Trust, Kathmandu, Nepal.</p>	<p>1. Putting the Grassroots Options on Global Online Map/May 2006 (BCO-SDC)</p> <p>2. Panos Radio South Asia Feature Production (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>3. Bridging Gap Between Policy and Grass-root Reality (A radio programme on <i>Jibika</i> and PRSP)/March 2006 (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>4. Fellowship to UnnayanNews 'South Asian Voices'/ December 2006) (BCO-SDC)</p> <p>5. Pani aur Aurat (Water and Women)/ March</p>

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	<p>translated into English also and will be available online shortly. (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>5. Fellowship to UnnayanNews 'South Asian Voices': After attending the 'Online Journalism and Web Publishing Training Workshop' organized by Panos, the Initiator/Editor of UnnayanNet in Dhaka, Bangladesh started an online multimedia human rights and development focused non-political UnnayanNews service entitled 'South Asian Voices'. The project under its local content development activity is providing a twelve months fellowship to UnnayanNews to produce multimedia content concerned with people centered development issues in Bangladesh under the South Asian Voices initiative. Unnayan News can be accessed at: http://www.news.unnayannet.org (BCO-SDC)</p> <p>6. Pani aur Aurat (Water and Women): A local radio content development (on various women and water related issues) in Pakistan in partnership with Uks Research Centre. These radio programmes will be shortly made available online also for download and online listening. Selected programmes are being translated into English also and will be available online shortly. (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>7. Godavariko Serophero (Around Godavari) - Raising People's Voices: A community radio local content development on various social and environmental issues in Godavari village areas by a community radio Environmental Cycle Radio/ECR. For more information on ECR, visit: www.yaefnepal.org. These radio programmes will be shortly made available online also for download and online listening. Selected programmes are being</p>	<p>institutions and individuals do not have proper infrastructure/technical capacity to produce local content to raise people's voices. (e.g. ECR does not have its own recording studio).</p>	<p>3. By the use of ICT (radio) local people in Godavari area in Nepal have been able to raise their voices on social and environmental issues.</p>		<p>2006 (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>6. Godavariko Serophero (Around Godavari) - Raising People's/ December 2006 (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>7. Himal Southasian Media Portal/ December 2006 (BCO-SDC)</p>

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	<p>translated into English also and will be available online shortly (BCO-DFID)</p> <p>8. Himal Southasian Media Portal: This project initiative is also a part of local content development activities. Under this project Himal Southasian magazine which is an undertaking of The South Asia Trust will: develop the current Himal Southasian website into Himal Southasian Media Portal focusing on reviews, commentaries and analysis; develop Himal Southasian Archive from 1996 to date; develop an exhaustive archive of historical documentation relating to key Southasian issues; and develop a network of writers and scholars to contribute to the portal. The current Himal South Asian website is: www.himalmag.com This project is for one year, effective from 15 December, 2005. (BCO-SDC)</p>				
<p>③</p> <p>Poverty impact of ICT4D (ICD) evaluated and disseminated to key development audiences</p>	<p>Activities tentatively identified and proposed to Panos lead person for BCO Impact Study in Panos London.</p>			<p>Panos London</p>	

Organisation: APC (www.apc.org)

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<p>1. ICD has been mainstreamed in development sectors</p>	<p>AWID 10th Forum: How Does Change Happen? WNSP members blogged about the experience of being in Bangkok debating change with feminists from 120 countries. http://www.apcwomen.org/awid05/index.htm http://www.awid.org/forum/plenary_reports.htm Gender and ICT workshop during 10th Feminist Encounter held in Serra Negra, Sao Paolo, Brazil. October. 2006 http://www.apcwomen.org/news/index.shtml?x=91892</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engaging women's rights and gender equality advocates deepen gender analysis of ICT issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outreach to broader women's movement. 	<p>AWID, IT for Change, GKP</p>	
	<p>WSIS Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WSIS PrepCom -3, Geneva, 19-30 September 2005 - WSIS, Tunis, 14-18 November 2005 - APC's recommendations to the WSIS on Internet Governance, November 2005: http://rights.apc.org/documents/apc_recommendations_ig_EN.pdf - WSIS research ongoing : WSIS – Phase 2: the involvement and impact of developing countries - WSIS Discussion Paper: Mike Jensen, Interconnection Costs, September 2005 http://rights.apc.org/papers.shtml - APC Presentation at Internet Governance Project Symposium: Regime Change on the Internet? Internet governance after WGIG, Washington, July 2005 <p>Publications targeting development community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessing Communication Rights: A Handbook, WSIS, Tunis, 14-18 November 2005 produced by CRIS. http://www.crisinfo.org/CRAFT - Karen Banks: Summitry and strategies. What in the world is going on at the World Summit on the Information Society? Index On Censorship (Sep 05) http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2005-10-19-banks-en.html - Anriette Esterhuysen: The right to development in MIT publication "Human Rights in the Global Information Society". - Anriette Esterhuysen and Natasha Primo contributed articles to GKP publication 'Access, Empowerment & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operating on ICD policy advocacy on global, regional and national levels is complex, but necessary. National should take priority but in the last period global has taken most attention. This is not to downgrade the importance of global policy. In post-WSIS implementation greater attention will need to be given to the national and the regional. - Key points of focus within ICD advocacy in 2006 will be on open access models working with BCO, CATIA, UNDP and InfoDev. The aim is to test the feasibility of implementing open access models through research and advocacy work in a number of countries such as DRC, Kenya, Uganda, Bangladesh, Ecuador. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APC was able to engage the WSIS process in Geneva and Tunis at the level of policy interventions through the Internet Governance Caucus, the Informal Finance Coalition and the Gender Caucus. A critical intervention was made in Tunis to ensure that the Internet Governance Forum stay focused on broad public policy issues affecting the internet as a whole rather than be limited. At the same time, APC supported ICD positions within the internet governance process especially with regard to interconnection costs. - APC, like HIVOS, 	<p>WSIS Civil Society Internet Governance Caucus and Gender Caucus Bread for All, CRIS, Digital Divide Data, ITeM, IT for Change DFID, PANOS WOUNGNET, BFES, IT for Change, PANOS, OWSA, HIVOS, DFID, GKP CRIS members IDRC, IICD APC members Open research</p>	<p>Post WSIS Consultations on the Internet Governance Forum and WSIS Implementation, Geneva, February 2006</p> <p>Internet Governance: the Way Forward, DIPLO, Malta, February 2006</p> <p>Collaborative and Networked Approaches to Global Communications Policy Research and Reform Conference, Bellagio, February 2006</p> <p>WSIS national impact country case studies in Ethiopia, Kenya, Ecuador, Brazil and Bangladesh.</p>

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	<p>Governance - Creating a World of Equal Opportunities with ICT' http://www.globalknowledge.org/gkps_portal/view_file.cfm?fileid=3502</p> <p>UN ICT Task Force Ninth Meeting of the UN ICT Task Force, Geneva, 1 October 2005 and Final meeting at WSIS, Tunis.</p> <p>National ICT Policy Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uganda (WOUGNET) and Bangladesh (BFES). - CATIA Activities: Ongoing national ICT policy advocacy processes in DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal - National Animators' Workshop, Johannesburg, 7-10 November 2005. http://www.catia.ws - ICT Policy Training and Advocacy in Ecuador and Bolivia with IICD - Regional advocacy on WSIS and eLAC2007 - National ICT policy portals: Bulgaria, Argentina, Mexico, DR Congo and new portals commissioned in Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Pakistan, Cambodia and Egypt. http://rights.apc.org/policy_sites_list.shtml <p>Regional policy advocacy</p> <p>Fine-tuning of Asia ICT Policy Monitor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa ICT Policy Monitor http://africa.rights.apc.org/ - Launch of Francophone Africa ICT Policy Monitor site at WSIS http://afrique.droits.apc.org/ - Online discussions with ACSIS on WSIS issues - Participation in "Affordable bandwidth" initiative of OSIWA - LAC ICT Policy Monitor http://lac.derechos.apc.org/ <p>ICTs, environment and sustainability programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Action plan for development of resources and portal. Commissioned paper on 'E-waste' http://rights.apc.org/documents/e-waste_EN.pdf - Panels at APC open day in Bulgaria in October and in Tunis and liaison with Aarhus Convention Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will require attention both in ensuring that issues of access to the internet in developing countries are not downgraded and that research and capacity building in developing countries on internet governance remains a priority. 	<p>was also able to play a role in support for independent Tunisian NGOs on the issues of human rights and freedom of expression in Tunisia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Considerable success in Kenya where the Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet) advocated for new rules for VoIP successfully and the ICT Policy was passed by Cabinet in January 2006. 		<p>APC Regional Consultation Meeting on ICT Policy in South Asia, Kathmandu, January 2006</p> <p>Ongoing work on Free SAT3 campaign.</p> <p>Launch of new site with Balancing Act on Large-scale bandwidth and connectivity initiatives in Africa (SAT3 and EASSY)</p> <p>Regulators training, Jo'burg, March 2006</p> <p>Workshop on ICTs, ewaste and impact on the environment at SANGONeT conference, March 2006 in Johannesburg</p> <p>CRIS workshop, World Social Forum, Caracas, January, 2006</p> <p>IICD Training Workshop, Bolivia, February 2006</p> <p>Launch regional Asia policy monitor.</p>
	<p>Gender and ICT Policy Advocacy WSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costa Rica: Participation in the LAC Preparatory seminar for Tunis Summit http://www.apcwomen.org/news/index.shtml?x=91495 		-	UN DAW, UNECA IDRC Heinrich Boel FIRE, IWTC, Gender Caucus	WSIS follow-up. Policy advocacy project for Uganda in partnership with WOUGNET.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Berlin: Women claiming the information society. September http://www.apcwomen.org/news/index.shtml?x=91700 - Geneva and Tunis : WSIS Prep Com 3 and WSIS Phase 2 http://www.genderit.org/en/index.shtml?apc=f--e--1 - Gender Caucus. <p>National ICT Policy Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cambodia: Worked with IDRC to integrate gender in a two-year ICT project. - Gender and ICT policy training for Latin America and the Caribbean Workshop on Internet Technologies (WALC 2005 Track on Internet and Society). - WSIS national consultations in Argentina and the Philippines. www.walc2005.ula.ve/english/track5.html, www.apcwomen.org/news/index.shtml?x=91495 <p>Donors and international agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addis Ababa. Capacity-building for women's national machineries in five African regions in gender and ICT policy and hands-on skills. September. - E-primer on gender and ICTs for the Asia Pacific Development Information Program (UNDP). 			(WSIS) GKP	<p>Coordinating gender component in 9th Internet in Public Administration conference/Local and Regional Information Society April. Prague.</p> <p>Publication of IDRC funded publication on indicators of gender equality in ICT published in French by ENDA Synfev. Includes quantitative research in Francophone West Africa.</p>
	<p>Gender and ICT Policy Portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More than 90 original articles. Over 300 items, annotated and uploaded. Covered the third WSIS PrepCom in and the Summit in Tunis and produced a daily blog. - GenderIT.org featured in blogs, magazines, electronic bulletins and lists, e.g. the Hindu Sunday www.boell.de/de/04_thema/3523.html, www.wtci.org/CWIT/WomenandICT_CreatingGlobalTransformation.htm, www.hindu.com/mag/2005/12/11/stories/2005121100280400.htm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Language diversity of GenderIT content raised political (e.g. to which languages will content be translated and criteria for selection of languages), as well as technical and financial issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuous visibility of gender advocacy on a global level, provides voice for women's opinions and deepens the gender perspectives on ICT4D. 	DFID, SDC	<p>Launch of Spanish site and content in other languages.</p>
	<p>ItrainOnline http://www.itrainonline.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spanish site editor hired and Spanish site expanded. - RSS feeds implemented. - Ongoing development and maintenance. - Newsletter. - New portal section on wireless connectivity. - Presentation of ItrainOnline MMTK at WSIS parallel event, Tunis, November 2005. - Presentation on open access publishing, CODATA , South Africa, September 2005. - Needs analysis for database-driven backend. 	<p>(These apply to most of our projects).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community of users should be more directly involved through trainers' community of practice and outreach . - Need for holistic understanding of capacity development in this sector. - Need to develop the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Telecentre.org applies for ITO membership. 	DFID (BCO funder) OneWorld Bellanet IICD INASP UNESCO FAO Panos Institute West Africa AMARC Tactical	<p>Discussion papers on delivery modes, evaluation & assessment, open access.</p> <p>More active promotion of open content.</p> <p>Explore collaboration with other open access repositories.</p>

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	- Advisory group for NGO-in-a-Box.	capacity of materials developers.		Technologies	Face-to-face event for partners and trainers. Formalize relationship with Telecentre.org.
	Wireless Capacity Building - Southern African pilot workshop in September 2005. - WSIS workshops on Community Wireless Connectivity. - 15 training units on wireless topics added to ItrainOnline MMTK: http://www.itrainonline.org/itrainonline/mmtk/wireless.shtml - Development of partnership and funding proposal for LAC wireless initiative.	- Be realistic and firm about skills pre-requisites for participation in technical workshops.	- Greater awareness of the potential of low-cost wireless networking and a community connectivity solution.	IDRC, OSI, Ecole Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications, wire.less.dk, Champaign-Urbana Community Wireless Network, CSIR (South Africa), APC South African partners Harambee project	Francophone West African workshop Jan. Online publication of French language materials in MMTK format North African training workshop and translation of materials into Arabic. Participation in LAC wireless initiative if funded.
	Secure Online Communications Online support for participants in the South East Asia region Train-the-Trainer workshop.	- The need for training and awareness raising on safe computing practices in general (as opposed to in high risk contexts) should not be underestimated. - In efforts to promote FOSS there is a tendency to overlook Linux-related security issues; FOSS security should be addressed honestly and realistically.	- Selected materials added to ItrainOnline MMTK collection. - Solid basis for updated SOC curriculum for public release. - Foundation laid for South East Asian SOC trainers network.	OSI (funder) Privaterra FMI (Philippines) Womenshub (Philippines) Ungana-Afrika (SA) Kubatana (Zimbabwe)	Plan for mainstreaming of SOC awareness into other activities. South East Asia project ends January 2006. No immediate plans for other dedicated SOC activities, but would like to continue doing work in the area.
	FOSS - APC FOSS survey and online discussion - Africa Source partner - ActionApps FAQ module has been redesigned and content overhauled. http://actionapps.org/faq/ - CATIA Ethiopia campaign focus on FOSS http://www.efossnet.org/			APC members Tactical Technologies	Single entry point linking all APC FOSS activities/ resources. Planning for new FOSS prize (Chris Nicol prize).. Updating/expansion of training materials on FOSS tools.
	GEM Print and CD publication in English, Spanish and French. http://www.apcwomen.org/gem/home.htm	- Continuing demand among ICD practitioners in learning how to integrate		DFID, DGIS, SDC, IDRC	

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		gender.			
	<p>Genardis small grants programme 5 winners receive Euro5,000 and 5 honourable mentions Euro 2,500 to implement projects on rural women and ICT. http://www.cta.int/about/genardis2_winners.htm</p>		Winners experiences provide good stories and learning for policy work on rural women and ICT.	CTA, IDRC, HIVOS + IICD.	Workshop for winners. Online learning space in Fr and Eng.. Discussion among donors on next award.
	<p>Women's Electronic Networking Training Africa 2005 22 participants trained in Technology planning, Linux installation and administration and various FOSS tools. http://www.apc.org/english/news/index.shtml?x=2864910 http://wentafrica.blogspot.com/ http://www.apcafricawomen.org/went2005 http://www.flickr.com/photos/wentafrica2005/</p>	- Value of FOSS needs to be demonstrated with hands-on training.	100+ applications demonstrates a big demand for training in FOSS.	CIPESA, Linux Chix Africa, Women'sNet WOUUNET, Bellanet Africa Isis-WICCE	Report writing Maintaining mailing list of participants Compiling lessons learned for next WENT Africa
	<p>Harambee : Reinforcing African Voices through Collaborative Processes Partners finalise proposal and budget. http://wikis.bellanet.org/harambee/index.php/Harambee_Focus_Networks'_Workshop</p>		Learning about partnerships and collaborative project implementation.	Bellanet Africa Bellanet International UNECA PICTA	Continued support of focus networks. Identification of and support for additional networks
	<p>GRACE Qualitative research methodology training for 15 African women and completion of 15 research project proposals that explore how women in Africa use ICTs to empower themselves. http://www.apcwomen.org/grace/</p>			IDRC, GRACE network including HIVOS + CATIA + IICD partners + APC Africa Women .	Ongoing implementation of research projects, GRACE writing workshop
	<p>Gender and ICT policy issue papers <i>Digital Dangers: Information and Communication Technologies and Trafficking in Women</i> English: http://www.genderit.org/en/index.shtml?w=r&x=91637 Also in Spanish and French. <i>Cultivating Violence Through Technology? Exploring the Connections between ICTs and Violence Against Women</i> http://www.genderit.org/upload/ad6d215b74e2a8613f0cf5416c9f3865/VAW_ICT_V1_MARCH2005.pdf Paddling in Circles while the Waters Rise: Gender Issues in ICTs and Poverty Reduction http://www.genderit.org/en/index.shtml?w=r&x=91782</p>				Developing four new issues papers.
	<p>APC Communications Prizes APC Betinho Prize 2005 recognised pro-development community connectivity projects in Latin America and the</p>	- Even small-size grants/prizes (i.e. \$2500) can have very significant	- Attention attracted to several worthy projects in Brazil and	ICA (sponsors) Jurors from various organisations	Dissemination of prize winners experiences.

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	<p>Caribbean http://www.apc.org/english/betinho/index.shtml</p> <p>Monitoring of medium-term (18 month) impact of APC's communications prizes on 2003 finalists highlighted benefits of prizes for small and medium-scale projects.</p>	<p>impact on CSOs</p>	<p>Chile - 2004 prize winners' story featured in Indian national news and Sunday magazine.</p>	<p>Tens of prize entrants from Africa and LAC</p>	<p>VCD with examples of ICT projects and campaigns from Philippines, Peru, etc.</p>
	<p><i>Gender and ICT Awards</i> Three winners awarded (\$8,000 + 3,500 x2) for ICT initiatives that contribute to women's economic empowerment and poverty reduction. http://www.genderawards.net/</p>	<p>- Awards programs can effectively promote ICD if well focused and rigorous.</p>	<p>- Private sector support - Highlighted projects that really show link between ICTs and economic empowerment.</p>	<p>GKP, SDC, DFID</p>	<p>Planning + fundraising for 2007 awards that will focus on Using ICTs to fight Violence Against Women.</p>

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