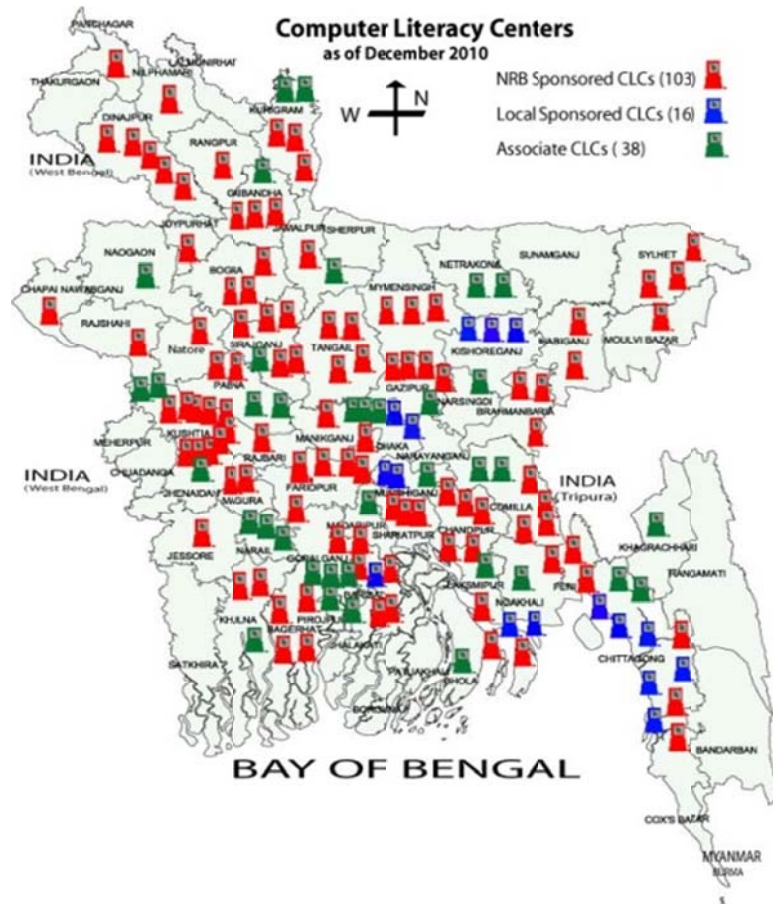


2010 Year-End Status of Computer Literacy Program

It is a pleasure to report to you the 2010 year-end status of the Computer Literacy Program (CLP), which was launched in late 2004 by the Volunteers Association for Bangladesh, New Jersey (VAB-NJ) to empower the underprivileged youths of rural Bangladesh by providing hands-on computer training. With generous help and continuing support from friends of Bangladesh like you, we have attained considerable success. Major achievements of the program as follows:

- By the year's end, CLP has established 119 Computer Literacy Centers (CLCs) and 38 Associate centers. These cover 53 out of 64 districts, please see the map below:

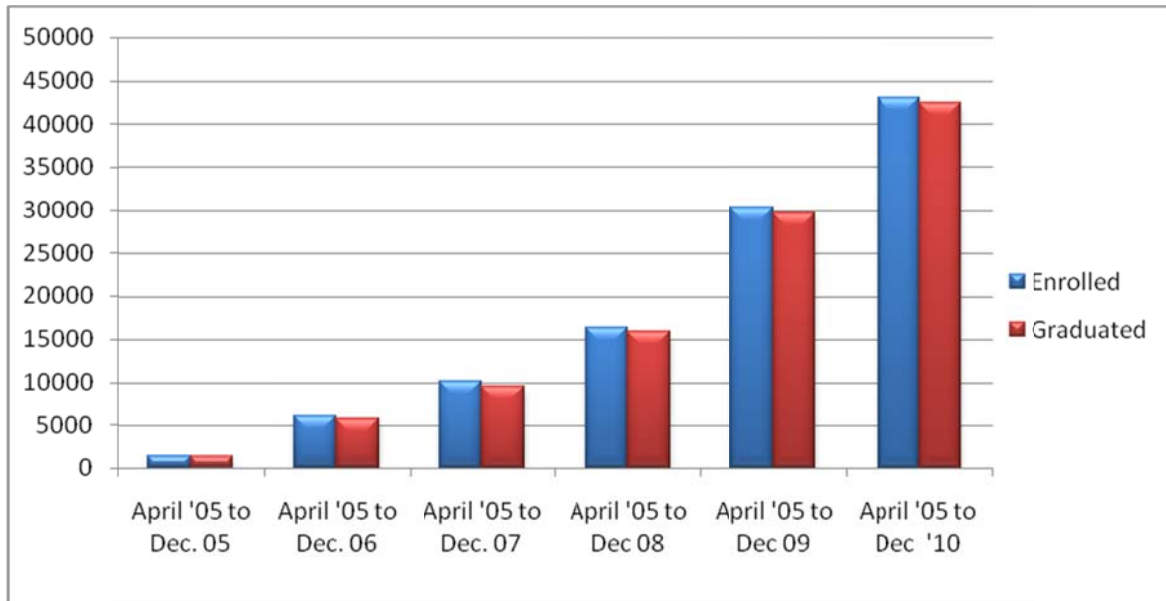


- 75% of the CLCs are located in underprivileged rural areas.
- Total number of teachers trained: 322 (16 % female).
- Total number of students enrolled: 43,010 (male-female ratio 51:49).
- Total number of students received certificate of completion: 42,485 (49% female).

2010 Highlights

- Established 53 (15 CLCs and 38 Associate Centers) new CLCs bringing the total number to 157;
- All CLCs were kept fully operational under the close and effective supervision of our Bangladesh partner D.Net;
- Over 12000 students graduated January, 2010 through December, 2010;

STUDENTS (CUMULATIVE) ENROLLED VS. GRADUATED



- Over the last three years Bank Asia has become a champion supporter of CLP. In 2010, Bank Asia launched initiatives to sponsor an additional 12CLCs in early 2011 bringing their total to 25;
- Many Corporations (Microsoft, Bank Asia Limited-Bangladesh, Standard Chartered Bank-Bangladesh, Intel-Bangladesh), Philanthropic Organizations (NABIC-USA, Imdad-Sitara Khan Foundation, I-K Foundation-Bangladesh, Hossain Trust-Bangladesh, Islamabad Girls Orphanage-Bangladesh, Chittagong Skill Development Center-Bangladesh) and many individuals has come forward to Collaborate; and

A lively Annual CLP Fund Raising event was hosted on July 17, 2010 at Rutgers University campus, USA.

Recognizing our past success, Bangladesh Government has approved a new project with us to establish over three years a total of 100 new computer centers with the additional feature of SMART CLASS ROOMs (SCRs), pursuing the Public Private Partnership initiative. The SCR is a new initiative that will build on the skills in computer literacy, leverage the resources of a CLC, and add a 32 inch screen monitor for the entire class. In a SCR, students will learn through the use of interactive educational CDs and the Internet. **The CDs**

prepared by experts will allow quality classroom education for the students and at the same time, become useful tools for training local teachers in better teaching methods. Initial focus will be on learning of English language, Science, Geography, and Geometry. It will also leverage on the *Computer Teaches Everyday English* (CTEE) program that teaches spoken English with proper pronunciation (the CTEE was introduced by VAB-NJ and D. Net at five CLCs as a pilot project with excellent results). The SCR program will establish 30 CLCs and 30 SCRs throughout Bangladesh in 2011, and 100 of each over three years. The total cost for establishing a CLC is \$6,087 (sponsor pays \$1,900), a SCR in an existing CLC is \$3,988 (sponsor pays \$1,100), and CLC with SCR is \$10,075 (sponsor pays \$3,000) or equivalent taka in Bangladesh.

Salient Program Features

CLC Resources

- 4 new laptop computers, 1 printer, and peripherals
- Internet with 1-year prepaid fee where available
- Structured curriculum with teachers' guide
- Training of two teachers and incentive remuneration
- One-year maintenance contract

SCR Resources

- A laptop and a 32 inch LCD monitor with an IPS
- Interactive CDs for English, and Science for classes VI-VIII and Geometry & Geography for classes IX-X
- Training of the teachers
- One year maintenance contract

VAB-NJ sincerely appreciates your support for the program to maintain the current level of activities. Your continued support and generous contributions are crucial to the overall success of the program. Please visit (www.vabonline.org/vabnj) for more detailed information on our programs. **We are inviting you to our 2010 fundraising event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2011, at Rutgers University, New Jersey.** Please mark your calendar now; we will contact you with details of that program as we get close to that date. We look forward to your participation at the event. Thank you.