

Public Private Partnership Initiative on
Information Technology Enhanced Education

AN EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO EMPOWER UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTHS IN BANGLADESH



ICT in
Education

Sponsor a Computer
Literacy Center and
a Smart Class Room
at one-third of the
total cost



Responsible Organizations



Volunteers Association
for Bangladesh

VAB-NJ, New Jersey Chapter of the
Volunteers Association for Bangladesh (VAB)



Bangladesh Computer Council
(BCC)



Development Research Network

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It is a pleasure to bring to your attention an extraordinary opportunity to empower underprivileged youths in your locality in Bangladesh through computer literacy training and computer-aided education. The program is brought to you through a Private Public Partnership (PPP) between VAB-NJ (Volunteers Association for Bangladesh, New Jersey Chapter, US), D.Net at Bangladesh, and the Government of Bangladesh. The program will establish a Computer Literacy Center (CLC) and a Smart Class Room (SCR) in sponsored schools across Bangladesh. The salient feature of the program is that it will pay more than twice of what a sponsor pays to establish a CLC and a SCR.

The CLCs will emulate the 119 CLCs and 38 Associate CLCs that VAB-NJ and D.Net established across Bangladesh (see map on the back) and used to train over 39,000 students since 2004. Each CLC is equipped with a minimum of four computers, a printer and other pieces of peripheral equipment.

Students are taught by two trained teachers using a hands-on curriculum developed by experts. The teachers receive comprehensive two-weeks training in Dhaka on all aspects of the curriculum. Students in a batch of 2 per computer receive 40 hours of hands-on training in basic computer operation, Microsoft Word, Excel spreadsheet, Paint programs, and the use of Internet. For further details on the CLCs and the Computer Literacy Program, please visit www.vabonline.org/vabnj.

The SCR is a new initiative that will build on the skills in computer literacy, leverage the resources of a CLC, and add a large 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 teaching of English language, Science 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 program will establish 30 CLCs and 30 SCR through out 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. If any sponsor wants solar power based systems, the additional cost will be \$300 per laptop.

CLC Resources

- 4 new brand-name laptop computers
- 1 printer
- Other computer peripherals
- Structured curriculum
- Teachers' guide
- Internet with 1-year prepaid fee
- Training of two teachers
- Incentive remuneration for teachers
- One-year maintenance contract



CLP received the Manthan Award in 2009

SCR Resources

- A 32 inch LCD monitor and IPS for the monitor
- A laptop with extended-charge battery
- Interactive CDs for English, Geometry, Geography and Science lessons
- Training of the teachers
- One year maintenance contract

Sponsor's Benefits

- Opportunity to empower youths from sponsor's locality
- Opportunity to choose the site
- Honored by a plaque at the site
- Option to dedicate the center in the memory of someone the sponsor chooses



Contacts

For further details and/or to sponsor a CLC or CLC+SCR:

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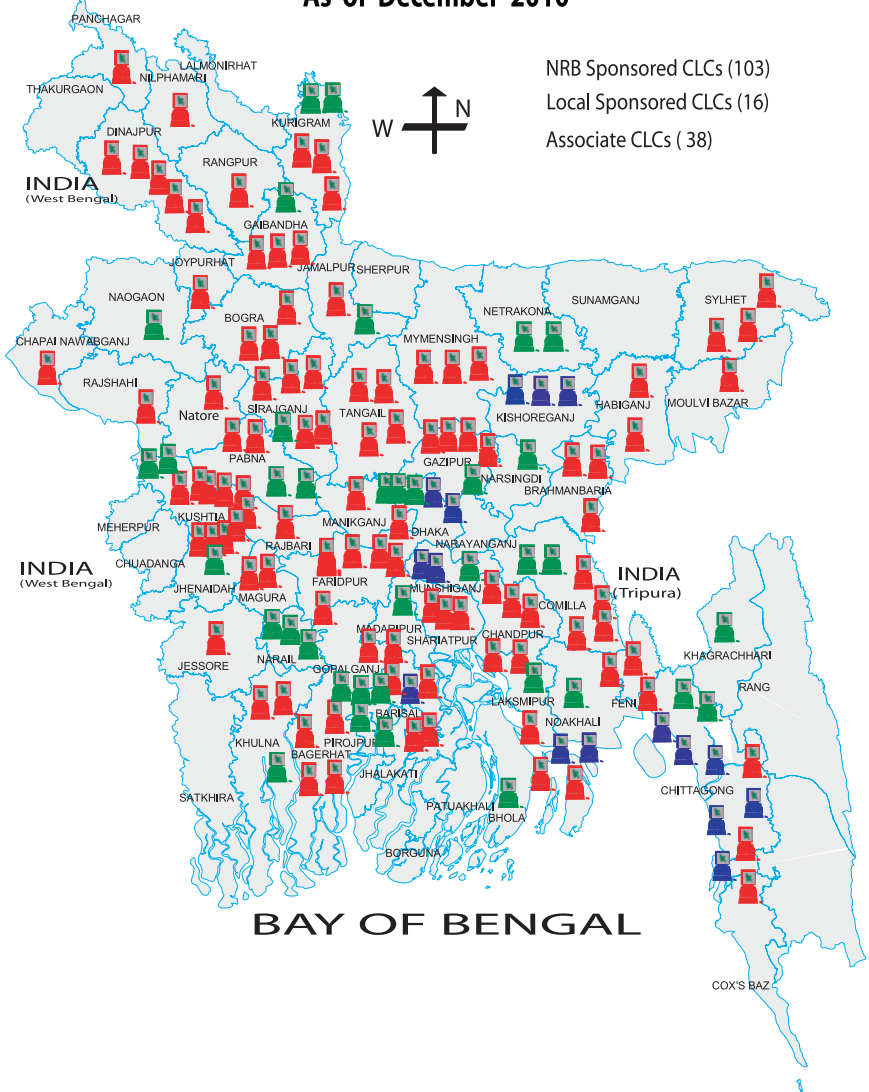
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157 Computer Literacy Centers across Bangladesh and growing ... Now comes Smart Class Rooms