Information Society Innovation Fund (ISIF) Grants Program

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ISIF is...

- The Information Society Innovation Fund (ISIF) is a grants program aimed at stimulating creative solutions to ICT development needs in the Asia Pacific region, placing particular emphasis on the role of the Internet in social and economic development in the region, towards the effective development of the Information Society throughout.
ISIF Partners and Sponsor

- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Internet Society (ISOC)
- Asia Pacific Network Information Centre - (APNIC)
- The DotAsia Organization
APNIC involvement in ISIF

• APNIC is the secretariat for the ISIF Program providing support in:
  – Grants Selection Committee
  – Website and wiki development
  – Design and public relations

• APNIC is a founding partner of ISIF. APNIC contributions to the grants fund for 2009 and 2010 has been around 200,000 AUD
Why APNIC is investing in ISIF?

• To give back to the Internet community by investing in ICT research & development.
• To support research that can help Internet growth in our region.
• To facilitate networking and information building throughout the Internet community.
2009 at a glance

• Total grants awarded: USD 321,701.06
• Final reports under review
• 148 apps from 22 economies
• 11 projects from 8 economies: (Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Nepal, The Philippines) addressing Multilingualism, Health, Disaster management, Capacity building, Low cost solutions for ICT access, Infrastructure development
ISIF Call for applications for 2010

- 207 applications received from 25 economies.
- **Who?** Universities, research institutes, NGOs, networks, foundations and private sector.
- **For what?** Infrastructure development and upgrade, research and deployment of IPv6, VoIP and wireless technologies, education, tele-health, multilingualism, gender equality, training, and policy reform.
2010 Grantees

4. IIT Madras’s Rural Technology and Business Incubator (RTBI) – India. Interactive, structured, multi-modal clinical guidelines to improve quality of care by Rural Healthcare providers.
7. Servelots Infotech Pvt Ltd – India. Accessible rich Internet applications and illiteracy.
8. University of Colombo School of Computing - Sri Lanka. Virtual IPv6 application test bed
Evaluation plan

• To design an open partnership and sponsorship strategy that allows ISIF program to expand its coverage by learning about the application and selection processes conducted during 2008 and 2009
  – Under development with support from DECI project (Developing Evaluation Capacity in ICTD, initiative funded by IDRC)
  – Utilization-Focused Evaluation framework
How can you support ISIF?

- **Promote** the ISIF program within your community
- **Join** ISIF as a partner
- **Sponsor** grants, events and/or publications

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