



Information Society Innovation Fund (ISIF)

Progress Report 2009/2010

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ISIF is...

A small 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 at a Glance: 2009/2010

- Funding from: IDRC, APNIC, ISOC, DotAsia
- 19 grants totalling AUD 675,000
- Projects deployed in 10 economies: Thailand (1), India (4), Sri Lanka (5), Pakistan (1), Vietnam (2), Indonesia (1), Nepal (2), The Philippines (1), Timor Leste (1) and Bhutan (1)
- Final reports from 2009 published under a Creative Commons License
- ISIF program survey launch, evaluation under way
- New open partnership and sponsorship strategy

Application Processes 2009/2010

- Online application system includes **assistance** from ISIF Secretariat to prospective applicants
- **355 applications** from **28 economies**
- Proposals submitted from a **wide variety of organizations** such as:
 - Public and private universities
 - Research institutes, Networks, Schools
 - Government agencies at the local and national level
 - Non-profit and community-based organizations
 - Social enterprises and Private sector

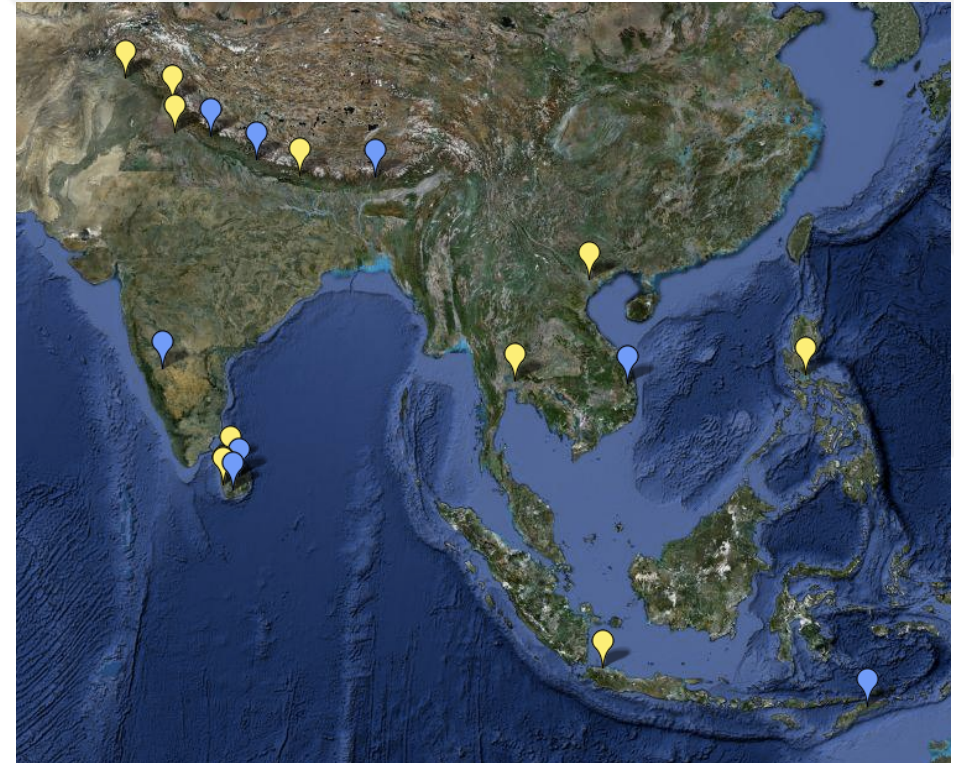
Application Processes 2009/2010

Funding requested for a **wide variety of needs and contexts:**

- Universal access at low cost
- Education, training and capacity building
- Disaster management
- E-financial solutions
- Tele-health
- Multilingualism and localization
- Gender equality
- Policy reform
- Infrastructure development and upgrade
- IPv6, VoIP and wireless R&D

Grants Recipients 2009/2010

- 19 projects
- 10 economies
- 95% of team members are nationals from the supported economy, 15% women
- Active collaboration
- Published reports and outputs / 2009
- Interim reports / 2010 due October



◆ Projects 2009
◆ Projects 2010

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Grant Recipients 2009 - Highlights

An example of tools ready to download and use:

- Bandwith Maximizer and installation guide, AirJaldi. India
<http://www.airjaldi.com>
- Briker softswitch, installation and operation manual for users (Indonesian and English), ODC. Indonesia
<http://www.briker.org>
- Customized OpenEMR Record System, a tele-healthcare open-source software solution to store patient records and Health Map/Grid module, SEECs. Pakistan
<http://www.tele-healthcare.org>
- Complete training manuals to support DUMBO software use for disaster management, interERlab. Thailand
<http://dumbo-isif.interlab.ait.ac.th>

Grant Recipients 2009 - Highlights

ISIF grant recipients have been recognized as leaders in their field and are attracting attention from both an ICT and socio-economic perspective, for example:

- ✓ HEDIS project, by Synapse Health in the Philippines, selected as key technology and information management infrastructure for two major national health informatics projects.
- ✓ The JarokaTele-Healthcare project won the mBillionth Award's mHealth category, honored for its interactive interfaces, innovative design, aesthetic value, accessibility and, most of all, its relevance of content and utility value, SEECs. Pakistan

Online Survey


All former applicants and recipients invited to participate

We are looking for feedback and suggestions about:

- ① Application process
- ② Administrative support
- ③ Mentoring strategies

The findings will be used during the ISIF Evaluation Process, facilitated by the Developing Evaluation Capacity in ICTD – DECI project.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Information Society Innovation Fund Survey". The address bar shows the URL "https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ISIFSurvey". The page content includes the "isif asia" logo, a progress bar indicating "1 / 10" and "10%", and introductory text about the ISIF program and the purpose of the survey. A "Next" button is visible at the bottom of the survey content area.

Why Invest in ISIF?

- To maintain and diversify support for ICT and Internet related research & development.
- To support regional research that can help Internet growth in our region.
- To facilitate networking and information building throughout the Internet community.

How to Support ISIF for 2011

Organizations and individuals are welcome to support the program through a variety of partner and sponsorship packages.

Partnership



Sponsorship packages



Your funding will support:

- More projects per cycle
- One funding cycle a year
- Tailored workshops for grants recipients' needs
- In-depth publications
- Promotion and dissemination of grant recipients outcomes to encourage use and adoption

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