



The mission of the Empowering Minds Foundation is to narrow the technological divide that exists between the modern and developing regions of the world. The Foundation will provide a long-term commitment in cooperation with host countries, giving them the tools to integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century technology into their education programs and create a myriad of job opportunities for those youth who attain secondary and college level education only to find few career opportunities.

The ability to share information creates unprecedented opportunities for learning and discovery that can be extended to people everywhere. The Empowering Minds Foundation will build on three inter-related projects, to form the basis of our program: *Computers for the World (CFW)*, *Operation Pride (CP)* and *Transferring New Technology (TNT)*.

1. **Computers for the World** is designed to place used computer equipment into villages through schools and/or youth clubs. The project will respond to official requests from villages for equipment and training. Request will be made via an application process wherein community commitment and contributions are clearly identified.
2. **Operation Pride** is a project designed to provide an alternative for street kids by teaching them computer repair skills and helping them build a sense of pride in earning their own living. EMF will provide these children with work clothes, a meal, a shower and most importantly, a chance to grow. As a part of OP training program, participants will attend life skills workshops in addition to technical training.
3. **Transferring New Technology** is designed to assist in the development of a corps of host country computer trainers skilled in information transfer at the grassroots level. The trainers will receive of instruction in computers and teaching techniques. Following their training they will be assigned to a village identified through the Computers for the World project. The project will provide a monthly stipend and the village will provide their housing. TNT thus serves as a training ground for developing professionals by giving them the tools and experiences necessary to advance in their careers. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the host country, following two years of service in the Transferring New Technology project, participants will receive offers of employment from the government.

These projects will empower host countries, developing a technological and educational foundation and creating a sustainable program for future generations.

Computer hardware is sourced from around the world. It will be modified to meet local standards and distributed through the foundation's network. Our plan for the first five years in operation:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Countries in Affiliation	1	1	2	2	3
Number of Teachers Trained	30	90	150	210	270
Number of Students Reached	1,200	3,600	6,000	8,400	10,800
Number of Street Children Assisted	10	30	50	70	90
Computers Needed	300	600	900	1200	1500
Approximate Funds Needed US dollars	923,000	1,107,00	1,256,000	1,439,00	1,624,000

The **Empowering Minds Foundation** is a not-for-profit organization. For each donation received, we are able to offer a tax relief certificate for use with the IRS. All donations whether of computer hardware or funds is tax deductible. With assistance we can continually provide new technology to recipient communities. Monetary and hardware donations are requested to help with the development of the foundation program.

For more information on how you can make a donation, visit our web site or contact us by email.

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