

"There is hardly a better project for making electronic resources cheaply available to poor, cash-strapped universities, than WiderNet."

Misbahu Katsina, Bayero University

The group that conceptualized this WiderNet Project is doing a lot of good for higher education institutions in Africa. It is a positive means of bridging the gap in information between the 1st and 3rd/4th Worlds."

Workshop Participant

"There is hardly any unit in the library that has not benefited from WiderNet. WiderNet has done so much."

Staff Member, University of Jos

"Although my University back in Nigeria has a fundraising program for the University, today's talk has exposed us to other more effective approaches to achieving success especially as a long-term strategy."

Techno Tour Workshop Participant

"The WiderNet technician training program is a capacity building program that will revolutionize the information & communications technology world of Less Developed Countries."

Technician Training Workshop Participant

WiderNet should remain. There is a lot to be done. We think what we have gained needs to be available to other universities."

Professor Lennox Liverpool, University of Jos



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**Promoting affordable  
information technology  
(ICT) around the world**



## Training

The WiderNet Project has worked with more than 4,500 people across the world, providing specialized information and communication technology training.

Our people-centered approach focuses on collaboration with our partners to always meet their objectives. We provide our patrons with custom content and curriculum to serve their specific needs.

### Types of Training:

- Policy Planning
- Enterprise Management
- Technician Training
- Classroom Technology



### WiderNet Factoids (since 2000):

Number of participants in all training events: **4,746**  
Number of hours of training delivered: **2,558**  
Average training evaluation (scale of 1-10): **8.75**

## Computer Labs



The WiderNet Project collects, refurbishes, and ships computers and networking equipment. We instruct patrons in installation, maintenance and networking of computer labs.

A typical computer lab includes workstations, an eGranary Digital Library and on-site training for librarians and technicians.

The project has donated more than 1,200 computers for use at universities in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Liberia.

WiderNet receives donations from the University of Iowa, community members, companies we've partnered with and others. You can donate too at:

<http://www.widernet.org/getinvolved/>

## Research

The WiderNet Project conducts research to provide inexpensive, cutting-edge technology to underserved communities.

The WiderNet Project invented and continues to develop an off-line digital library, the **eGranary Digital Library**. This "Internet in a Box" delivers more than 18 million educational resources to individuals and institutions around the world and has been distributed to over 350 locations.

Currently the WiderNet Project is conducting research about 12-volt systems for places with unreliable power and handheld libraries.

Past research projects include:

- Satellite connectivity costs
- Gender and ICT
- Bandwidth testing
- Total cost of ICT ownership

