



In a single day, WiRED takes an empty room...



and converts it into a Medical Information Center...



where doctors get instant access to the finest Medical Information in the World.

That's the WiRED template: Go where poverty and disease are rampant, install medical libraries and communication tools for both doctors and general users, then train them to operate the centers.



WiRED International operates in eleven countries on four continents:

Africa, Central America, The Middle East and The Balkans

We install two kinds of computer centers:

1. Community Health Information Centers
2. Medical Information Centers

## Community Health Information Centers

These unique computer centers enable people in each community to take responsibility for their own health. As preventative medicine facilities, they give people the tools and information they need to help themselves.



WiRED entered Kenya at a time when HIV / AIDS infections had reached an all time high.

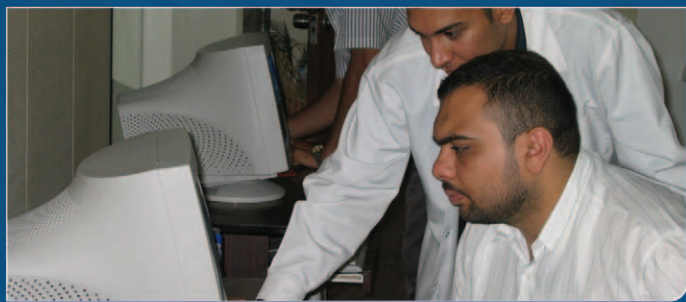
Here in a Kenyan village, these teens carry Pack 'N Go computers, battery operated and programmed with interactive information on the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other diseases. These portable systems are carried to isolated communities on the backs of these young people—thus the name, Pack 'N Go. Today, more than a million Kenyans have seen and heard the HIV/AIDS prevention message in remote locations. Community leaders, traditional healers and birth attendants are learning how to fight this killer scourge.



Of those Africans who have flocked to WiRED's 17 Community Health Information Centers, 78 percent say they first heard the HIV/AIDS prevention message through these centers and the Pack 'N Go outreach program.

With this track record in mind, WiRED plans to install Community Health Information Centers in Iraq, then others in Central America.

# Medical Information Centers



"This may be the best thing done for Iraq, for the health system all over. Many (non-profits) came to Iraq, some stay, others went, but your effort to make Iraqi doctors enter to the world of the scientific research and information system was the best thing done..."

**Dr. Kahalid N.ayah**  
Director of Fasra Teaching Hospital

In 2003, WiRED entered Iraq on the heels of Coalition Forces. Here, where doctors have been denied outside information for twenty years, WiRED has installed 39 Medical Information Centers and four Telemedicine facilities.

Dr. Sardar Al-Jaff, at Erbil's Peadiatric Hospital, said that "The few funds allocated to these computers and databases have to be one of the best investments in our medical future. Good medical practice needs the best information and these Centers help us access it."

## The Latest Advance is in Telemedicine

These state-of-the-art facilities for medical conferences have now been installed in Iraq with more on the way.

Since most Western medical schools have Telemedicine centers, this means that Iraqi and American physicians can collaborate "face to face" on lectures and seminars and on patient diagnosis and treatment. WiRED, Children's National Medical Center, in Washington, D.C. and the University of California, San Francisco Medical School have formed a consortium to provide these educational and consulting services.



Test of WiRED's Telemedicine System at San Francisco State University's Audio Video Facility, February 2006

WiRED director Dr. Gary Selnow, a full-time professor of communications at San Francisco State University, says, "We can't bring medical professors into Iraq physically so we bring them in electronically. It's all there: lectures and

workshops plus clinical assesments with sonograms and EKGs for live diagnosis. And education works both ways. Iraqi doctors have much to tell western doctors about doing a lot with a little."

WiRED's first Internet facility was launched in 1997 right after the Balkan wars. At that time, Gary Selnow was teaching on a Fulbright Fellowship in Croatia when he saw the need for electronic libraries to connect schools in warn-torn regions. With Rotary Club help, Gary installed some computer centers and

that was the beginning of WiRED International.

Today, more than 16 Centers are located at medical schools and teaching hospitals throughout the former Yugoslavia. These centers, sponsored largely by the Medtronic Foundation,

are providing life-giving power to Balkan doctors, nurses and medical students.

In Leon, Nicaragua, also grindingly poor, Medical Information Centers have been wired into large clinics and teaching hospitals, all with support from Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Foundation.

It is a long way from the Balkans to Honduras, the third poorest country in Central America. But here in Choluteca, the medical community was ecstatic in 2005 when WiRED installed the first **Medical Information Centers** at the country's leading teaching hospital.



Three years ago with the help of the National Institutes for Health, WiRED opened its first Medical Information Center in Africa at the medical school of the University of Nairobi, Kenya. Today, entire collections of more than 3,000 biomedical journals, videos and databases can be accessed by Kenyan medical students and professionals.

## WiRED International: Who We Are ::

### We are an all-volunteer organization.

That's unique. We pay staff no salaries (only some overseas stipends) and volunteers provide office space, phones, and other necessities to run the organization. And, 97% of our budget goes directly into our medical and health information programs. The other three percent covers printing, postage, and audits.

### WiRED is also high tech.

Director Gary Selnow and his company of talented volunteers specialize in computers, live and breathe the Internet, practice information

technology daily and enjoy sharing wonders like "telemedicine" with its high-end TV quality images and sounds.

Equally as important, WiRED is committed to people around the world who face the threat of illness and injury. But, communities coping with the challenges of war and poverty face even greater barriers-they are unable to get critical medical and healthcare information. WiRED brings this information to the communities confronting these challenges. At times we stand alone in our efforts. And in some countries like

Nicaragua and Iraq, there are no other organizations that offer the types of services we deliver.

While many differences separate us; our pursuit of good health is a tie that binds. We think health-information-by-computer is more than good medicine. It is also a two-way window to a world seeking unity.



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## Can you help?

Small contributions bring you into our family of friends. Twenty-five dollars makes you a "WiRED friend" and helps keep our little miracle on a shoestring going.

For those who can give more, here are some things your money will buy.

\$100 buys a week-long Pack 'N Go program for AIDS prevention.

\$150 funds a week's training session on HIV/AIDS for about 500 people at our Community Health Information Centers.

\$500 buys a complete medical e-library for hospitals in Kosovo or Sierre Leone.

\$700 buys a special computer to reach 1000 people for HIV prevention.

"At The Medtronic Foundation, we are committed to improving the health of people by focusing resources on unique and positive outcomes. Support for WiRED helps us advance healthcare in local communities by providing equipment, medical information and staff training. We're proud of our partnership (with WiRED International) and think it is a model assistance program forged on strongly shared values."

**Penny Hunt, The Medtronic Foundation**

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