

Myanmar Computer Labs Initiative Closeout Report December 15, 2025

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Throughout the countryside in Myanmar it is easy to see machines taking over the agriculture work thus leaving many people without work. Education in computers and technology creates new avenues for future jobs. Learning computer skills is essential moving forward as the internet of things progresses rapidly. Most of the population in the rural villages have never seen a computer. Without computer skills the chances of finding gainful employment greatly diminishes, as the globalization of the world relies more and more on technology.



Myanmar Computer Labs initiative installs low cost, low power consumption computer labs and training in rural schools in Myanmar. A computer lab for 20 client computers and an Internet in a Box server cost around \$5000 CAD. Currently each lab has a trained teacher and provision for maintenance. Myanmar Computer Labs doesn't take ethnicity into consideration while building computer labs, but takes the need and viability as requisites for building.



There are over 30 middle schools and high schools awaiting to be equipped with computers and internet access coming in every year. Donation will go to the purchase of an Internet in a Box server (loaded with educational and training software without internet access).

The speed and number of computer lab deployments will be based on the generosity of the donors.

The Myanmar Computer Labs initiative joined ICO in 2020.

The 2020 Annual Report stated:

At the moment the military has taken over the government.

We have worked with local individuals to keep the computer labs running which have already been deployed. This includes the local villages for maintenance and upkeep as well as a young woman to work on the IT part of things. Even if our initiative folds the labs will be in good hands going forward.

For the duration of the Coup and instability in Myanmar the plan is to not spend anything. If stability is returned the plan would be to build one computer lab at a cost of ~\$5000.

The 2021 Annual Report stated:

The risk is a military coup government. It has been recommended by contacts in country to not make any public acknowledgements about progress or process.

We were unable to make any progress in country.

There hasn't been a project to manage.

It is impossible to plan any outcomes at this time.

The initiative was put on hold at that time. It is now several years later, and it has not been possible to change this designation. Therefore, the initiative has been closed.

Funds still retained at ICO will, as per ICO policy, be distributed to like initiatives at ICO, specifically to Educational initiatives.

ICO and the Initiative Lead continue to believe in the purpose and intent of the initiative, but current circumstances make continued involvement impossible.

All donors are sincerely thanked for their involvement and donations.