



# PUBLIC LIBRARY INNOVATION PROGRAMME

## Advancing community development

Information is essential for development. Public libraries – known and trusted information service providers, located at the centre of community life – are uniquely placed to provide communities with the information they need to improve their lives.

EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) shows how public libraries are helping people learn new skills, find jobs, improve their health, modernize farming methods, sell more produce, get better school results, and connect to new sources of knowledge and information.



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New and innovative public library services launched in 27 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The services all use information and communication technology (ICT) and were developed to test new ideas for serving community needs.

300

Public and community libraries in cities, towns and villages delivering the new and innovative services.

9,000

People who learnt to use computers and the internet to look for jobs, sell farm produce, apply for agricultural subsidies, consult doctors, find health information and improve school results.

12,000

Disadvantaged people who benefited from digital technology and other new public library resources: farmers, health workers, mothers, children, youth at risk, the unemployed, the elderly, people with disability, the homeless, and more.



knowledge without boundaries

1,200,000

The amount of new funding in US dollars attracted by public libraries to sustain and expand innovative services initiated with EIFL-PLIP support.

There are over 230,000 public libraries in developing and transition economy countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

# IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES



EIFL's Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) works in developing and transition economy countries, where **the need for information is greatest** and public libraries are most under-resourced.

## EIFL-PLIP

Encourages development of innovative public library services that use technology to improve lives.

Inspires more public libraries to offer innovative services through wide sharing of information about successful innovation.

Focuses on these vital development areas: Agriculture and Rural Development, Health, Education, Employment and Economic Wellbeing, Social Inclusion.

EIFL-PLIP is an EIFL programme. EIFL works with libraries in developing and transition economy countries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development.

Recognizes and rewards public library service innovation through the EIFL Innovation Awards programme.

Enables public libraries to develop new services by offering small grants and by building librarians' capacity to innovate.

Collects evidence about public library innovation through impact assessment and research.



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