

## FACT SHEET: inveno®

<b>GRANT TO:</b>	<b>Inveno – Haiti Connected Cities</b>	<b>Inveno – Connected Schools</b>
<b>GRANT AMOUNTS:</b>	<b>\$1,146,344</b>	<b>\$259,000</b>
<b>GRANT ANNOUNCED:</b>	<b>December 7, 2010</b>	<b>September 8, 2011</b>
	<b>December 20, 2012</b>	

**PURPOSE:** Bring wireless broadband to cities and schools outside Port-au-Prince

**LOCATION:** Rural Haiti

The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund's grants to Inveno, totaling over \$1.4 million, empowered communities and schools by connecting them with wireless broadband and provided the training to support these innovative systems.



### **Inveno – Haiti Connected Cities**

The Fund awarded two grants totaling \$1.1 million to accelerate the development of a wireless broadband Internet network in rural regions across Haiti. This funding brought financially sustainable, high-speed, wireless broadband connectivity to villages and towns outside Port-au-Prince through a program called “Empowering Haitians through Connected Cities.” In addition to helping rural communities access information, Inveno provided Internet connectivity that stimulates economic growth and supports decentralization of the country.

### **Inveno – Haiti Connected Schools**

The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund's second grant of \$259,000 funded solar panels to power computer labs at 40 schools in rural Haiti. Inveno used local installers and domestic equipment to install and support computer labs as a sustainable choice for bringing computer and broadband wireless access to the schools. It also trained teachers, administrators, and students in digital literacy.



Left to right: The first IT technicians graduate from the BATI training class; Students learn at a computer lab.

### **Transforming Lives and Livelihoods**

- Increased network capacity, strengthened the local IT sector, and connected schools and cities with broadband Internet;
- Partnered with several Haitian Internet Service Providers as part of Inveno's Certified ICT Partner Program and offered 12 to 18-month technical training programs to prepare local partners to take full responsibility for the network;
- Supported local talent, and trained Haitian Information and Communications Technology (ICT) entrepreneurs, preparing them to help their nation build back better.



ICT entrepreneurs in Inveneo's network certification program.

### **About Inveneo**

Inveneo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit social enterprise whose mission is to connect and empower rural and underserved communities in the developing world with information and communications technologies (ICTs). It works with and serves organizations that deliver vital education, healthcare, economic development, and relief services to some of the poorest communities in the world, enabling these organizations – NGOs, governments and others – to more effectively serve those in need through technology. Inveneo partners with local ICT entrepreneurs through the Inveneo Certified ICT Partner (ICIP) program, now active in 24 countries, to deliver and support these solutions locally.

### **About the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund**

The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded after Haiti's January 12, 2010 earthquake, when President Barack Obama asked former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush to assist the Haitian people in building their own country back better. The Fund used these donations to make grants, loans, and equity investments in organizations promoting job growth and smart, sustainable economic development. Now, having served as a bridge from post-disaster relief to longer-term reconstruction, the Fund is stepping back, empowering Haiti to chart its own successful future. To learn more visit [www.ClintonBushHaitiFund.org](http://www.ClintonBushHaitiFund.org).