# Meeting Minutes

ICT4D Working Group, January 27, 2016

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Organizations Attending: Paywast, Insitor Management, Opportunities NOW, MIMU, the Carter Center, University of Washington, IREX, PSI, Yone Kyi Yar, Myanmar Book Aid and Preservation Foundation, D-tree International, Global Pulse Lab, iWomen, MM Human Right, Pact

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| Activity | Follow up |
| 1. iWomen app, Eleonora Gatti and Khin Sandar  * App’s objective is to bring rural women inspiration and role models * Partnering with May Doe Kabar, a network of rural women with savings and loans groups. This network gives feedback on app design and is a dissemination network for the app. * Scarcity of vision because of a lack of women leaders in local (VT level) government. The app shares stories in the “Be Inspired” series addressed as letters to the readers, both as text and recordings, in several languages. These stories give women role models. * Partnering with GEN, Akhaia Women and others. * App also allows users to connect with each other and shows on a map where groups/users are. * Discussion of women’s issues in a safe space. * Games to improve self-confidence such as an ongoing poem competition. * Links women to sister apps that might be interesting to them, including New Niti, mVoter, Pay Pae Soh * Has both Unicode and Zawgyi versions, readable offline * Testing with 1,000 rural women users now across 8 States and Regions * Because the letter is a story, it is interesting to the users; they don’t mind long letters. On the other hand, users do perceive the “Be Knowledgeable” section as a bit dry * Have found that most users are single because they have more time, also more time to take on leadership roles in the community * Put FB message up when the app has new content so that women can know when to update the content on the app * iWomen app will be officially launched in March 2016 | Any organization interested in uploading resources useful to rural women welcomed to get in touch with eleonora.gatti@undp.org |
| 1. Win Htaik Aung, Myanmar Human Rights App  * Inspired to create this app by a freedom of expression case, wanted to create a way for people in Myanmar to report human rights violations * People often lack knowledge about their rights and how to protect them | Jade to link Win to Rhys and any other organizations working on related tools |
| * This app allows people to report rights violations and will link them to related organizations that can help them address their complaint * App doesn’t currently have a backend, it’s just using Google forms, which limits the type of evidence that users can upload (no pictures, videos) * Opportunity to link to people/organizations that have already done this kind of development either in Myanmar or internationally and make a more robust product that doesn’t duplicate work |  |
| 1. [Information Strategies for Societies in Transition](http://tascha.uw.edu/projects/information-strategies-for-societies-in-transition/), Myanmar Book Aid Preservation Foundation and University of Washington  * Information symposium is part of a longer term initiative * Work focuses on developing information strategies, mobile literacy curricula, capacity of libraries * Had 5 week training in Washington on information strategies, defining the information problem, defining scope of work—technology is the last part of the design * MBAPF established in 2008 with a donation of 1 million books * Partnered with Beyond Access to get internet access to libraries, mainly in Mandalay-Yangon corridor but expanding the states next year * Most people are only using 10% of their phones’ features, trying to get people to access news/information beyond Facebook * You can follow the Technology and Social Change group [here](https://www.facebook.com/tascharesearch?_rdr=p) |  |
| 1. Other business/Announcements  * Upcoming Meeting: February 24, 2016. Possible guests will be Phyo Kyi from MIMU on village mapping, someone from ALARM on mapping land use in Taninthayi * Information Symposium January 28-29 at Strand | Let Jade know if you have a proposed presentation for an upcoming meeting |

Attendance

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