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#### Cambodia

**Population** 13 million  
**# of Personal Computers  
per 1000 people** 2.3  
**Per Capita GNI** \$300

#### India

**Population** 1.1 billion  
**# of Personal Computers  
per 1000 people** 7.2  
**Per Capita GNI** \$540

#### Nepal

**Population** 25 million  
**# of Personal Computers  
per 1000 people** 3.7  
**Per Capita GNI** \$240

#### Vietnam

**Population** 81 million  
**# of Personal Computers  
per 1000 people** 9.8  
**Per Capita GNI** \$480

#### Source

The World Bank Group (2003)  
UN Statistics Division (2002)

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Tax deductible  
contribution  
needed to establish  
a Computer Lab:  
**US \$16,000**



## Computer Room

(Establishing Computer Labs in Cambodia, India, Nepal & Vietnam)

### Room to Read Computer Labs

Nowhere is the “digital divide” more visible than in developing countries. In the case of Cambodia, India, Nepal and Vietnam, less than 10 computers are available for every 1,000 members of the population. Opportunity is inherent in technology, and Room to Read works with local schools and partner Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to make access a reality. Computer labs can have a life-changing impact on students. Our computer labs provide “life skills” pre-vocational training in Information Technology for disadvantaged, at-risk youth populations. The computer use helps reduce attrition rates by providing an incentive to students. Thus, the labs not only have an immediate impact of providing exposure to the outside world, they also provide for long-term growth and access to high-paying jobs for our students.

### Opportunity: The impact of technology is staggering.

Working hand-in-hand with local schools and NGOs, Room to Read establishes full-service computer labs. In addition to installation, Room to Read provides the necessary teacher training for curriculum development, upkeep and growth. Students rotate throughout the computer lab as technology quickly begins to complement standard class time. Partnering with Room to Read to bring technology to students’ hands brings direct results. Your contribution equals equipment, technology and training. As for the impact on students and teachers, a monetary amount cannot explain the value of technology. In many cases, a familiarity with technology and computing opens new doors for entire communities.

### Results: What can I expect?

For students, teachers and administrators, the computer lab is treated with respect. Your contribution will affect the lives of children everyday. You can expect the following:

**Selection** Community commitment is central to our philosophy. In addition to demonstrating need and dependability, schools are required to complete “Challenge Grants” to provide infrastructure, Internet access where feasible and on-going maintenance.

**Technology** Each computer lab is equipped with 10 to 20 student computers, 1 teacher computer with a CD Burner, and a laser printer. Each computer is uploaded with Microsoft Office software. The installation is completed with the final addition of voltage stabilizers and cable networking. Teacher training is provided to ensure the teachers are equipped with the necessary skills to adequately transfer knowledge to their students.

**Dedication** A commemorative plaque will be permanently installed in appreciation of your generosity. You may select the wording on this plaque and can even dedicate it to a loved one.

## What is Room To Read?

Our mission is to provide under-privileged children with an opportunity to gain the lifelong gift of education. Founded on the belief that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and taking control of one’s own life, we currently focus our efforts on Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Room to Read is a dynamic, results-oriented organization. Since our inception as a non-profit in 2000, we have impacted the lives of over 1 million children by building over 220 schools, establishing over 3,300 school libraries, donating over 2 million books, and funding over 2,300 girls on scholarship. The vast majority of donations goes directly into programs.