

Technology

Working to eliminate poverty by leveraging the power of microfinance and technology



Our **Grameen Technology Center** is a recognized global leader in information and communications technology initiatives dedicated to advancing microfinance and international development. Founded in 2001, and based in Seattle, Washington, the Technology Center is committed to developing sustainable technology solutions that address the needs of poor communities around the world.

ICT Innovation

Information and communications technology provides unparalleled opportunities to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. Through our Application Laboratory (AppLab), we are enabling people to use phones and other mobile devices as powerful tools to improve their lives and livelihoods. The AppLab initiative focuses on developing mobile applications that can deliver information and services to the poor through the networks of Village Phone operators and other distributed networks.

Mifos

Limited access to technology and business insight is a significant challenge facing the microfinance industry. Mifos is designed to address that barrier to growth with a technology platform that enables microfinance practitioners to increase in scale, impact, and sustainability. At its core, Mifos is a management information system (MIS) information management system that provides the core functionality required by microfinance institutions—and the flexibility they need to adapt the product to meet their needs. Empowering an open, collaborative community of industry experts and technology professionals, Mifos is the unifying catalyst that will accelerate the industry's reach and social impact to unlock the true potential of microfinance.

Village Phone

Grameen Foundation's Village Phone initiatives build on the pioneering work of Grameen Telecom in Bangladesh. We focus on bringing affordable telecommunications access to rural communities by creating mobile phone micro-businesses. Since 2003, we have launched Village Phone programs in Indonesia, Rwanda and Uganda, and have assisted with programs in Cambodia, Haiti and the Philippines.

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