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Vision

Apply the Internet to bring lasting change to the world's neediest people

Strategy

Work through a consortium of NGOs engaged in development, relief and environmental operations in developing countries, and committed to using Information and Communication Technologies for service to beneficiaries

Objectives

Offer better services to our members and their beneficiaries by:

- **Establishing remote on-line access where required most**
- **Developing strategic partnerships with major technology organizations**
- **Providing innovative networking and software solutions and services**
- **Developing in-country technical competencies**
- **Providing a collaborative forum for sharing resources and experiences**

Structure

NetHope is a membership-based non-profit organization. A Board of Directors sets policy, guides staff, participates in key votes, and takes operational decisions through functional committees. A staff, including highly-skilled corporate fellows and volunteers, headed by an Executive Director, defines and executes on projects. Charitable 501(c)3 tax-exemption status is pending

Member Benefits

NetHope provides all benefits of Internet-based applications plus:

- **Cost advantages of a buying and deployment consortium**
- **Access to equipment, software and services at attractive rates**
- **Multi-agency program management**
- **Focus on the world's most difficult regions**
- **Unified appeal to corporate sponsors**
- **Sharing of technical and field knowledge**

Donor Benefits

- **Tax-deductible contributions benefit multiple reputed organizations**
- **Maximized donation processing efficiency**
- **Minimized utilization overhead**
- **Use of globally recognized brand names in donor's collateral**
- **Maximum probability of funds benefiting developing countries due to NetHope's combined influence with local governments and focus on building local competency**

Projects

NetHope was launched in late 2001. Its current members have combined revenues of over $3.5Bn. A pilot network of 21 monitored locations was completed and validated by Accenture^{TM} in 2003. A successful Internet Telephony trial was included in the pilot. Satellite and wireless links for fixed and mobile locations in several disaster-affected regions completed. Deployment of Internet-based voice and data communications and provision of centralized humanitarian applications for field offices in many critical areas of the world is currently underway. Country experience includes Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Iraq, Iran and Liberia. Other initiatives include low-cost mobile satellite stations, shared NOC backup, personnel security, relief logistics, disaster communications kit, etc. A project on relief for Darfur refugees in the Chad/Sudan region has been launched