



One Laptop per Pacific Child

One Laptop per Pacific Child is a regional initiative to provide every child in basic education with a rugged, low-cost, low-powered, connected laptop, loaded with content and software designed to foster collaborative, self-empowered learning. We are seeking to reach more than 700,000 children across 22 Pacific island nations.

We believe education is the key to overcoming poverty. Through education, every child can become an agent for positive change in her own life, and in that of her school, family, village and country. With education, developing countries can solve their own problems.

- **One Laptop per Child Foundation** (OLPC) is a global non-profit organization, dedicated to creating educational opportunities for the world's poorest children.
- Developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, OLPC is the creator, manufacturer and distributor of the ground-breaking **XO laptop**. The XO helps children become better connected to each other, their communities and the world, bridging the "digital divide" to an inclusive future.
- Launched in 2006 at the World Economic Forum, the XO has been distributed to over 1.4 million children in 31 countries including Uruguay, Peru, Pakistan, Nepal, Rwanda and Afghanistan.

Now the XO has come to the Pacific. In 2007, the leaders of 22 Pacific nations cited OLPC in the Pacific Island Forum's regional strategic plan, The Pacific Plan, and resolved to test the XO in their primary schools and education systems.

- Since 2008 OLPC Foundation has struck a deployment partnership with the **Secretariat of the Pacific Community** and has donated more than US\$2.5m and **5000 XO laptops** to Pacific children.
- Government-sponsored projects are up and running in seven Pacific Island countries: **Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu** and **Vanuatu**.
- The governments of eight more Pacific countries have OLPC programs in development: **Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Palau, Samoa, and Tonga**.
- **OLPC Oceania** is a coalition of governments, donors, civil society, academic institutions, educators and volunteers all working together to provide technical assistance to Pacific countries to establish 1-to1 computing in schools as a sustainable reality.

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