

Computers, services and Wi-Fi Internet for rural libraries

Interim report

The main goal of the project was improving the operation of rural libraries by providing them computers equipped with a lightweight library management programs and book circulation program that will allow to subscribe members, register books, organize the book circulation, search requested books, track the movement of books, control book check-in and check-out as well as quickly receive any required information on books in the library. The overwhelming majority of rural libraries In Armenia didn't have computers.

Another major problem in rural regions was the absence of computer service skills. Very often libraries in rural areas even having computers can't use them when problems arise, because of the absence of service staff, knowledge and skills. It was clear that they also need help in troubleshooting and repair, operating system and application program installation. The following plan of support was developed:

- Develop a lightweight library management program
- Provide computers to libraries
- Train librarians to use the library management program
- Troubleshoot and repair library computers.

We were planning to purchase 20 computers with ISOC AM resources and 50 computers by the BNet grant resources.

Up-to-date we have already installed 50 computers with library management software and trained 50 librarians. Each donation is certified by a contract signed by library authorities. The expenses included purchasing computers and transportation to deliver computers to rural regions. Wi-Fi routers were installed at some libraries. We also provided IT service for rural libraries. At many places they need not only to learn the library management software but also the basics of operating systems and computer hardware to be able to solve minor problems. We have constant phone contact with librarians and try to respond to their needs as soon as possible.

Library management program we developed is very easy installed and has a simple interface. Besides that we are providing training sessions with hands on exercises.

During visits to rural regions besides our installed library computers we repaired 33 computers . 190 hours were spent for software installation and training.

There were the following travels to rural regions:

Yerevan-Goris-Khndzoresk-Verishen -Akner-Karahunj

Yerevan-Kapan-Baghaburj-Barabat -Behh-Ashotavan

Yerevan - Hadrut

Yerevan-Hrazdan-Meghradzor

Yerevan-Hrazdan – Marmarik

Yerevan - Hrazdan

Yerevan - Tsovagyugh

Below is the list of rural sites where the computers were installed and their photos.

Ashtarak town, 2nd school library



Baghaberd district library



Baghaberd-district-club-library



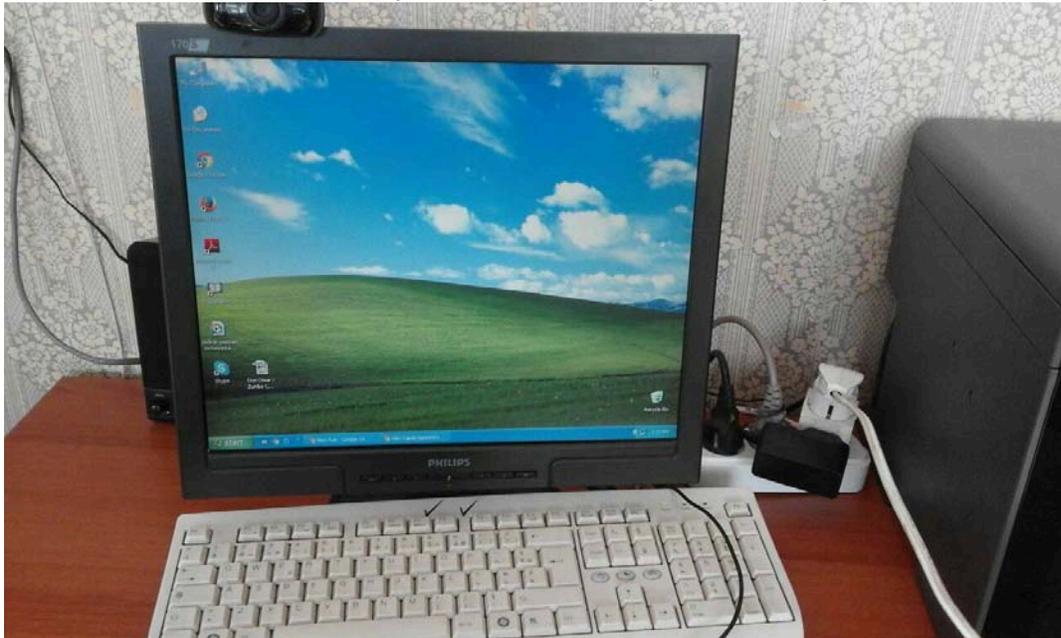
Baghabunj settlement club-library



Kapan town - Bulders district library



Kapan town - Dzorq club-library



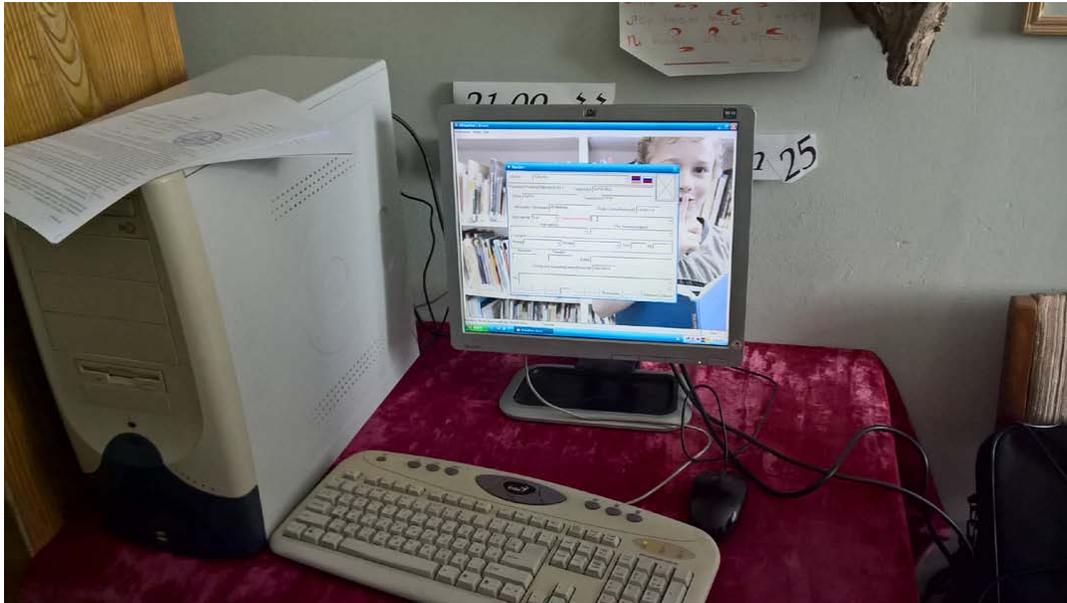
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Goris town Central library



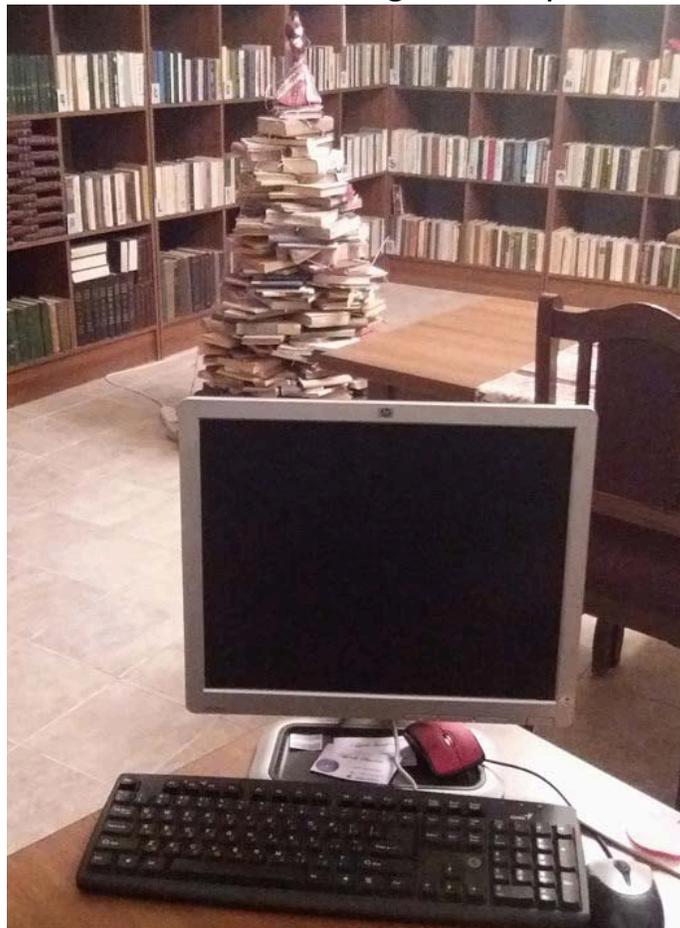
Goris town Children library



Goris town-Akner library



Goris town-Avanguard library



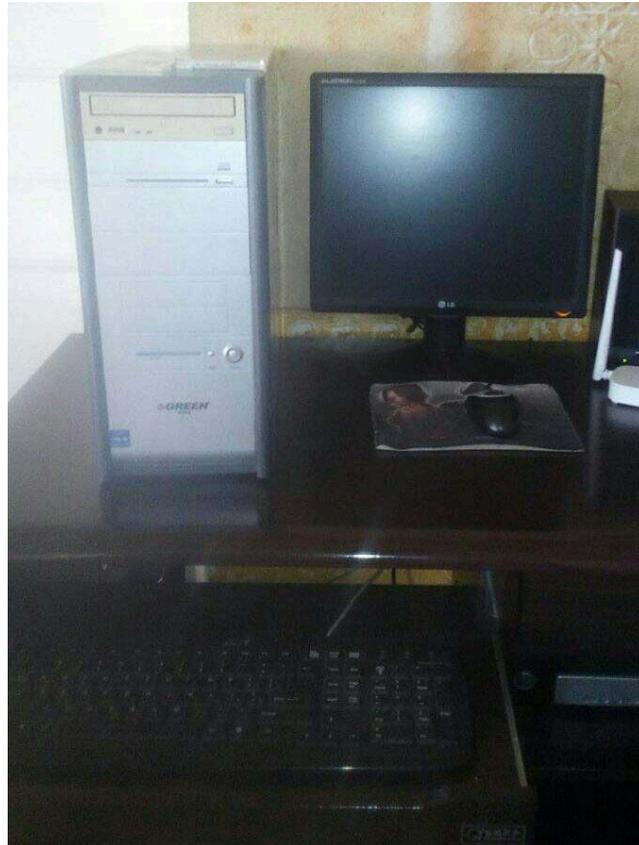
Goris town-Gusan Ashoti 8 library



Goris town-Gusan_Ashoti 21 library



Goris town-Halidzor suburb library



Goris town-Harjis suburb library



Goris town-Khndzoresk suburb library



Goris town-Qarahunji suburb library



Goris town-Shinuhayr suburb library



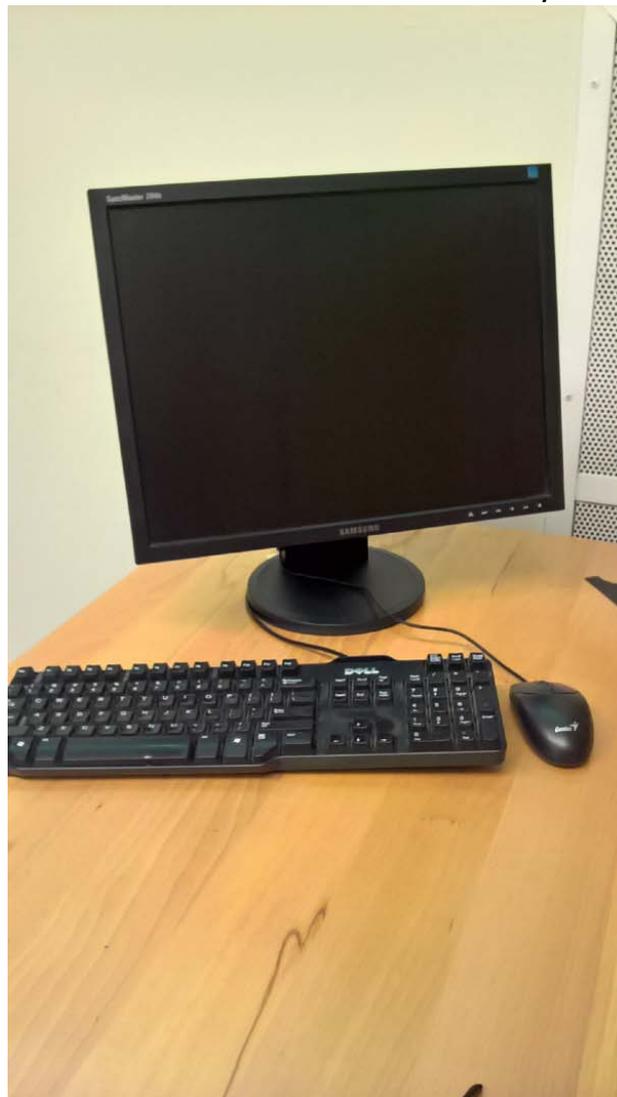
Goris town-Svarandz suburb library



Goris town-Syuniq175 library



Goris town-Tatev suburb library



Goris town-Vanqi_Tap (TandzaTap) suburb library



Goris town-Verishen suburb library



Goris-town-Svarandz-suburb-library



Hrazdan town-TV library



Hrazdan-town--4th-library



Kapan town, Barabathum district library



Kapan town, David beck district club-library



Kapan town, Ashotavan district library



Kapan town-Bekh suburb library



Kapan town-Kavart suburb library



Lernanist village library



Marmarik village library



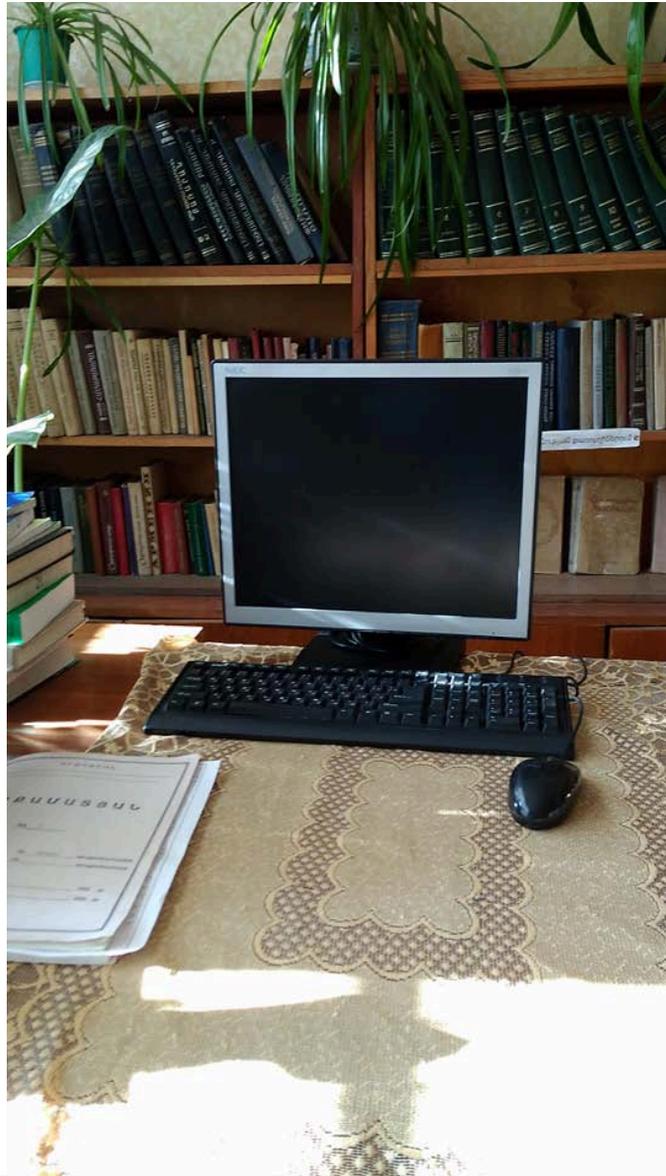
Meghradzor village library



Kapan town - Minas Papyan district library



Kapan town - Mushegh Harutyunyan district library



Kapan town - Rafayel Minasyan district library



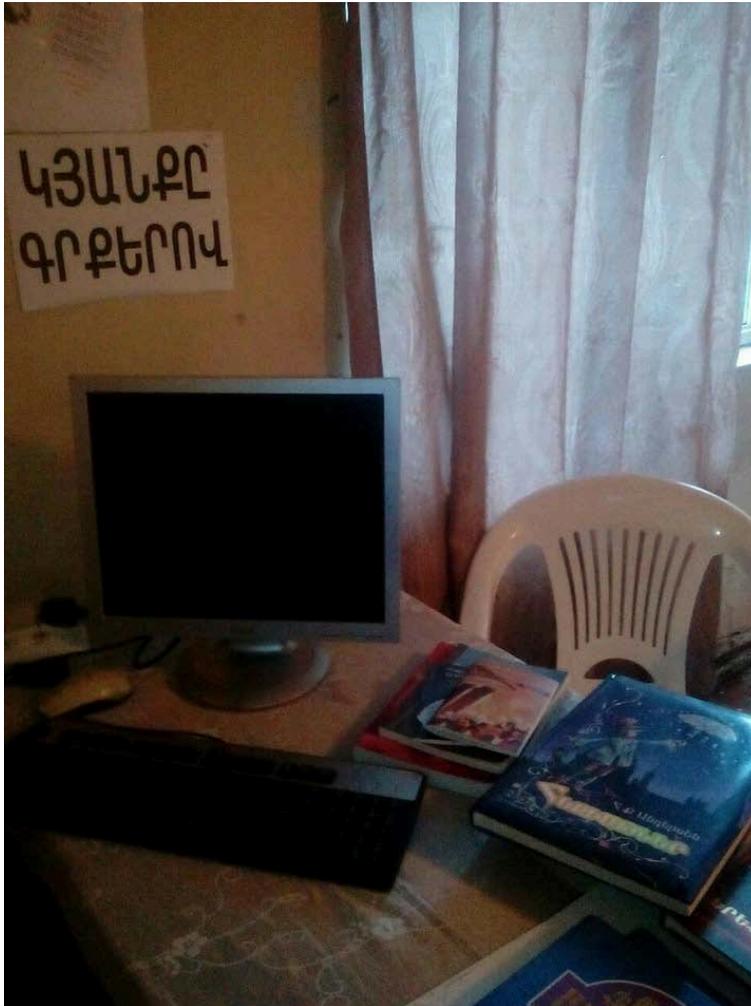
Syunik, Dastakert village library



Tsovagyugh village Library



Vachagan settlement club-library



Yerevan City - 16th library

