



# **WiRED International**

**Providing Medical and Public  
Health  
Information in Developing and  
Post-Conflict Regions**



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technology to improve  
medical care, medical  
education and public  
health in developing and  
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## **WiRED offers two key services:**

- **Medical Information Centers** serve doctors and the professional medical community.
- **Community Health Information Centers** serve grassroots populations. These centers merge technology and a human support staff.





A world map with a blue background and white landmasses. Red circles are drawn on the map to indicate the locations of the WiRED project. There are two overlapping circles in Mexico, a cluster of four overlapping circles in Central Europe, one circle in the Middle East, one circle in West Africa, and one circle in East Africa.

**Where WiRED  
works:**

# Medical Information Centers offer:

- **Electronic Libraries** stored on computers and from the Internet
- **Telemedicine Facilities** provide audio- visual conferencing and consulting with experts around the world



# Medical Information Centers In Iraq

- Begun April, 2003
- Only medical information project in place
- Every medical school (14) and 36 key teaching hospitals
- WiRED works directly with Iraqi doctors






# **Medical Information Center University of Nairobi School of Medicine**

**U.S. Ambassador to Kenya,  
Johnny Carson, launches Center**





# **Community Health Information Centers**

**Serving local communities  
with health care  
information**



# **Community Health Information**

## **Centers provide:**

- **Public access to health care information**
- **Staff assistance for health concerns and information needs**
- **Referrals to testing centers and clinics**
- **“Pack ‘N Go” outreach programs**
- **Information programs for disabled people**



# **Community Health Information Centers**

## **Outreach Program**



**Schools**

**Community Centers**

**Workplaces**

**Military**

**Churches**



**WiRED trains staff in annual workshops and supports them in the field**







**Solar panels  
charge batteries  
that run the  
Center for six  
hours each day**



**The CHIC program helps  
people participate  
actively in their  
own healthcare  
and enables them  
to recognize their  
responsibility and their  
capacity to influence  
their own health.**





# **The Centers have become . . .**



- **Schools**
- **Libraries**
- **Meeting places**
- **Support centers**
- **Referral stations**
- **Regional HIV/AIDS & health resource hubs**



# **Community Health Information Centers contribute to economies of host countries**

- **Purchase and maintain equipment locally**
- **Hire and train local staff**
- **Support local Community Based Organizations**
- **Teach computer skills**
- **Take HIV/AIDS message directly to companies using Pack 'N Go**



**We believe that assistance programs are like ropes, you cannot push them, the people must pull them for themselves. Provide people the tools, the training, some ongoing help, and they will take the programs to places you could not have imagined for them.**



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