Digital Divide Around the World

What countries suffer most from the divide, and how does it affect the people/cultures of the world?

As we may have guessed, the internet is used much less frequently in the countries of Africa and Latin America, where poverty is extremely prevalent. This causes these areas, which are already lagging behind in economic and educational development, to be further separated from the digital world where important information is at hand 24 hours a day. The countries of Africa and South America especially, along with impoverished regions of Europe, Asia, and North America, are left "out of the loop" when it comes to communication; they cannot easily communicate with those out of their reach, much less out of their continent. They are not informed of world events, whether it be the results of the World Cup or an ensuing hurricane. The information we take for granted is unavailable to millions of people and thus the gap between impoverished countries and developed countries just gets larger.

How are organizations helping to bridge the Digital Divide?

In order to bridge this Digital Divide, global organizations are making long-term investments to collect and distribute technological devices and teach people how to use technology. People working for the United Nations, World Bank, not-for-profit organizations are working toward closing the gap between the digital and non-digital worlds. They are making a call for donations, time, and energy to be put toward this effort so that we may educate and provide materials for those people who otherwise would continue to lag behind. While it is a time and energy consuming, slow-paced process, these efforts are helping people around the world become more technologically knowledgeable. Furthermore, on-line organizations and bloggers, such as "Bridge The Digital Divide," contribute to the efforts to diminish the Digital Divide by providing online sites where we can donate computers and volunteer to help.

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