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Category winner of the 2012 e-inclusion awards: Library Development Program – Information Society Development Foundation, Poland

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The primary objective of Library Development Programme (2009 – 2014) of the Information Society Development Foundation (FRSI) is to provide equal opportunities for the underserved population living in rural areas. This has been achieved by revitalizing local libraries and providing them with multimedia equipment and internet access. Training has also been offered in order to improve staff capacity. The initiative covers more than 3,300 libraries servicing 10.6 million inhabitants. It has provided internet access to c. 750,000 people, half of which have made their first click on the internet in libraries. The libraries participating in the program assist more than 50,000 people annually, offering group classes and individual consultations on the hardware and internet usage.

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