# Meeting Minutes

ICT4D Working Group, May 20, 2016

Chair: Jade Lamb, Pact

Organizations Attending: Pact, Dimagi, MIMU, The Carter Center, Ngwe.su, PADE, Opportunities NOW Myanmar, Phandeeyar, International Alert, Insitor Myanmar, Revo Tech

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| Activity | Follow up |
| 1. Kyat Manager, Opportunities NOW
* Do very close mentoring with small business owners combined with capital infusion during the first few years of start up
* Still testing the name Kyat Manager
* App is intended to make bookkeeping more useful
* ONOW has traditionally helped small business owners make informed decisions through analyzing paper records, but this is time consuming and data quality is often poor
* Instead, small business owners enter their transaction records in the app and get automated alerts from the app if there is a risk sign (i.e. low capital but a big payment is due soon, no data entered)
* ONOW can also see the data in dashboards at the backend and more closely analyze the business’s performance and give more impactful mentoring
* These records could also potentially be an alternate to a formal credit history for MFIs to look at to mitigate risk if they are looking to make individual loans rather than to solidarity groups
* Also will give ONOW a huge dataset eventually on how different kinds of business run in different specific sectors, giving them a better idea of what a successfully run business in each sector looks like and allowing them to have a greater impact
* They’d love to link this someday to mobile money
* Right now design is in English; will do Burmese language last
* App is designed to be used with a mentor, not individuals on their own, but would be appropriate for other organizations who do business mentoring. Have some partnerships in the works.
* Should be doing soft lunching with users in two weeks, expecting 80 users this year
* Integrating this with source documentation (i.e. photos of receipts) is tricky because of bandwidth issues. Expect many of their users will have low end smartphones with a maximum of 1GB of storage, and low tolerance for an app that takes up all that storage with photos of receipts.
* New Westminster Institute developed this app
* ONOW will have access to all the data, including that of partners
* ONOW not aware of any other organizations doing this, though [Kopo Kopo](http://kopokopo.com/) in East Africa might have something similar
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| 1. Alan’s [RACHEL](https://racheloffline.org/) Box
* Made by World Possible
* 500 GB and a wifi hotspot, $300, stores the internet and other content offline, max 50 users
* Some others are using these around Myanmar, including Phaungdawoo in Mandalay and the [Myanmar Mobile Education Project](http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/yangon/9358-the-school-bus-bringing-education-for-all.html)
* Jes and William’s WI (pronounced “why,” not “we”) project also has a similar function
* [Outernet](https://outernet.is/) project, where satellites send daily content out, is also similar. Can build a receiver easily using an open source design.
* Alan is looking for ideas of what to do with his box. His goal is to promote non-Facebook use of the internet.
 | Contact Alan if you have an idea of an interesting way that he could use his box |
| 1. Announcements
* Next meeting June 27. Loring is on the agenda to present, let Saijai (slianpu@dimagi.com) know if you’re interested in sharing something.
* This is Jade’s last meeting chairing the group. Starting in June, Saijai will take over the chair duties.
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Attendance

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