

HP Donates \$2.7 Million in Calculators to Students Worldwide

HP Calculators has donated over \$2.7 million dollars in calculators to underserved education institutions in an effort to improve educational technology and resources in developing countries around the world. This donation provides thousands of advanced graphing and scientific calculators to students and professors, helping to increase their understanding of mathematics and science while improving overall standards of education in the classroom.

In conjunction with HP Sustainability and Social Innovation, HP Calculators selected Good 360, a non-profit organization, to distribute calculators through an open bid process to affiliated charities and schools in over seven countries worldwide. Products donated range from HP 30s and HP 300s scientific calculators for middle and high school students to HP 40gs and HP 50g graphing calculators designed for advanced math at high schools and universities.

This initiative marks the largest donation of calculators in HP history with units being distributed to schools in need throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. The Philippines received HP 40gs graphing calculators for students at the Boy's Home of Liloan, which offers street children a safe environment with a variety of technical training programs to develop specialized skills (Image 4). The impact of these donations is already being observed by the director of Technical Programs who remarked, "Our programs have been dramatically enlivened in its desk exercises, that with this one-on-one personal calculation tool has enabled trainees to do speedier numeric solving." Additionally, Vietnam is implementing an educational opportunity program where their country's top-performing high school students will receive graphing calculators, with elementary school students benefiting from HP EasyCalc 300s calculators as well.



Fig. 1 - A teacher in the Philippines trains curious students to use the HP 40gs

In Africa, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone, schools that never before had access to educational technology in their classrooms will be able to advance their curricula, enhancing students' mathematics education. As Marcia Roeder of ChildFund International mentioned, "I am sure you can imagine the tremendous impact this donation will have on their ongoing education."

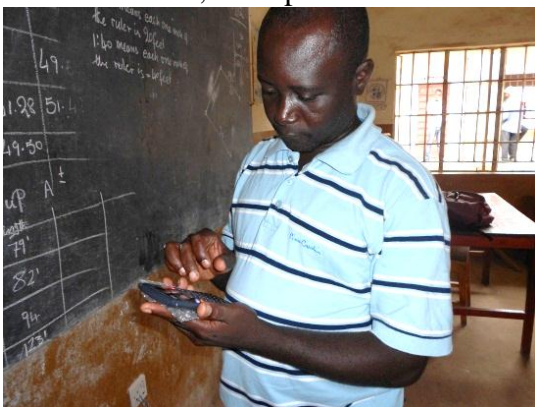


Fig. 2 - A student calculating a problem on the blackboard with the HP 30s.

Students that were previously unable to pass their exams without a calculator will now be able to take their exams and advance their skills in mathematics and science. Yusifu Mansaray of the Sierra Leone Opportunities Industrialism Centre, who received an HP 30s calculator stated, “I had started to work on someone’s farm to gather money to buy a scientific calculator for one week now and was unable to afford one. It is a great relief that these calculators have come at a time [when] we badly need them to sit our final exams at the agricultural survey department. I will now use the time I spent to look for money to buy a calculator to study for my exams.”



Fig. 3 - Students carefully reading their HP 30s user manuals.

Another student, Umiro Tarawalie of University of Makeni commented, “The calculator I got is the perfect one that I need for my calculations and graphs in the engineering department. I am so happy with this [HP 50g] calculator that I have passed half of my exams already.” Other countries receiving calculator donations include Cambodia and Chile.

With these donations, HP continues its commitment to lead in the advancement of education solutions for students worldwide. For more information on other news from HP Calculators, please visit www.hp.com/calculators.



Fig. 4 - Students of the Boy’s Home of Liloan with their new calculators.

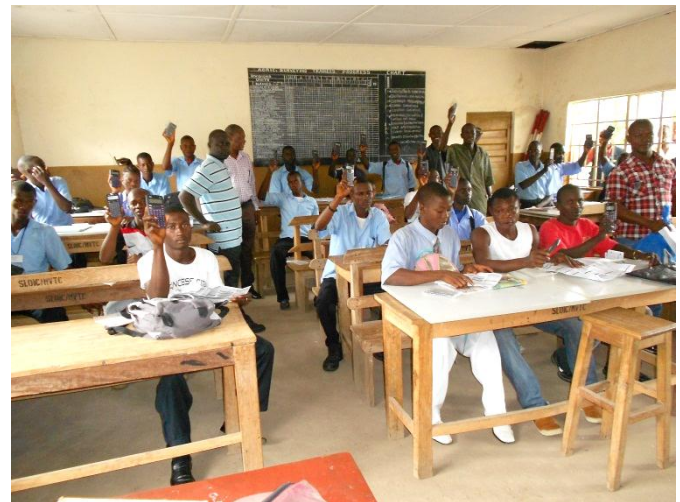


Fig. 5 - Students of SLOIC displaying their newly acquired calculators.