

government. However as reforms of the judiciary proceed and trust increases, it eventually will become essential to involve them in the network.

Training:

There would be three main elements for training of participants in the Human Rights Monitoring Network:

1. For those people and groups who are not computer literate, there will be basic computer training: this would include how Windows operates, how to write, save and retrieve files, how to use the mouse etc.
2. A second stage for those who were computer illiterate, or as a first stage for those who are computer literate, will be how to use e-mail: this will include how to write the communications, how to send and receive mail, how to set up mailbox file systems, how to establish passwords and how to set up mailing lists.
3. The third stage of training will be primarily for those at the hub and will focus on the Internet. It will include how to use the Internet as a research tool; how to download information; how to write, maintain and update a Web Page; and how to transmit that information as e-mail.

Equipment:

The implementation of the network depends on access to computers and modems. Each location will need one computer, complete with monitor, mouse and keyboard with a modem installed. The Human Rights Centre in Guatemala City would benefit from having an 8x CD-Rom for its research functions.

A mid-range computer in both Canada and Guatemala is a Pentium 133, with at least 2.0Gb hard drive and 16 RAM; the minimal advisable modem for active Internet use is 28,800. In Guatemala, it is also advisable to buy a UPS voltage regulator, because of the variability of the electrical current.

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