Mobile initiatives around the world

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Learning Outcomes

• Describe mobile learning initiatives around the world.
Large Scale Global Initiatives
Mobile Learning
United Arab Emirates (UAE) iPad Initiative
Thailand is distributing 1.7 million tablets to children
Brazil Tablet Initiative

• The Brazil Ministry for Education announced that the federal government would buy 600,000 tablet computers to distribute amongst high school teachers.
• The next step is to provide students with tablets.
Qatar National Vision 2030

Qatar residents are encouraged to implement information and communication technology (ICT) initiatives in government, business, and education in pursuit of a knowledge-based society that embraces innovation, entrepreneurship, and excellence in education.

*Improving Communication Skills in the Workplace Using Mobile Learning*
Project Details

• Project funded by the Qatar Foundation – Qatar National Research Fund
• Collaborative project with Athabasca University, Qatar University, Qatar Petroleum, Qatar Mobility Innovations Centre
• Develop training lessons for delivery on mobile technology to improve English Skills in the workplace
By 2015, the entire school-age curriculum in South Korea will be delivered on an array of computers, smart phones and tablets, and the government is going to spend $2.4 billion buying them.
UN Education for All Goals

• Ensure that by 2015 all children, particularly girls, those in difficult circumstances, and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to and complete, free, and compulsory primary education of good quality.

• Ensure that the learning needs of all young people and adults are met through equitable access to appropriate learning and life-skills programs.

• Improve all aspects of the quality of education and ensure the excellence of all so that recognized and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all, especially in literacy, numeracy and essential life skills.
United Nations
Millennium Development Goals

• Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
• Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education
• Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women
• Goal 4: Reduce child mortality rates
• Goal 5: Improve maternal health
• Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
• Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability
• Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development
Teachers must be involved in developing and promoting mobile learning