Addressing the structural language barrier today builds a better tomorrow. This is why:

- You can only access information if it’s in your language.
- You can only use services if the providers speak your language.
- You can only participate in decisions if the conversation is in your language.

But language equity isn’t on the agenda.

- So we aren’t measuring and monitoring the impact of language barriers.
- We still don’t know who is left out because of their language.
- Innovations continue to favor groups with language privilege.

The language gap continues to grow.

“[Maay speakers] are forced to speak Mahaa or lose their rights. Children and adults lose their rights to get aid.”
– Maay-speaking NGO worker, Somalia

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Communities should be empowered to set the priorities for their own development.

People affected by the climate crisis know how their natural resources are being impacted. Marginalized groups are leading vital social and political change worldwide. But language barriers often lock this expertise out of global conversations.

People need to be able to make informed decisions, before and during emergencies like disease outbreaks, extreme weather events and escalations in military violence.

Yet many of those most vulnerable during crises are also the most likely to be excluded through language - including women, children, rural and remote populations, Indigenous communities, people with disabilities, and communities with low or no access to education.

Many social impact programs are looking to scale with digital technologies.

But despite innovations in connectivity, service provision and language technology like large language modeling, only a fraction of the world’s 7,000 languages are meaningfully online.

The quality of machine translation and voice technology remains low for all but a few dozen languages.

For up to four billion people already locked out, the digital language gap is widening.

Invest in language inclusion to unlock understanding and bridge the digital language divide.

Do you want to support a sustainable future in every language?

Donate today:

$50
Records an audio translation, enabling less literate communities to understand vital information.

$250
Trains a responder to communicate with communities about health or safeguarding in a crisis.

$1,000
Adapts pictorials to help people understand vital information in a new multilingual context.

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Join companies at the forefront of language research and AI technology for social good. You can help:

• Transform language data into interactive maps and glossaries for responders in crises.
• Build innovative solutions like chatbots and voice-activated devices to communicate in marginalized languages.
• Scale up to reach more communities, expand our technology and develop capacity for low-resource languages.

“I never thought my language might be considered so important to be put on a device.”
— Waha speaker, northeast Nigeria

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