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Wikimedia Foundation was among eight News Challenge winners

awarded a total of \$2.4 million for projects ranging from turning basic mobile phones into [radio stations](#) to helping newsrooms manage content sent by people on the move.

"In 2013, the number of Internet-enabled [mobile devices](#) is expected to be greater than the number of computers for the first time," said Knight vice president for journalism and media innovation Michael Maness.

"These eight Knight News Challenge projects, and the [innovators](#) behind them, are helping to stretch the ways people around the world are engaging with information and using it to shape their communities."

Wikimedia won the grant to expand and improve [Wikipedia's](#) availability for free on mobile phones, particularly in developing countries.

"Wikipedia has helped define the way that people collaboratively create content," said Knight Foundation director for journalism and media innovation John Bracken.

"Making the site available to more people across the world will help foster and spread that culture."

News Challenge winners will discuss their projects in a broadcast streamed online at knightfoundation.org/live on Friday beginning at 12:30 p.m. New York time (20:30 GMT).

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