

Managing government rural information and communication technology (ICT) for success and sustainability

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Abstract

Technological innovation indicates that achieving digital access and jump starting development in rural Nigeria may not be as difficult as many think. There is emerging new technology models that aim to narrow the digital divide between the urban and rural areas. Result from developed countries show that rural information and communication technology could be the most potent means of driving change in rural areas if well managed. Thus ensuring equal access to less privileged groups and create new kinds of job and financial transactions while improving quality, speed and sensitivity of state apparatus to the needs of local citizens. This paper examines how government rural ICT could be successfully managed and sustained. The paper advocates that illiteracy; erratic power supply; band-width connectivity problems; corruption and inadequate funding amongst others are the factors hindering the development of rural ICT in Nigeria. It recommends improvement in education of the rural people, power supply and massive infrastructural development of the rural communities while urging the government to take the issue of corruption in governance very seriously.

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Introduction

The global buzz word these days is represented by the letters ICT. ICT stands for Information and

Communication Technology. The concepts, methods and applications involved in ICT are constantly evolving, touching every facet of our daily lives.

