



## **Digital Inclusion and the Digital Divide in Rural African Communities of Tunisia, 2004**

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### **Abstract**

Digital inclusion is a critical issue in developing countries like Tunisia, where rural areas often face significant barriers to accessing and utilising digital technologies. A qualitative research approach was employed, involving in-depth interviews with community members, local officials, and technology providers. Data analysis focused on thematic content. The findings indicate that while internet connectivity has improved, there is a notable disparity in the adoption of digital technologies by rural residents compared to urban counterparts. Despite some progress, significant challenges remain regarding the accessibility and utilization of digital resources in rural Tunisia. Future interventions should focus on bridging this gap through targeted programmes and community engagement initiatives. Government policies should prioritise funding for infrastructure improvements and public awareness campaigns to enhance digital literacy among rural populations. digital inclusion, digital divide, rural communities, Tunisia

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