



The Digital Divide in Rural African Communities: Implications for Egypt's Mass Communication Renaissance

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Abstract

The digital divide in rural African communities remains a significant challenge to Egypt's mass communication renaissance efforts. A mixed-methods approach combining qualitative interviews with quantitative surveys was employed to gather data from rural Egyptian communities. The digital divide disproportionately affects vulnerable populations such as women and older adults, limiting their access to critical information and educational resources. Strategic investments should be prioritised in infrastructure development, particularly in underserved rural regions, combined with tailored education programmes to bridge the gap.

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