



Digital Exclusion and the Technological Divide in Rural African Communities of Central Africa

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Abstract

Rural communities in Central Africa, including the Central African Republic (CAR), often face significant challenges in accessing and utilising digital technologies due to geographical isolation, limited infrastructure, and economic constraints. Theoretical analysis will be employed to examine existing literature on digital inclusion and exclusion in rural settings, with a focus on Central Africa's context. Understanding the complex interplay between digital infrastructure, socio-economic factors, and community engagement is crucial for developing targeted interventions aimed at closing the technological divide in rural areas. Investment in local infrastructure development, alongside capacity building programmes that enhance digital literacy among rural populations, are recommended strategies to address digital exclusion effectively.

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