

Rural Broadband for Rural Communities

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- It positively impacts the quality of citizens' lives and increases productivity in many ways, e.g.
 - PUBLIC SECTOR e-government
 - RURAL COMMUNITIES remote access
 - RURAL BUSINESSES e-commerce
 - RURAL EDUCATION / HEALTH FACILITIES e-learning / e-health
 - LOCAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION local content
 - AGRICULTURE/ENVIRENMENT poverty reduction/ sustainable development







Mesh network for rural areas 802.11 Access & Satellite Uplink to Backbone









Rural areas in emerging markets can have the following challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Availability of power source for network component and Environmental issues (heat, humidity, dust, etc)
- 802.11 Related challenges, Distance and capacity are limited by regulatory domain.
- Availability of a cost effective backhaul technology and Line of sight versus non line of sight

Opportunities

- 802.11 / MESH technology can deliver a cost effective, scalable solution today.
 - Proven deployment methodology
 - Mass Market Wi-Fi benefits (very low CPE cost)
 - WiFi Evolving Standard QoS, 100 Mbps
- Combining 802.11 and WCDMA/CDMA2000/EVDO is viable solution today
- Whilst 802.16 and 802.20 are making promises for the future,
 - Should be monitored for possible application in these environments."