

Nepal Wireless Networking Project — Mahabir Pun's Himalayan Village-to-Village Internet

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Nepal

Quality score: 100/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Starting from a single WiFi link to Pokhara in 2002, teacher Mahabir Pun and volunteer engineers built the Nepal Wireless Networking Project, growing it to roughly 175 mountain villages with telemedicine, school and e-commerce links — work recognised by the 2007 Magsaysay Award.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	5/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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