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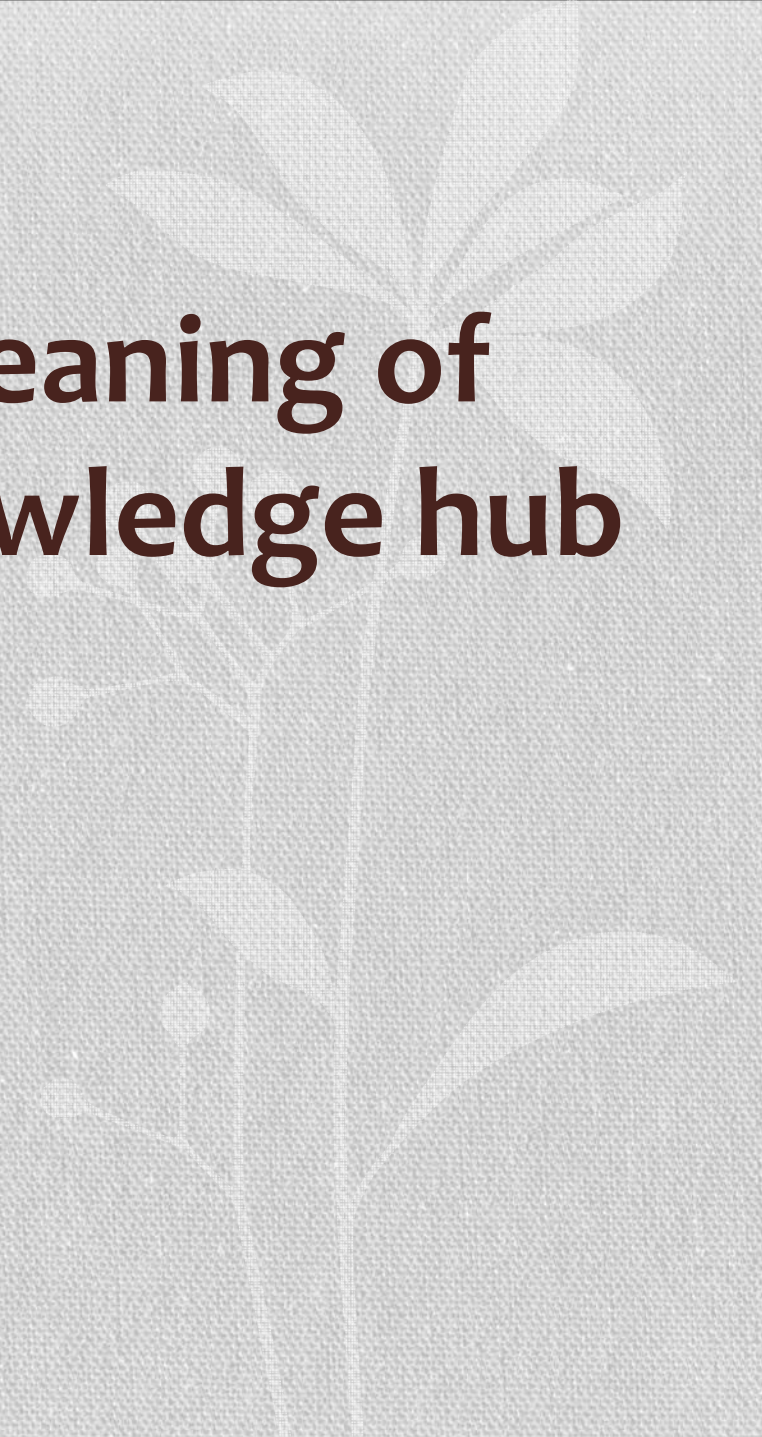
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- APTN/Eurasia Telecentre Network
- Indonesia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Philippines
- PIFS
- Tajikistan

We consider the meaning of telecentre and knowledge hub to be the same.

1. Dependence on subsidies & donor support

- **Knowledge hubs:** Start-up funds are needed, provide assistance with a sunset clause to reach sustainability. Support with content/services (local, regional, e-gov, microfinance, taxation etc.) is needed for long term sustainability.

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- Need to interact closely with knowledge hubs, national, regional and global networks for knowledge sharing and support.

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- **Regional networks:** Need to have a pool of fund/resources for special or innovative projects to support the needs of the knowledge hubs.
- Need to interact closely with national, regional and global networks for knowledge sharing and support. Support from international donor agencies is needed. Multi country partnerships should be formed for information exchange.

2. Reaching the poor and disadvantaged communities: effectiveness of knowledge hubs and networks

- Knowledge hubs are a direct contact point in reaching marginalized communities due to their close proximity to the people and the region. Easy access to the centres, affordable services, programs specifically tailored to the poor and marginalized groups make these centres more effective.

- National and regional networks should replicate specialized projects for visually impaired, distance learning programs for reaching the poor & remote communities across all knowledge hubs.

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en's empowerment

have a huge impact on empowering women:

given opportunities for women to become
well as catalyst for development in the community.

ternally and externally has forced women to be head
s and this has created opportunities for them to search
raining on new professions and be more socially active.

provided leadership opportunities for women in the

ations use telecentres as a meeting place, training
to reach other women in raising awareness in large
es e.g Health, education, social issues, disaster
onomic activities, political.