

Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and Livelihoods Enhancement in Agro-rural Communities in Zimbabwe: Connections Using the Capabilities Approach

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ABSTRACT Information and communication Technologies for Development (ICT4D) is attracting world-wide attention. The advantages presented by ICTs need to be directed towards enhancement of people's capabilities so as to improve their livelihoods and coping strategies. Using Sen's capabilities approach, this paper analyzes the connection between ICTs and livelihoods in Zimbabwe. Findings show that ICTs can enhance agriculture among smallholder farmers in the rural areas of Zimbabwe. It is therefore recommended that the government and other stakeholders should promote ICT4D in agriculture. This will improve agricultural production and promote food security.