

# Telecentres for community development and learning

Tensions of the telecentre rhetoric and reality

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- ▶ Intended thesis of e-learning and success factors put on the shelf

# The presentation

- ▶ The present research of telecentres
- ▶ Potential future research
- ▶ ICT4D
  - what do we know of the  $D$  that is framing our research and our network?

# Licentiate writing

*3 articles:*

- 1) Evaluation of the Tunjang Telecentre in Malaysia. What role can the telecentre play in community development?
- 2) Sustainability of telecentres? A comparison of three modes of telecentres in Malaysia and Mozambique on the sustainability issue
- 3) Distance learning in Mozambique. What role can the telecentre play in supporting distance learning?

# Field studies

Performed field studies of

- Telecentres in Malaysia and Mozambique
- Pilot study of a learning centre and pedagogy for a distance learning programme in Mozambique

# Combined licentiate dissertation

Problems in combining articles!

- ▶ Finding the connecting thought!
- ▶ Malaysia and Mozambique, two different contexts
- ▶ Comparisons and generalisations

Connections:

Tension of the telecentre rhetoric of development and what is achieved in practice (the reality) ?

Proposal of actions to improve the telecentres to be used in community development and learning

# Potential future research

*Some examples:*

- ▶ Cultural aspects of e-learning (technology and pedagogy)
- ▶ International course, comparison of cultural aspects in national contexts
- ▶ Social support for the students in e-learning. The role of the social context for successful learning
- ▶ The role of the learning centre to support the students learning

# ICT4D

- ▶ What is the ICT4D?
- ▶ How has it emerged?
- ▶ Where did it emerge from?
- ▶ What are the areas framing ICT4D?
- ▶ A need for a critical perspective on development, technology, pedagogy?

# What is the *D*?

- ▶ Development is a complex issue!
- ▶ Guarded use of the *D*?
- ▶ Development debates?
- ▶ Perspectives on development, who else deals better with the development issue?
- ▶ Political scientists, economists, anthropologists, more?

I need to dissect  
the *D* issue

Do you?

# Seminar on *Development*?

- ▶ Is there an interest among us?
- ▶ Among others in ICT4D?
- ▶ Can PID help?
- ▶ Who do we know that can contribute with various perspectives on the development issue?