

Local Actions, Better Lives: Decentralizing Rural Infrastructure Services

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Second of Two Companion Videos

- Produced from the materials generated at the International Workshop on Rural Infrastructure, Washington, D.C., May 19-23, 1997:
 - Plenary presentations,
 - Case study sessions, and
 - Regional action plans
- A combination of:
 - Workshop footage,
 - On-location footage, and
 - In-country interviews from the best six case studies (out of 20) that were presented at the workshop

Features Six Case Studies

- Water supply and sanitation
 - India
 - Mali
- Rural roads and transportation
 - Bangladesh
 - Zambia
- Decentralization
 - Egypt
 - Ghana

Two Separate Videos

- First video:
 - Aimed primarily at **senior policy makers:**
 - Who provide political commitment and cover, and
 - Establish a strategic direction for reform
 - Based largely upon the regional action plans that were produced at the workshop
- Second video:
 - Aimed primarily at **policy managers and other practitioners:**
 - Who are responsible for managing and involved in implementing a reform process on a day-to-day basis
 - Based more on the substantive plenary presentations at the workshop

This Video

- Provides a conceptual framework and practical steps for reform managers and other practitioners
- Focuses on decentralization, with rural infrastructure services providing one illustration/application of this framework
- Attempts to answer three basic questions:
 - What is decentralization?
 - Why should countries decentralize?
 - How should they decentralize?