

The role of rural ICT offices in Social - economic development of rural

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Rural ICT offices is the space that has access to various government services such as communication services, telecommunications, postal mail, bank and IT services enabling. ICT effectiveness in rural areas not less than the urban areas. One-third of Iran's population live in rural areas therefore the ICT development in rural areas is very important. This study aims to investigate the role of rural ICT offices in social-economic development of rural areas from the perspective of rural ICT officers in Shahreza County. The survey method was used for this study and data was collected using a questionnaire. The sample population was 60 officers in rural ICT in Shahreza County. The results of research showed that there was a significant relationship at the 99% level between the use of ICT and awareness of ICT services. The results of research showed that ICT services have the highest effect on rural local council's participation. Also ICT has the lowest effect on equal access to justice for women in social dimension. The results of research showed that ICT services have the highest effect to market accesses and the economic dimension has the greatest effect was observed in association with the market.

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