



TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE MALAYSIA: RESEARCH INSIGHTS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS ON SOCIETY

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An **Impact Study** of Pusat Internet Komuniti **(PIK)** and their Role in the **Digital Inclusion** of Community within the Pusat Perumahan Rakyat **(PPR)** Residences

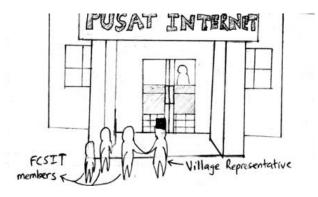
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Research Objective

- Investigate users' (non-users) perception and community needs
- Examine factors of community's participation and satisfaction of PIK services
- Evaluate the impact of the PIK on the PPR communities
- Assess and provide recommendations for enhancing effectiveness of PIK and its role in enhancing digital inclusion within the community including sustainable business model(s)





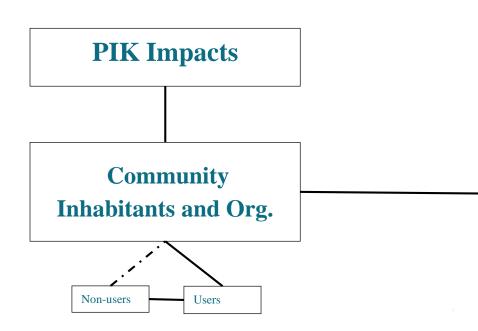
Challenges Going Forward

- Sustainability: funding the operations; maintaining the resources
- Program enrichment: STEM, IR 4.0 [Community Engagement]
- Inclusive: Participation of rural and remote communities

HuiChing (2018) MCMC presentation in ITU-USF (Pakistan) Workshop on "Internet Access and Adoption"



Theoretical Framework



Choice Framework (Adopted from Kleine, 2007)

1. Structure of PIK prog.

2. Agency = Resource Portfolio

3. Degree of Empowerment

Existence Sense of Use of Ment of

4. Development Outcomes via utilising PIK's services

Choice

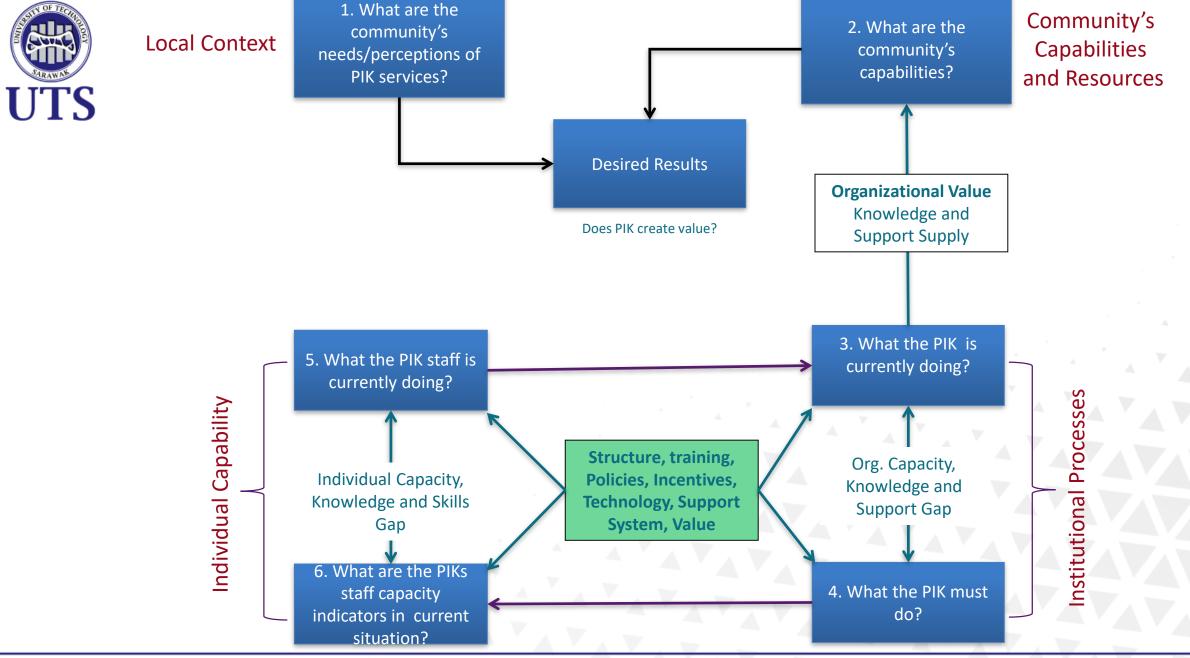
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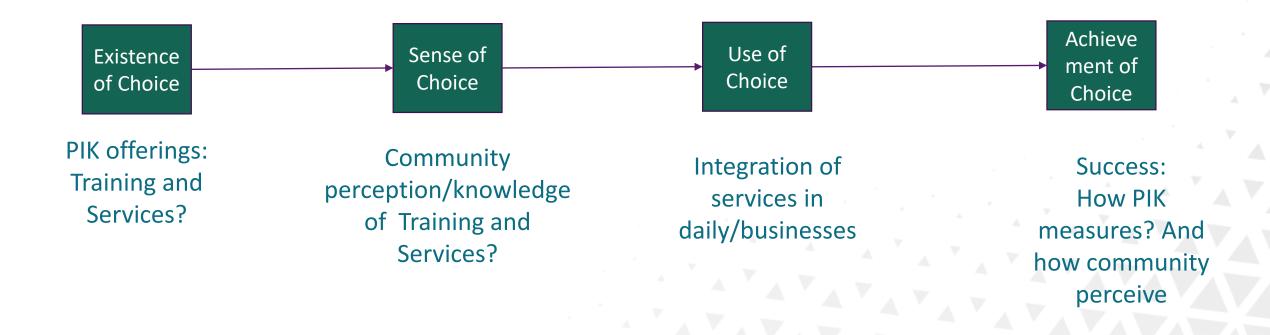
| Social Development | Economic Development |
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| Health Education Easier communication Increased knowledge More voice Time saved | Access to markets Business ideas Increased income Income from small scale business entities |
| Higher job satisfaction | Employment |

of Choice











Modes of Inquiry

- Sites visits (Seduan-Sarawak, Senawang-N.Sembilan and Jelatek-KL)
 - Interviews with staff and community members
- Online tools; Whatsapp, email, Zoom sessions
- Secondary Data
 - Training and Activity Reports
 - Success Stories
 - Previous research studies commissioned by MCMC
 - Desk study
- Stakeholders Mapping and Engagement
 - MCMC Sarawak, Nera Infocom (M) Sdn Bhd

Meaningful Connectivity Targets

- 4G or higher mobile connection
- Ownership of a smartphone
- Unlimited broadband connection at home, work, or place of study
- Daily internet use

PIK PPR Seduan (Sibu)

Access to open internet weighting = 1

Individuals with meaningful connectivity = $\frac{11}{12} \times 1 \times 100\% = 91.67\%$

Trainings/Offerings

- In COVID-19: Generally the number of participants decreased, however women participation increased
- Pre-COVID-19: Age group 9-12 years old. During COVID-19, 13-21 years old.
- eLearning is continuously the most favorite service

Challenges

- Standard services delivery model
- Standard design of the premises and facilities





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