Infrastructure, Rural Electrification and Development

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Interest and Importance of Infrastructure

• Interest has varied
• Priorities change
• Low investment
• Effect of market–oriented reforms
Effects of Infrastructure on Growth and Development

• Quantity and quality of infrastructure

• Gestation period and measurement

• Low income countries

Electrification and Development

• Issue of causality

• Rural electrification

• Criteria for development and support

• Public and private delivery
Electrification and Rural Income Generation

- Agriculture and non-farm employment
- Electricity and income generation
- Complementary services
- Measuring business expansion

Access and Affordability

- Priorities for use of electricity
- Constraints to connection and use
- Subsidies and tariffs
- Simple solutions and reality