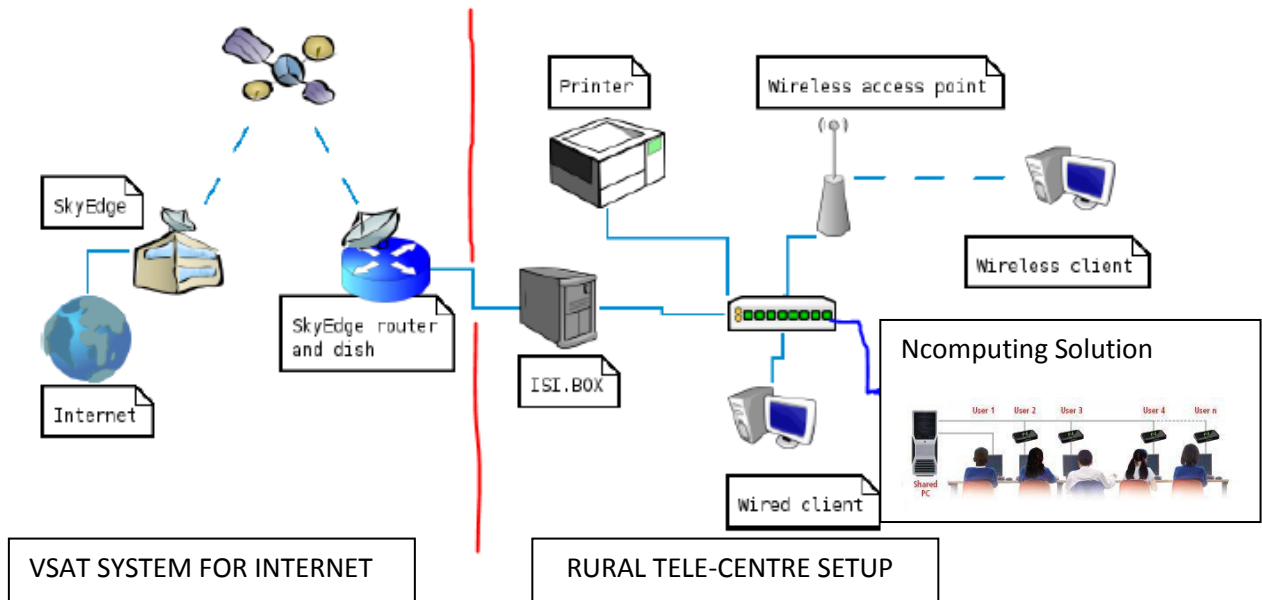


RURAL TELE-CENTRE CONCEPT – PAPUA NEW GUINEA



THE SOLUTION:

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are contributing to the achievement of development goals in diverse and ever expanding ways. ICTS are increasingly applied to interventions in such critical sectors as education, health, and agriculture and disaster management.

The PNG Rural Tele-centre positive benefits:

- **Quality and Access to Education** – Tele- centre can enhance the quality and effectiveness of education in schools by expanding teachers and students access to instructional materials and educational resources.
- **Agriculture Development** – As farmers expose to competition from outside their national markets has increased, so as their need to access and interpret timely marketing information and to find new ways to market existing products.
- **E-governance**- Local, regional and national governments are using ICTs to improve the delivery of government services, to make government processes more efficient and transparent, and to foster voting and political participation by the rural population.
- **Health and Wellness**- The Tele-centre can be used to disseminate public health messages and techniques for prevention of diseases; to enable more effective epidemiological surveillance and response mechanism; remote medical consultation/research.
- **Disaster Mitigation and Response** – The Tele-centre will help governments, international agencies and NGOs monitor and respond to natural disasters, thereby reducing rural areas vulnerability to these events.
- **Video conferencing** from major towns with staff at rural or district level which cut travelling and other associate costs to main towns and cities.