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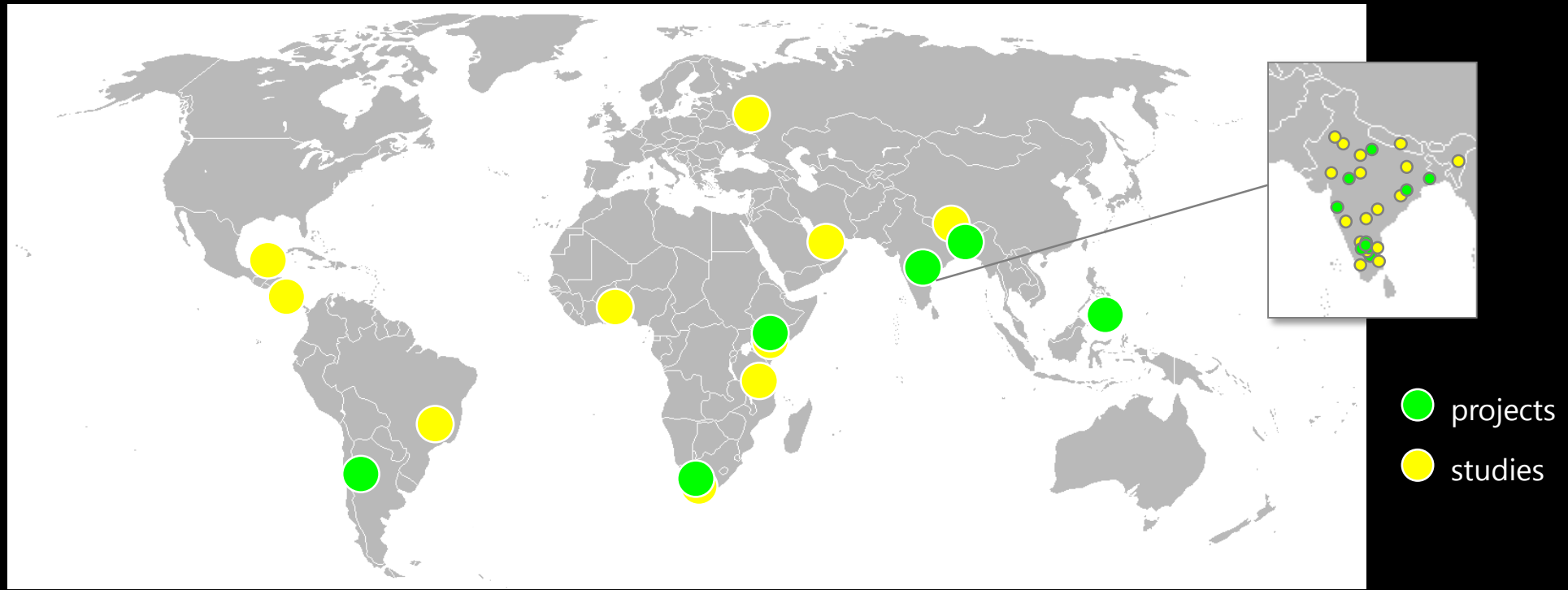
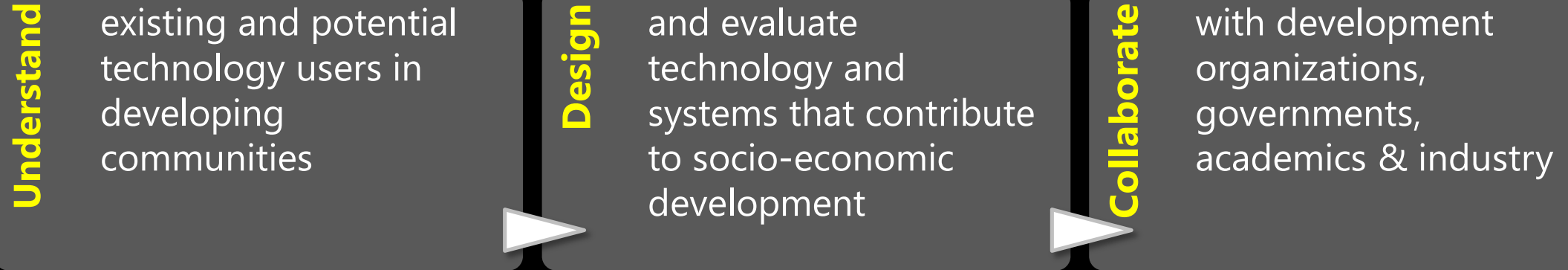
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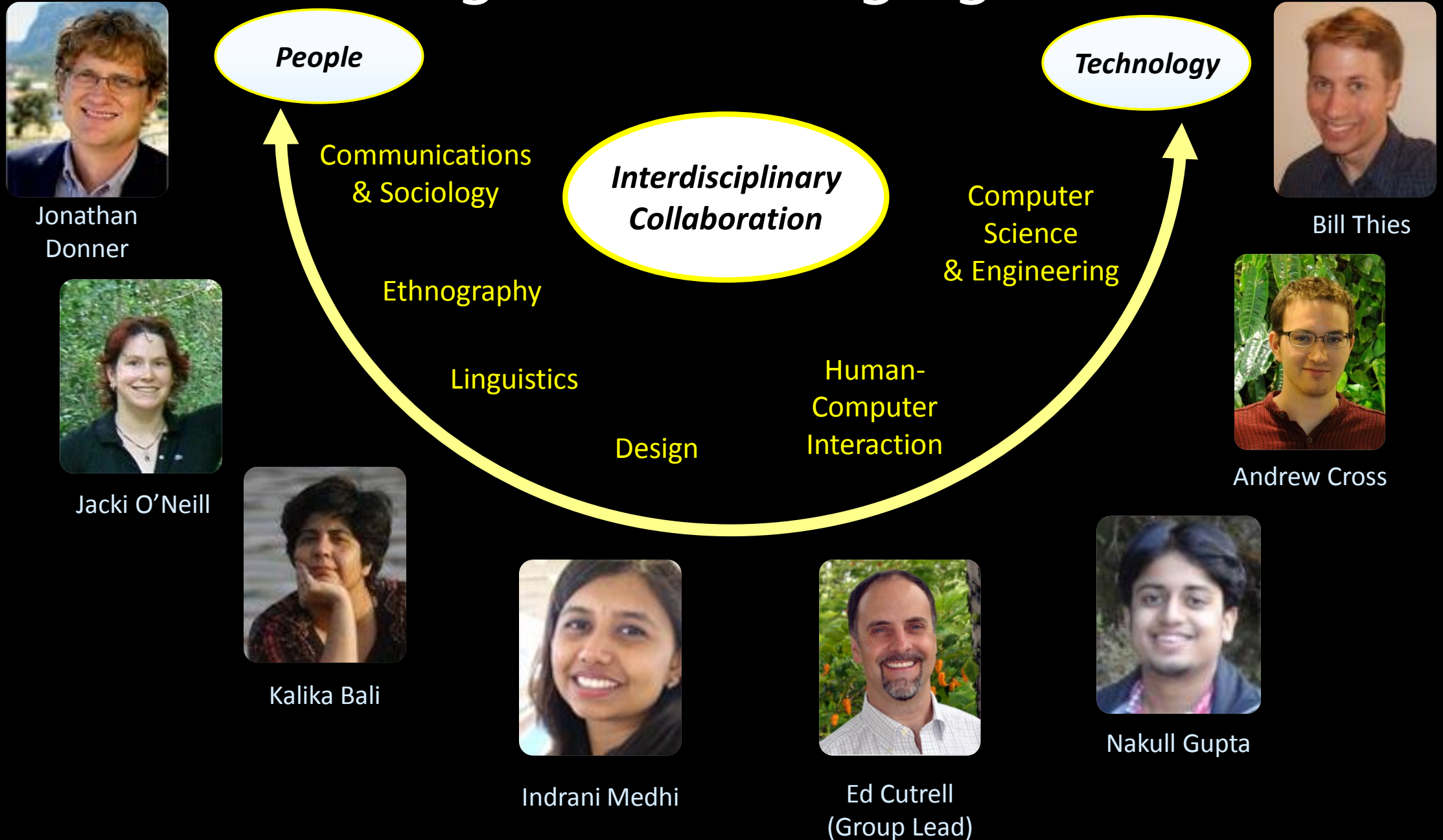
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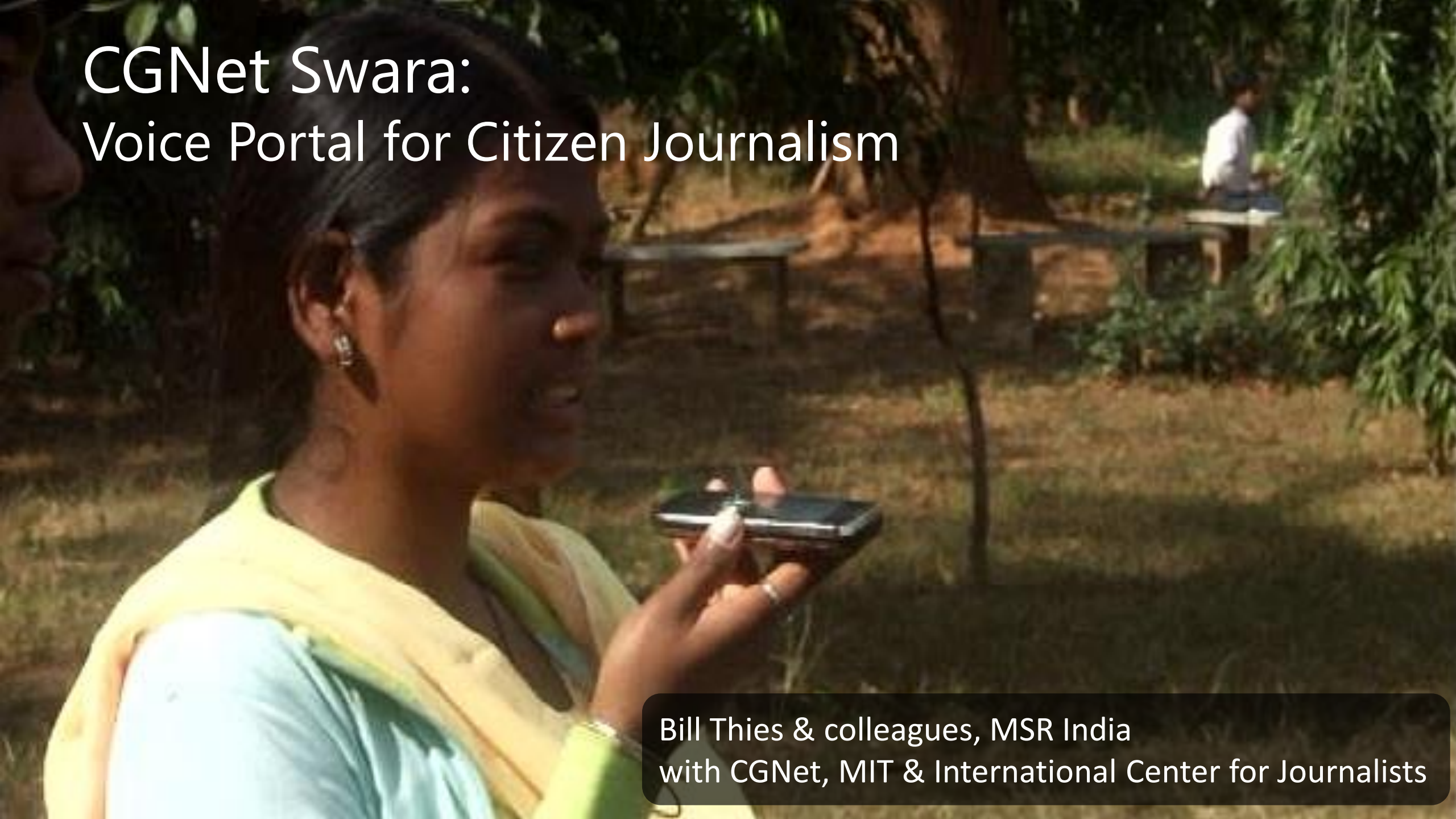
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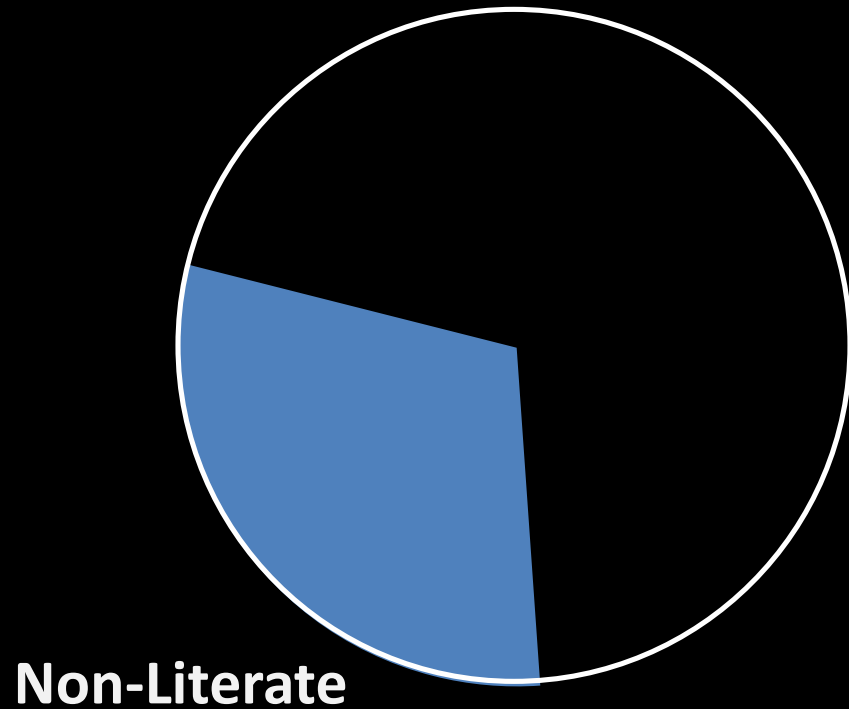
A woman with dark hair, wearing a yellow and blue sari, is shown in profile, holding a smartphone in her right hand. She is outdoors in a grassy area with trees in the background. A person is visible sitting on a bench in the distance. The text "CGNet Swara: Voice Portal for Citizen Journalism" is overlaid in the top left corner.

CGNet Swara: Voice Portal for Citizen Journalism

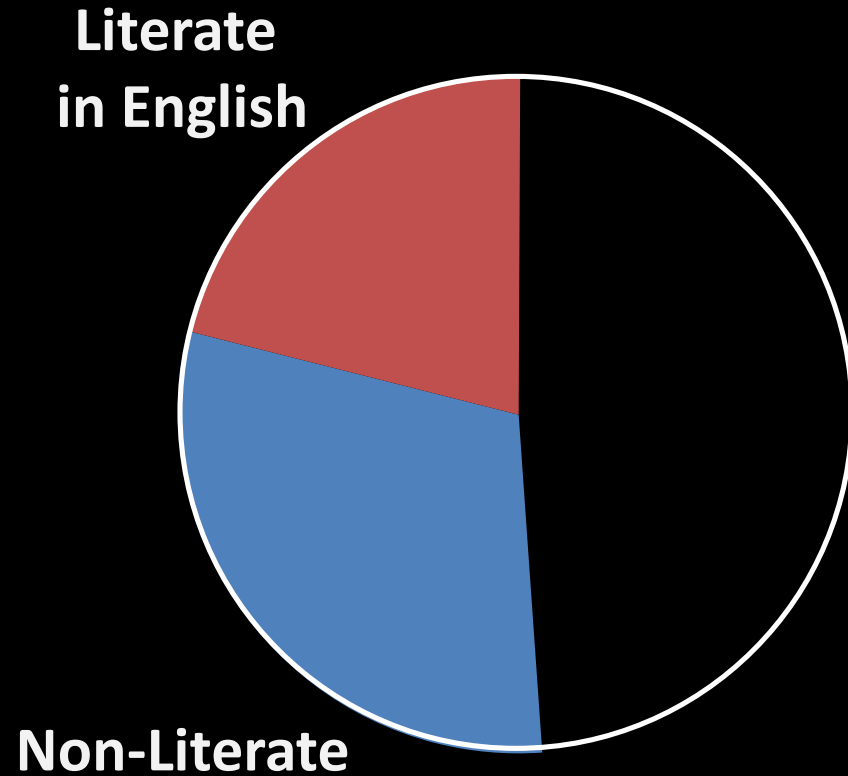
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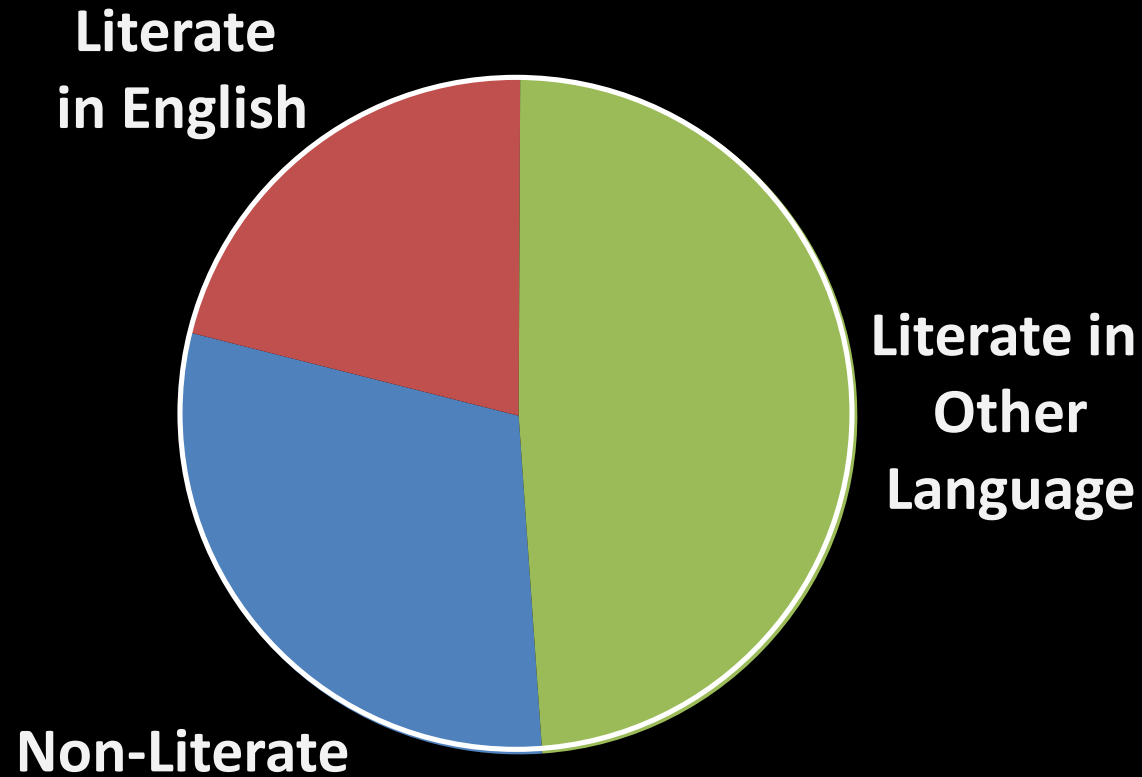
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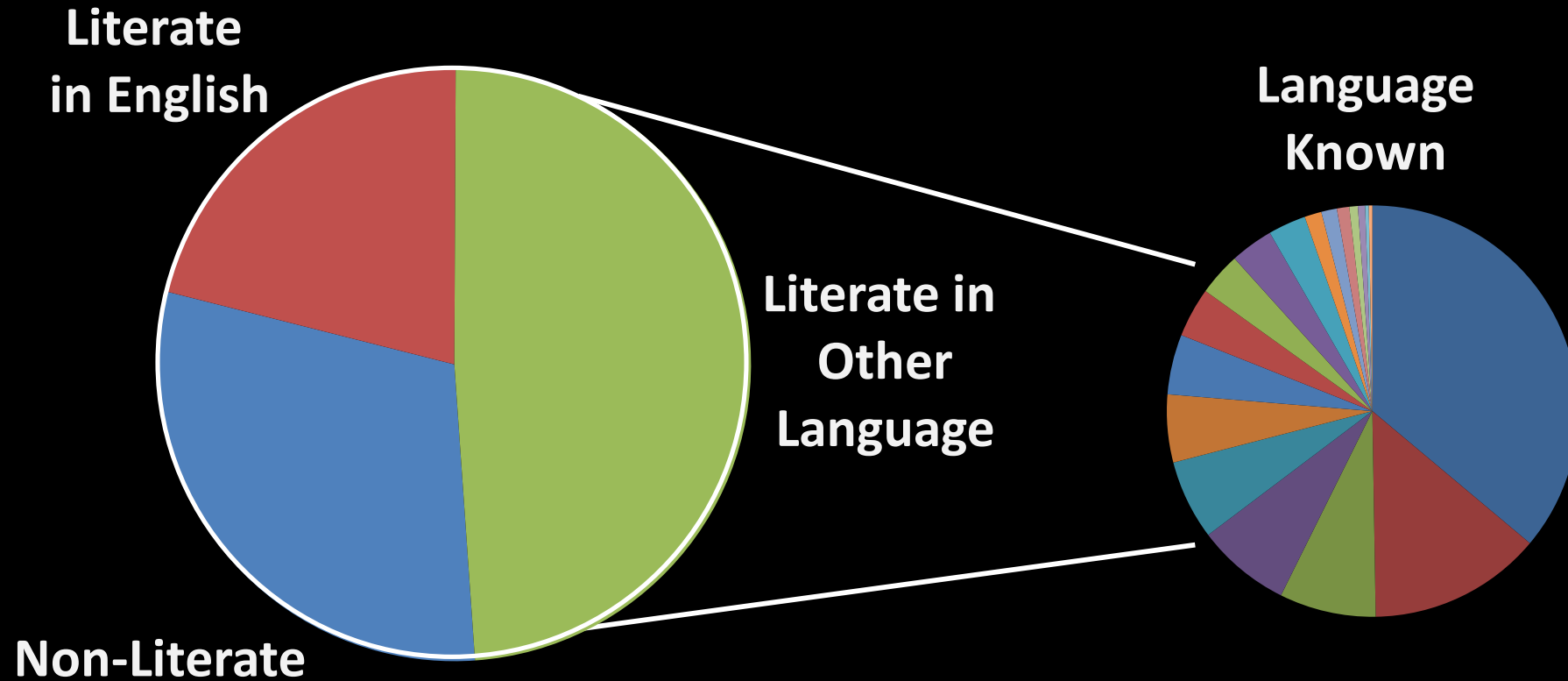
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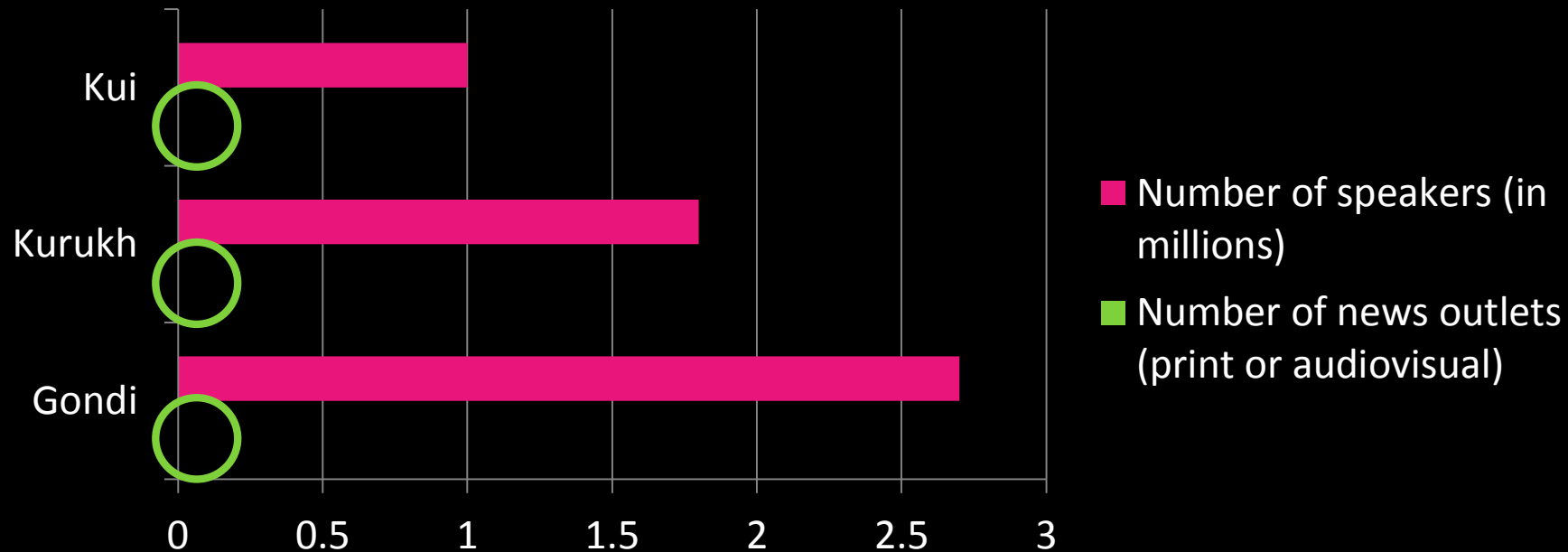
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Chhattisgarh, India



Journalism in Tribal Chhattisgarh

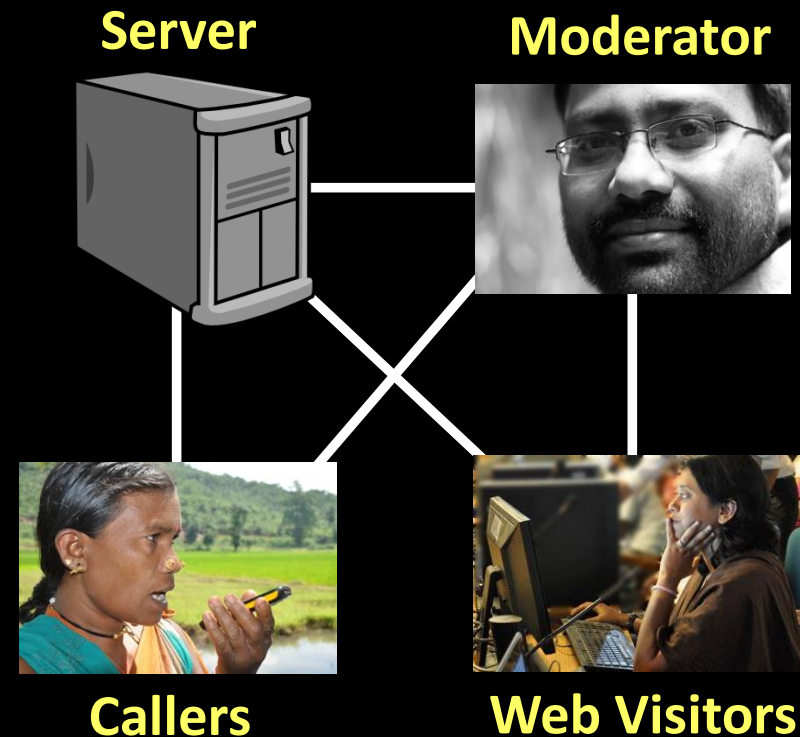


- No news medium for tribal languages in India
 - Very few tribal journalists who know these languages
 - It is not legal to broadcast news over community radio in India!

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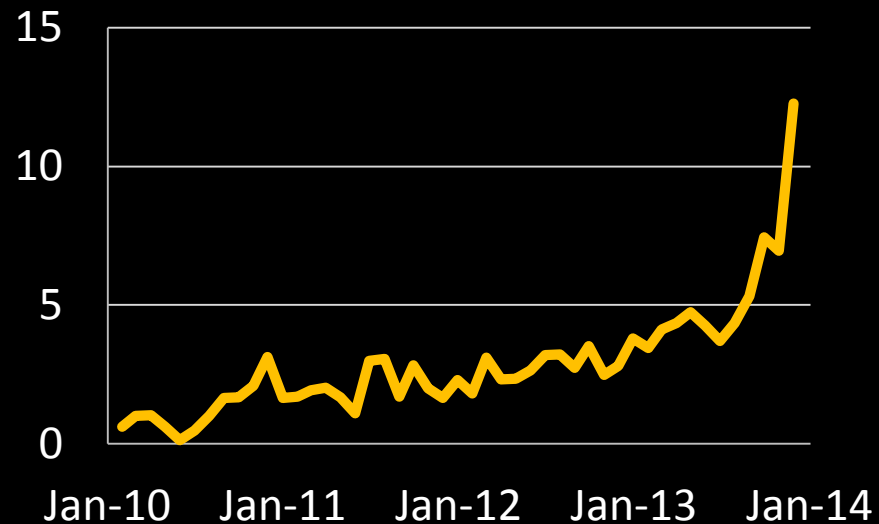
- Anyone can report news, issues, etc. in local language
- Submissions are reviewed by moderators over the Web
- Appropriate submissions are published:
 - For playback on audio channel
 - For browsing on Web
- Activists follow-up on reports



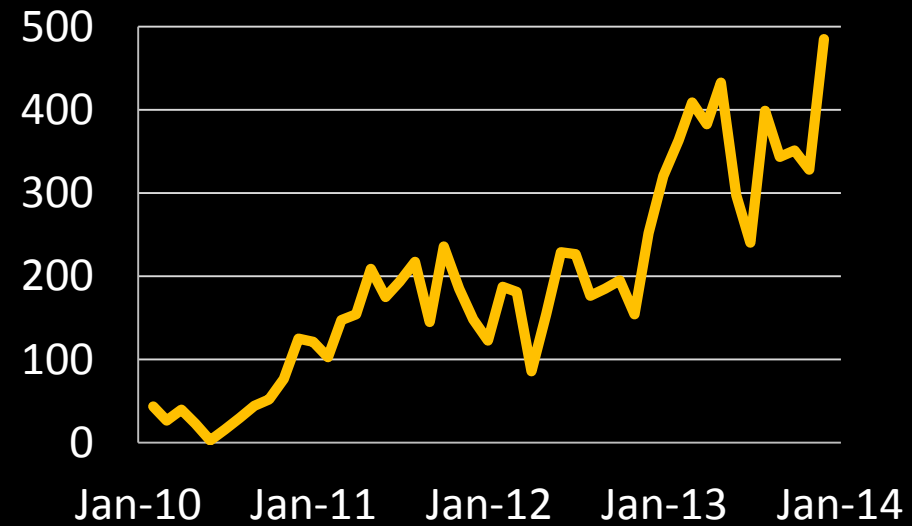
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(>280,000 total calls)





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CGnet Swara is a platform to discuss issues related to Central Gondwana region in India. To record a message, call us on +91-80-4113 7280.

Father wanders for due NREGA wages, son dies in hospital...

Manish Rai from Ambikapur says some days back I had heard an interview on CGnet Swara with a labourer called Pitbasu who had completed 100 days work in NREGA but had not been paid any wages. Today by chance I met him in the hospital and found that while Pitbasu was making rounds for his due NREGA wages his son died in the hospital. Is there any provision in NREGA to punish officials who has caused this grave incident? NREGA laws should be so strong that no one should wait for their wages as has happened with Pitbas. For more on the story please contact Manish at 09826538904

POSTED ON: JAN 14, 2011, BY [MANISH RAI](#)



Recording a report on CGNet Swara

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मित्र को भेजें यह पेज प्रिंट करें

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बीबीसी सं

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Son dies in hospital as n payments

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Father struggles to get NREGA wages, son dies in hospital

Supriya Sharma, TNN, Jan 21, 2011, 10.04pm IST

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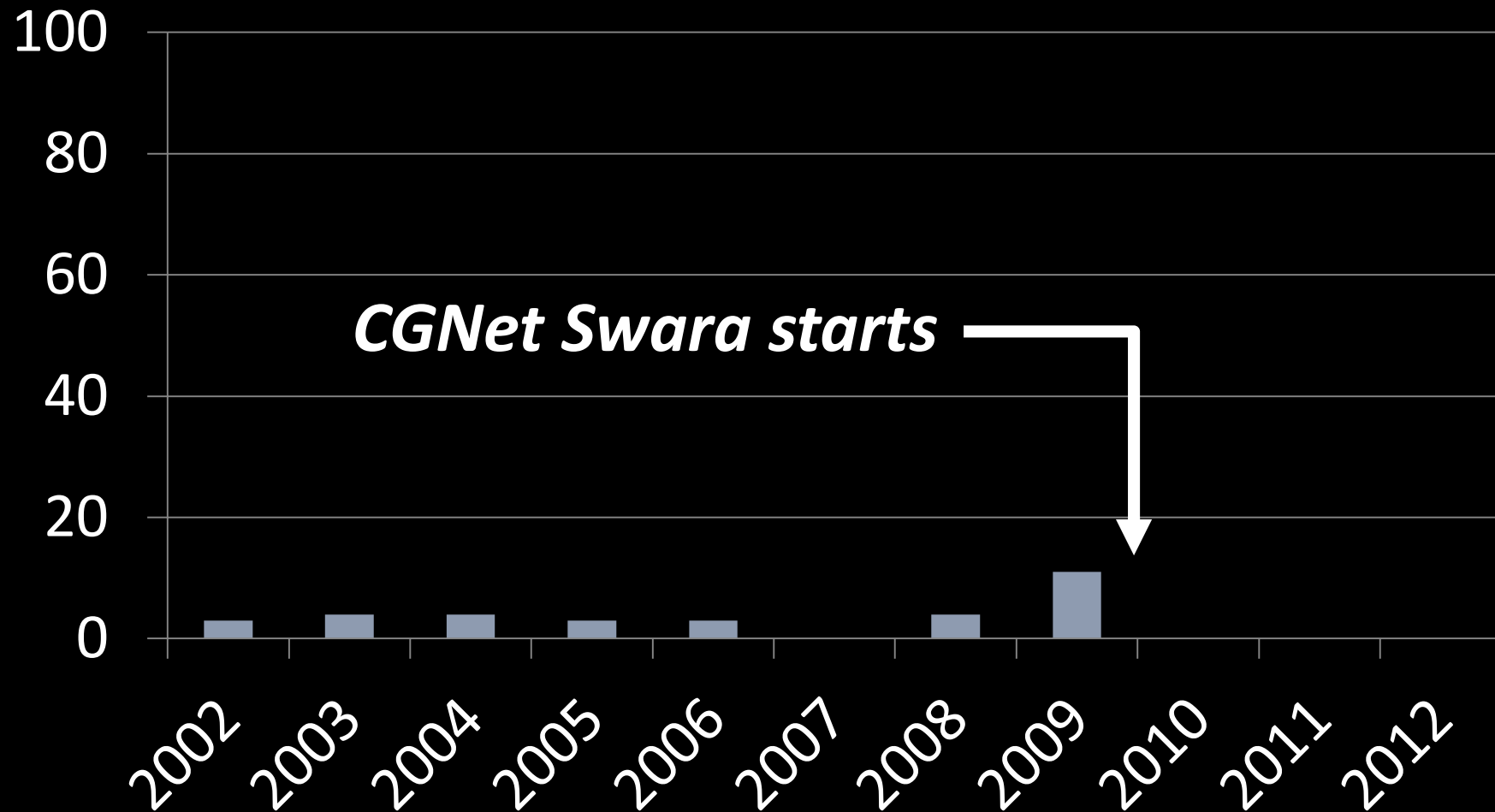
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RAIPUR: A week after he lost his ailing son, and ten months after he worked on a village road project, Pitbasu Bhoi finally got the ten thousand rupees he had earned under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Program (MNREGA).

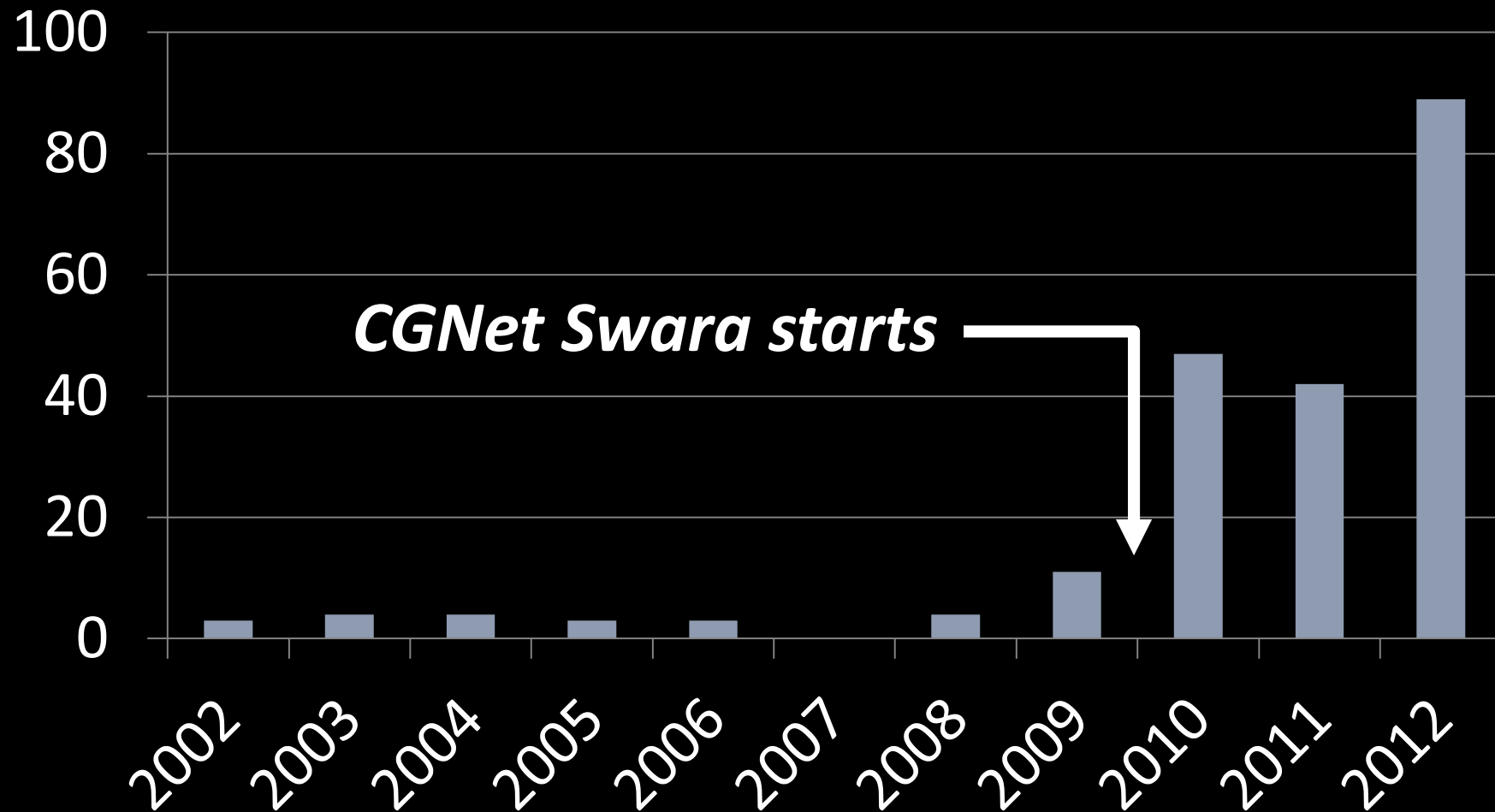
"Of what use is the money now? I have just immersed my son's ashes. When I needed the money to save his life, I did not have it," says Bhoi.

The disabled man, in his forties, along with his wife, had put in 100 days of work last year under the rural

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**Song from 3 days festival in
Odisha where girls only
enjoy and do no work...**

“Shilpi from Odisha is telling us about Raja festival which is celebrated each year in the month of June. On these three days girls do not work and make merry after wearing good clothes and eating good food. She is singing a song in Odiya which girls sing on these days asking them to enjoy the festival.”

<http://cgnetswara.org/index.php?id=22097>

Sangeet Swara:

A Community-Moderated Voice Forum
for Songs, Poems, Jokes, & Cultural Content

[In Preparation]

Traffic in 1.5 months

- 20,000 calls
- 4,300 posts
(by 450 people)
- 110,000 ratings
(by 1,320 people)

Quality of Moderation

- Relative to “experts”:
 - 98% agreement on categorizing 50 posts
 - 98% agreement on gender of 50 posts
 - 90% agreement on quality of 10 posts

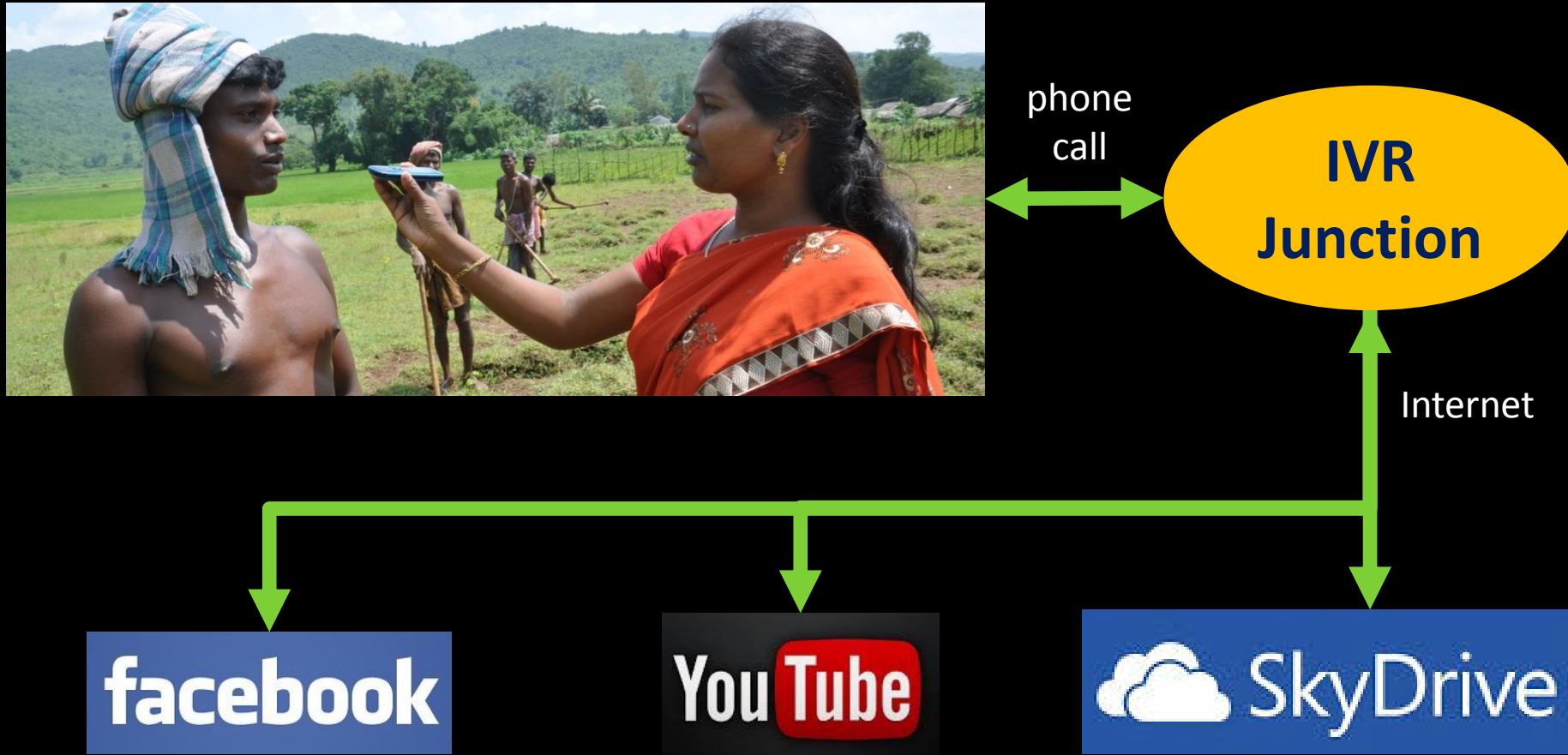
Emergent Ownership and Use by the Visually Impaired

“I am a blind person so I couldn't get educated. I want to thank you because you enabled all blind persons to get in touch and share. No matter how much I praise, it won't be enough.”

“You are like my father, my god, I want to thank you again and again, this small kid wants to respect you from the bottom of the heart. I want to welcome you again and again.”

“Swara has influenced the country and the world.”

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