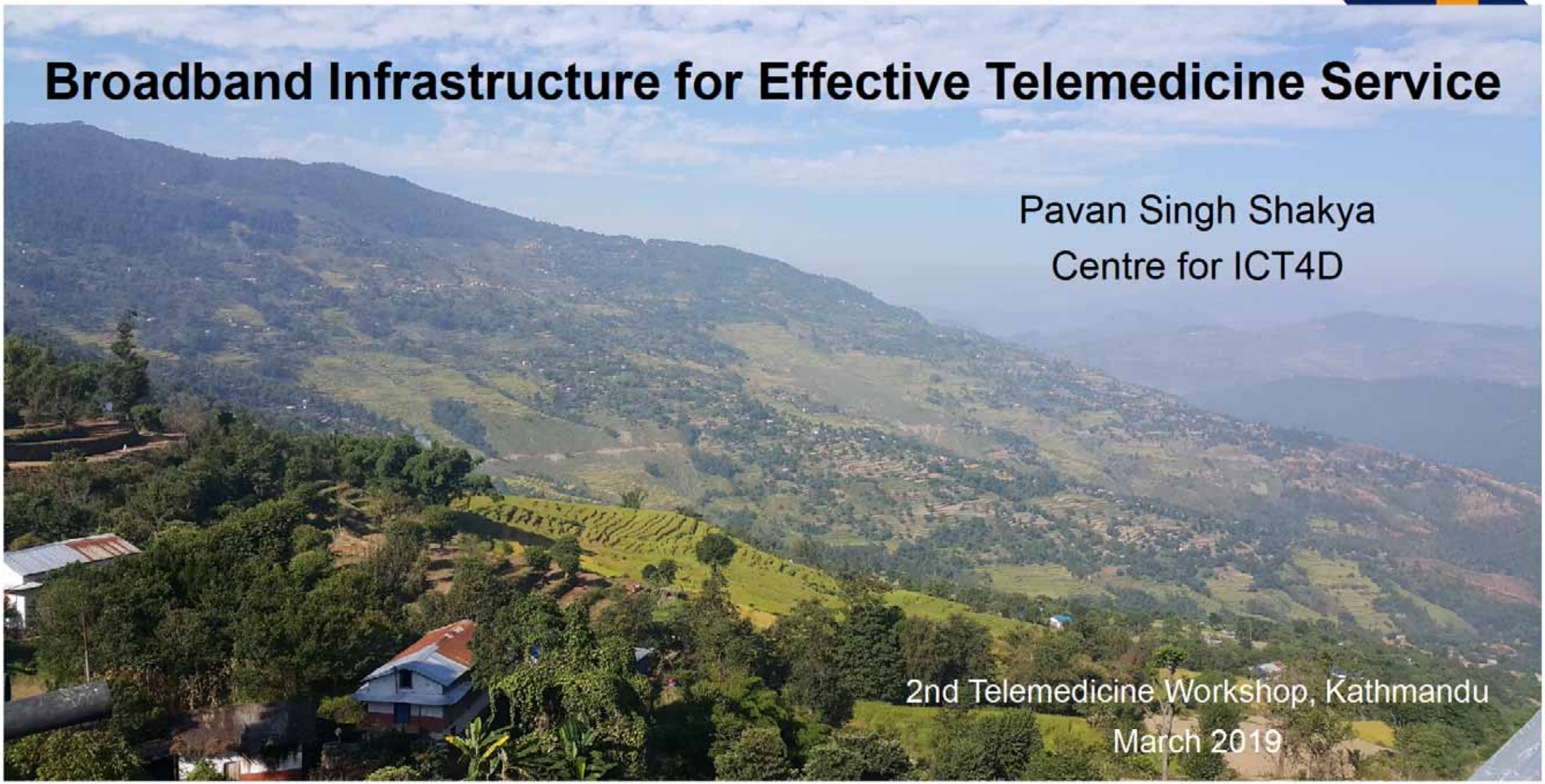
# Broadband Infrastructure for Effective Telemedicine Service



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**Mission :** ICT for development and empowerment - by the community to the community

**Vision :** Effective usage of ICT for socio-economic development in PPP model

## Objective :

- Research - to serve better with their "personalized" requirement
- Collaboration - with community for the community
- Application - relevance and timely
- Assistance and Training - for the community
- Advocacy - Identification of policy gap and to develop strategy

# One of the key challenges to narrow down the digital divide is - effective and sustainable backhaul connectivity in rural areas

- a major challenge to provide effective services like telemedicine

# What is effective Broadband Service ?

# Just service or value added service ?

A controversial question - Are we leveraging broadband service by providing better service for Internet access only ?

How does unserved or underserved areas in our country get benefit by Broadband Service ?

# Initiative on Telemedicine

**Project :** Broadband for Health (funded by Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) with grant assistance of Government of Japan) and Internet Society

**Objective :**

- Effective usage of broadband infrastructure for various applications
- Selection of appropriate, relevant and applicable hardware solutions for effective health service delivery
- Development of Health Information System for local analysis and effective reporting
- Taking health services to the needy people of rural areas

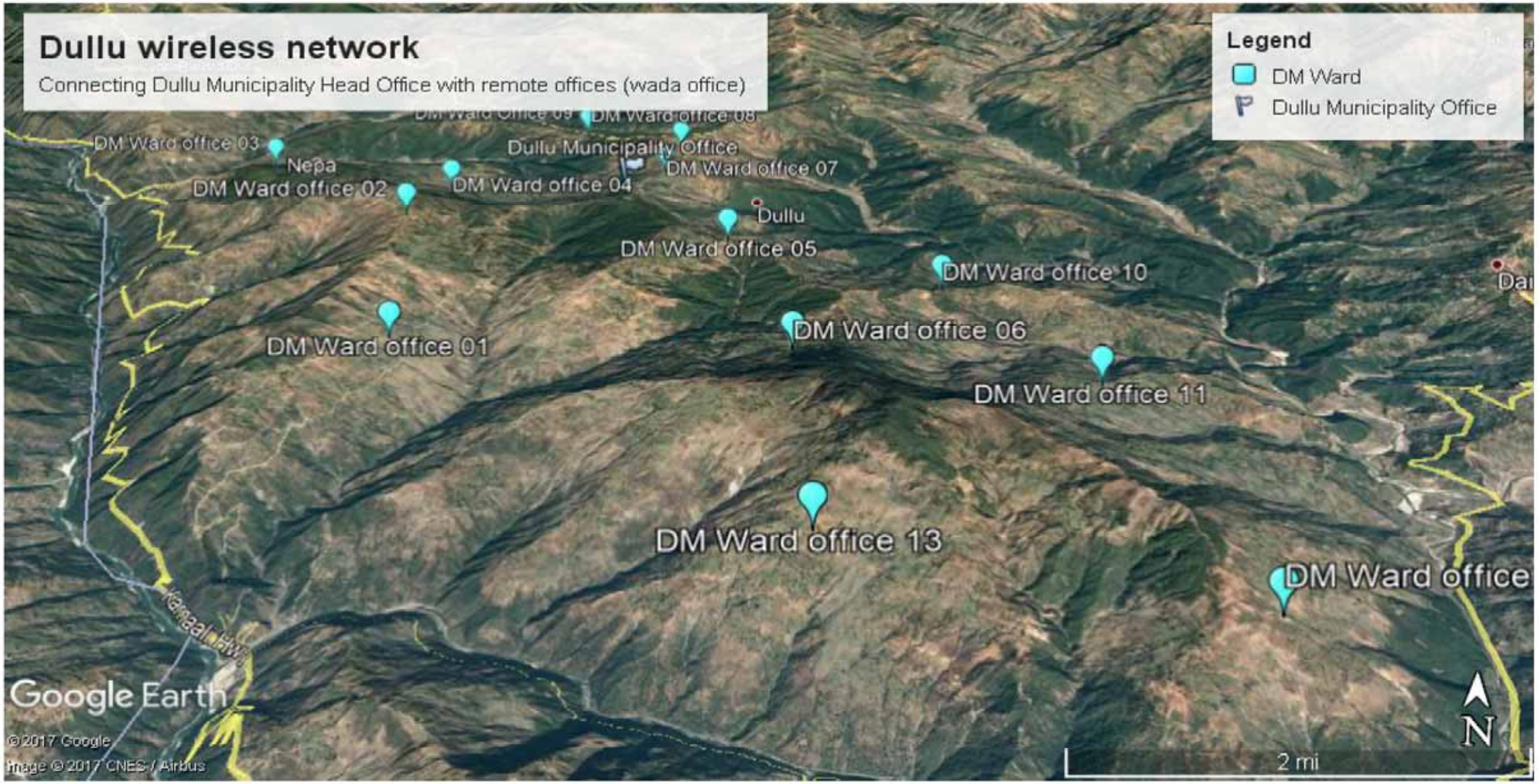
**Project Area :**

- Dullu Municipality in Dailekh District
- Collaboration with Municipality and District Hospital
- Population to be served : approximately 40,000 in 13 wada

**Equipment to be used :**

- NCT Sistemas mobile/portable telemedicine kit

# The Dullu Network (10 km)



# Objective of Telemedicine : Dullu Experience

- Telemedicine is focusing on tele - which means distance - leads to gaps of technology, quick feedback, and time lag.
- Bridging the Gap – Lack of Doctors, Specialists and Infrastructure
- Centralized Management of Electronic Health Records (Ward Office to Municipality to Hospital to Urban Hospitals)
- De–Centralized Health care delivery and management
- Medical Intelligence on Finger tips (not just medical service but also data analysis)
- Democratizing Affordable Healthcare and saving cost

# Impact of Telemedicine : Dullu Experience

- equal health facility to all people at their door step
- Timely advices to the Doctor in rural area from urban area
- Skill enhancement of Doctors and/or paramedic person in remote areas
- Affordable health services as patient do not need to spend time on transportation and other social obligations
- Minimize migration from rural areas to peri-urban areas
- All in total, telemedicine is about multiple moving parts - Public health, legal experts, technologists, business processes, health care providers. It is complex, but rewarding, when it works.

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