#### GETTING THE PICTURE: THE REALITY IN RURAL AREAS

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BACKGROUND



## ISOLATION



I can never respect those who say "oh how horrible it is here in Adavere". I mean... what do you do in order for it not to be horrible"?



#### DEVELOPMENT

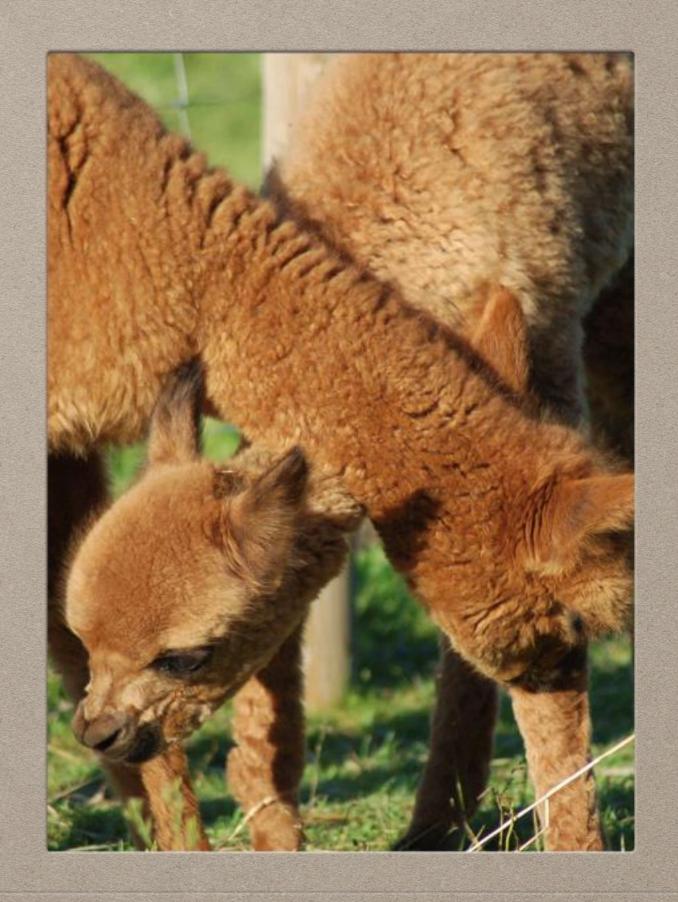
'Smart' development should not be imposed, top-down, as a recipe for resolving all problems in rural areas. Networking and training is required for local stakeholders.



### LESSONS LEARNT

1. GATEKEEPERS

2. LISTENING SKILLS







#### RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP IS NOT TO COME UP WITH ALL THE IDEAS.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERSHIP IS TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH GREAT IDEAS CAN THRIVE.

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"There are many issues on which urban and rural areas can find common cause, from human migration to agriculture to the flow of consumer goods. More integrated regional planning efforts can lead to better disaster prevention and response efforts, wider access to healthy food, comprehensive environmental protection strategies and more.

Yet municipal planning and development can be shortsighted. Urban visions often fail to encompass adjacent rural areas that may lack basic public services and access to schools and medical facilities. The authors contend that this is a mistake because "urban and rural spaces are inextricably linked economically, socially and environmentally". Their needs "cannot be adequately dealt with in isolation from one another."

# EQUAL ACCESS TO RESOURCES

- Increases resilience
- Increases sustainability



