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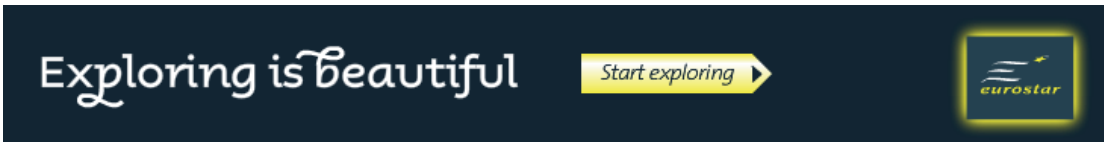

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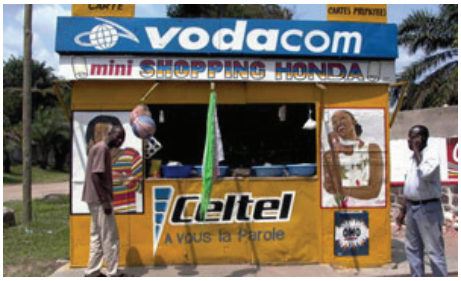

[Mobile technology takes key role in fight against poverty]

Technology is becoming easier to use and cheaper to buy. Who would have predicted that the mobile phone would become as ubiquitous as it has not only in the developed world where many people have more than one device but in the developing world as well?

Overview

[Mobile phones bring revolution to developing world]

A wave of mobile technology spreading across the third world promises more efficient disaster relief, cheaper energy and a faster route out of poverty

Mobile networks

[Mobile phone networks champion social change in the third world]

Money transfer, healthcare, farming and education are all areas now covered in the developing world by rapidly spreading mobile phone networks

[Mobile phone information network gives Indian farmers new hope]

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[• Disaster technology: getting key information to rescue workers on the ground]

Democracy

[Technology as democracy: bridging the digital divide]

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Social responsibility

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