

HealthNet Zimbabwe

Low cost
e-mail network
for
public health

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Users

State public health workers

Academic

Church mission

NGO

Services

E-mail

Mailing lists

Newsgroups

Off-line web access

File attachment

Low bandwidth

500 users on 5 lines

Internet server

Fidonet clients

Fault tolerance

Compression

Auto-resumption

Connection management

Low cost

Under \$100 per month

Beg, borrow, steal, server hardware

Use free Linux software

Voluntary system operation

Challenges

Training, training, training

Rigid regulatory environment

Scaling up the current model

Promoting information culture

Surviving economic meltdown