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Digital leadership is crucial for driving innovation and transformation in health systems across Africa. This case study examines the implementation of drone technology for delivering medical supplies in Rwanda, demonstrating how strategic digital leadership facilitated the successful integration of this technology into the country's health logistics system. Through interviews and document analysis, the study explores how leaders at the Ministry of Health, Rwanda in collaboration with private partners (Zipline, Rwanda), fostered a culture of digital readiness, agility and data-driven decision-making. The findings reveal that visionary leadership, cross-sectoral collaboration and adaptive governance were key to scaling up drone-based delivery networks that now supply remote hospitals with life-saving medical products. The study concludes that Rwanda's experience demonstrates how digital leadership can overcome infrastructure limitations, promote health equity, and accelerate digital transformation in areas with limited resources.

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