

Internet Eco System Afghanistan

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Learning overview

- **History of Internet in Afghanistan**
- **Digital communication infrastructure in Afghanistan**
- **What organization is involved in the Internet industry in Afghanistan?**
- **Telecom and Internet sectors of Afghanistan**
- **International organizations support to Afghanistan so far**



History of Internet in Afghanistan

- **1898**: One to one wired telephone network in Afghanistan was connected to the presidential Place.
- **1908**: That one line network was replaced by a small telephone exchange with the capacity of 25 lines
- **1920**: British made telegraph machine was installed in Kabul, which was operational until 1932
- **1928**: Afghanistan became a member of the International Telegraph Union (ITU) in April 12, 1928, ITU was established in 1865 was renamed as International Telecommunications Union in 1932
- **1979**: Afghanistan became a member of APT (Asia-Pacific Telecommunity) since 1979.
- **2001**: First official Internet was used in 2001.



Digital communication infrastructure in Afghanistan

- **Copper wired**

Spread all over the country for telephones

- **Fiber optics**

Afghanistan has one ring of OFC through out the country which is 70% completed

- **Satellite communication**

Afghanistan uses rental satellite system of other countries such as of Pakistan, China and others for its communications

- **Wireless communication**

Afghanistan uses WiMax, Microwave, 2G, 3G and other mobile and wireless services



Regulatory bodies

- Afghanistan has a regulatory body for the Internet and telecommunication system of the country by the name of **ATRA** (Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority)
- ATRA comes under the Ministry of Communication and IT and has a board of directors lead by the chairman of ATRA.
- ATRA has TDF funding system for the development of telecom sector in Afghanistan which includes ISPs, Mobile operators and others
- Ministry of Culture and Information is the monitoring body for the electronic media and print media in the country.





Business entities

Telephone operators

Afghan telecom



Mobile Operators

1. Salaam Telecom
2. AWCC
3. Roshan
4. Etisalat
5. MTN





Business entities

ISP (Internet Service Providers)

Afghanistan has about 65 ISPs operating in the country since 2001.

Afghanistan tried to have its own satellite back in 2014-15 but it was failed.

We are still having rental satellite communication system in the country.





KEY INDICATORS[1]

#	INDICATOR	DETAILS
1	Tele-Density per 100 inhabitants (Mobile + CDMA + Fixed)	72/100 ^[2]
2	Service Coverage by Population (Mobile + Fixed + CDMA)	88%
3	Total Number of Mobile Subscribers	19,490,035
4	Total Number of Fixed Line Subscribers	91,575
5	Total Number of CDMA Subscribers	169,691
6	Total Number of Telecom base stations	5,119
7	Total Number of Internet subscribers	3 Million (estimated)
8	Total Number of Second Level (ccSLD) .af Domains	6,525
8	Total number of Licensed ISPs	51 (2 Wi-Max)
10	Total Investment in the Sector	2,016,890,044 (US\$)



Digital addressing system in Afghanistan

- Afghanistan is still using IPv4 for addressing and plans are there to use IPv6.
- MCIT has the authority to deal with the addresses
- Afghanistan is not having and IXP
- Afghanistan's IP addresses are still facing many authentication issues and our addresses are still used for attacks as black holes.



International organization's support

- Afghanistan has been supported by the international organization such as ICANN, APNIC, APtLD, IGF, APSIG, and others
- They have accepted a handful number of applicants as fellows since 2006
- Afghanistan is now initiating the steps such as AfSIG and others and soon we are expecting the SANOG, APNIC and other conferences to be held in Afghanistan.

International organization's need to do for
Afghanistan



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always be full of doubts**

There is no such thing as "STUPID
QUESTION"