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Action Plan & Recommendations



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Outline

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Background

- Following the Geneva and Tunis Phases of WSIS, Plan of Action at National Levels were to be developed.
- Pakistan has developed the Midterm Development Framework, which includes ICT sector Plans in line with WSIS, MDG, and National Goals.
- Ministry of IT, Policies and Development Plans are in accordance to agreed upon development goals.

ICT Readiness Indicators

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Current</u>
Fixed lines (teledensity)	3.727 Million (2.3)
Mobile lines (teledensity)	91.442 Million (56.8)
WLL lines (teledensity)	2.432 Million (1.5)
Total lines	97.601 Million
Combined teledensity	60.60%
Total Direct & Induced Jobs in Telecom Sector	1.36 Million

ICT Readiness Indicators

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Current</u>
Total Internet Connections	3.7 Million
Total Internet Users	17 Million
Total Broadband Subscribers	270,000
No. of under sea cables – International bandwidth	3
Domestic Fiber Backbone Networks	4



Major Thrust Areas

- An independent company to manage the Universal Service Fund
- Access to Underserved and Rural Areas
- Emphasis on Broadband penetration with 59% annual growth in the past two years.
- Continued growth in Teledensity – nearly 100 Million connections
- Third Submarine cable for International Bandwidth
- Separate Company to tap Research & Development funds contributed by Telecom companies

Action Items

Item

To connect villages with ICTs and establish community access points

Initiatives

- Under Rural Digital Communication uplift Program, an un-served population of 40 million has been provided with facilities for Digital Communication
- Specifically during last Fiscal Year, 3,400 un-served Mauzas, with a population of 3.3 Mil have been given access to basic telephony through 8 Rural Telecom projects funded through Universal Service Fund (USF)
- 23 un-served Tehsils, with a population of 3.8 Million have been connected with Optic Fiber as a result of 2 USF Projects in Sindh and Balochistan provinces

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nt of 1100 Computer labs in Secondary & Higher Secondary
II provinces and Federally controlled tribal areas with a total
841.31 million

nt of Computer Labs and infrastructure at Cadet Colleges and
Institutes of AJK, Islamabad, Kohat, Mardan Jehlum and

ent of IT Centers in Remote Areas of Pakistan like Bannu,
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