



## Digital Switch and CDMA WLL in 11 Provinces

### Project Description:

The Switch and CDMA WLL and its related Power equipment have been installed and the network was launched on September 15, 2005 in all 11 provincial capitals as follows:

No	City	Province	No. of lines
1	Farah	Farah	5,000
2	Maimana	Faryab	5,000
3	Charikar	Parvan	5,000
4	Bamyan	Bamyan	3,000
5	Gerdiz	Paktya	2,500
6	Qalat	Zabul	3,000
7	Qala-i-now	Badghis	2,000
8	Sharan	Paktika	2,500
9	Asadabad	Kunnar	2,000
10	Mihtarlam	Laghman	2,000
11	Zaranj	Nimroz	3,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>35,000</b>

### Project Benefits

The project rapidly rolled out telecommunications access across the country, benefiting Afghan people in all provinces. Demand for telecommunications across the country is very high, and indications are that the direct and indirect benefits included:

- Bringing critically needed services to people across the country, and helping to bring Afghanistan into the “digital age”.
- Generating significant revenue for MCIT (initially through subscription and usage fees).

- Providing links for Afghan people across the country and the world encourages greater stability and national unity, which in turn enhanced security.

### **Project Cost and Funding Status**

**Starting Date:** 2003  
**Ending Date:** 2004  
**Budget:** 11.11 Million USD  
**Funding Agency:** Government of India

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