



Digital Switch and CDMA WLL in 12 Provinces

Project Description:

The Phones to the People project installed digital telephone exchanges in provincial and large district centers, using wireless technology (CDMA WLL).

Phones to the People provided the people of Afghanistan with tangible benefits of the telecommunications infrastructure. It also allowed the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology to meet the goals outlined in the new Telecommunications Policy. These goals include the provision of telecommunications services to all parts of the country.

Project Benefits:

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

- Bringing critically needed services to people across the country, and helping to bring Afghanistan into the “digital age”.
- Stimulating growth in local economies.
- Generating significant revenue for MCIT (initially through subscription and usage fees). It also contributed to Government revenue.
- Providing links for Afghan people across the country and the world will encourage greater stability and national unity, which in turn enhanced security.
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- Providing access to telephone and internet facilities/services

Current Status

The Switch and CDMA WLL equipments have installed and the project has already been launched in 12 provinces and a total number of up to 90,500 new digital telephone lines were installed in 12 provincial capitals

Project Cost and Funding:

Starting Date: 2004
Ending Date: 2005
Budget: 8.07 Million USD
Funding Agency: ADB / MoF

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