



Expansion of GCN, VCN

Project Description

The GCN project is already implemented in 12 provinces and as its expansion is planned, in 2007 the expansion work has already started for 7 more provinces and it is ongoing and the tendering process of 15 provinces is ongoing and shortly will be contracted. As far as the Village Communications Network is concerned, the tender process or the Village Communications Network is completed and the contract of this project will also be signed shortly.

VCN will be a further extension of the DCN satellite network, which will eventually reach 5-6,000 communities throughout Afghanistan. A financial analysis of the DCN operations revealed that a low-cost version could be commercially viable if the package configuration is scaled down.

Project Cost and Funding:

Starting Date:	2007
Ending Date:	2008
Required Budget:	6.00 million USD
Funding Agency:	MoF

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