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| Smart Village Pakistan | |
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| **Summary:**  Smart Village Pakistan aims to digitally transform remote and rural communities by connecting them and empowering the citizens with better access to a range of digital services that can meaningfully improve their wellbeing and livelihoods in accordance with the government’s vision of Digital Pakistan.  The smart Village is an innovative approach to digitize rural areas through scalable and sustainable services involving the use of improved ICT infrastructure .The connectivity and platforms developed through the program can be used by various socioeconomic, Sectors, such as education, health, agriculture, and business.  The first pilot Smart village of Pakistan in collaboration with ITU and Huawei has successfully been implemented in Gohkina which is located 21 Km from Islamabad. Based on the Identified needs the Village aligned with the SDGs various services have been launched in this smart village including e-education, e-health, e-governance and entrepreneurship and digital training.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to endorse the proposal in this document.  **References:**  n/a | |

The Government of Pakistan is currently looking to expand the Smart Village Pakistan beyond Gokina and is keen to build on the partnership. These partnerships can be technical, financial, academic, or commercial.

The other villages for the Smart Village rollout are currently being discussed in the Steering Committee keeping in view available or planned connectivity rollout, potential for socioeconomic development, socio-economic diversity, interest from partners, geographic diversity amongst others.

Based on the ITU Smart Village model, the Government wishes to roll out the Smart Village with following approaches:

* to implement it in the areas and villages where USF has already provided the connectivity, and
* to remote villages where such connectivity is not expected to be introduced any time soon.

From the experience in Gokina, and in order to deploy technical assistance and resources to assist Pakistan with further Poiting and scaleup of Smart Vilage pakistan , support is requested as per following proposed budget for the implementation of one Smart Village follows:

* Step 1: Needs Analysis and Village Needs Assessment along with stakeholder engagement and basic digital skills is USD 15 000.
* Step 2: Cost of roll out of Smart Village programme in one village (3 digital services) for a period of 3 years -Approx USD 281 600.

At present, the Government of Pakistan Request for voluntarily in kind support to extend the project to far flung areas of Pakistan and is ready to expand partnership and willingness to share the smart village model with aspiring countries. Also Pakistan can contribute by sharing of Expertise and technical knowledge on any platform developed by ITU for other SV's / Smart Island implementations globally and in Asia pacific to further south-South cooperation.

Further details can be furnished upon desire please.

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