

Workshop on challenges and opportunities of the use of universal service fund for bridging the digital divide

Session 1: National economic strategies on expansion of the rural and remote infrastructure to bridge the digital divide using universal service fund mechanisms

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Enhancing Accessibility of ICT Services

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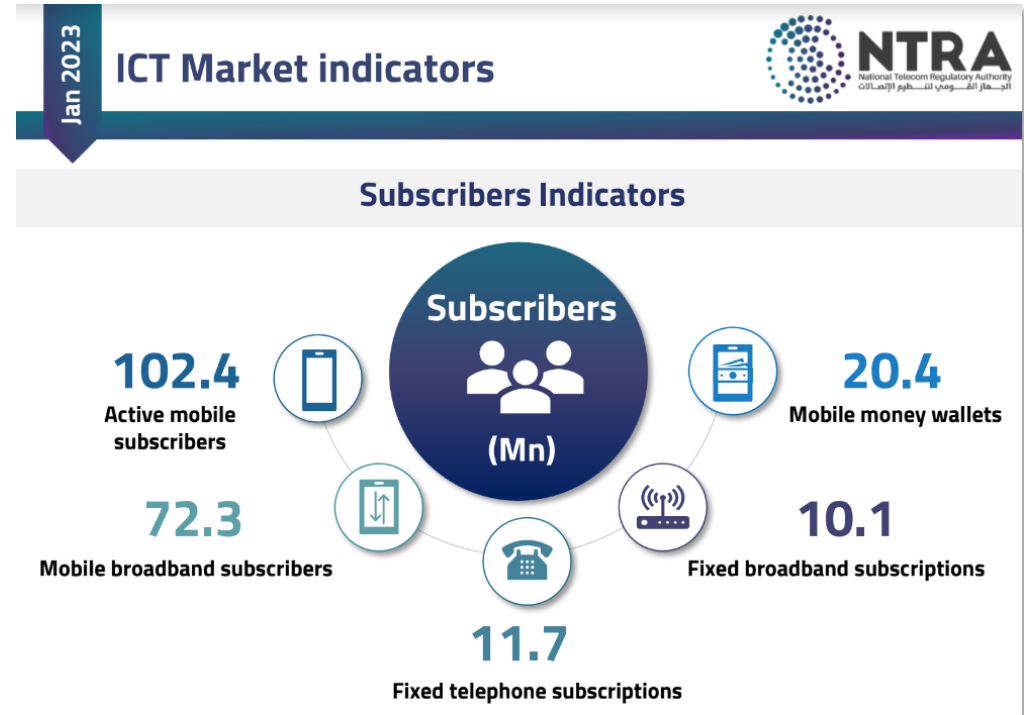
Country Profile



Population : 108 Mn

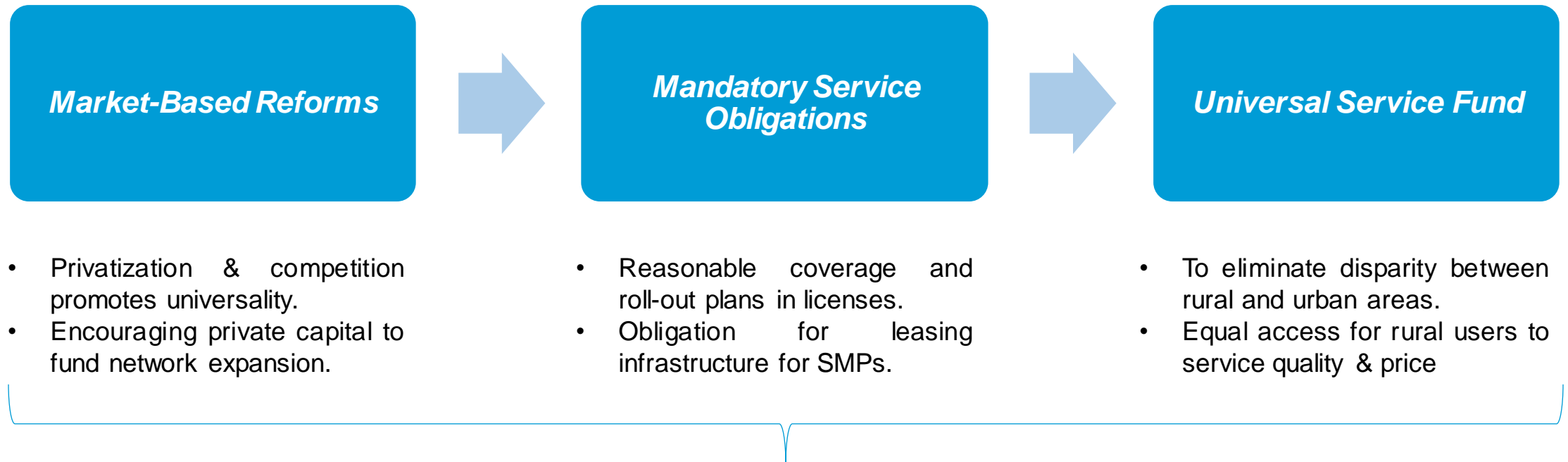
Area : 1Mn km²

27 Governorates



ICT sector contributions: 5% of GDP

Phases of Enhancing Accessibility of ICT services



Enhancing Accessibility to ICT services nationwide

Extending accessibility from basic telecom service to 4G and fibre deployment

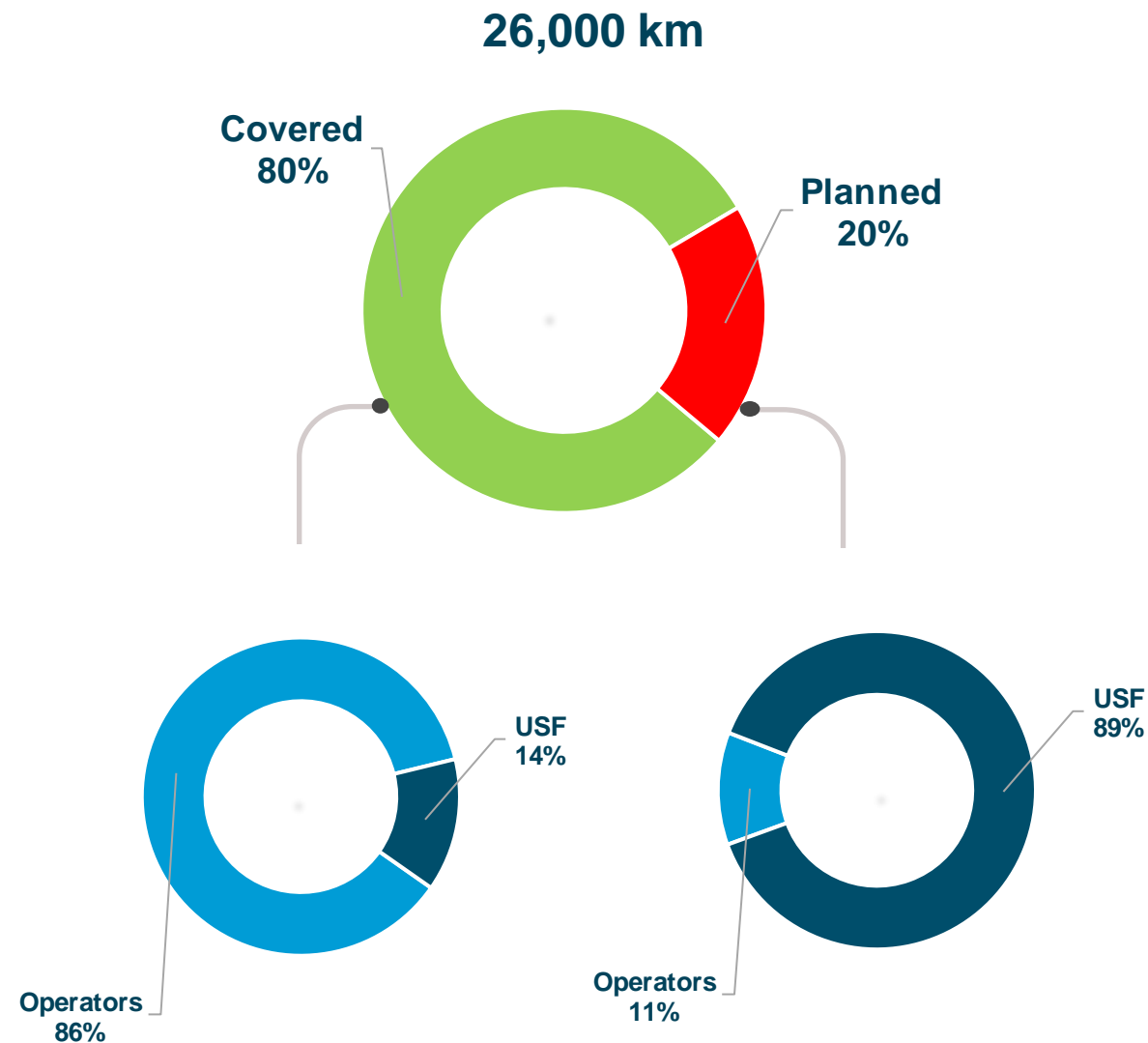


Extending accessibility to include road coverage beside regions and communities.

Scopes of Enhancing Accessibility to ICT

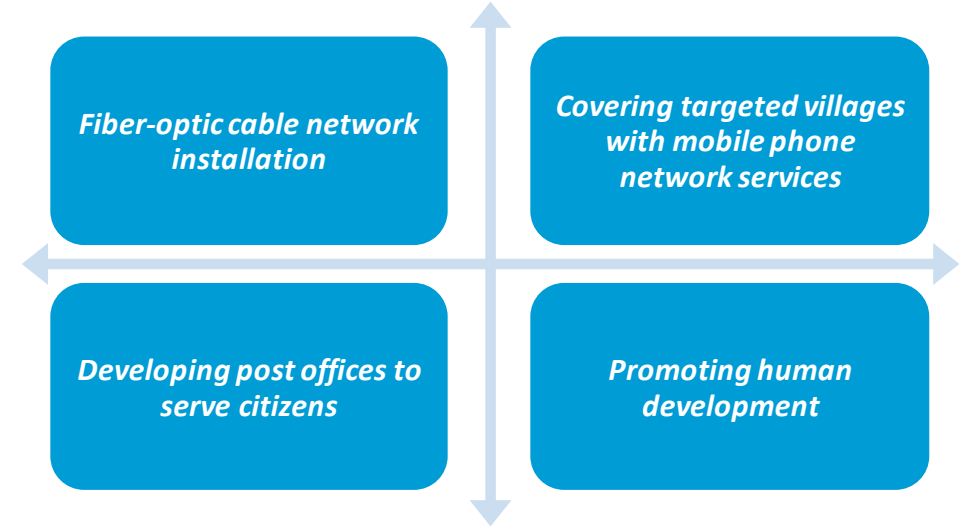
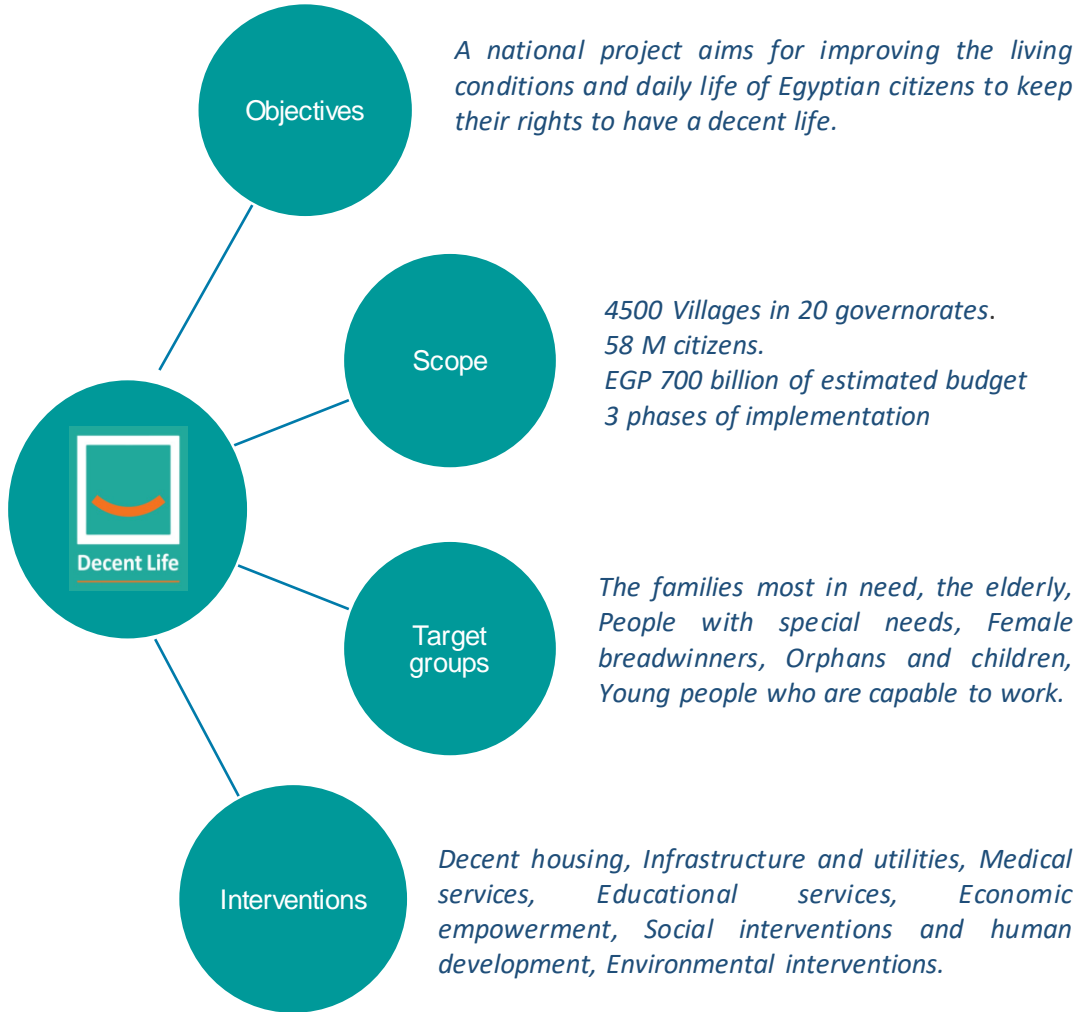


■ Fully covered ■ Planned



Extending accessibility for national projects / initiatives.

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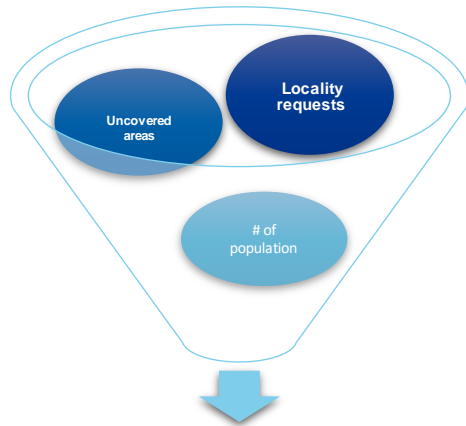
ICT sector pillars of work in decent life initiative

USF methodology of implementation & governance rules

Define underserved areas

Bidding mechanism

Monitoring project implementation



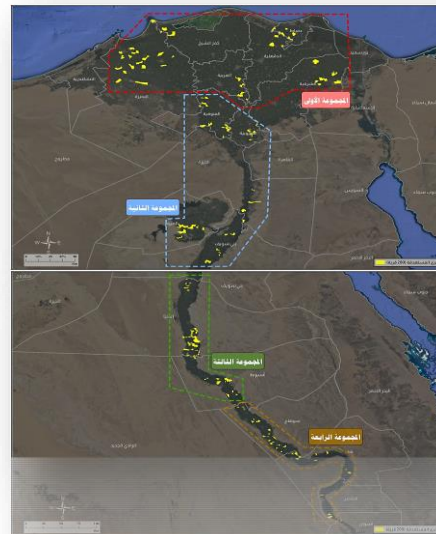
Phased priority lists

Selection Criteria

- Uncovered areas.
- Outside rollout obligation
- Outside operators plans
- Uneconomic service provision
- Social considerations



A reverse auction is held
lowest bidder wins



Collaboration with
other sectors



Monitoring project
execution

Governance Rules: independent administration, market-neutral, technology-neutral, competitive bidding process, targeted and transparent funding, etc.



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