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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN CONCERNED COUNTRIES | |
| **Purpose**  This report has been prepared in response to the 2024 session of the ITU Council, where the Member States requested a comprehensive overview of the activities of ITU being carried out in supporting the Member States in the reconstruction of the ICT infrastructure. This report provides the background on the ITU’s mandate, outlines products and services, and points to recent ITU’s activities carried out in the concerned countries.  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited **to note** this report and **provide guidance**.  **Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**  Provision of Technical Assistance.  **Financial implications**  Within allocated budget 2024-2025.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  *Resolutions* [*125*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-125-E.pdf) *(Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and* [*193*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-193-E.pdf) *(Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP); Resolutions* [*18*](https://www.itu.int/pub/D-RES-D.18-2022) *(Rev. Kigali, 2022) and* [*25*](https://www.itu.int/pub/D-RES-D.25-2022) *(Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference; Council Resolution* [*1408*](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0122/en) *(C22, last amended C23)* | |

**1. Background**

This report has been prepared in response to the 2024 session of the ITU Council, where the Member States requested a comprehensive overview of the activities of ITU being carried out in supporting the Member States in the reconstruction of the ICT infrastructure.

The following presents the outcomes of the ITU Conferences and the Council, through which the Union was requested to provide technical assistance to a series of concerned countries:

* PP Resolution 125 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) – Assistance and support to Palestine for infrastructure development and capacity building in the telecommunication and information technology sector;
* PP Resolution 193 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) – Support and assistance for Iraq to continue rebuilding and developing its telecommunication/information and communication technology sector;
* Council Resolution 1408 *(C22, last amended C23) –* Assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector;
* ITU Council Resolution 1424 (2024) - Assistance and support to Palestine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector.
* WTDC Resolution 18 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) – Special technical assistance to Palestine;
* WTDC Resolution 25 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) – Assistance to countries in special need: Afghanistan, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan and Timor-Leste;

**2. Update on the actions undertaken**

All countries concerned are the beneficiaries of ITU’s products and services in particular being developed and offered under the [ITU-D Priority 1: Affordable connectivity](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/priorities/affordable-connectivity/) and [ITU-D Priority 3: Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/priorities/enabling-policy-and-regulatory-environment/).

The catalogue of the products and services includes, amongst others, infrastructure mapping and analysis, assessment studies, publications, workshops, guidelines, and best practices on telecommunication/ICT infrastructure including wireless and fixed broadband, connecting rural and remote areas, conformance and interoperability, spectrum management, transition to digital broadcasting, the effective and efficient management and proper use of telecommunication resources within the mandate of ITU.

It also encompasses the development of National Emergency Telecommunication Plans, capacity building for the use of ICTs for disaster management and the development of simulation exercises, implementation of multi-hazard early warning systems, including Common Alerting Protocol, restoring connectivity in countries hit by disasters, providing disaster connectivity maps and building national human capacities in disaster risk reduction and management.

Upon this, ITU provides platforms and tools for effective policy, legal and regulatory frameworks to support regulators and policymakers in fostering universal and meaningful connectivity development. Products include: Digital Regulation platform, Collaborative Regulation, [G5 Benchmark](https://app.gen5.digital/benchmark/about), Global Symposium for Regulators, Best Practice Guidelines, Economic impact studies, ICT Policy Impact Lab.

Detailed reporting on all actions relevant to infrastructure development on the ground is available in [Document TDAG-25/2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG32-C-0002/en) and covers the period from May 2024 to April 2025. Actions carried out from June 2023 to April 2024 can be found in [Document TDAG-24/2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG31-C-0002/).

Detailed reporting on actions carried out in response to the ITU Council Resolution 1408 on Ukraine and ITU Council Resolution 1424 on Palestine have been made available as the secretariat documents [C25/68](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0068/en) and [C25/71](https://www.itu.int/md/S25-CL-C-0071/en), respectively.

**3. Conclusions**

ITU has continued to strengthen its offering of products and services relevant to the Member States’ efforts dedicated to the ICT infrastructure development, rebuilding, and/or rehabilitation. Many countries have been benefiting from the ITU’s offering and direct assistance in line with the resolutions listed above.

All Member States interested in strengthened support to ICT infrastructure rebuilding and/or rehabilitation are kindly encouraged to use the relevant ITU’s products and services, as well as to reach out to ITU in case of need for technical assistance.

As the reconstruction and rehabilitation of ICT infrastructure require dedication of significant financial resources, all stakeholders are kindly invited to provide support to ensure that ITU’s assistance is more comprehensive.

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