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MONGOLIA

Capital: Ulaanbaatar
Neighboring countries: Russia and China





GDP (US\$) 23.6 billion (2024)

GDP Per Capita (US\$) 6,654 (2024)





Median Age 26.9 (2024)

Telecommunication service in ICT market

Internet penetration 84.3%*



Mobile users 4.89 mln*



4G/LTE users 4 mln*



5G Launched in May 2025





Transmission line 55,540 km* 78% FO



Wholesale capacity 750G*



Transit capacity 2.2TB*

*data sourse: CRC statistic report 2024



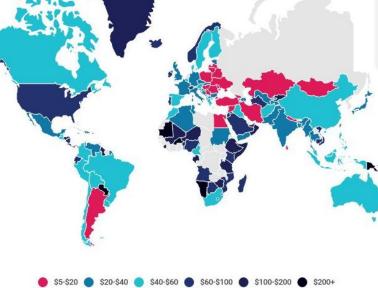
MONGOLIAN INTERNET SPEED AND PRICE COMPARISON



Mongolia stands out among
LLDCs and globally for offering
low-cost internet across both
fixed and mobile platforms.
This is likely a result of strategic
factors like competition,
regulatory environments, and
investments by private sectors

Wholesale internet costs in Mongolia averagely 30-35% higher compared to many others

Region/Market	Approximate Wholesale Cost (USD per Mbps/month)	
U.S. / Western Europe	\$0.15 – \$0.22	
100 GigE in major hubs	As low as \$0.06	
Sydney India	~\$2.50 ~\$4.70	



Internet speeds in Mongolia are moderate by global standards

← Mongolia Median Country Speeds January 2024



Mobile & Fixed data and Internet price in Mongolia is less than global average

	Service Type	Mongolia Avg Price	Global Rank/Position
	Fixed	~US \$11.68/month	~13th cheapest
4	Broadband	03 911.00/111011111	worldwide
	Mobile Data	US \$0.38–0.74 per GB	~23rd–30th cheapest
	Widdle Data	03 30.36-0.74 per db	globally



- ✓ Mongolia is indeed a unique example among landlocked developing countries because it borders two large neighbors—Russia and China—both of which have relatively well-developed and resilient network infrastructures. This does provide Mongolia with some advantages compared to many other LLDCs.
- ✓ Cross border connections completed with Chinese carriers including CTG, CUG, CMI, and Russian carriers including Megafon and TTK

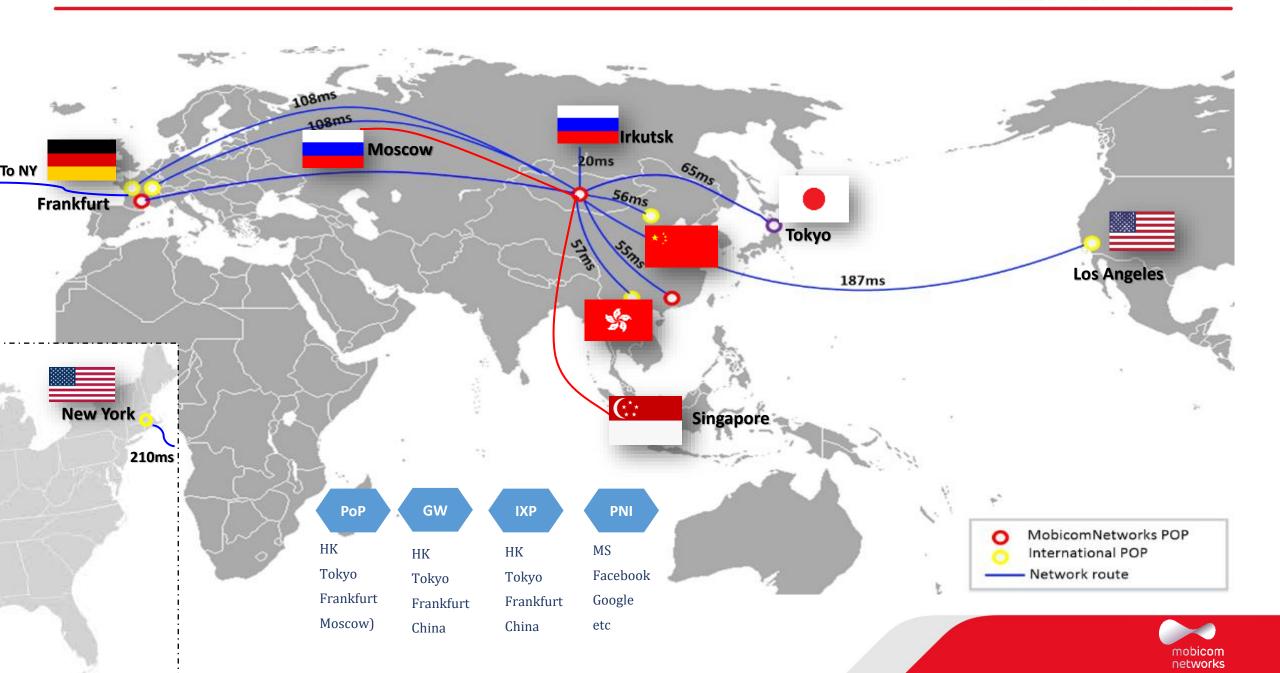
✓ ERMC (Europe—Russia—Mongolia—China) system is a terrestrial cable network linking Europe to China via Russia and Mongolia. It offers an alternative, shorter path to submarine communications cables, enhancing connectivity between

Asia and Europe.

- ✓ DWDM/OTN 1+1 protected backbone network
- ✓ Most reliable fully protected network over diversified cable route
 - ✓ Service Availability: 99.9%
 - ✓ RTD: ~10 ms



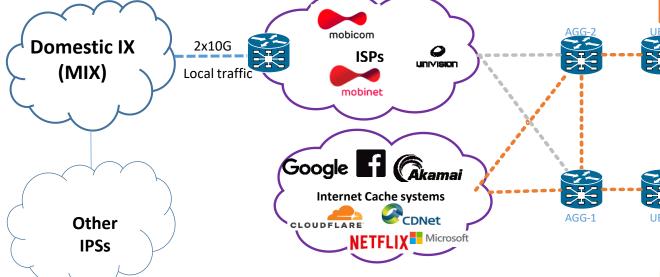




GATEWAY & CORE NETWORK TOPOLOGY of MCNW

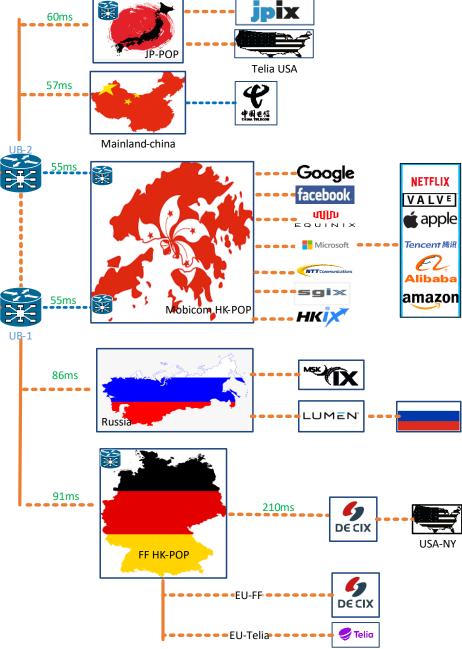
 Hosting CDNs and regional data centers within or near LLDCs reduces dependency on international transit.

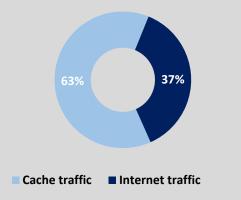
• By keeping popular content (YouTube, Facebook, Netflix, software updates, etc.) cached locally, overall reliance on fragile international links decreases.





- Popular OTT's traffic is high
 - Cashing traffic is 2 times higher than international
- However, CDNs policy and minimum traffic requirement is high compared with low population like Mongolia

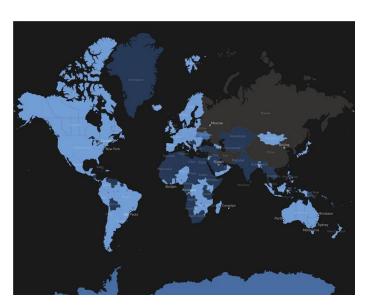




SATELLITE CONNECTIVITY (LEO/MEO CONSTELLATIONS) MATTER

Need support of International organization on Satellite connectivity

- These can serve as backup links when terrestrial routes fail and useful for digital divide in rural area and beneficial for nomadic culture and tourism
- Limited accessibility of LEO systems (e.g., OneWeb, Amazon Kuiper, Telesat Lightspeed etc... provide lower latency and higher bandwidth than traditional GEO satellites.
 - Only Starlink available in Mar 2024, and 71st country in the world
 - But no gateway station due to high investment, it occurs higher latency, high cost and information security
 - Difficulty to build Mobile Backhaul, only internet connectivity





Before



After



Mobicon Networks terminated GEO satellite mobile backhaul in Mar 2025 after 20 years

ABOUT US



· Coverage: 99% of the population

• Customers: 1.75 million (48.6% of the population)



• TV, Home Broadband Service, Video Streaming

· TIER III Standard Data Center

Over 40 International Partners



· National Payment Solution & Digital loan

• 2.6 million Application Download



• 10,500km Fiber Optic

International Transit Service



• GoGo.mn: Leading Online Media Provider

 MAAMUU & NOGUN: National Best Content Award for Maamuu

 Mongol Music: A music distribution platform featuring officially licensed works from Mongolian bands, singers, and artists



