

Q4/1 & Q5/1 Joint Deliverable: USFs

1. In spring 2023, ITU-D Q4/1 (Economic Aspects) and Q5/1 (Rural Telecommunications/ICTs) hosted a workshop entitled: “Challenges and opportunities of the use of USF for bridging the digital divide.”
2. The workshop featured discussions on:
 - a. National economic strategies on expansion of the rural and remote infrastructure to bridge the Digital Divide using Universal Service Fund mechanisms
 - b. Using the Universal Service Funds (USF) to move from ICT access to ICT use
 - c. Opening remarks on Common Universal Service models in the international practice and their implications
 - d. BDT’s work on Universal Service Funds
3. A workshop report has been prepared, and we’ll be discussing this—as well as the joint deliverable--in SEPT. 2023

