

# Real broadband innovation for the Pacific communities

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**Kacific Broadband Satellites**

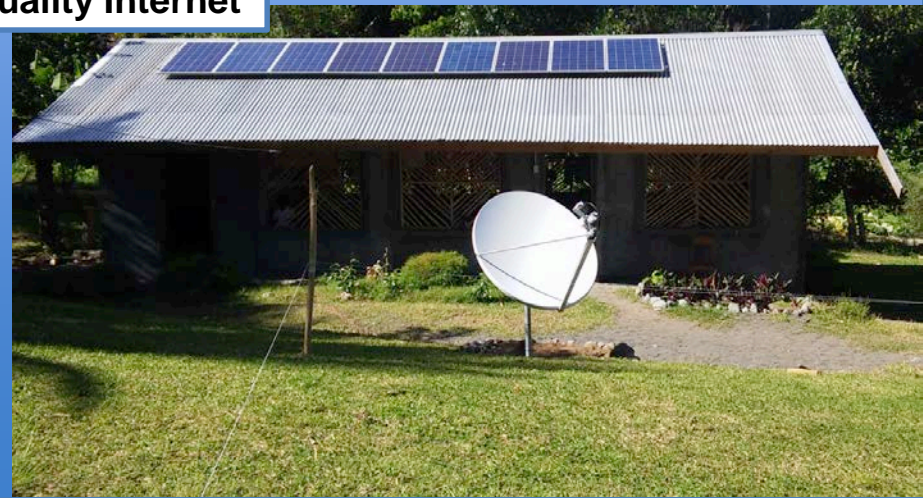
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**10 Million Pacific Islanders  
do not have access to  
affordable, good quality Internet**



# Connecting the dots

We started by looking at the needs of the people in the blue continent: the world's most-difficult-to-connect geography

What they need: simply, affordable broadband access everywhere

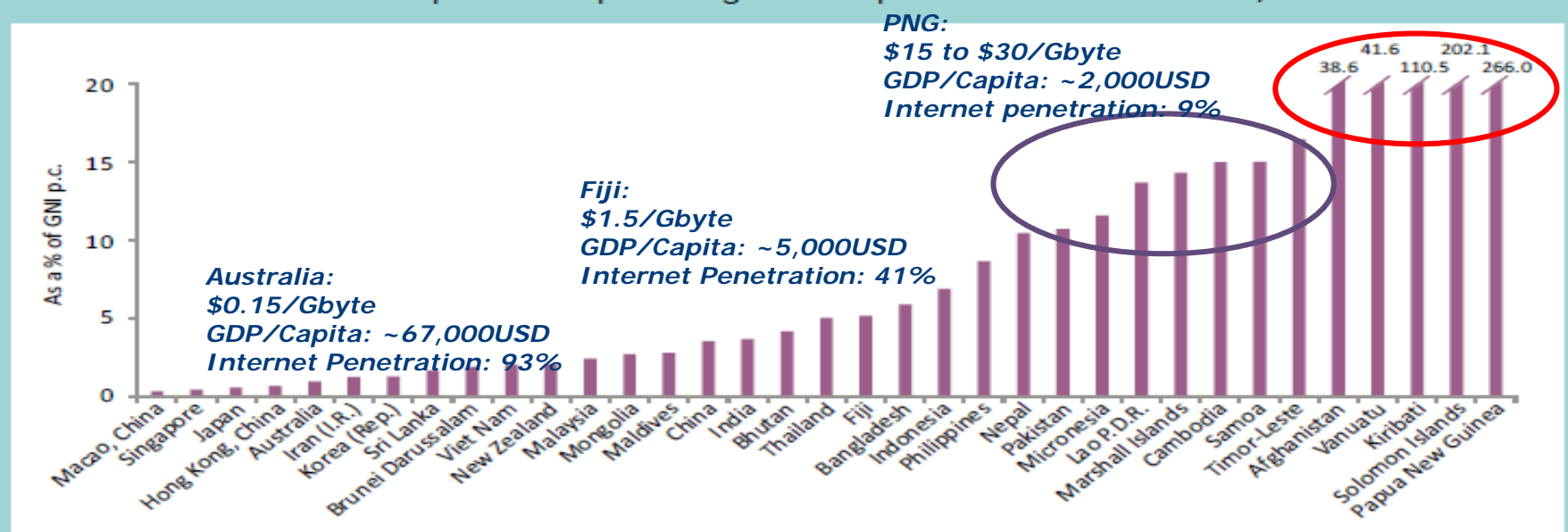
Our vision: enable good quality broadband with a magnitude in price reduction

Insight: if the price is right then demand crystallizes



# Digital divide is today's reality in Asia Pacific

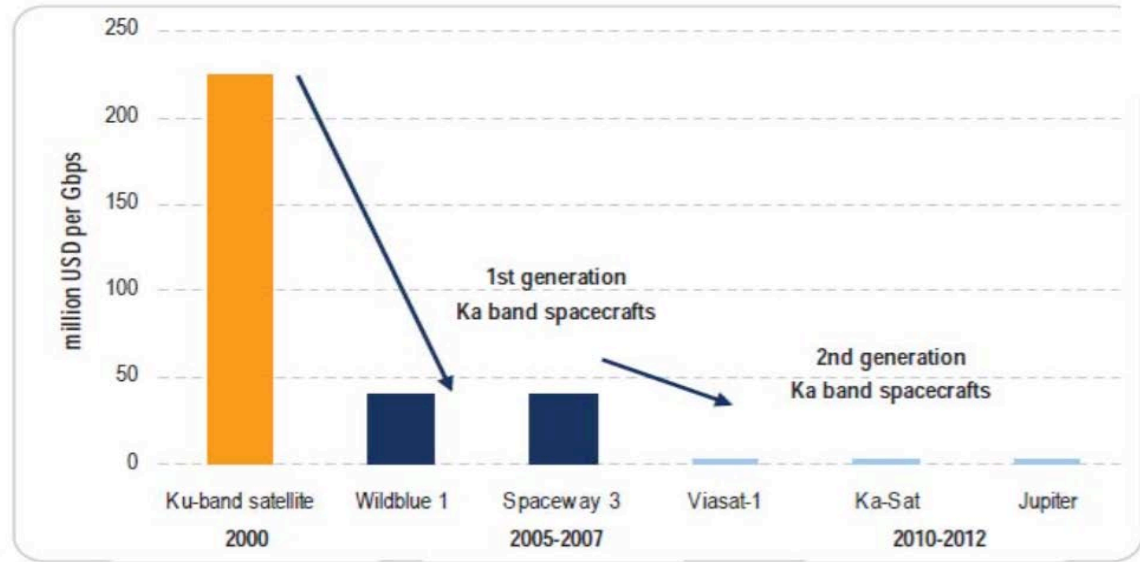
Fixed broadband prices in Asia and the Pacific as a percentage of GNI per capita 2008-2013



Source: ITU. GNI p.c. values are based on World Bank data.

## A new cost paradigm for Satellite Connectivity

- Plummeting cost of GBps in space
- Cheaper bandwidth making it more affordable in a connectivity-hungry world
- New applications / new markets / new business models



Source: IDATE








**Enabling access to mass markets and reducing digital divide**

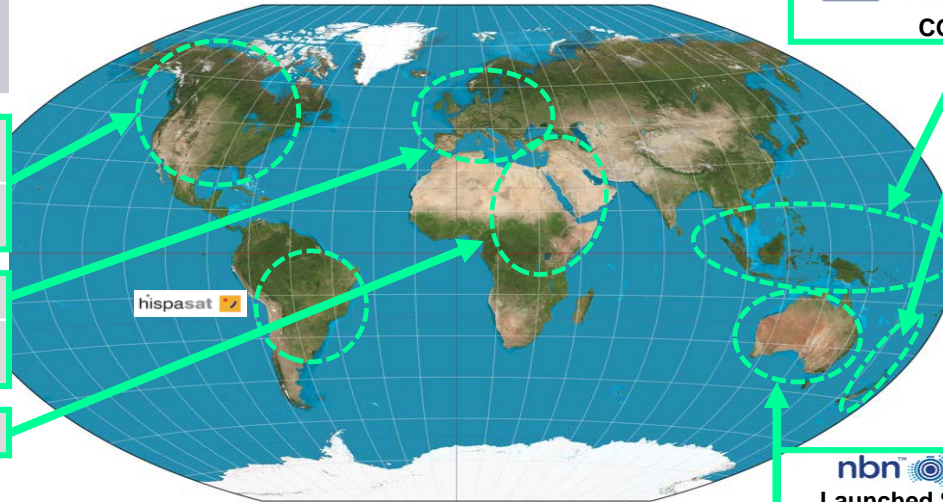


Ka-band HTS\* satellite broadband technology is a global revolution in progress, offering fast user speeds at competitive pricing

## CURRENT HIGH-THROUGHPUT SATELLITE (HTS) OPERATORS

| Operator   | Monthly consumer fee | Download Speed† | Subscribers end 2013 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|  ViaSat    | \$50 - \$130         | 17 Mbps         | 600,000              |
|  HughesNet | \$50 - \$130         | 9 Mbps          | 1,000,000            |
|  ASTRA     | 20€ - 60€            | 17Mbps          | 50,000               |
|  tooway    | 20€ - 100€           | 18.8 Mbps       | 150,000              |
|  yahsat    | \$53 - \$178         | 4Mbps           | 30,000               |

† Upload speed generally slower, depending on configuration



□ Now over 2.3 million subscribers worldwide.... and counting

HTS should target **US\$1 to \$2/Gbyte at retail level** to prevail in rural and remote areas and allow populations to meaningfully participate to today's digital economy

## What can a user do with a few Gbytes?



2,460 webpages browsed



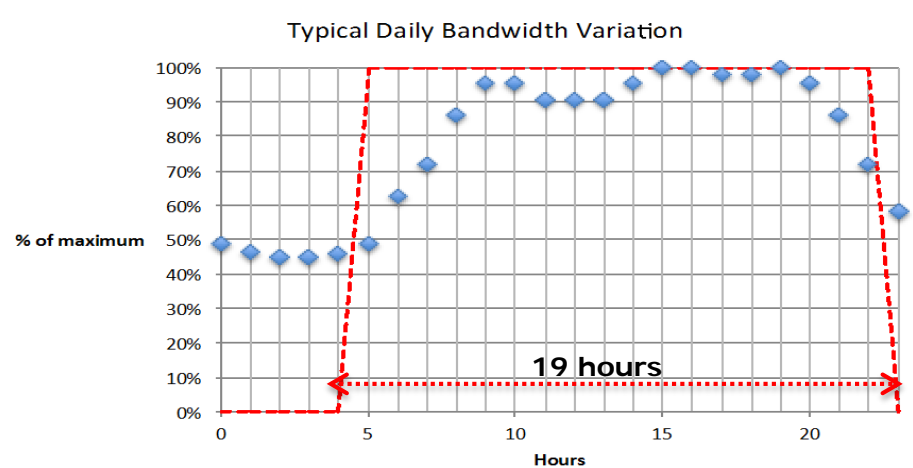
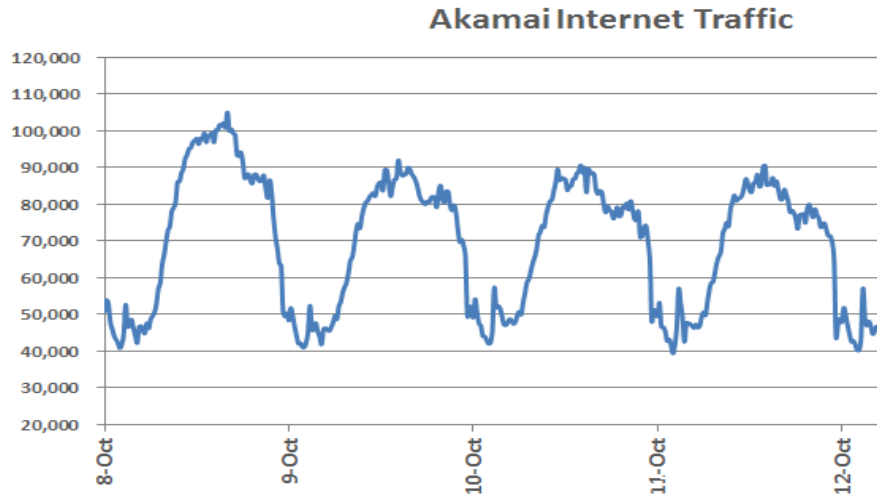
26h youtube video streaming  
1,066 downloaded songs



17h skype video calls  
237h skype voice calls



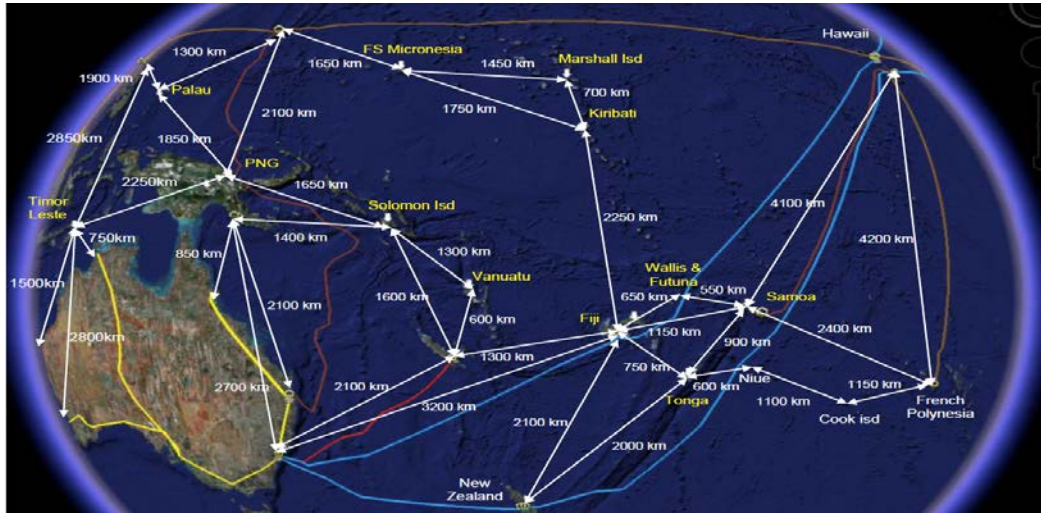
# How many Gbyte can an HTS transfer per Mbps? At what price?



- Internet traffic is effectively active an equivalent of about 19hours per day
- Hence, 1Mbps of continuous core traffic can expect to transfer to end users:  
 $1\text{Mbps} / 8 \text{ bit} / \text{Byte} \times 30 \text{ days} / \text{month} \times 19 \text{ hours} / \text{day} \times 3,600 \text{ sec} / \text{hour} = 256 \text{ Gbyte} / \text{month}$
- >> Targeting \$1/Gbyte, the HTS bandwidth price at wholesale should be around

**US\$250/Mbps/Month to US\$260/Mbps/Month**

# Geographic dispersion: A barrier to broadband connectivity



Only the following cities/islands have a fiber connection landing in their shores, offering good connectivity in a 10-15 km radius of landing point

- *Noumea / New Caledonia*
- *Suva / Fiji*
- *Papeete / Franch Polynesia*
- *Most cities and islands of New Zealand*
- *Majuro / Marshal Islands*
- *Pohnpei / Micronesia*
- *Port Moresby / PNG*
- *Guam / Guam*
- *Saipan / Northern Mariana*
- *Pago Pago / American Samoa*
- *Apia / Western Samoa*
- *Nuku'Alofa / Tonga*
- *Port Moresby / PNG*

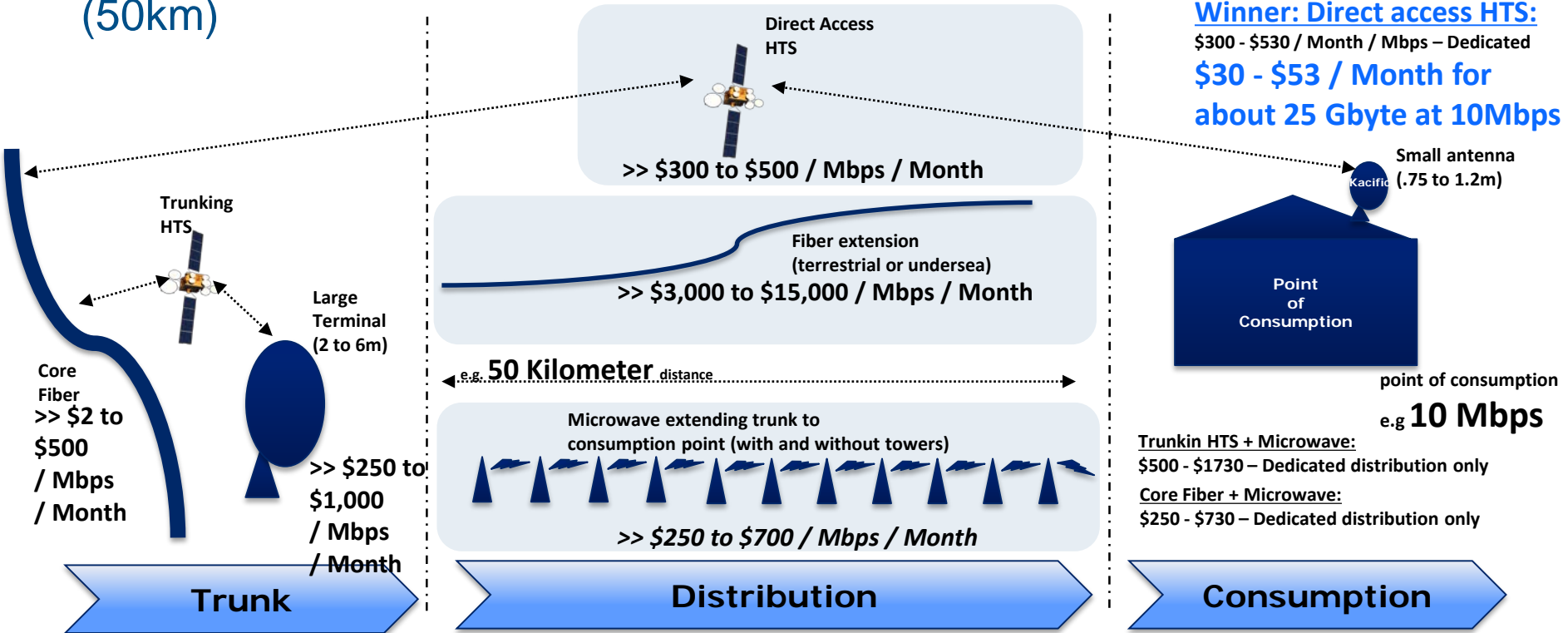
**Internet access for the rest of the landmass of these countries, including the 20,000 inhabited islands, is served with dial-up grade access and prohibitive prices**

Pervasive hurdles for the deployment of high-bandwidth solutions

- Small size of Islands,
- Relatively low inhabitant count
- Huge distances between islands

# Kacific – Economics of Bandwidth Distribution for Rural Consumption

(50km)

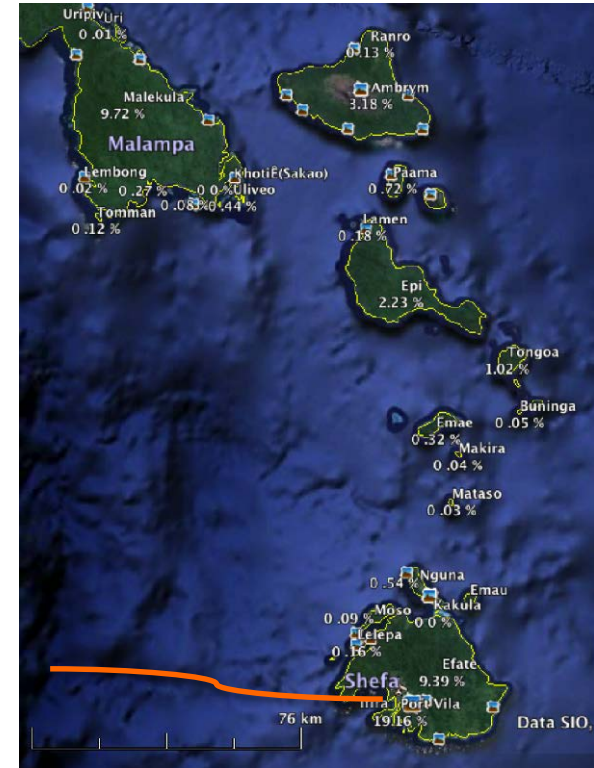


# Test your underlying assumptions: Vanuatu

A country with a cable (Port-Vila) and LTE

Yet many schools and public institutions (hospitals..) dispersed in the outer islands remain unconnected

Only one affordable solution to connect them all at once



# First deployment in Vanuatu



- Working together with TRR (regulator) and Telsat (local service provider)
- Kacific has connected 8 communities in different islands of Vanuatu with broadband at 17Mbps
- Remote villages, schools and clinics are now connected for the first time to Port-Vila and beyond





# Vanuatu: Kacific contribution to making a change

## □ First human capital dividend of Kacific vision

- ▶ Three remote clinics enabled with good quality broadband internet
- ▶ Two critical medical cases solved thanks to an online consultation with a remote doctor

## □ Not a social service – A Public service

- ▶ Affordable broadband can be sustainably and profitably enabled for remote communities by satellite





# Vanuatu: What we learned



## Thirst for Internet in Pacific communities

1 school = 1TByte per month

## Enabling critical services

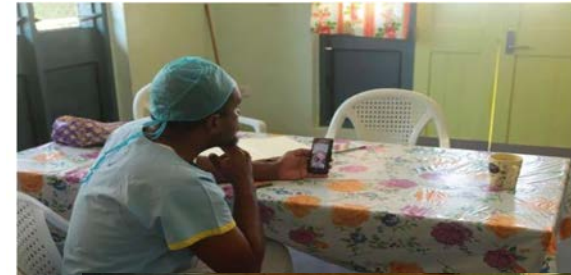
Saving lives, empowering schools with access to updated material and mentoring



## Video and mobile rule

Tablets and smartphones precede internet access

Multimedia content (including video-calls) dominates traffic



*Dr Basil Lando  
Vanuatu Daily*



# Vanuatu: What we learned

## Communities as actors of their Internet

Creating, not just consuming

Whole villages online

Bonding with extended families in Port-Vila and abroad

E-commerce initiative (green gold- medicinal plants)



## Unprecedented fill rate achieved pre-launch for a Ka-band satellite



Philippines



Kiribati



Tuvalu



Tokelau



Solomon



Fiji



Indonesia



Vanuatu



New Zealand



French  
Polynesia



PNG



East  
Timor



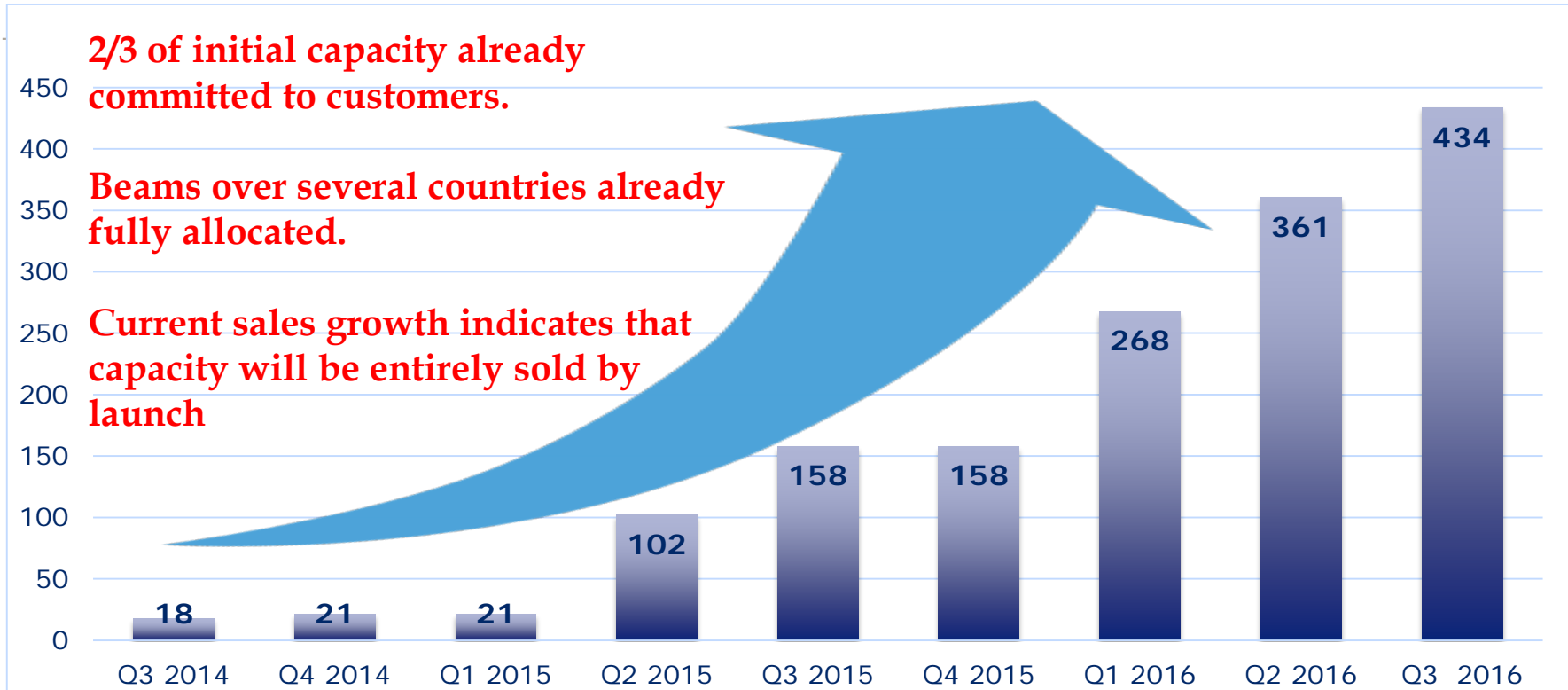
Niue

US\$430m+ of firm pre-launch contracts in 13 Asian and Pacific countries

Partnership with the ITU to connect telecenters in the Pacific



## Kacific pre-sales growth over last two years (in M US\$)



# The opportunity for satellite broadband for the Pacific

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- Community-based broadband access is the way to go in the Pacific
- Internet consumption by Pacific islanders, whether personal or for community services, is driven by multimedia and much larger than our industry think
- Ka-band is a paramount for affordable, ubiquitous, community broadband access in the Pacific (and remote communities at large) and should be protected by national regulators

With roots in the Pacific, connecting the world's remote communities

