



Helping to measure, understand and improve connectivity experiences worldwide

# Considerations for regulators for the assessment of QoS/QoE requirements for mobile services

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# Ookla is the bridge between the consumer and the industry

As a leader in brand trust and recognition, Ookla provides public and private crowdsourced insights at a global scale, mobile drive test and capabilities, consumer engagement software, and Wi-Fi design and optimization products.



## Consumer-Initiated Network Testing

600+ million  
all time app installs

11+ million  
daily tests

50+ billion  
tests taken to date

15,000+  
global testing servers



## Consumer QoE Insights

radio network coverage, video, web browsing, gaming, teleconferencing, CDN/cloud performance, and more

hundreds of millions  
of unique devices

billions  
of daily samples

200+  
countries



## Incident Detection

190+ million  
unique users

25+ million  
monthly problem reports

13,000+  
services monitored

45+  
countries



## Global Media Share

145,000+  
articles published annually  
referencing Ookla brands

210+ billion  
unique monthly impressions on  
publications citing Ookla data

57.2%  
share of voice compared to other  
network intelligence providers

# Speedtest Global Index™

**A ranking of mobile and fixed performance for countries around the world based on:**

- Median Download Speed
- Median Upload Speed
- Latency



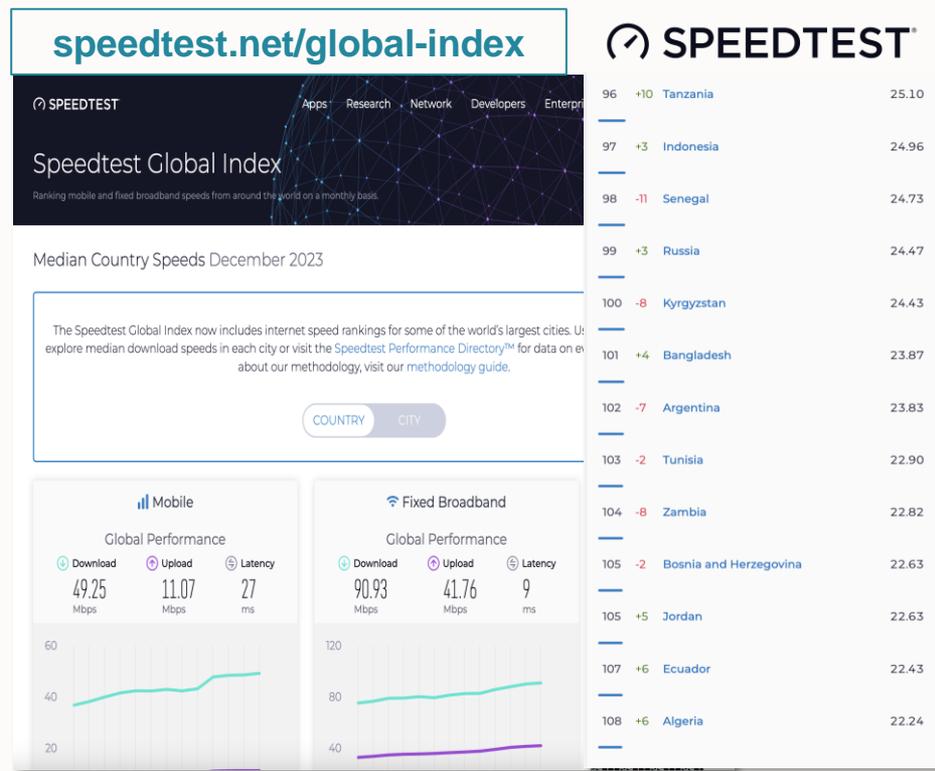
Track national and city-level speed trends based on the Global Index



Compare country and city performance against other countries and cities over time



See how a country or city has measured up to national speed targets based on the Global Index mean and median values



# Network Disruption Management, Recovery and Resiliency

Incident detection, correlation & benchmarking,  
consumer engagement

Help to understand the impact that a natural  
disaster has had on connectivity:

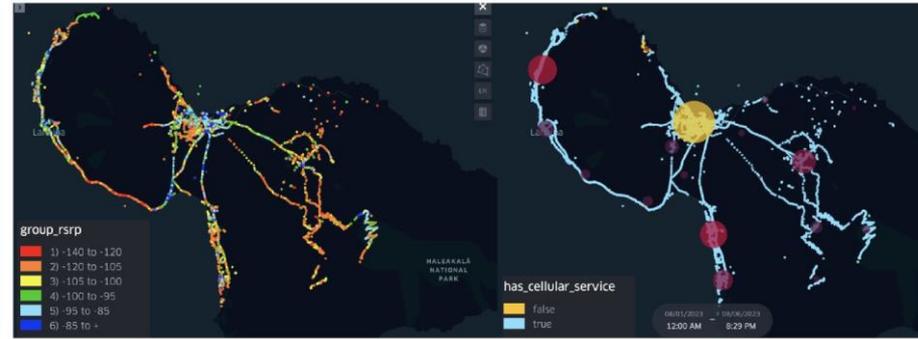
- Earthquakes
- Fires
- Floods
- Hurricanes

Help to restore connectivity and ensure network  
resilience after disasters

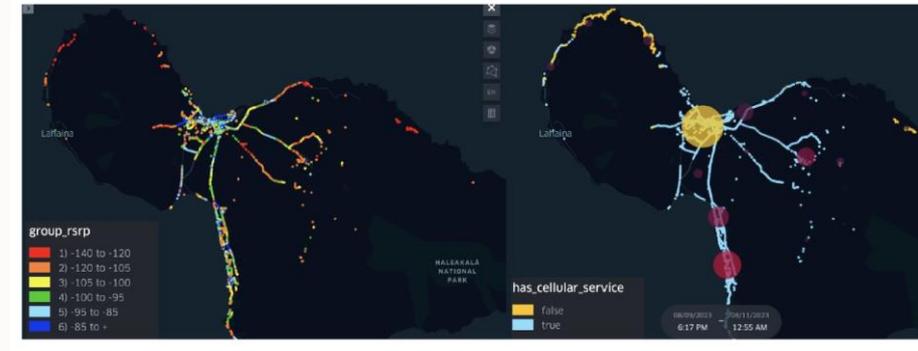
Downdetector<sup>!</sup>

Cell Analytics™

*Before wildfires started*



*After wildfires started*



# Trusted source for regulatory bodies around the world



United States



United Kingdom



Indonesia



Philippines



Malaysia



Jordan



Saudi Arabia



Ecuador



Mexico



Brazil



Colombia



United Arab Emirates

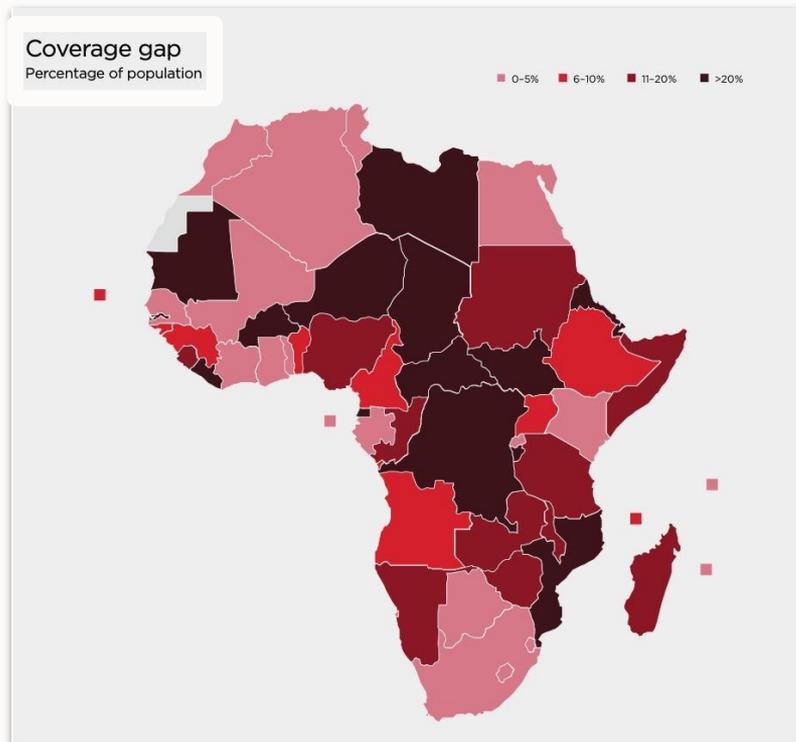


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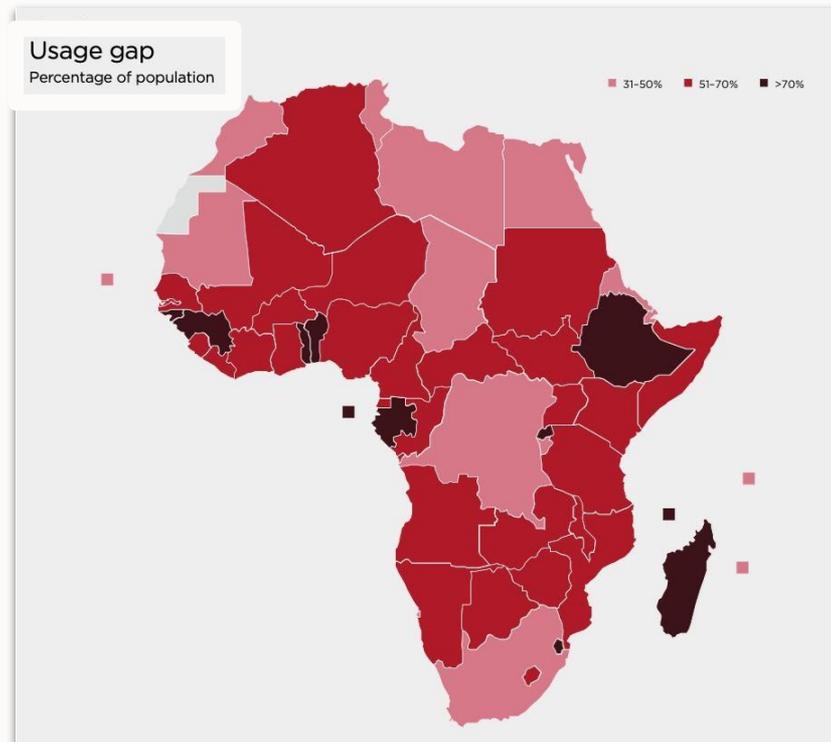
# Ookla believes that good connectivity should not be a privilege

Everything we do is focused on providing objective, accurate performance data and insights to improve **connectivity for all**

# The connectivity gap remains significant in Africa



**~200 million are not covered by an MBB network**



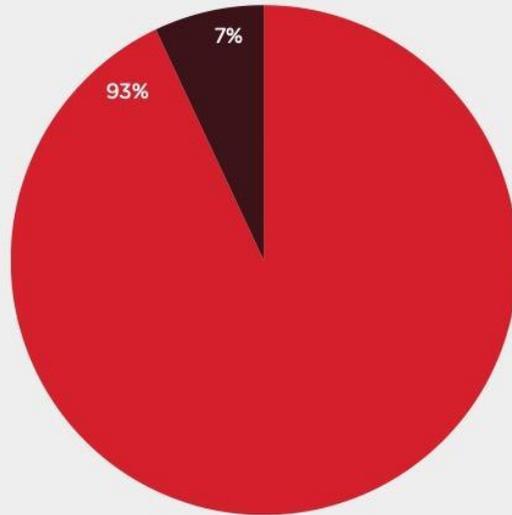
**~800 million do not subscribe to MBB service**

# USF can serve as a tool to close the connectivity gap but lack of reliable data is a persistent problem

The majority of countries in Africa have established a USF

Do you have a USF in your market? (N=40)

Source: GSMA Universal Service Funds in Africa Survey ■ Yes ■ No



## Challenges

- Lack of reliable data
- Lack of overall impact assessment

## Recommendations

- Use a data-led approach to select USF projects
- Set clear and measurable targets for the USF

Source: GSMA

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# Regulators use Ookla data to inform their decisions and plans



## **Benchmarking Network Performance**

Measure network development over time, benchmarked against other countries/regions



## **Assess Impact of Disasters on Connectivity**

Restore connectivity and ensure network resilience



## **Prioritizing Connectivity Investment**

Understand where infrastructure investments are needed



## **Assessing New Technology Deployment**

Access historical network performance and coverage data to understand trends



## **Monitoring Spectrum Deployment**

Track the rollout and adoption of new spectrum



## **Oversee Consumer Protection Initiative**

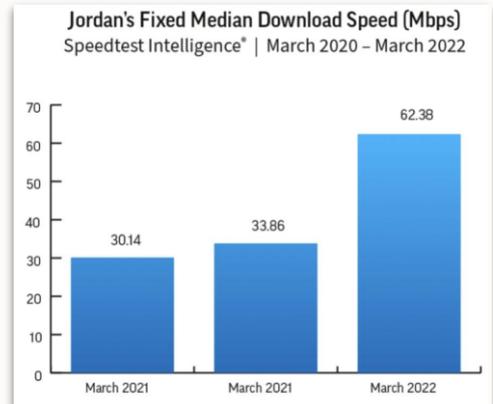
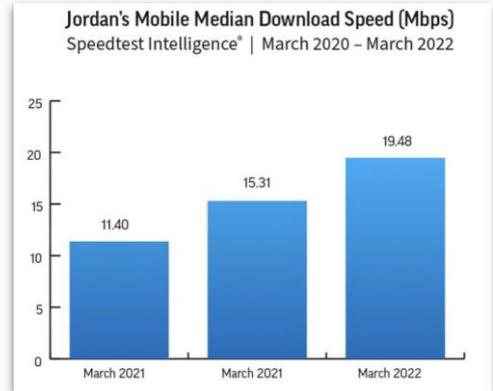
Effective complaints handling, Quality of Service Guarantees, etc.



# Reliable and Resilient Connectivity in Jordan

- Early adopter of crowdsourced network intelligence
  - TRC Jordan helped inform the ITU-T efforts to standardize crowdsourcing (ITU SG12 E.806 and ITU SG12 E.812 recommendations)
- Network resiliency during the pandemic
  - Safely and remotely oversee all coverage and quality issues
  - Understand spectrum utilization post allocation
  - Consumer problem mitigation

- Achieved cost and time savings by integrating crowdsourced data
- 97% consumer problem mitigation
- Improved median download speed on fixed and mobile





# Spectrum Policy Decisions in Saudi Arabia

- Digitalize the country using 5G and satellite broadband for economic growth and national connectivity
  - Part of Vision 2030 to create a thriving digital economy in the coming decade
- Required insights to develop progressive spectrum policy and three-year roadmap
- Spectrum utilization and performance assessments to see where investments had been made within bands

- Evidence-based approach to spectrum assignment
- Ambitious spectrum release plan to become a ITU Region 1 (EMEA) leader in spectrum policies, fostering innovation and commercial opportunities

CITC Spectrum Planning Roadmap

	2019	2020	2021	2022 & Beyond
<b>5G spectrum</b> available to Saudi operators	- 200 MHz* (FR1)	- 200 MHz (FR1)	- 300 MHz (FR1)	- 300 MHz (FR1), - 1000 MHz (FR2)
<b>5G bandwidth</b> capabilities of commercially available 5G devices	100 MHz (FR1)	100 MHz (FR1)	200 MHz (FR1)	300 MHz (FR1), 1000 MHz (FR2)
<b>Examples</b> of 5G-capable devices/modems	Huawei Mate 20 X 5G (HiSilicon Balong 5000), Samsung Galaxy Note 10+ 5G (Exynos 5100), ZTE Axon 10 Pro 5G (Qualcomm X50)	Apple iPhone 12 (Qualcomm X55), Samsung Galaxy S20 Ultra 5G (Exynos 990)	Huawei CPE Pro 2 (HiSilicon Balong 5000), Samsung Galaxy Fold 3 5G (Qualcomm X60)	Qualcomm X65

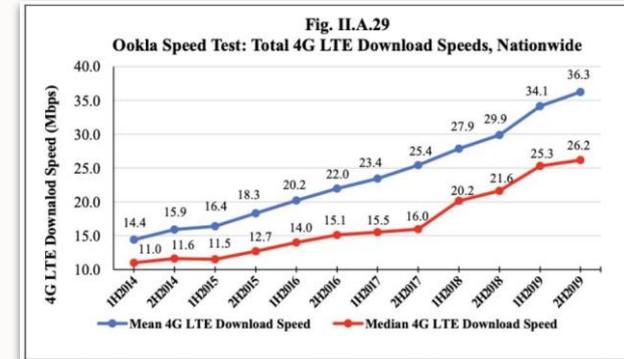
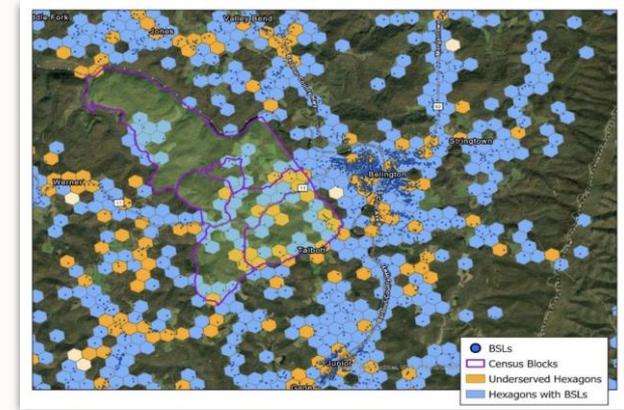
\* Since 2019, stc: 200 MHz (n40, n78); Mobily: 200 MHz (n41, n78); Zain: 190 MHz (n41, n78). Zain implemented 5G CA for their n41 and n78 5G carriers.



# Broadband Infrastructure Expansion in the U.S.A.

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program with \$42.45 billion to expand high-speed internet
- Required a map as accurate and representative as possible to distribute funding and QoS/QoE data for compliance monitoring
- Required by Congress to include crowdsourced data in determining underserved and unserved areas

- Evaluated 10 years of fixed and mobile speed data to establish historical performance benchmarks
- Produced a ‘National Broadband Availability Map’ that identifies ‘areas of need’
- Leverages mobile network coverage and RF network quality data for compliance monitoring



# Stimulate Competition and Improve QoS

- Access comprehensive performance data from a neutral third-party provider
- Consider publicising the performance of all players on its website/social media to increase transparency and accountability
- Identify unserved or underserved communities for nationwide infrastructure improvement
- Pinpoint areas where spectrum efficiency can be improved

- Benchmark MNOs and ISPs on network speed, coverage, readiness for 5G, 4G band usage, home Wi-Fi quality, etc.
- Identification of unserved areas and early 5G deployments sites
- Educate the public on network performance and incentivize operators to improve services and make them more accessible



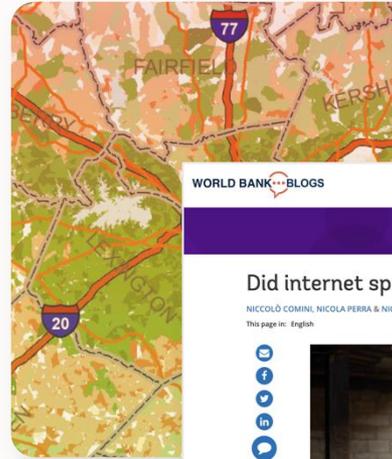
Examples of reports published by UK and Saudi regulators on operators' network performance

# Ookla for Good™

Providing data, analysis, and content to organizations that improve people's lives through internet accessibility. We partner with organizations whose goals align with ours to provide unbiased information about the state of networks worldwide.



- Open data initiatives
- Content and analysis for reports
- Connectivity mapping
- And more



A screenshot of a World Bank blog article. At the top, it features the OECD logo with the tagline "BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES" and the G20 logo. The main headline is "Bridging digital divides in G20 countries". Below this, the article title is "Did internet speed impact exposure to COVID-19?" by Niccolò Comini, Nicola Perrà &amp; Nicolò Gozzi, dated August 04, 2022. The article is categorized under "Digital Development". A featured image shows two young girls in a village in Ecuador using a tablet. A caption reads: "Two young girls in a village in Ecuador use a tablet to complete their after-school activities". Below the image, there is a quote: "Providing fast, reliable, and affordable internet is important to bring more equitable impacts to vulnerable communities." © Shutterstock. The article text discusses the impact of internet access on COVID-19 exposure, noting that connectivity allowed many people to work, receive services, and socialize without physical contact—a key factor in limiting the virus's spread. It also mentions that the Digital Development Global Practice of the World Bank and the University of Greenwich looked into the question of how internet access affected adherence to pandemic-related movement restrictions in three Latin American countries: Colombia, Ecuador, and El Salvador. A final line states: "Why does this matter? Access to the internet alone is not enough to unlock the benefits of digital".

# Thank you

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