

Session 7: Partner2Connect matchmaking roundtable: Matching the country and regional needs with stakeholders' interests to support digital development across the region

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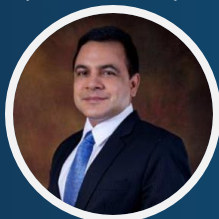
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Matchmaking Roundtable



Partner2Connect

1. Action Framework
2. Global update pledges
3. Regional update pledges
4. Matchmaking process
5. Upcoming events

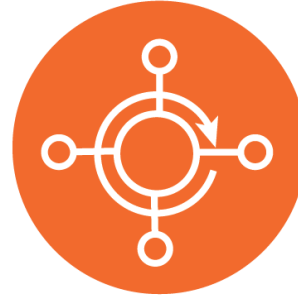
P2C Action Framework - Focus Areas



ACCESS
Connecting people
everywhere



ADOPTION
Empowering
communities



VALUE CREATION
Building Digital
Ecosystems



ACCELERATE
Incentivizing
investments

Pillars {

- Infrastructure
- Affordability
- Cybersecurity

- Skills
- Inclusion
- Local Content/
Services

- Innovation/
Entrepreneurship
- Apps & Services
- Digital Economy

- Innovative Financing
- Project Viability
- Investor Constellation

| P2C Update – July 2026

Partner2Connect
surpasses
USD 100 Billion
in pledges

Pledge Mobilization



Pledges submitted:
1,078

Entities:
501

Countries of pledge-
makers:
149

Estimated financial value:
USD 121 bn

Reporting and Implementation



46% of pledges reporting
progress

51% of entities reporting
progress

Matchmaking and Sharing Experiences



Regional Development Forums 2025 and 2026

Revamped P2C Pledge Portal,
Downloadable pledge list, Final
rollout of **matchmaking
features**

Launch of **P2C Flash**:
A dynamic online magazine of
real pledge impact stories

P2C Annual Meeting –15
December 2025 (withing the
Digital@UNGA WSIS+20 Edition)

Digital@UNGA Anchor Event –
23 Sept 2025

Strengthen Community



P2C Champions:
Amazon, e&, Google, IDB,
Microsoft, ZTE

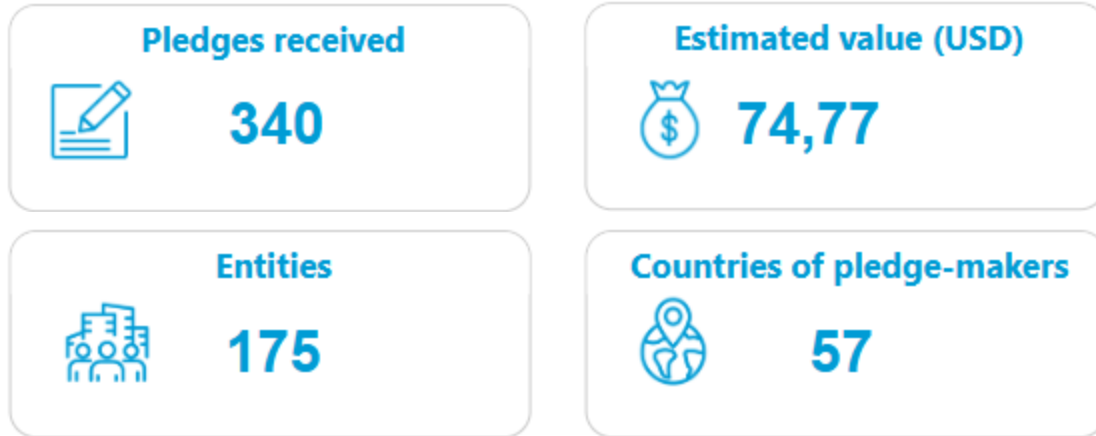
Continued expansion of the
P2C Champions Community

P2C Founding Pledgors
Campaign

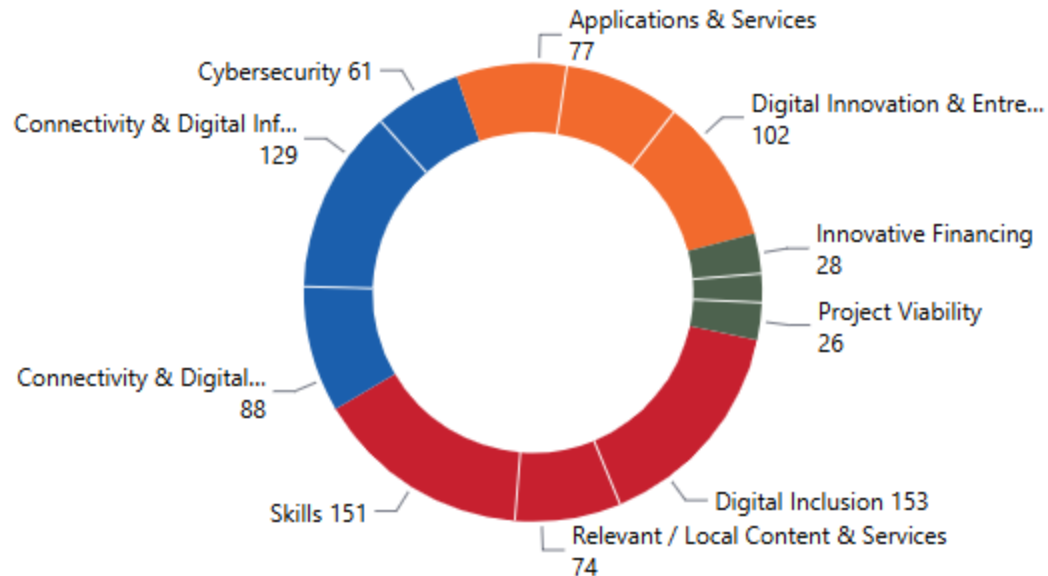
30 UN agencies now
supporting the coalition
(up from 26 in November
2024)

| Status of P2C pledges – Asia and Pacific

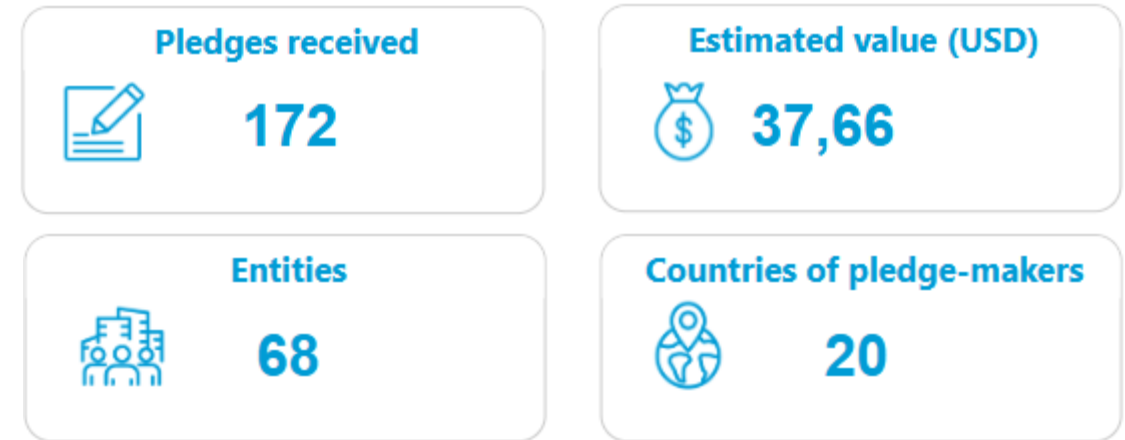
Total pledges to Asia as region of pledge implementation



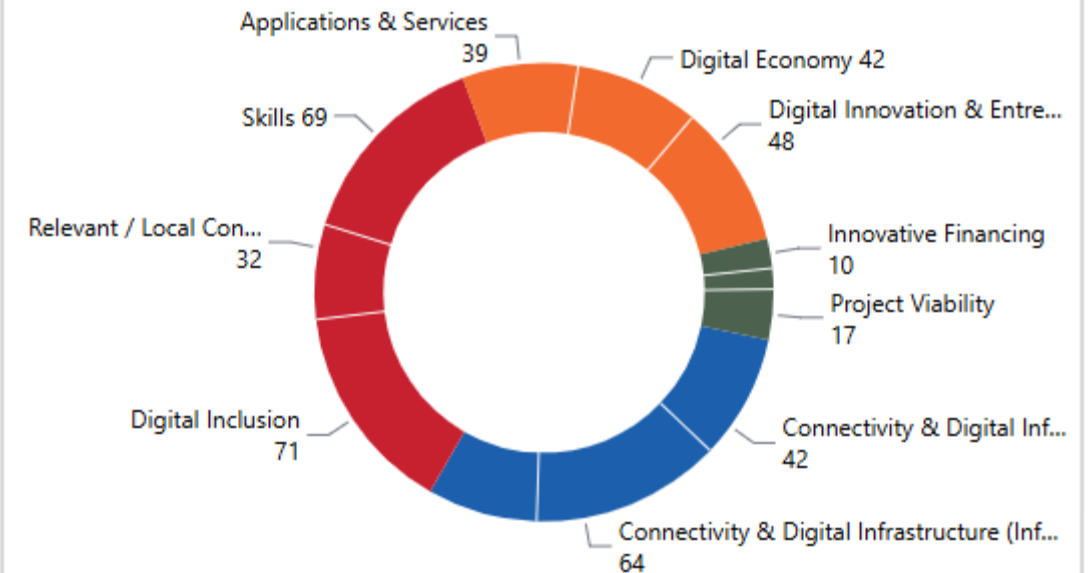
Pledges by Focus Areas and Pillars



Asia as origin of pledge maker to Asia as region of pledge implementation



Pledges by Focus Areas and Pillars



| Matchmaking process

Matchmaking and Sharing Experiences



Regional Development Forums
(RDF) 2025 and 2026

- Translating pledges into concrete commitments to ensure impactful intervention on the ground
 - RDFs features matchmaking roundtables as integral part of the programmes to instigate dialogue between pledgers (supply) and beneficiaries (demand)
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- **11 contributions** have been received by stakeholders from the Americas and abroad, to support the implementation of the WTDC-25 outcomes (Baku Action Plan) at the regional level, in particular the ITU Regional Initiatives for Americas
 - There contributions will be discussed during this RDF, potentially becoming P2C pledges and after the matchmaking process translated into commitments to support the Baku Action Plan at the regional level

★ SUCCESS STORY

CONNECTING MINDS. BUILDING FUTURES.

Expanding school connectivity in Timor-Leste and across the globe.



TIMOR-LESTE
Building a connected learning future, together.



TIMOR-LESTE TODAY

5 of 100
schools are online



FUNDING & DURATION

3 years
after activation
\$1 million
pledged



PROJECT REACH

100
schools
connected by end



IMPACT GOAL

Stronger education.
Brighter futures.
Lasting impact.

• BROADER REGIONAL ROLLOUT •



55
SCHOOLS
in 8 African
countries



35
SCHOOLS
in 7 Asia-Pacific
countries



10
SCHOOLS
in Mexico



Together, we're bridging the digital divide
and unlocking opportunity for every child.



Better Access
to digital learning
resources



Empowered
teachers and
students



Stronger
communities and
brighter futures



Events Highlights

Regional Development Forums in 2025

	Meeting Region	RDFs dates (2025)	Location
	Arab States	<u>3 February</u>	Amman, Jordan
	Europe	<u>24 February</u>	Budapest, Hungary
	Asia and the Pacific	<u>19 March</u>	Bangkok, Thailand
	Americas	<u>31 March</u>	Asunción, Paraguay
	Africa	<u>7 April</u>	Nairobi, Kenya
	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	<u>23 April</u>	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Regional Development Forums in 2026

	Meeting Region	RDFs dates (2026)	Location
	Europe	<u>24 March 2026</u>	Prague, Czech Republic
	Africa	<u>25-26 May 2026</u>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
	Americas	<u>16-17 June 2026</u>	Cartagena, Colombia
	Arab States	1-2 July (TBC)	TBD
	Asia and the Pacific	16-17 July 2026	Bangkok, Thailand
	Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	29-30 September 2026	Dushanbe, Tajikistan



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Upcoming Community Events



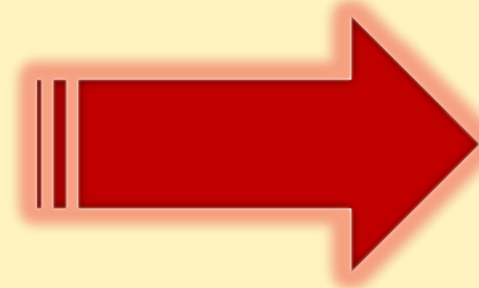
P2C @ WTPF-26	Digital@UNGA
Date: 2 -6 September 2026 Format: In-Person, P2C Investment Solutions LAB Time: TBC, 90 Minutes Theme: Unlocking Investment Priorities in Digital Infrastructure Venue: TBC, Nassau, Bahamas World Telecommunication Policy Forum	Date: 21 September 2026 Venue: New York City Format: Hybrid To showcase and celebrate the power of digital during the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.
Scan here to register: 	Scan here to explore highlights: 

The background of the entire image is an aerial view of the Kuala Lumpur skyline. The Petronas Twin Towers are the most prominent features in the center. Other notable buildings include the Kuala Lumpur Tower on the right and various modern skyscrapers throughout the city. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent yellow banner at the bottom.

MALAYSIA'S PARTNER2CONNECT COMMITMENTS SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE & SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA-PACIFIC

FROM CONNECTIVITY GAPS TO DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY

In 2020, Veveonah Mosibin from rural Sabah gained national attention after climbing a tree to access the Internet for her online examination. She has since completed her first degree in Marine Science and is now pursuing medicine. Her journey reminds us that meaningful connectivity is not only about networks, but about enabling education, unlocking potential and transforming lives.



Malaysia's Partner2Connect commitments build on this same principle: ensuring that connectivity translates into inclusion, empowerment and sustainable development for every community.

MALAYSIA'S ACTIVE PARTNER2CONNECT PLEDGES

FOCUS AREA

1

ACCESS

- MCMC NEXUS

2

ADOPTION

- NADI
- MCMC ACADEMY

3

VALUE CREATION

- NADI
- MCMC ACADEMY
- MCMC NEXUS

4

ACCELERATE

- KITAR
- KITAR 2.0

ADOPTION & VALUE CREATION

NATIONAL INFORMATION DISSEMINATION CENTRE (NADI)

1,099
centres
economy-wide

2M+
community
members
reached

Winner

World Summit on
Information Society
(WSIS) Prize 2025



Community Digital Inclusion

Internet access, digital literacy and public-facing support for rural and underserved communities.



Smart Services Model

Pillars:

1. Entrepreneurship
2. Lifelong Learning
3. Well-Being
4. Digital Awareness
5. Access to Government Services



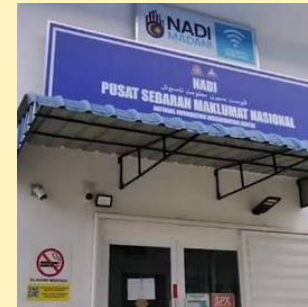
NADI Initiatives

NADI on Wheels (NOW), AI@NADI through “1 NADI 1 Prompt Engineer”, industry-relevant digital skill programs complemented by micro-credentials.



Training Pathways

Training and mentoring cover entrepreneurship, digital marketing, e-commerce, cashless payments and AI through strategic partnerships.



NADI is country's last mile digital ecosystem, ensuring that every community has access not only to connectivity, but also opportunities to participate meaningfully in the digital economy.

ADOPTION & VALUE CREATION

MCMC ACADEMY



Fellowship Programme for LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS

Support selected participants to attend the Converged Telecommunications Policy and Regulation (CTPR) Programme, specialised regulatory masterclasses and regional capacity-building programmes, including those conducted with the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT).



Scholarship Support for Palestine

In support of ITU Council Resolution 1424, Malaysia has pledged scholarships to build Palestine's digital workforce, strengthen regulatory capacity and support sustainable digital recovery.



ACCESS & VALUE CREATION



KEY FEATURES MCMC NEXUS:



SPEED TEST

Measure internet speed and performance



ROUTE SURVEY

Collect data on connectivity along travel routes



BUILDING SURVEY

Assess indoor coverage and network quality

Partnership Offer: QoE monitoring, compliance benchmarking, evidence-based regulation, and analytics support for interested LDCs, LLDCs and SIDs.

ACCELERATE

KITAR

Peranti Lama, Nafas Baharu.

- Established 2015
- E-waste disposal only
- 15 tonnes e-waste collected (~90,000 units)
- 166 drop points

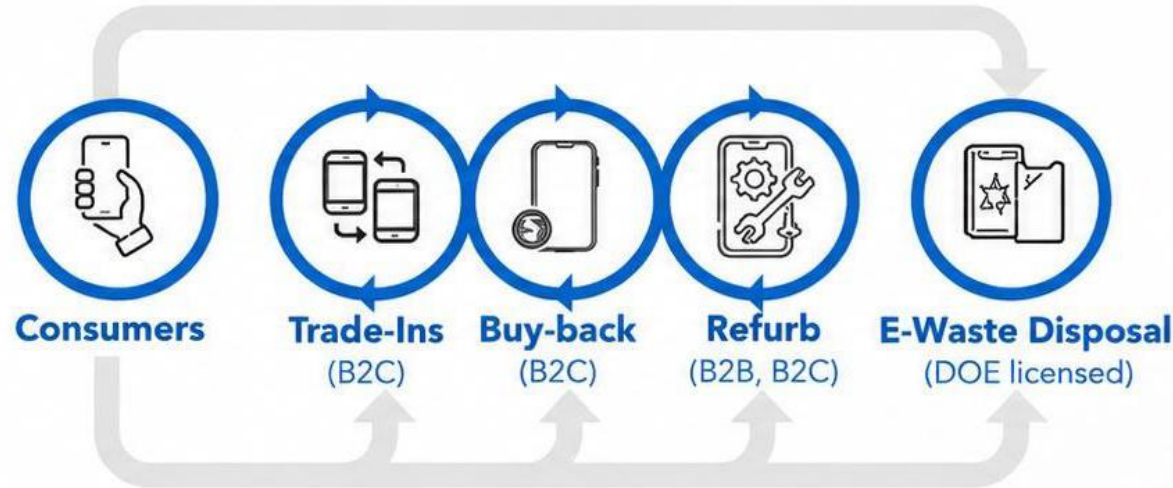
POS
MALAYSIA

Pos Malaysia
(logistics)

Shan Poornam Sdn. Bhd.
A Jornta Company

Shan Poornam
(recycling)

KITAR 1.0 - safe e-waste disposal focus



KITAR 2.0 aims to keep the ICT device "circular"
(in alignment with NRES, KPKT Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR))

Refurbishment Guidelines & Standards

Device grading, safety testing, QA protocols (imported & local)

Data Erasure Verification

NIST 800-88 certified wipe before Resale. IEEE 2883-2022 Data Destruction Standards.

Approved Refurbisher

Registration and certification of entities



MCMC Label (Refurbished)

Consumer quality signal at point of resale.

KITAR:

Progress to Date

- 166 collection points nationwide
- Approximately 15 tonnes of e-waste collected
- Equivalent to around 90,000 devices

KITAR 2.0: Expected Impact

Environmental

- Reduced e-waste and extended device lifecycles

Social

- More affordable access to ICT devices

Economic

- Development of repair, refurbishment, logistics, recycling and circular economy value chains

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Intervention in response to Malaysia's MCMC support

Mr. Yasser Al-Wahidi
Advisor to the Minister for Digital Transformation
Ministry of Telecommunications and Digital Economy
State of Palestine



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SES in Partner2Connect

Connecting Schools, Empowering Communities,
Bridging the Digital Divide

SES continues to advance its 2022 pledge to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) under the Partner2Connect (P2C) initiative, reinforcing its commitment to connecting the unconnected.

Through this initiative, SES aims to connect schools in rural and remote areas, enhance digital skills, and expand access to online learning opportunities.

Since 2022, the program has attracted interest from over 100 schools across 16 countries, demonstrating the growing impact of SES's efforts to bridge the digital divide. SES remains committed to delivering meaningful connectivity solutions that empower communities across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.



Timor-Leste: First P2C Project Delivered

Connecting Schools Through SES's Partner2Connect Commitment

In partnership with the **Ministry of Transport and Communications (Timor-Leste)**, SES successfully delivered its first Partner2Connect (P2C) project, connecting **5 schools** through the **FlexEnterprise Hosted** service.

As part of SES's commitment to the P2C initiative, connectivity will be provided **free of charge for three years**. SES also delivered a **fully managed turnkey solution**, including the design, integration, deployment, and operation of the service, helping expand access to digital learning opportunities for students and educators.



Process

Using GEO Ku-band capacity

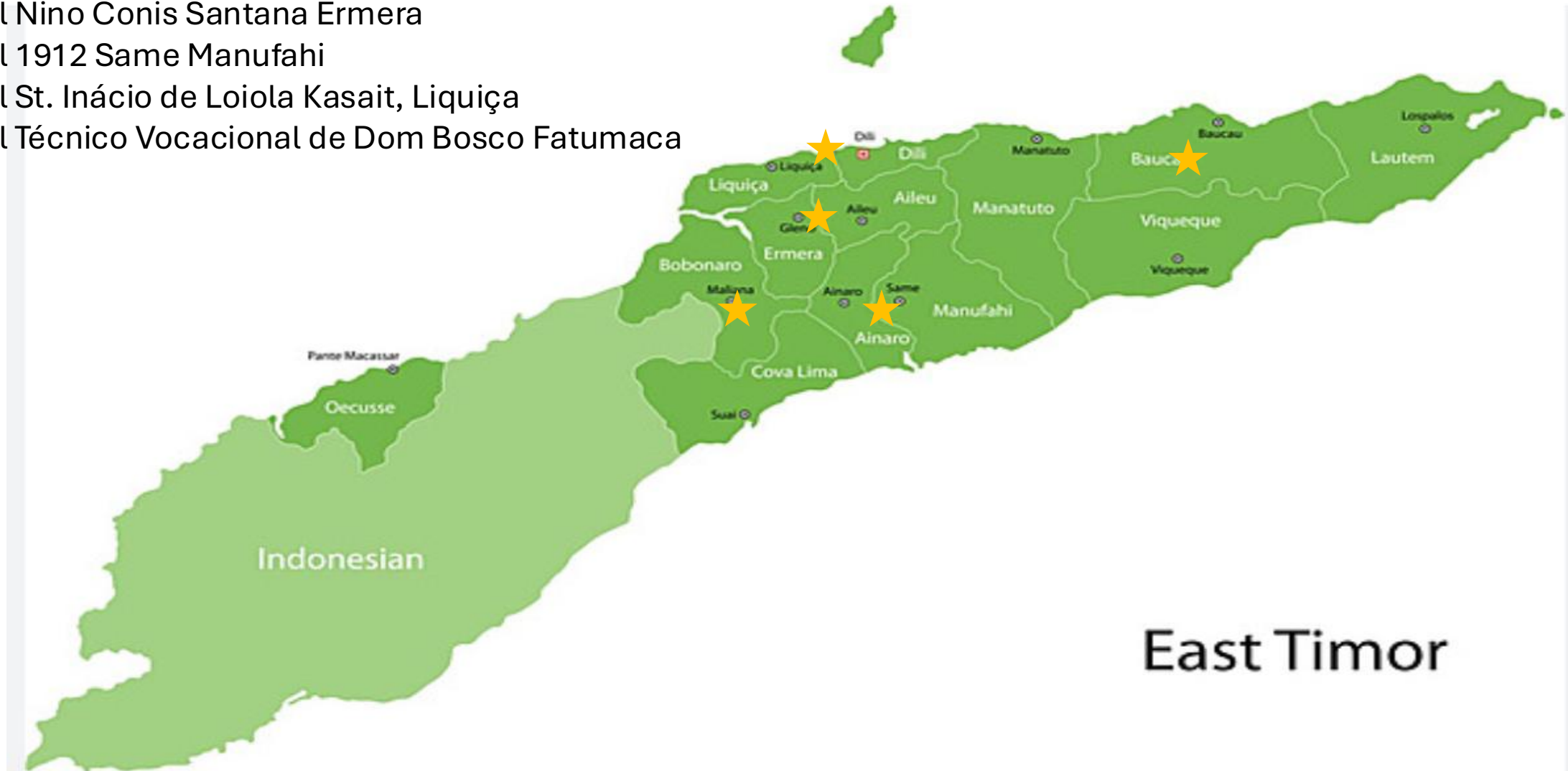
The 6-month implementation period included the following steps:

1. Target main contact point at Timor-Leste government
 - Director General for Transport and Communications (MTC)
2. Identify schools across the country
 - 5 disseminated, isolated locations
3. Conduct site survey in each location
4. Ship equipment (from Netherlands)
5. Install equipment (1.2 m VSAT antennas)
 - BCOM is regional installer partner
6. Do testing & Activate service



Activation initiated in Q2 2025

1. School Dom Martinho Maliana
2. School Nino Conis Santana Ermera
3. School 1912 Same Manufahi
4. School St. Inácio de Loiola Kasait, Liquiça
5. School Técnico Vocacional de Dom Bosco Fatumaca



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