

# Connect2Recover

Building back better with broadband

**Webinar: Identifying Country-level Connectivity Gaps and  
Building Resilience To Future Pandemics**

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## Facing the emergency

More than **480** entries worldwide.  
ITU analysis identified key insights  
into the most common responses.



## Preparing the future

ITU analysis is now looking into long-term initiatives based on lessons learned: What next? Are these measures sustainable? How have regulatory frameworks evolved?



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Regulatory Practices

Map

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## Global Network Resiliency Platform

**What's Next:** How effective were immediate measures?  
What will the future recovery look like?

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The Global Network Resiliency Platform (#REG4COVID) is a place where ICT regulators, policy makers and other interested stakeholders can **share** information, **view** what initiatives and measures have been introduced around the world designed to help ensure communities remain connected, during the COVID-19 crisis.

In a first phase of analysis, the platform served to identify key insights from exceptional temporary regulatory measures taken during the "emergency" phase (April – September 2020).

With a **new second survey** to its members and other ICT stakeholders, ITU is now looking at the "recovery" phase to address: What next? Are these measures sustainable? How have regulatory frameworks evolved? What long-term policy and regulatory trends have been introduced for and by the different groups of stakeholders? What works and what doesn't work?

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### REG4COVID Initiatives Around the World

### Latest Submissions

Latest set of reports and the way forward - Fighting COVID-19 Disinformation Monitoring Programme - 28/01/2021  
International and Regional Organizations | International

The European Commission publishes a set of reports on actions taken in December 2020, provided by the signatories of the Code of Practice on Disinformation as part of the COVID-19 monitoring and reporting programme. The Commission also announces the continuation of the programme as the pandemic is still unfolding. The COVID-19 monitoring programme is a transparency measure to ensure public account (...)

**Digital inclusion: Global COVID-19 response** - 26/01/2021  
International and Regional Organizations | International

On the International Day of Education, the BDT Director spoke on a panel organised by UNESCO and the Global Partners for Education on the theme "Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation". She highlighted the work that Giga is doing to provide universal (internet) access to every school and equip learners with high-quality, vetted, and safe content.

**Together we can defeat the COVID-19** - 04/01/2021  
TELECOMICT Policy Makers and Regulators | Asia & Pacific | Bhutan

The Royal Government of Bhutan is putting in place every measure necessary to safeguard the people of Bhutan from the COVID-19 pandemic – the Coronavirus. With our biggest assurance and comfort coming from His Majesty The King who is selflessly looking after the people, at such a difficult time, we on our part must remain united and support one another to contain the spread of the virus in our country (...)

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### ITU REGULATORY INSIGHTS

- Joint-Statement: UN75 GGF Partnership Dialogue for Connectivity - Accelerating Digital Connectivity in the Wake of COVID-19
- ITU Report: Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Digital Infrastructure - Report of an Economic Experts Roundtable
- REG4COVID Analytics
- ITU Report: Pandemic in the Internet Age: communications industry responses, GSR Discussion Paper on ensuring connectivity and business continuity – key lessons learned
- ITU Report: First Overview of ICT Policy and Regulatory Key Initiatives in Response to COVID-19
- Summary of Telecommunication/ICT Sector responses to COVID-19
- Digital Cooperation during COVID-19 and beyond:
  - Webinar #1: Connectivity - Situation Assessment
  - Webinar #2: Connectivity: Best Practices: What Works, What Doesn't
- ITU-R Response to COVID-19: M. Maniewicz Interview to Forum Europe: Spectrum, Connectivity and COVID-19

# What is REG4COVID?

In March 2020, ITU launched the REG4COVID platform to enable ITU members to share and draw on experiences, ongoing initiatives, and other immediate business, policy and regulatory measures and practices that countries were taking to ensure communities remain connected and safe during the pandemic through telecommunication/ICT.







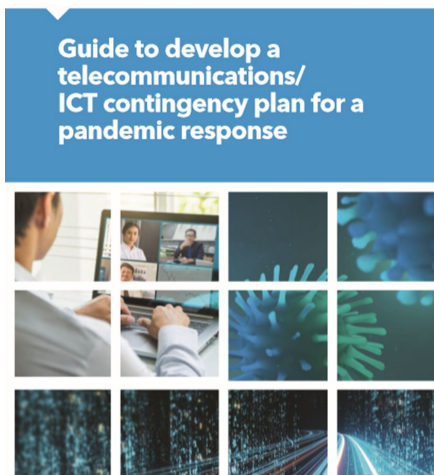
# Pandemics and Emergency Telecommunications

*Unlike other disasters that may cause severe devastation to telecommunications/ICT infrastructure, pandemics, such as COVID-19, **have caused an increase in the use of ICT infrastructure especially in data traffic in both wired and wireless networks***





# Guide to develop ICT contingency plans for pandemics



*The COVID-19 crisis has demonstrated the essential role of connectivity worldwide and the importance of having a robust, resilient, and secure telecommunications/ICT infrastructure to social welfare, the global economy and for coordination mechanisms to respond to it.*

*Therefore...ICTs are a critical enabler to build capacity to anticipate, to mitigate and to prepare for response so that hazards do not lead to disasters.*

**Purpose** - Assist Member States to:

1 Mitigation

- Country assessments to **identify weaknesses** and **gaps**
- Use different technologies to **connect** the unconnected

2 Preparedness

- **Prepare telecoms/ICT management elements**
- **Develop provisions** to be considered by regulators and governments



4 Recovery

- **Identify best practices and lessons learned**
- **Increase resilience in ICT infrastructure**
- **Build back better**

3 Response

- **Ensure network continuity and service delivery** throughout the emergency

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