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

15 March 2021

COVID-19 has highlighted that **digital infrastructure is not just a convenience but an essential requirement** for fully-fledged participation in society and the economy. Broadband connectivity has proved vital in helping countries' businesses and citizens adapt and respond to the pandemic, enabling them to access the latest health information and continue working, learning and socializing remotely.



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Objective

Expand access to affordable and reliable connectivity in beneficiary countries as they adjust in the wake of COVID-19

Focus Area

Identifying gaps and bottlenecks in the use of digital networks and technologies

Digital infrastructure and ecosystems adequately support recovery efforts and the “new normal”

Pilot projects to test specific technological solutions in line with national country strategies and policies

Regions

Africa
Asia Pacific
CIS
Americas



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Partners

MIC Japan



King Salman
Humanitarian Aid and
Relief Centre (Saudi
Arabia)



Budget

CHF 500,000

USD 562,000

Potential Partners

UN Agencies

Governments

Private Sector

Academia

Other donor agencies



(as of 14 Feb 2021)

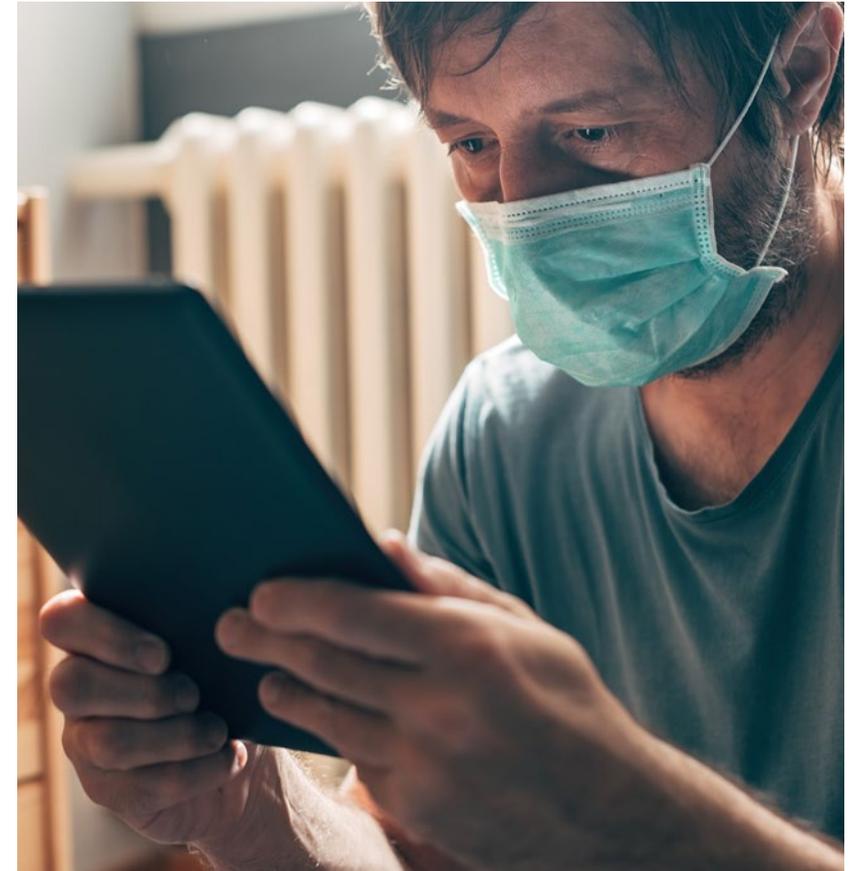
On Going Work

■ Study :

- ✓ A comprehensive study "Identifying country-level connectivity gaps and building resilience to future pandemics"

■ Country-level implementation:

- ✓ Connect2Recover is supporting Giga Initiative in providing funds to connect 10 schools in Rwanda.
- ✓ Haiti and Armenia have now joined the Connect2Recover initiative as beneficiary countries, with specific projects being designed in these countries with the leadership of CIS and Americas Regional Offices.
- ✓ Discussions have been opened with a number of other potential beneficiary countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and Caribbean.



On Going Work

- **Potential Partners :**
 - ✓ Current partners : Japan and Saudi Arabia
 - ✓ Support agreements with Australia (led by the Asia-Pacific Regional Office)
 - ✓ Huawei
 - ✓ With these partners on board, the Initiative will have raised around \$2m USD
- **Steering Committee Meeting:**
 - ✓ First Steering Committee of the Initiative is scheduled on 24th March where progress on Connect2Recover will be presented to our partners.





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