

# Bangladesh Profile (Latest data available: 2018)

## Various statistics (Latest data available: 2018)

Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.4
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	94.4
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	1.9
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	36.4
Households with a computer (%)	11.1
Households with Internet access at home (%)	19.4
Individuals using the Internet (%)	18

## Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology
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## Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Md Jahurul Haque
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman
Legal document creating the regulator	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act 2001
Year separate regulator created	2002
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2005]	Ministry of Finance
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award/auction of mobile licence, percentage: 1.05%,</li> <li>• Licence fees, percentage: 2.06%,</li> <li>• Spectrum fees, percentage: 46.225%,</li> <li>• Fines/penalties, percentage: 0.032%,</li> <li>• Regulated telecom operators • Regulated telecom operators percentage: 48.89%, percentage of operator revenue (turnover):,</li> <li>• Other • Other, Source:, percentage: 1.72%,</li> </ul>
Reporting requirements of the regulator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report to the public</li> </ul>

## Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	S R
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	S R
Entity in charge of price regulation	S R
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	R
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	R
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	R
Entity in charge of numbering	R
Entity in charge of type approval	R
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R



<b>Entity in charge of universal service/access</b>	S R
<b>Quality of service standards setting</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations</b>	R
<b>Broadcasting (sound transmission)</b>	O
<b>Entity in charge of broadcasting content</b>	O
<b>Entity in charge of Information Technology</b>	R
<b>Entity in charge of Internet content</b>	R

S: Sector Ministry

O: Other Ministry or Government body

R: Regulatory Authority

Op: Operator

N: Not regulated

M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

### Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2018)

<b>Local Fixed Line Services</b>	C*	
<b>Domestic fixed long distance</b>	P*	P: 2009
<b>International Fixed Long Distance</b>	C*	
<b>Mobile</b>	C*	
<b>IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)</b>	C*	
<b>Wireless Local Loop</b>	C*	
<b>DSL</b>	C*	
<b>Cable modem</b>	N	
<b>Fixed Wireless Broadband</b>	P*	P: 2010
<b>Leased Lines</b>	P*	P: 2009
<b>International Gateways</b>	C*	
<b>Internet Services</b>	C*	
<b>Cable Television</b>	N	
<b>Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)</b>	N	
<b>Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)</b>	N	
<b>VSAT</b>	C*	

M: Monopoly

P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)

C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)

N: N/A

### Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2018)

<b>Definition of universal service/access exists</b>	No
<b>Universal access/service policy adopted</b>	Yes
<b>Voice services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	• Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition
<b>Internet services included in Universal service/access definition</b>	• Broadband as part of universal service definition

**Other services included in Universal service/access definition**

- Telecentres as part of universal service definition
- Schools : at the Sub-District and Union level,
- Health centres : at the Sub-District and Union level,
- Emergency services as part of universal service definition
- Services for impaired/ elderly
- Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Local Government Offices at the Sub-District and Union level,

**Operators under universal access/service obligation** • No obligations in place

**Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices** No

**Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2018)**

**Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations** • Universal service funds

**Operational Universal Service Fund** Yes

**If Yes, when?**

**Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF** • Mobile operators

**Means of calculating USF contribution amounts** • Percentage of total gross revenues (turnover) Percentage: ,

**USF financed by other sources** No

**USF budget financing by source (in percentage)**

**Regulator administrating USF** Yes

**If No, name the entity responsible**

**Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service** No

**If Yes, please explain [2013]** According to the provision of Article-21(KA), BAct:2001a, Social Obligation Fund has been created. Draft rules regarding utilization of the fund is under consideration of Ministry of Posts & Telecommunication, Government of Bangladesh.