

Afghanistan 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	60.4
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	19.2
Households with a computer (%)	3.4
Households with Internet access at home (%)	5.7
Individuals using the Internet (%)	11.4

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2018)

Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs

Noorul Hadi Rahmanzai

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2018)

Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Haroon Hazim, Afghanistan Telecom Regulatory Authority
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Dr. Mohammad Najib Azizi
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman of ATRA.
Legal document creating the regulator	Article no 10 and 37 of the Constitution.
Year separate regulator created	2005
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	Yes
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2005]	Minister
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licence fees, percentage; • Numbering fees, percentage; • Regulatory fees, percentage; • Other • Other, Source: Renewal Fee, Registration and Application Fee, Modification Fee, Assignment License Fee, Good Description Fee, Short code application fee, CDR fee, RFP fee., percentage;
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Report to President/Head of State

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2018)

Entity in charge of licensing	R Op
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op
Entity in charge of price regulation	R Op
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 Op

Entity in charge of universal service/access	R	
Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	O R Op M*	M: Ministry of Information and Culture.
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O M*	M: Ministry of Information and Culture.
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S M*	M: Ministry of Communication and IT
Entity in charge of Internet content	S O R Op M*	M: Ministry of Information and Culture, Ministry of Communication and IT

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)

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

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	• Voice telephony services
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Telecentres as part of universal service definition • Schools ;, • Health centres ;, • Services for impaired/ elderly

Operators under universal access/service obligation • Mobile operators

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 net revenues Percentage: 2.5%,

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 [2005] The TRB shall establish, administer and maintain the TDF in a separate account. All payments made shall be credited to and all funding for universal access shall be made from this account.