Broadband development in Kiribati

Facilitating
the achievement of National Development Goals

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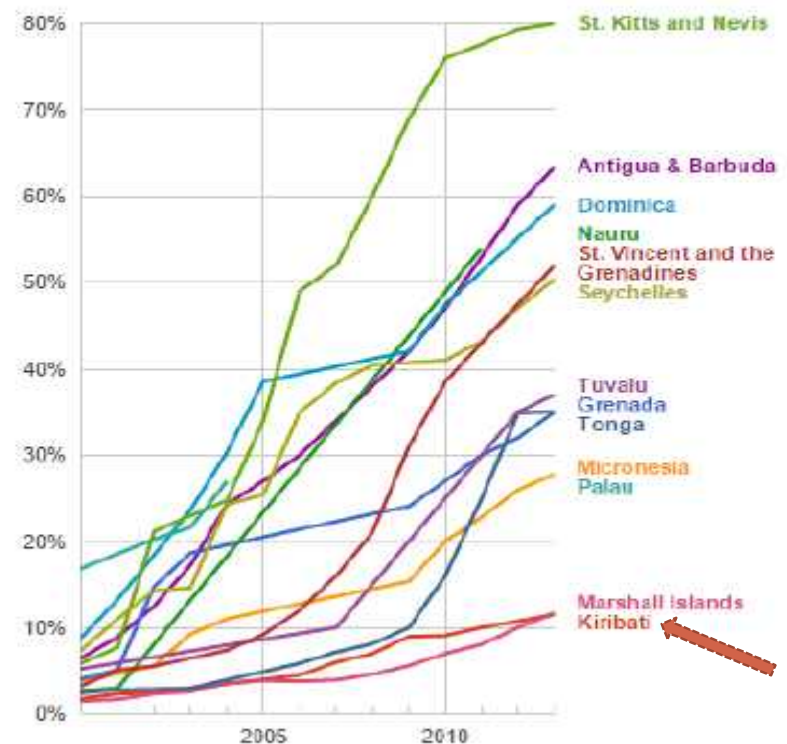
Country Profile: KIRIBATI

- 33 coral and atoll islands scattered over vast ocean of 3.5 Million sq kms.
- Population is 103,058 (2010 population census)
- Least developed and
- Least connected country

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Broadband Usage

➢ Broadband connectivity provided by
ISP (ATH) and Direct link from Satellite
Companies

➢ Up to 20% of the population access
internet using ADSL, Wi-Max, VSAT &
3G services

Figure 5 Percentage of individuals using the Internet

St. Kitts and Nevis
Antigua & Barbuda
Dominica
Nauru
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Seychelles
Tuvalu
Grenada
Tonga
Micronesia
Palau
Marshall Islands
Kiribati

Source: ITU http://www.itu.int/net4/itu-d/icteye/

National Development Goals

➢ To improve the welfare of all I-Kiribati through improved and efficient communication.

  ➢ Decent communication facilities that are available, affordable & accessible

➢ To regulate Telecommunication systems and services and related matters

  ➢ ICT sector reform (liberalization & open competition)

  ➢ Universal access plan and service obligations

➢ To advocate in providing trainings on ICT literacy.

  ➢ Capacity building to public interest

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Development Activities

Government Telecommunication Priorities:

➢ Preparation for National ICT Policy

➢ Amendments to Telecommunication Act as outdated.

➢ Sale of Government Telecom Company(TSKL)

➢ Open Competition (new entrant)

➢ Mobile/Voice and broadband rollout

Challenges

➢ To connect Remote islands

➢ Current connectivity is poor

➢ High cost of bandwidth & infrastructure

➢ Lack of 24/7 available information – no Government Portal

➢ Limited resources (ICT legal advice & policy makers)

➢ Funding constraints (delay and insufficient)

➢ Development Partners procedures (Timespan lengthy)

Achievements – Gok Four Year Plan

Government four-year plan (2011-2015)

Ministry Strategic Plan 2011 – 2015

> ➢ To provide an innovative, integrated transportation and communication system that is safe, efficient, affordable and accessible to all

➢ 2011 – National ICT Policy established

➢ 2013 – Communication Act enacted

➢ 2013 – Communication Commission of Kiribati (Regulator)

➢ 2015 – Sale of incumbent Government owned Telecom company and purchased by ATH

➢ 2015 – Establish Nationa

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