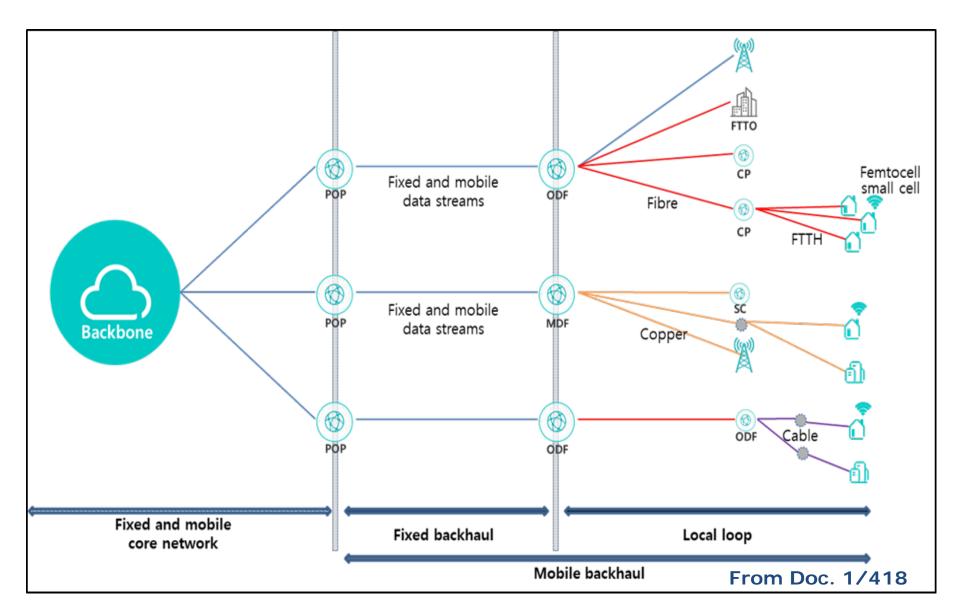
What innovative (wireless or wired) solutions have you seen to extend connectivity to rural communities in particular?

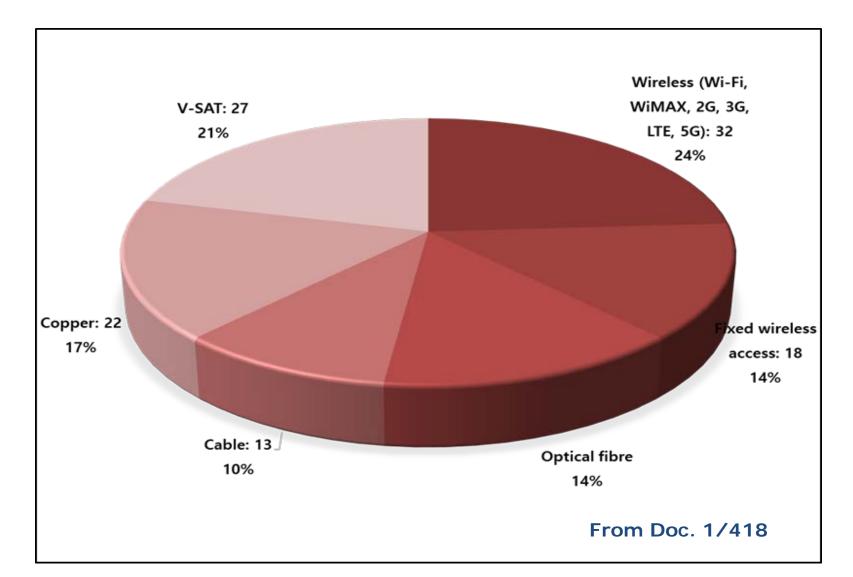
 ITU-D SG1 Rapporteur's Group's final report is available from the following URL; <u>https://www.itu.int/md/D18-SG01-C-</u> 0418/en

The report is the analysis of inputs from the membership on the study question of "Telecommunications/ICTs development for rural and remote areas". The group collected 93 case studies for 2018-20 period.

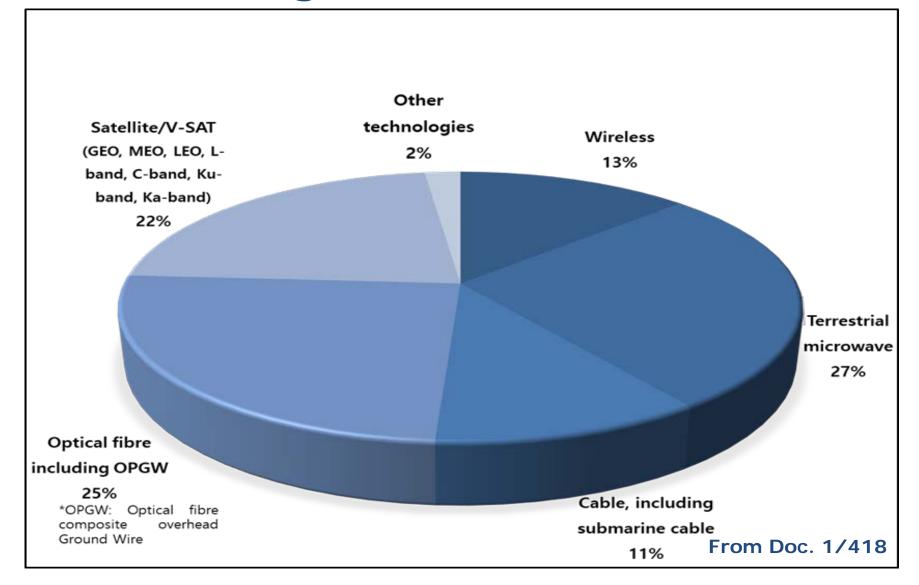
#### Mobile and fixed network architecture



# Access technologies used for connecting rural and remote areas



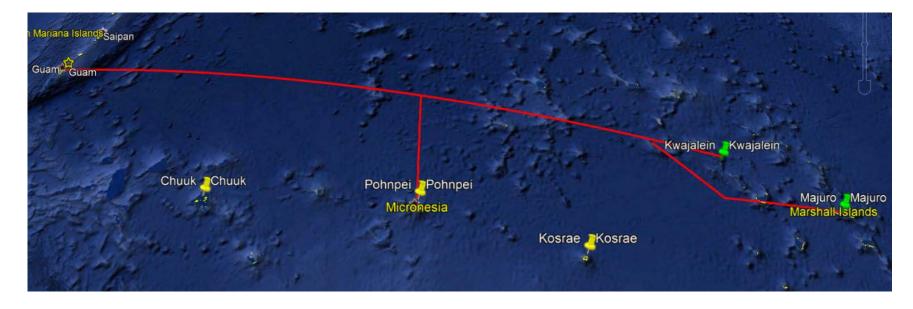
## Backhaul technologies used for connecting rural and remote areas



Federated States of Micronesia (SIDS) Connectivity (Doc. SG1RGQ/239-E, annex 1)

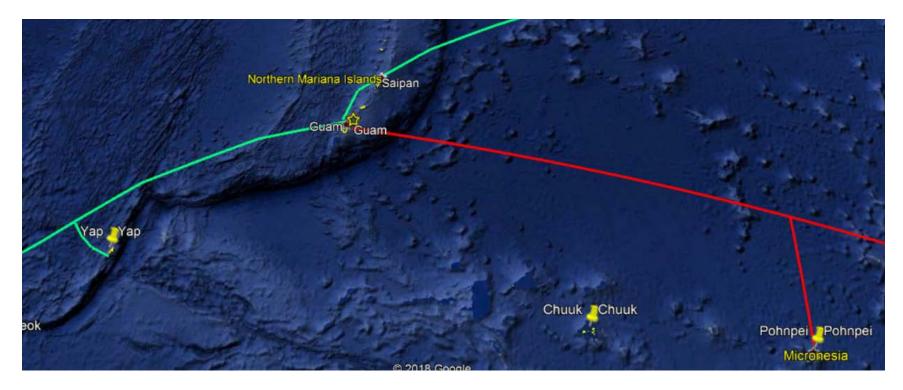
- FSM is located in the Western Pacific
- Consists of four states (Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae)
- 2850km East West separation
- 118,000 People
- Prior to 2010, the only international connectivity to
- FSM was via Satellite.

## 2010 Hantru Cable System



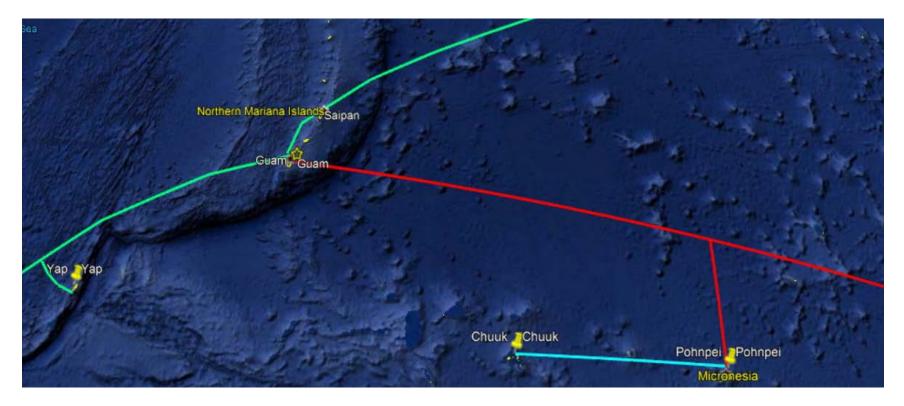
Primary Connectivity between Kwajalein , Marshall Islands and Guam. Privately Owned with IRU to US Government. Branches and 2 nd Fiber Pair shared by Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia. Majuro, Marshall Islands and Pohnpei, FSM Connectivity to Guam Pohnpei-Guam Capacity; Design Capacity 4x 10Gbps, Provisioned Capacity 1x 10Gbps, 4x 2.5Gbps Funded by United States Rural Utility Service (RUS) Loan

#### 2018-Yap Spur Cable System



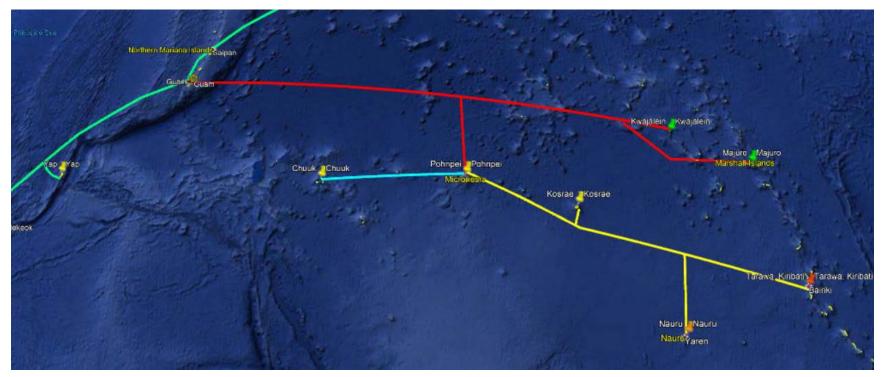
Branch into the SEA US Cable System (Philippines and Indonesia to Guam to Los Angeles) -5x 100Gbps Wavelength IRUs from Telin Branching Unit to Guam : Initial Provisioning 10Gpbs with Domestic Traffic forwarding over Hantru to Pohnpei, FSM Branch via GTA Backhaul across Guam to Hantru Cable Landing Station. Funded by World Bank Grant to FSM

#### 2019-Chuuk to Pohnpei Cable System



Cable System between Chuuk Pohnpei Design Capacity: 10 Tbps / Initial Capacity: 10 Gbps Domestic distribution via Pohnpei International Traffic Forwarding via HANTRU Cable System to Guam Funded by World Bank Grant to FSM

## 2021 – East Micronesia Cable System



Regional Cable System–Kiribati Nauru Kosrae, FSM Pohnpei, FSM Funded by a combination of World Bank Grants (FSM and Kiribati) and Asia Development Bank Loans (Nauru)

#### **Critical Issues**

During System Implementation

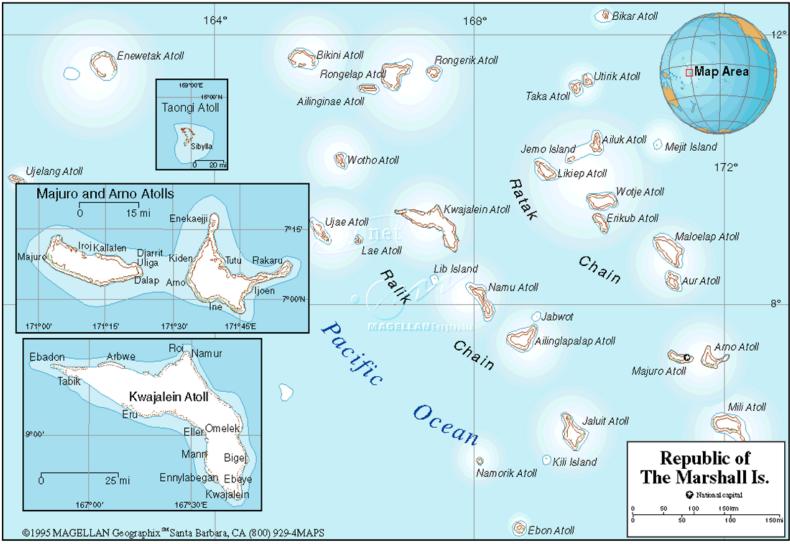
 Local Contractor Resources for Construction
 Local Technical Expertise / Capacity
 Private Property and Right of Way Issues

During Operations

 Local Technical Expertise for O&M
 O&M Costs
 Marine Maintenance
 Training

Cable System Capacities greatly exceed the requirements of small island communities, even future requirements.

### Republic of Marshall Island (29 atolls and islands connected by satellite, APT J3 project rpt.)



# **NLOS link for Rural Connectivity** Using TV white space spectrum in Nepal, etc.

