



# Giga: An initiative to connect every school to the Internet, and every young person to information, opportunity and choice

# Giga is highlighted in the UN Secretary General's Roadmap for **Digital Cooperation** as a Key Way Forward to achieve **Universal Connectivity\***

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **1A: Every adult should have affordable access to digital networks**

*We recommend that by 2030, every adult should have affordable access to digital networks, as well as digitally-enabled financial and health services, as a means to make a substantial contribution to achieving the SDGs. Provision of these services should guard against abuse by building on emerging principles and best practices, one example of which is providing the ability to opt in and opt out, and by encouraging informed public discourse.*

### **1B: Have a broad, multi-stakeholder alliance, involving the UN, create a platform for sharing digital public goods**

*We recommend that a broad, multi-stakeholder alliance, involving the UN, create a platform for sharing digital public goods, engaging talent and pooling data sets, in a manner that respects privacy, in areas related to attaining the SDGs.*

\* See <https://www.un.org/en/content/digital-cooperation-roadmap/>

## OVERVIEW

With Mapping well underway, Giga is now making progress across the Finance and Connect pillars...



### Map

Maintain a real-time map of school connectivity to identify demand for infrastructure and funds, measure progress toward increasing Internet access, and continuously monitor global connectivity.



### Finance

Work with governments and advise them on building affordable and sustainable country-specific models for finance and delivery, subsidizing market creation costs and incentivizing private sector investment.



### Connect

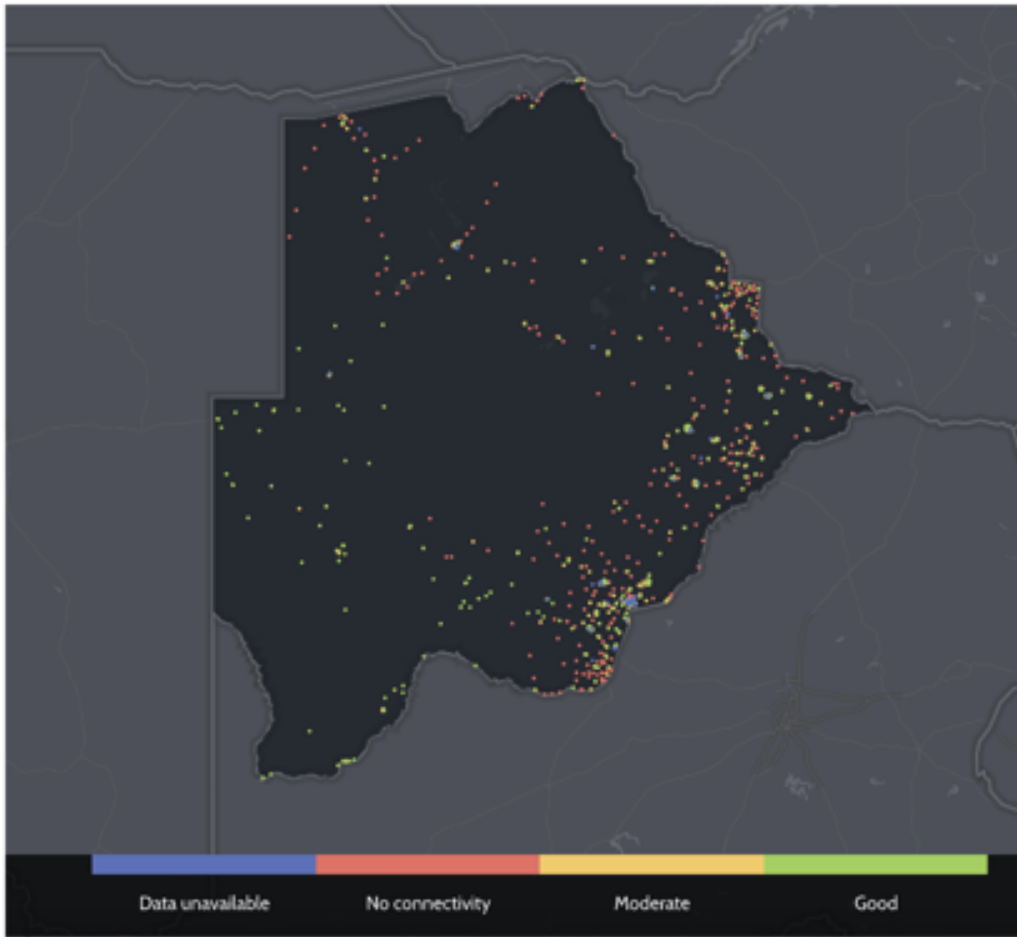
Advise on the best possible technical solutions to provide schools with connectivity, and countries with safe, secure, reliable, fit-for-purpose infrastructure to support future digital development needs.

## Empower

Partner to ensure every young person has access to information, opportunity, and choice.

## WHY MAP?

# Botswana, support in school and technology selection

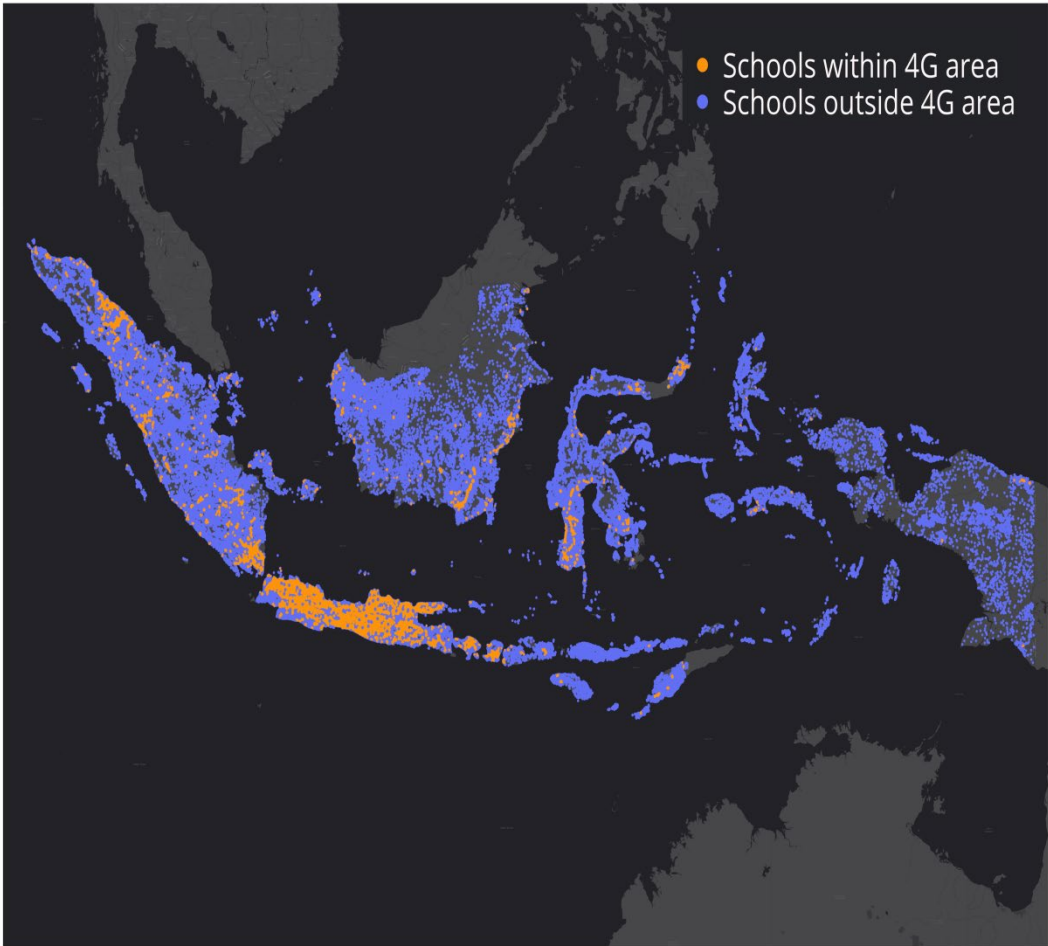


In **Botswana**, mapping data of **1,016 schools** overlaid with additional infrastructure data, allowed Giga and the Government **identify hardest to reach schools and advice on best fit technology solutions.**

We have identified **923,000+** schools in **40** countries

Each school is a marker of a **community**. A starting point for **demand**.  
A unifying goal for **fundraising**.

An **anchor** for infrastructure – for cell towers, satellite dishes...



The orange dots are school in **Indonesia** within 4G coverage area

With the launch of Giga in late 2019, UNICEF and ITU set a goal of providing connectivity to every school in the world.

*We're on our way.*

**\$22M+**

**raised**

from global partners including Ericsson and Dubai Cares, and the Musk Foundation

**19**

**countries joined**

to connect over 86,000 schools and more than 25.8 million students and teachers

**2,900+**

**prototype schools connected**

by Giga partners: Kenya, Sierra Leone, Kazakhstan, Brazil, OECS ... and more soon

**1M**

**schools mapped across 41 countries**

and all viewable on the Project Connect platform

**7**

**partners joined**

Ericsson, Dubai Cares, Musk Foundation, Softbank, BCG, NIC.Br, Actual

**\$200M+**

**funding mobilized**

to countries and UNICEF Country Offices to accelerate connectivity

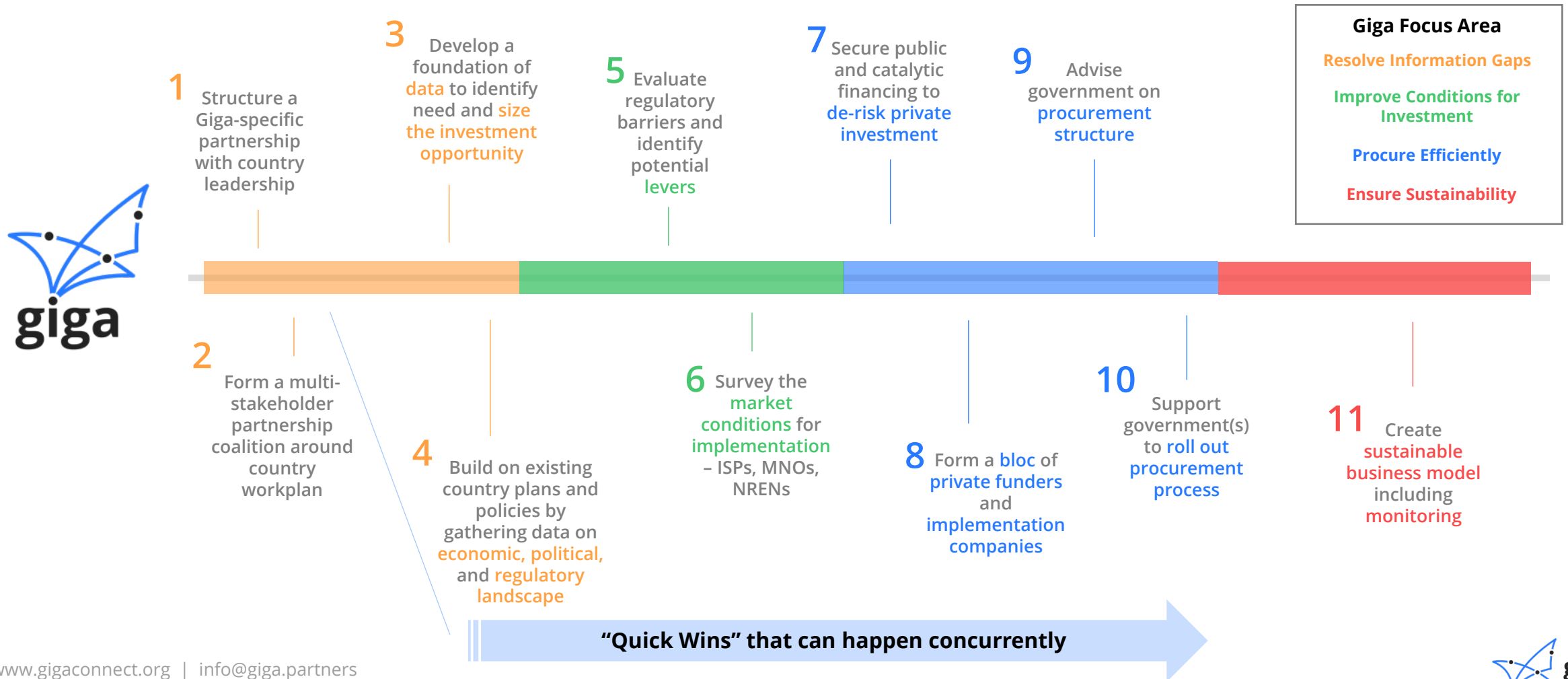


## 11 STEPS

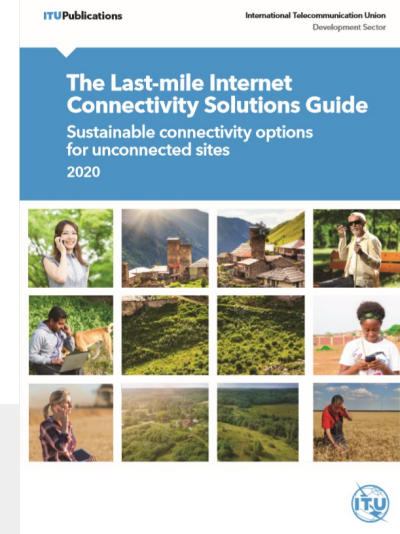
# Runway to connectivity

*\*steps can be concurrent*

Giga provides services that support country governments to develop their case for investment through data transparency, regulatory reform, and public financing. On the other hand, Giga packages and develops investment opportunities in coordination with private funders and implementation companies to support a successful procurement process.



# The Giga Initiative leverages the **Last Mile Connectivity Solutions Guide** to identify suitable solutions for ensuring connectivity



## Step 1



## Step 2



## Step 3



## Step 4



### Next steps

- Interactive software tools
- Support for capacity building
- Assistance in implementation



# In 2021, Giga has connected an initial 2,913 schools and over 720,000 students

Giga is actively working in 19 countries across 4 continents – and growing!

A teacher connects to the internet using the Government of Kenya school laptop



A teacher helps a group of students connect to the internet using school DLP tablets

The internet WIFI is installed in the library for students to use



A student using a DLP tablet

**Giga at Kigango Primary School in Kenya**

# Giga Bonds

## Giga Initiative Drives Development Through Connectivity Investments

Giga Connectivity Bond will unlock the creation of investment and business opportunities that will further support connectivity and development



### Donor Grant Commitments

- Multi-year grant commitments to Giga received from donors

### Giga Connectivity Bond Issued

- Donor grant-backed bond issued by Giga to raise upfront funding

### Giga Connectivity Rollout

- Connectivity projects funded directly by or in partnership with Giga using bond proceeds

### Infrastructure Investment Opportunities

- For public and private sector leveraging upfront investments made by Giga

### Industry Business Opportunities

- For telecom, tech companies, startups and others to capitalize on newly-connected addressable markets for connectivity, content provision, ecommerce, etc

### Development Impact

- Across numerous SDGs, including Quality Education, Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Sustainable Cities and Communities

## Key Information

- ITU is partnering with FCDO for a 12 month project
- It is part of : Kenya, Nigeria, Indonesia and Brazil
- Focus on 4 technical areas:
  1. Regulatory Analysis, Framework and Tool Development
  2. Promoting sustainable models
  3. Promoting a more conducive environment for investment
  4. **Advancing digital skills** (*leveraging other ITU programmes = Child Online Protection*)
- Activities in Indonesia is to be coordinated by ITU to lay the foundation for potential future Giga country engagement



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GIGA)

# Focus Technical Areas 1-3: Synergies with GIGA 11

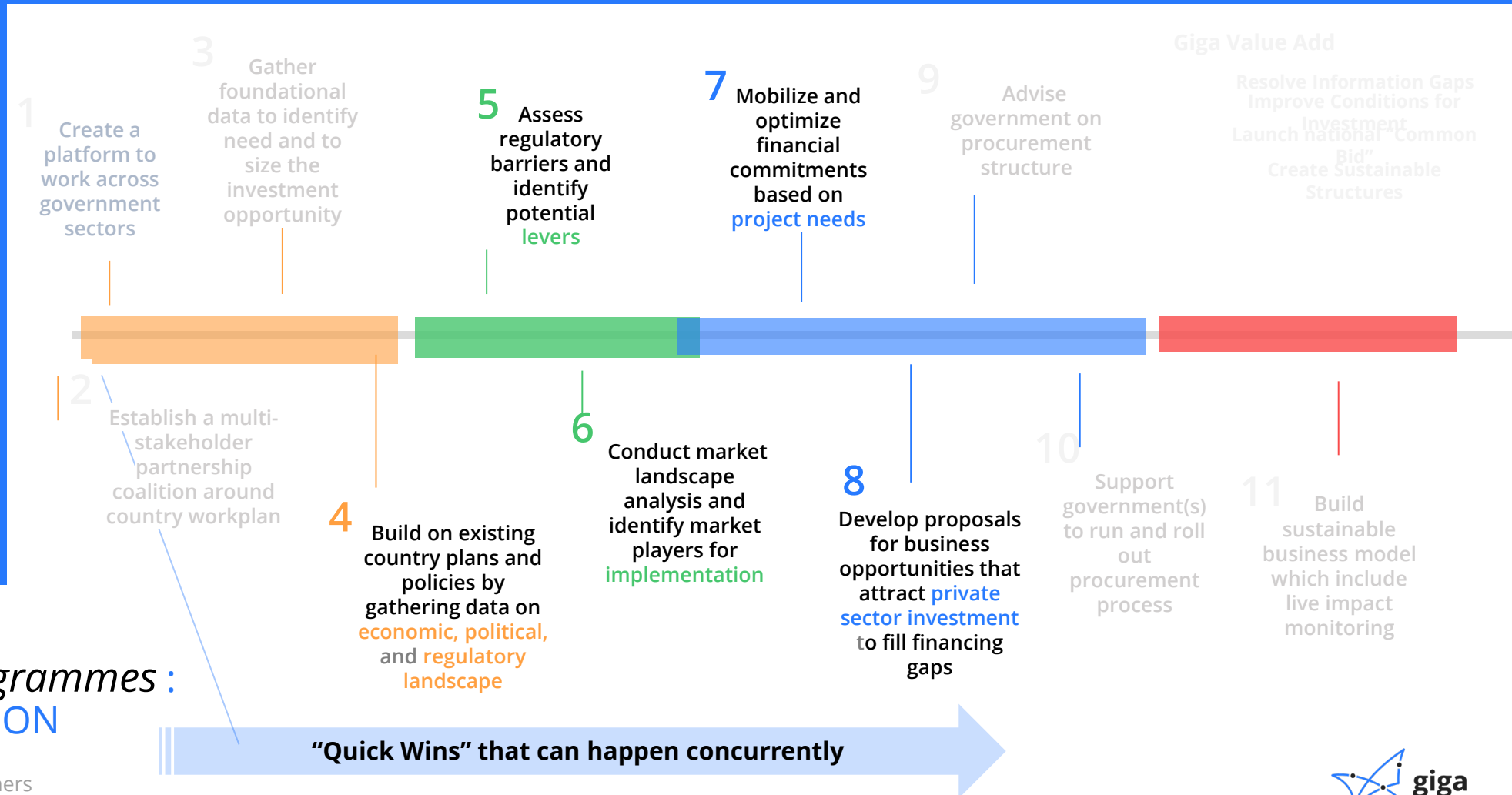
## Steps

Regulatory Analysis, Framework and Tool Development to support digital inclusion objectives in selected partner countries

Promoting sustainable models to expand school connectivity in underserved communities

Promoting a more conducive environment for

Focus technical Area 4:  
*Leverages other ITU programmes :*  
**CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION**



# Progress Achievements

## Representation:

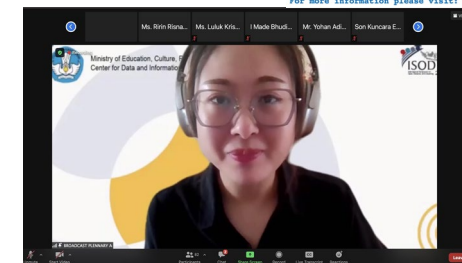
- ITU presented the project to KOMINFO (Ministry of ICT), provided in principle endorsement, a focal point has been appointed
- Bilateral meeting held with BAKTI and Ministry of Education

## Assessments:

- Policy /regulatory landscape
- School connectivity framework and business process

## Presentation

- ITU ASP Regional Dialogue (this event)
- Series of presentations: International Symposium on Open, Distance, and e-Learning (**ISODEL**) 2021, organized by Ministry of Education
  - Description of the interactive map,
  - Assessments Interim findings
  - Child Online Protection



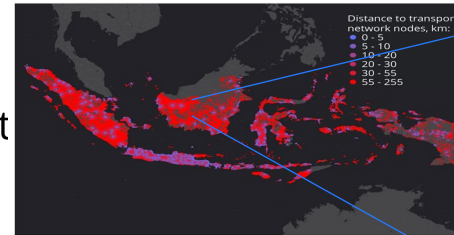


# Key Achievements- Contd.

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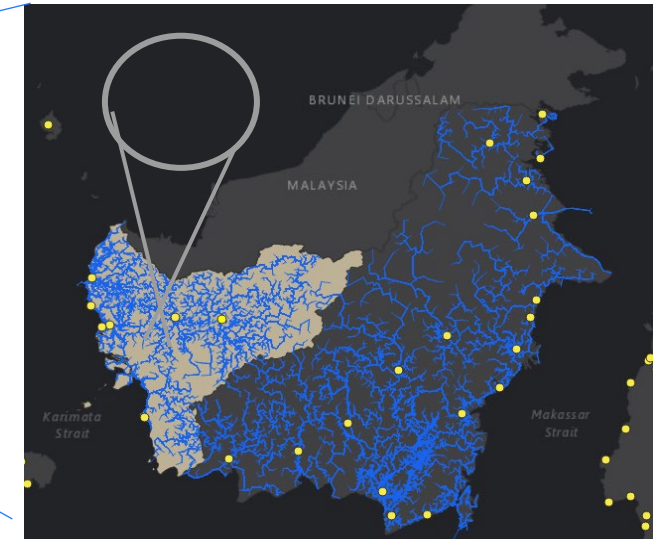
### Interactive Map:

- Interactive maps developed based on available data
- shared with DAP Indonesia
- Interactive map was presented to a symposium organised by Ministry of Education
- Letters have been sent to the Ministry of ICT, Ministry of Education and Department of Statistics to request data for mapping



13.7% within 10 km area to transport network nodes.

29.2% within 4G coverage area



- **6,367** schools.
- **19.4%** of schools (or 8% of students) no access to electricity.
- **21,8** thousand km is the optimal fiber network length.
- **81.6 m USD** to optimally connect with fiber optic cable lines.
- **20 m USD** of additional capex is required to supply schools with solar electricity.
- **99.7 USD** (80.1+19.6) is an average capex per student including electricity costs.

### Sustainable Business Models

- ITU/BCG research on sustainable connectivity business model, featuring a case study on Indonesia, has been translated into Bahasa and will be presented to the Ministry and stakeholders





# Possible Way forward

## Prospective Consultative events:

- FGD with stakeholders on Policy / Regulatory Landscape
- Workshop on options on Sustainable Business Processes
- Training/workshop with practitioners (regulators, industry)
- Final multi-stakeholders roundtable

## Other scoping:

- GIGA prospect for Indonesia ?
- Regional education policy dialogue with ASEAN/SEAMEO ?



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