

A group of five children and an adult are gathered around a yellow table. They are looking at a tablet computer. The adult is pointing at the screen. The children are looking at the screen with interest. The background is a plain wall.

Connect2Recover

Building back better with broadband



COVID-19 has highlighted that **digital infrastructure is not just a convenience but an essential requirement** for fully-fledged participation in society and the economy. Broadband connectivity has proved vital in helping countries' businesses and citizens adapt and respond to the pandemic, enabling them to access the latest health information and continue working, learning and socializing remotely.





– OBJECTIVE –

Connect2Recover seeks to **expand access to affordable and reliable connectivity** in beneficiary countries as they adjust in the wake of COVID-19.



– HOW DOES IT WORK –



Connect2Recover will develop **a methodology for identifying gaps and bottlenecks in the use of digital networks and technologies** at country level: to respond to and mitigate the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as preparedness for any similar emergencies in the future, and to enable recovery and readiness for the "new normal".

FIRST

SECOND

On the basis of this methodology, Connect2Recover will **assist countries in assessing their needs, gaps and bottlenecks, and develop strategies to ensure that the digital infrastructure and ecosystems adequately support recovery efforts and the "new normal."** These strategies will be designed in line with global best practices, as well as with other relevant policy tools developed by ITU and other relevant organizations.



Connect2Recover will **conceptualize and implement pilot projects to test specific technological solutions in line with national country strategies and policies.** The project will also undertake deep-dive studies in specific areas of digital policy as prioritized by the selected countries, such as digital finance, e-education, e-health, e-government, or teleworking.

THIRD

– LAUNCH PARTNERS –



– ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORKS –

- Government Donors and Partners**
- Private Sector Partners Platform**
- National Multistakeholder Engagement**

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