

Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Country Page – Maldives

ICT Sector Information

Sector	Transport and Telecommunications
Minister	Mr. Ameen Ibrahim
Principal Institutions	Ministry of Transport & Telecommunication
Regulator	Communications Authority of Maldives
Other Departments / Agencies in the Portfolio	National Centre for Information Technology

Mobile Operators

Operator's Name	Technology
Dhiraagu	900 MHz GSM
Wataniya Maldives	900 MHz GSM, EDGE 2100 MHz HSDPA

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Broadband

Agency	Communications Authority of Maldives
Projects	Government Network of Maldives
Other Resources	Investment Dollar Amounts in Telecom from the World Bank Sources

Broadband Indicators¹

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Mobile broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	21.90	32.81	32.52			
Fixed Internet Subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.18	0.25	1.10	2.10	3.41	4.99	4.92	4.80	5.45	5.51

Cybersecurity & Cybercrime

Policy	National Security Policy (p.20)
Agency	National Centre for Information Technology the Maldives Police Service
Projects	Cyber Crime Project (With assistance from the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Maldives Police Service has started a Cyber Crime Project to investigate cybercrime)
Related Publications	Cybersecurity and Cyberwarfare: UNIDIR Resources (2011, p. 29)

E-Education Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Policy Documents	The Seventh National Development Plan (p. 87 - 93) Maldives Science and Technology Master Plan: Information Technology
Agency	Ministry of Transport & Telecommunication , National Centre for Information Technology
Projects	Teacher Resource Center (p. 74), Multipurpose Community Telecenter (p. 74), Virtual University for Small States (p. 75),

¹ ITU statistics : <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx>

	<p>A laptop for every Teacher (p. 75),</p> <p>Digitally Empowered Development in the Island Communities of Maldives (p. 75),</p> <p>e-Citizen Training Program</p>
Publications	<p>Survey of ICTs for Education in India and South Asia: Maldives</p>

ICT For Disabilities

Agency	Ministry of Health and Family, Department of Gender and Family Protection Services
Other Resources	<p>Maldivian Association of the Handicapped (MATH), Maldives Deaf Association,</p> <p>Disability at a Glance 2012: Strengthening The Evidence Base In Asia And The Pacific (p. 126 - 129 & 140-141),</p> <p>Activities Addressing Rights of Persons With Disabilities (p. 66 – 67)</p>

Regulatory Environments: Convergence and Digital Broadcasting Switchover

Policy Documents	Maldives Telecommunication Regulation 2003
Agency	Communications Authority of Maldives
Reports/Publications	Telecom Regulatory and Policy Environment in the Maldives

Youth and ICTs

Policy Documents	<p>The Seventh National Development Plan (p. 87 - 93)</p> <p>Maldives Science and Technology Master Plan</p>
Agency	<p>Ministry of Transport & Telecommunication,</p> <p>National Centre for Information Technology</p>
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Indicators on ICT infrastructure and access - ²

Indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Fixed telephone subscriptions	24,432	27,242	28,651	30,056	31,503	32,296	32,181	33,063	46,925	30,490	28,376	24,084	23,140
Fixed telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	8.94	9.81	10.15	10.48	10.83	10.94	10.75	10.89	15.25	9.78	8.98	7.52	7.14
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions	7,638	18,894	41,899	66,466	113,246	20,3620	271,053	313,539	435,627	457,770	494,351	530,449	560,547
Mobile cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	2.80	6.80	14.84	23.19	38.92	68.97	90.53	103.29	141.61	146.84	156.50	165.72	172.84
Estimated Internet Users per 100 inhabitants	2.20	3.62	5.35	5.98	6.59	6.87	11.04	16.30	23.20	24.80	26.53	34.00	38.93

² ITU statistics : <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/stat/default.aspx>

Related ICT Publications from International Organisations

Source Organisation	Title of Publication
InfoDev	Maldives: Survey of ICTs for Education in India and South Asia
Lirneasia	Telecom Regulatory and Policy Environment in the Maldives