

ICT in Palestine

Palestine National Authority

Palestine *Now*

- Connectivity:
 - Fully 100% digital network
 - Established country code +970 and domain name .PS
 - State-of-the-art communications network being installed
 - 22% of all people use the Internet
 - 55% of all families have telephone lines
 - 80% of families have cellular telephone and

Education-Facts & Figures



	General Education	Remarks
No. of Students	1,100,000	70% Government
Enrollment Rate	%98,7	50% Female
Annual Increase	%6	55,000 in Gov. Schools
Employees	47,115	79% (Gov.)
Schools	2109	75% (Gov.)
Illiteracy rate	%8	%12 among women and %5 among men

Sector Key Players

- Ministry of Telecom & IT
- Ministry of Education and Higher Education
- Palestinian IT Association PITA (Private sector), www.pita.ps
- Palestine Chapter of the Internet (ISOC.PS), www.isoc.ps
- Palestinian National Internet Naming Authority PNINA, www.pnina.ps
- Palestine ICT Incubator PICTI, www.picti.ps
- Universities (excellence centers)

Activities in ICT

- eGovernment, 11 ministries committee is established
- Telecom Market liberalizations
- Establishing independent Telecom regulator
- ICT Diffusion in other economic sectors

Activities in ICT

- **Palestine Education Initiative**

Launched May 2005, to introduce communication and IT as a tool in the education process (Partnership with Private sector locally and internationally)

- **EUMED Connect**

45 Mps direct from London to Ramallah, completed Nov 2005 + Palestinian Academic Network (Partnership with universities)

Government operation

- WB and Gaza are separated
- Functions are divided between WB and Gaza
- Cantonization within the West Bank
- Most offices and ministries have video conferencing facilities
- Connections between WB and Gaza use Israeli networks

Government operation

- Limited wireless communication frequencies between WB & Gaza
- Ministry of National Economy is totally paperless, offers 5 e-services out of 91 services
- No e-Gov leadership
- e-Cabinet under development
- e-Parliament underway