PAKISTAN-OFC AND BROADBAND PROLIFERATION

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Background

- Telecom Sector was De-regulated in 2003
- Tele density has grown from 3% at that time to presently 77.5%
- Sector dominated by voice services particularly GSM mobile (approx 72 %)
- De-regulation resulted in deploying of OFC by private operators mainly for long haul connectivity
- Very low OFC deployment in access side other than highly populated urban centers
- Universal Service Fund was established in 2006

Universal Service Fund

•Universal Service Fund promotes the development of telecommunication services in un-served and under-served areas throughout the length and breadth of the country.

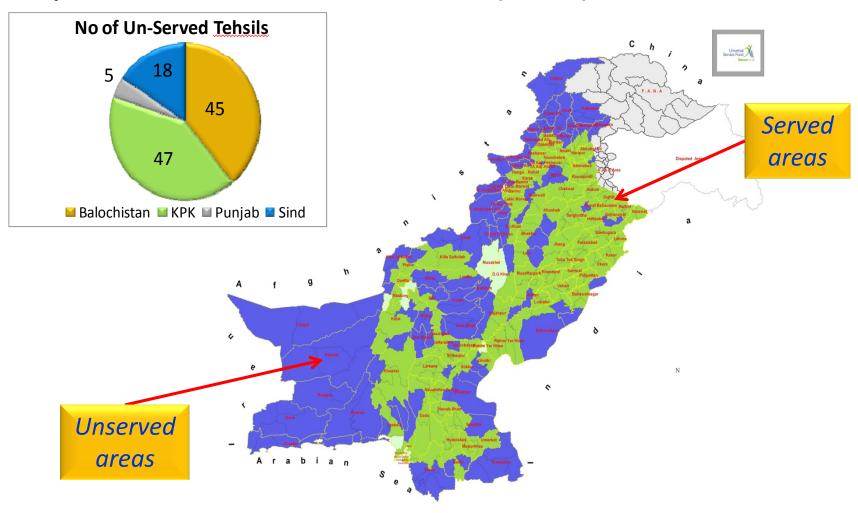
•Major programs:

- Rural telephony
- OFC
- Broadband Proliferation
- Tele-centers (Recent initiative)

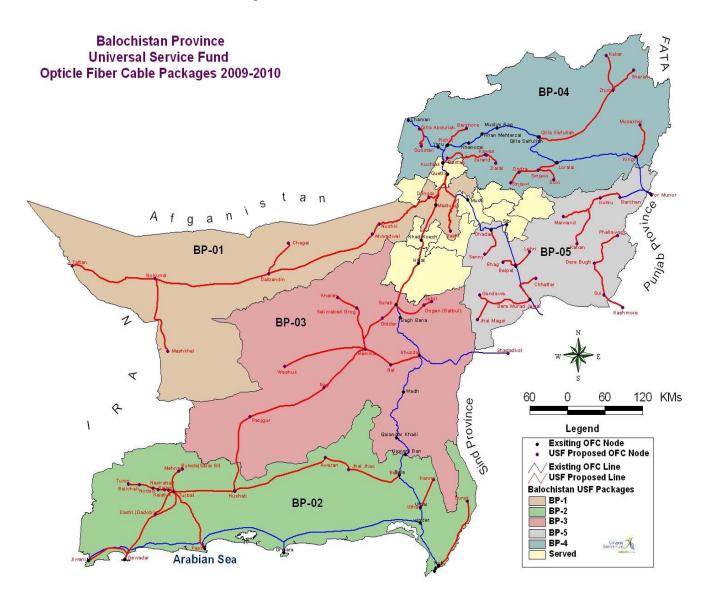
Challenges

- Low Literacy Rate
- Uneven population density
- Lack of Local Content Development
- Infrastructure Development in Rural Areas

Optic Fibers in unserved areas (2006)

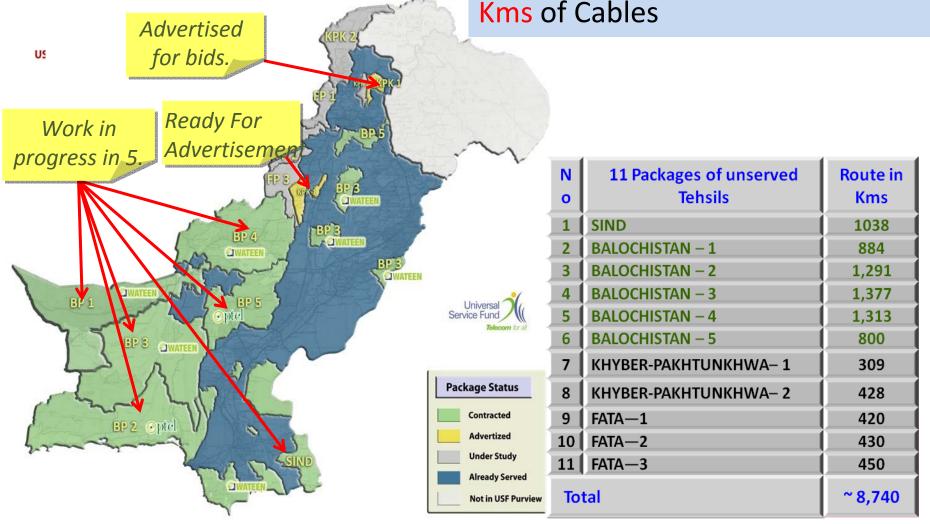


Optic Fibers - mainly in Balochistan



Optic Fibers - 11 'Packages'

So far 76 Tehsils and towns have been served with help of 4,983 Kms of Cables



ber Optic Coverage in Pakistan

of Tehsils in Pakistan: 406

of Un-served Tehsils:115

age: 71 %

