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Sustainable Internet Connectivity Approaches for Communities, Schools, and Healthcare Facilities in the 21st Century

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Mission

Framework Conditions

Partnerships



Africa

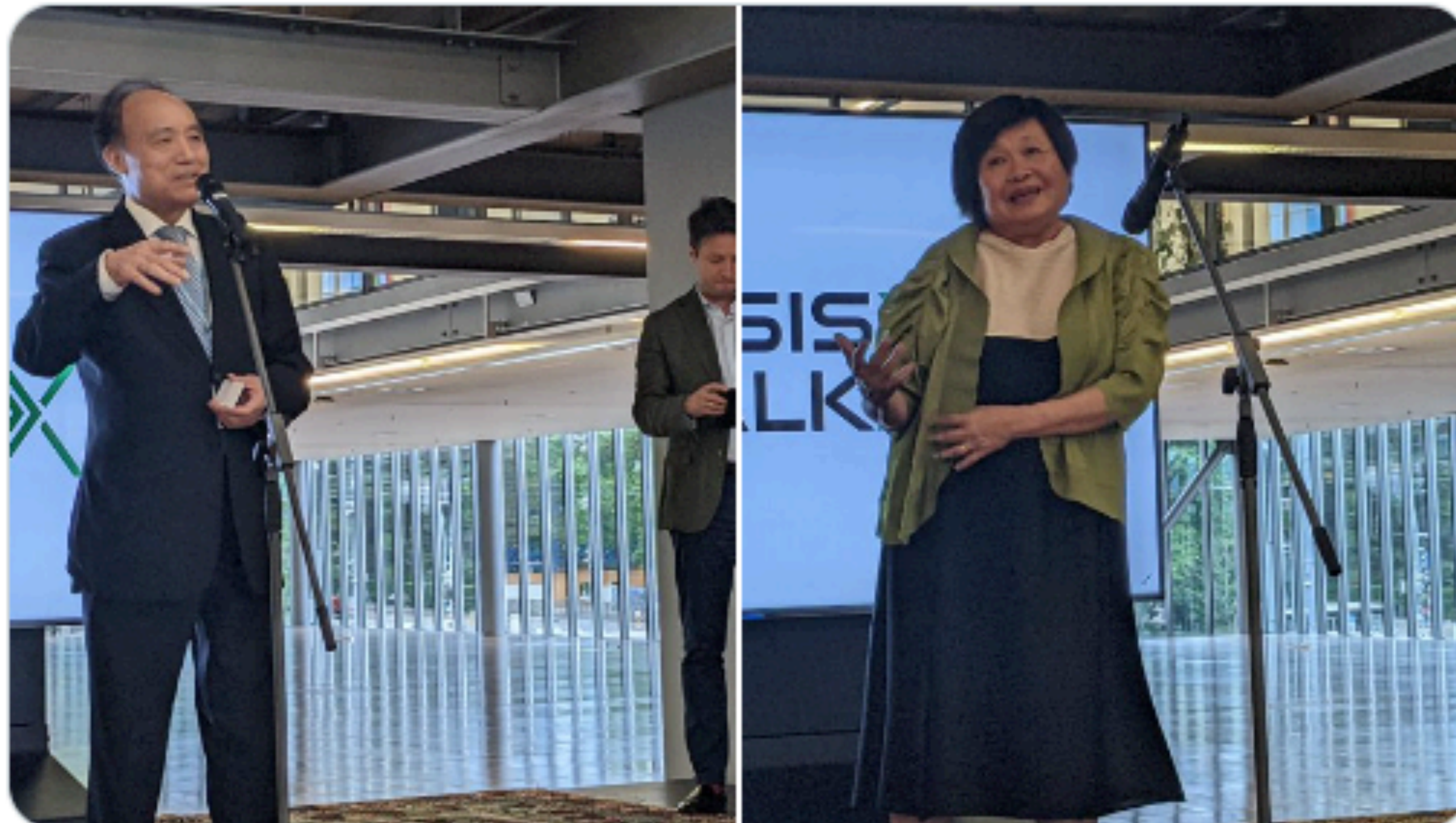


[https://
www.mylifeelsewhere.com/
country-size-comparison/
tanzania/norway](https://www.mylifeelsewhere.com/country-size-comparison/tanzania/norway)

How can we “Connect The Future”?

Josef Noll @josefnoll · Jun 2

Amazing opening by @ITU @ITUsecGen Houlin Zhao, setting the scene for connecting every single human by 2030, and @meilinfung, addressing the history of the Internet and #NRENs to connect schools. We're in @CateKimambo @RosalynnMworia @UcsafT @AheriNet @cisskisumu @WSISprocess





Energy & Digital, enablers for the SDGs

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



People without electricity

SDG 7.1 calls for universal access to ... energy by 2030

1.2
billion

2010

733
million

2020

679
million

2030
(trend)

[WorldBank 2021]

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/06/07/report-universal-access-to-sustainable-energy-will-remain-elusive-without-addressing-inequalities>

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



People not using Internet

SDG 9c calls for universal, affordable internet access by 2020

4.9
billion

2010

2.9
billion

2021

96% in dev countries

0
billion

2030
(hope)



WSIS Forum
2022

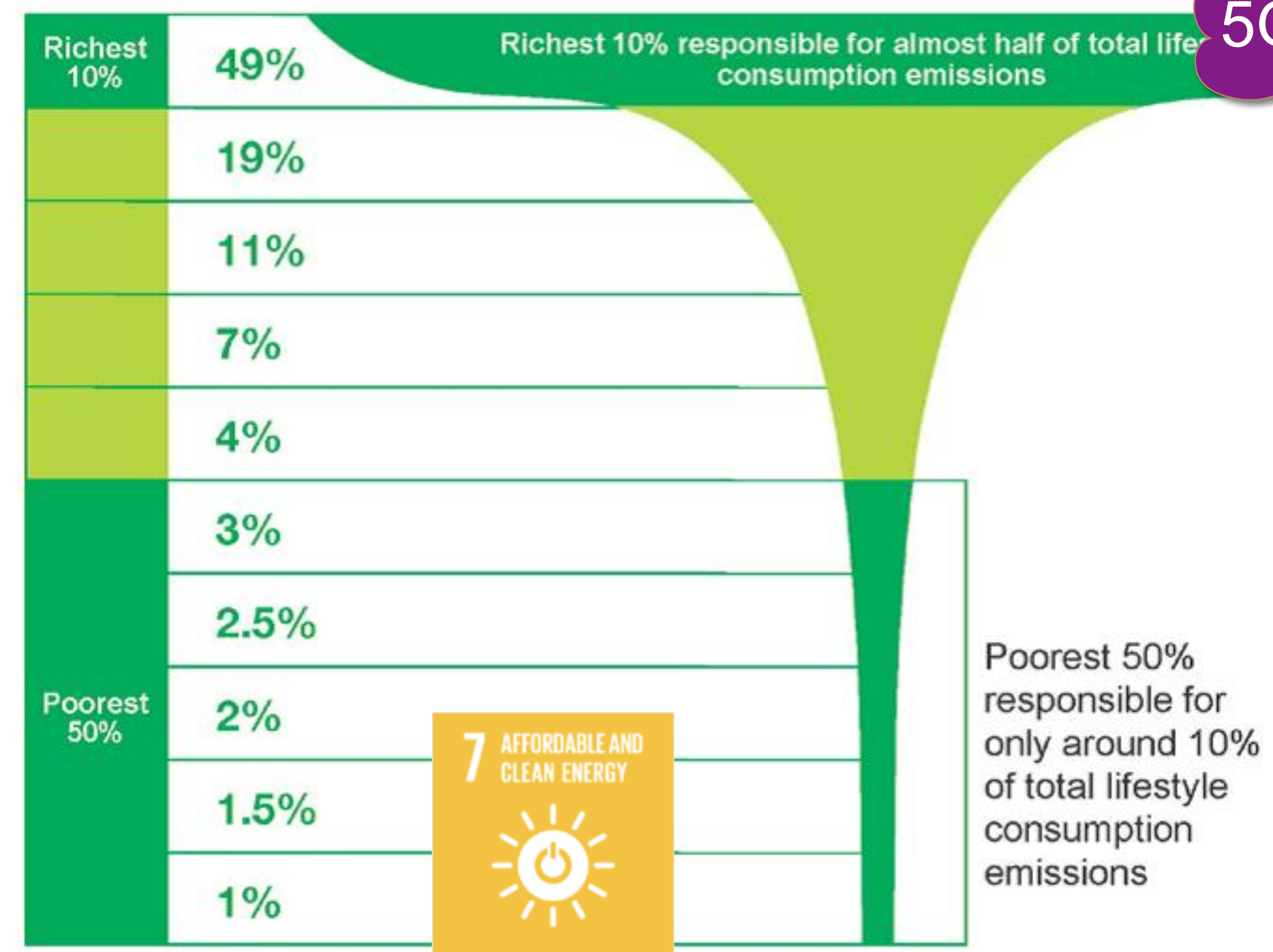
[ITU 2010, 2021]

<https://www.itu.int/hub/2021/11/facts-and-figures-2021-2-9-billion-people-still-offline/>



Inequality in Energy & Digital Access

Percentage of CO₂ emissions by world population



5G,6G



9%

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY
(2021, BASED ON PILLARS' AVERAGE)



ESTIMATED TO HAVE 4G SPEEDS



ESTIMATED TO OWN A SMARTPHONE



ESTIMATED WITH UNLIMITED ACCESS



ESTIMATED TO HAVE DAILY INTERNET USE

[Source: Oxfam.org, 2015]

[https://webfoundation.org/docs/2022/02/MC_Rwanda_FS_Screen_V1.pdf]

“Our mission is to improve the life of **every human** through **access to basic information** on the Internet....”

“This mission is carrying us forward every single day. We **solved** the **challenge of access**, and are focusing now the **local Knowledge Portal** to **empower** individuals, societies and nations. Through **free access** to the portal we address **access, skills, regulations and inclusion**”



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The Game Changer



105 schools
(Q2.2022)

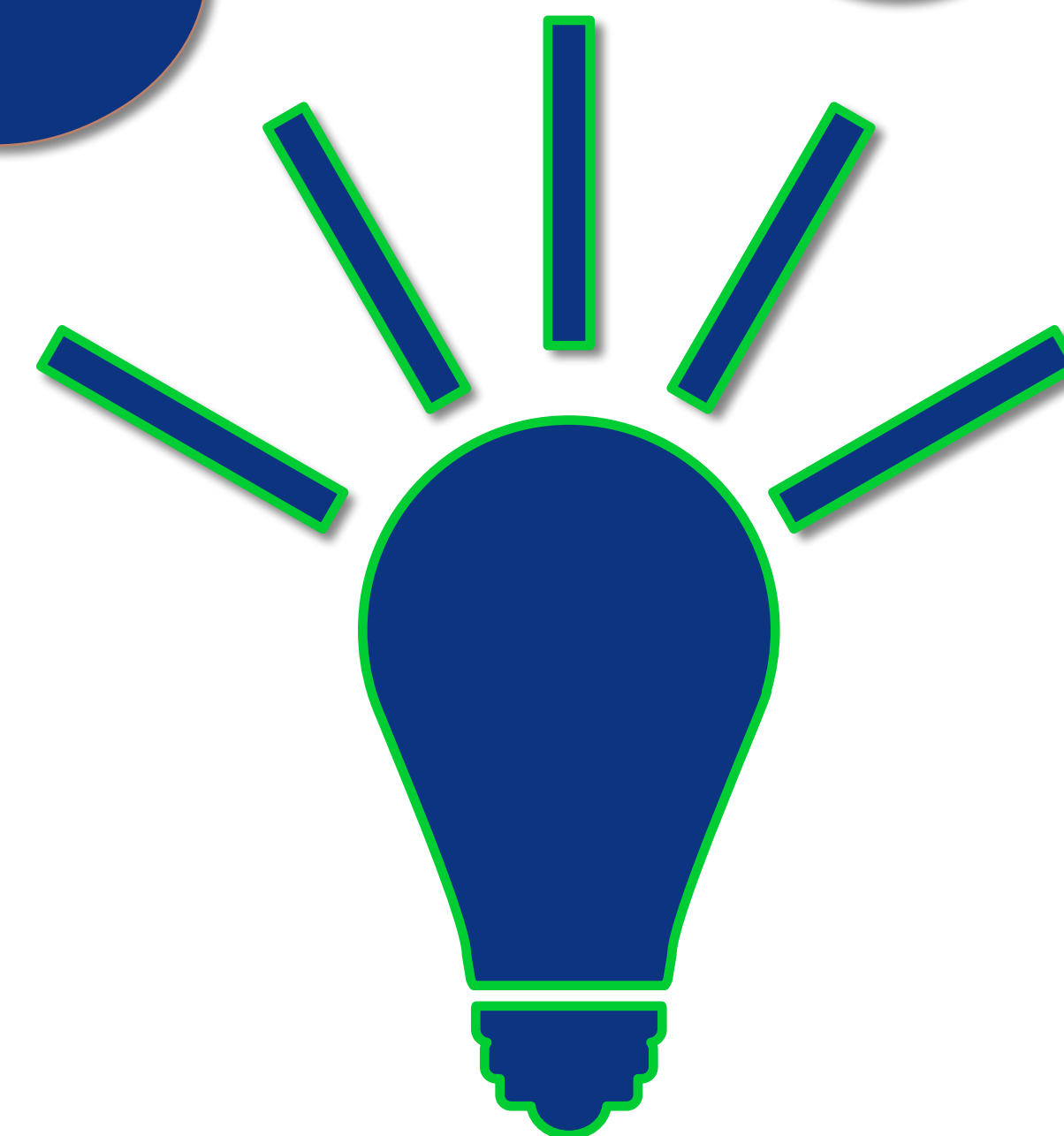
77 632
students
(Q2.2022)

Participation
in the Internet
Society

Changing
the lives of
many

USD 1800
per school

ready installed





Histories

“My mobile is more important than a weapon”

Head of Mbaash, TZ



Catherine R Kimambo connecting her first village

<https://vimeo.com/368147538> - 2020



Mount Kenya - our cultural heritage

Usingo Secondary School, KE





Scalable connectivity for meaningful access tailored towards the needs & capabilities

Self-actualisation
Entertainment

Empowerment, Work
Digital Transformation

Explore, Affection
Opportunities

Value creation
Trust & confidence



Mobile Broadband
20 USD/month/person



Community network
50-100 Mbps
200-500 USD/month



Narrowband
~5 Mbps
58 USD/month



InfoSpot
10 GB/month
<20 USD/month

Framework Conditions - the Integrated Approach

Access

- Wireless information spot
- Rural areas

Skills

- Decentralised Internet
- Local School Server
- Trusted information

Regulations

- Authority contacts
- Internet Lite
- Freemium (free + premium) model

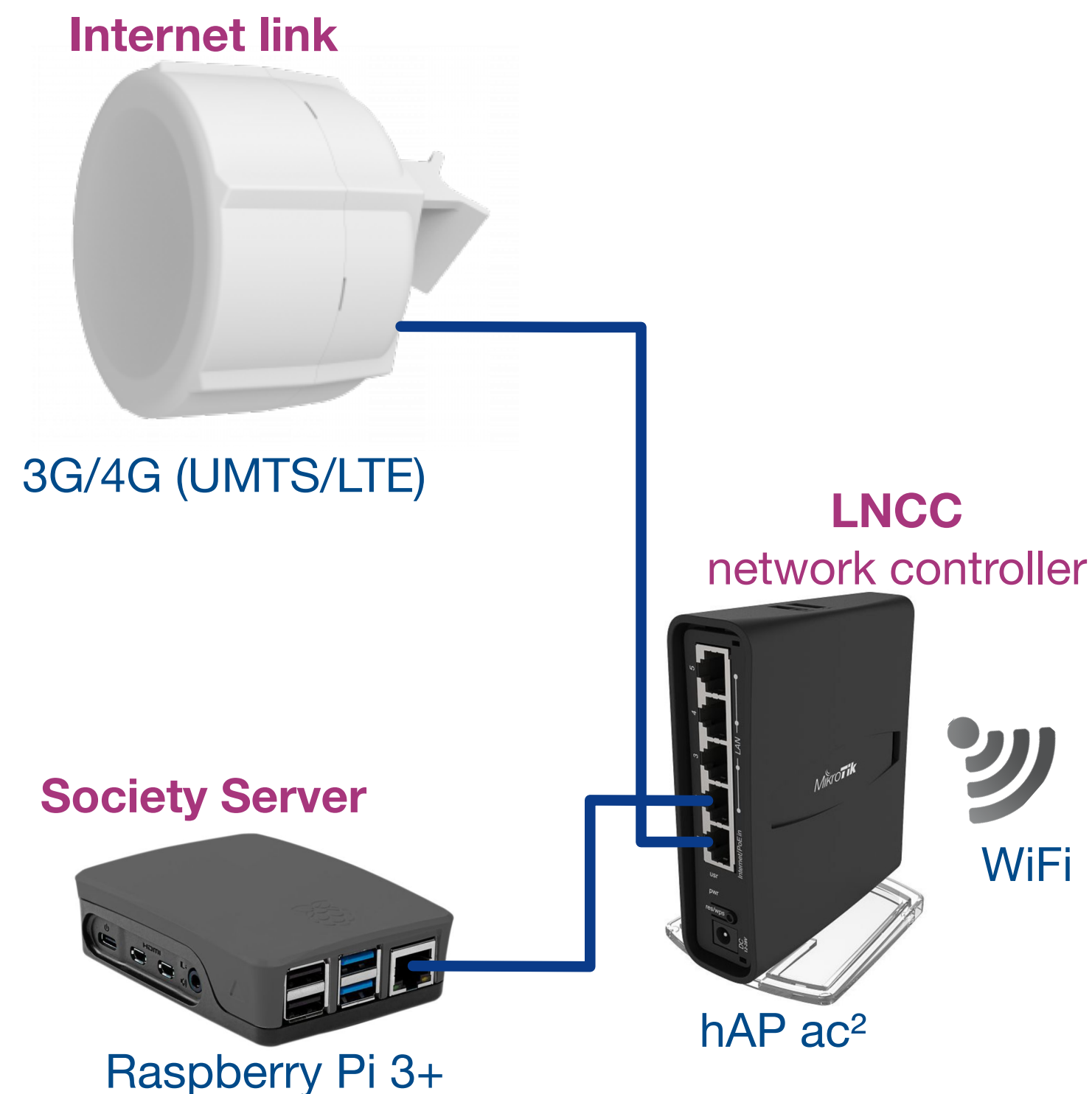
Inclusion

- Girls & women
- Special Needs



Solving the Access

- wireless information spot (InfoSpot)
- Reaching out >20 km to mobile network
- Affordable solution: OPEX <20 USD/month





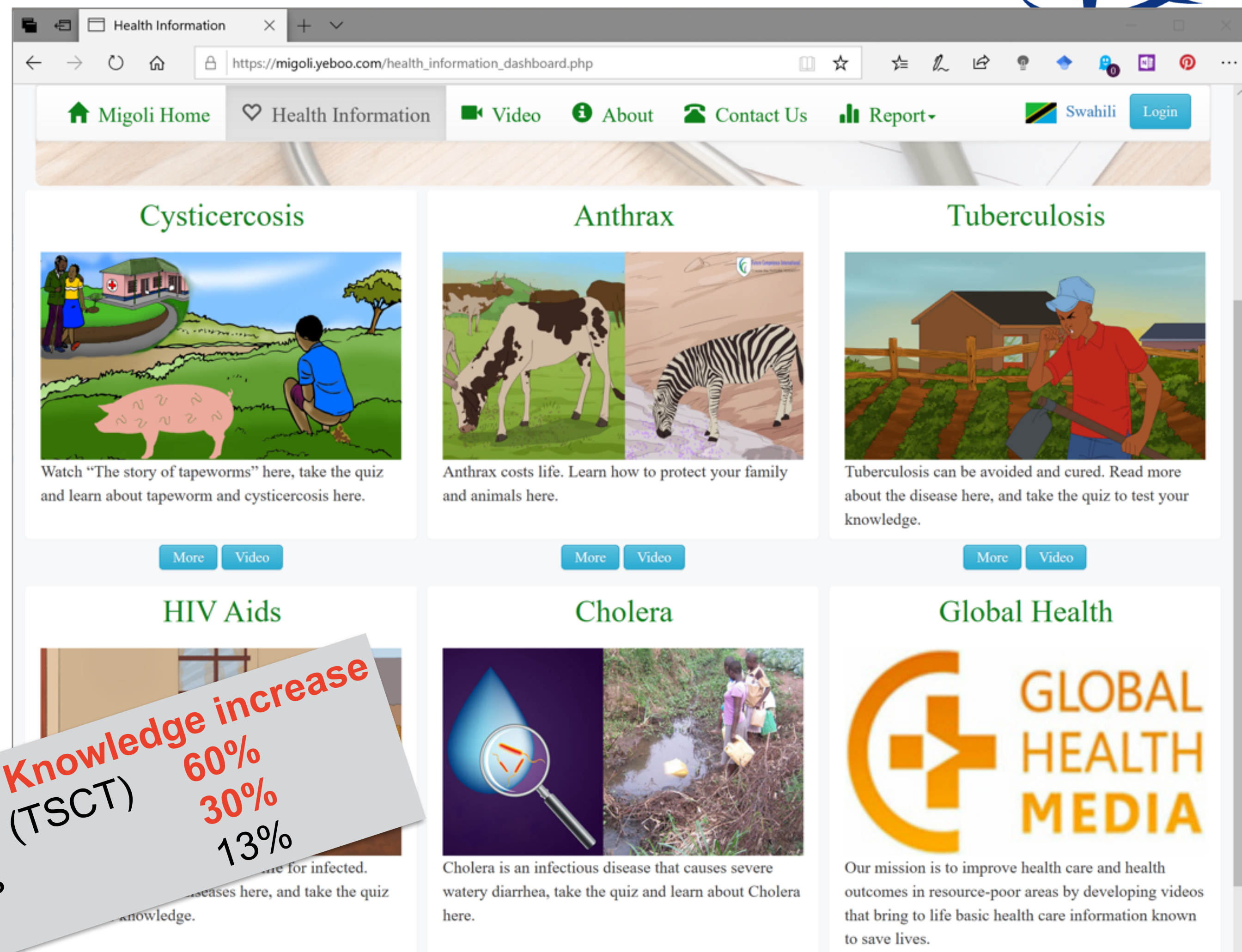
School server: yeboo.com

Example: Health package

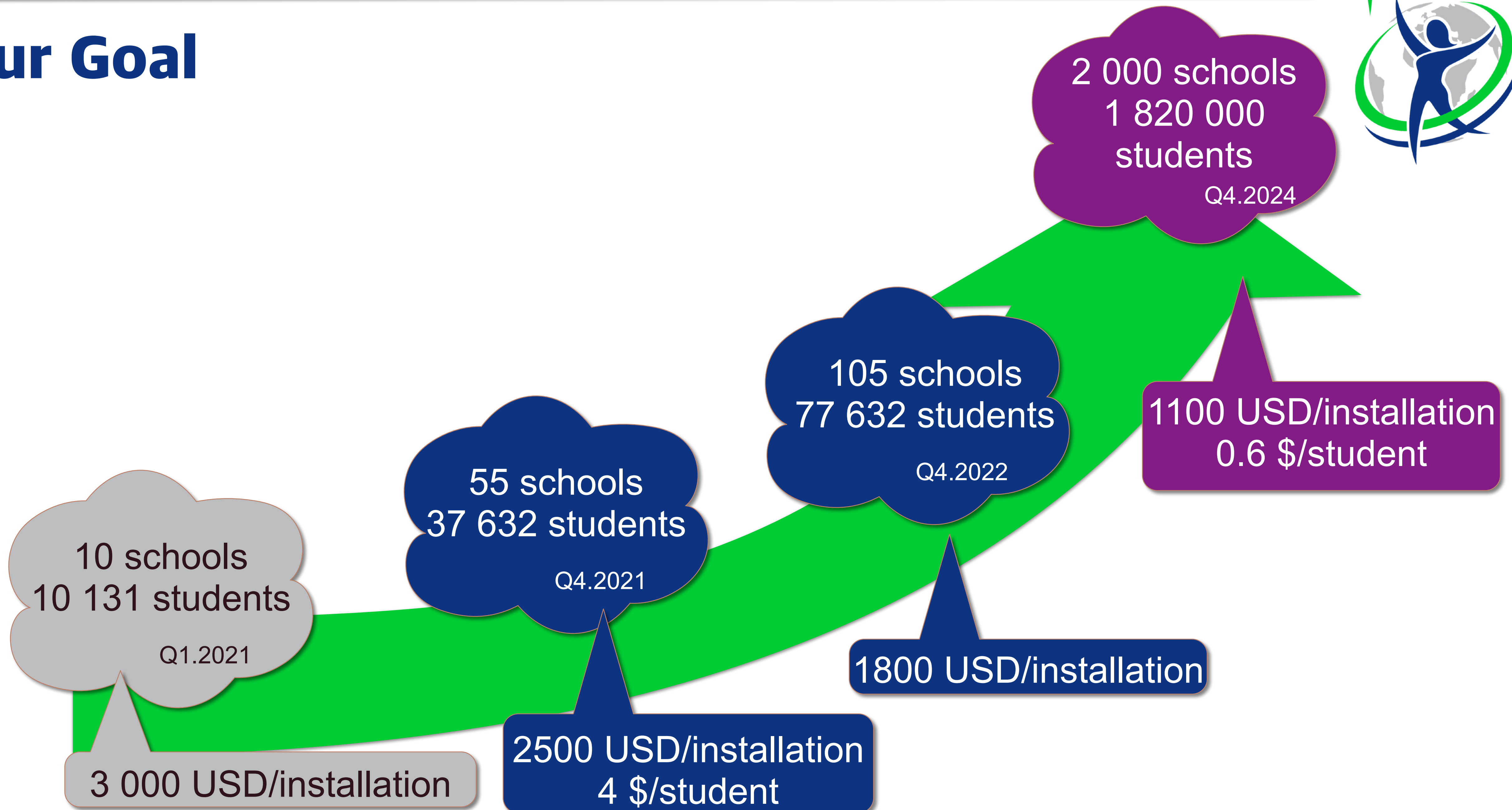
 School server with locally stored information on health care etc.



Results in TZ: **Knowledge increase**
Cysticercosis (TSCT) 60%
Tuberculosis 30%
HIV/AIDS 13%

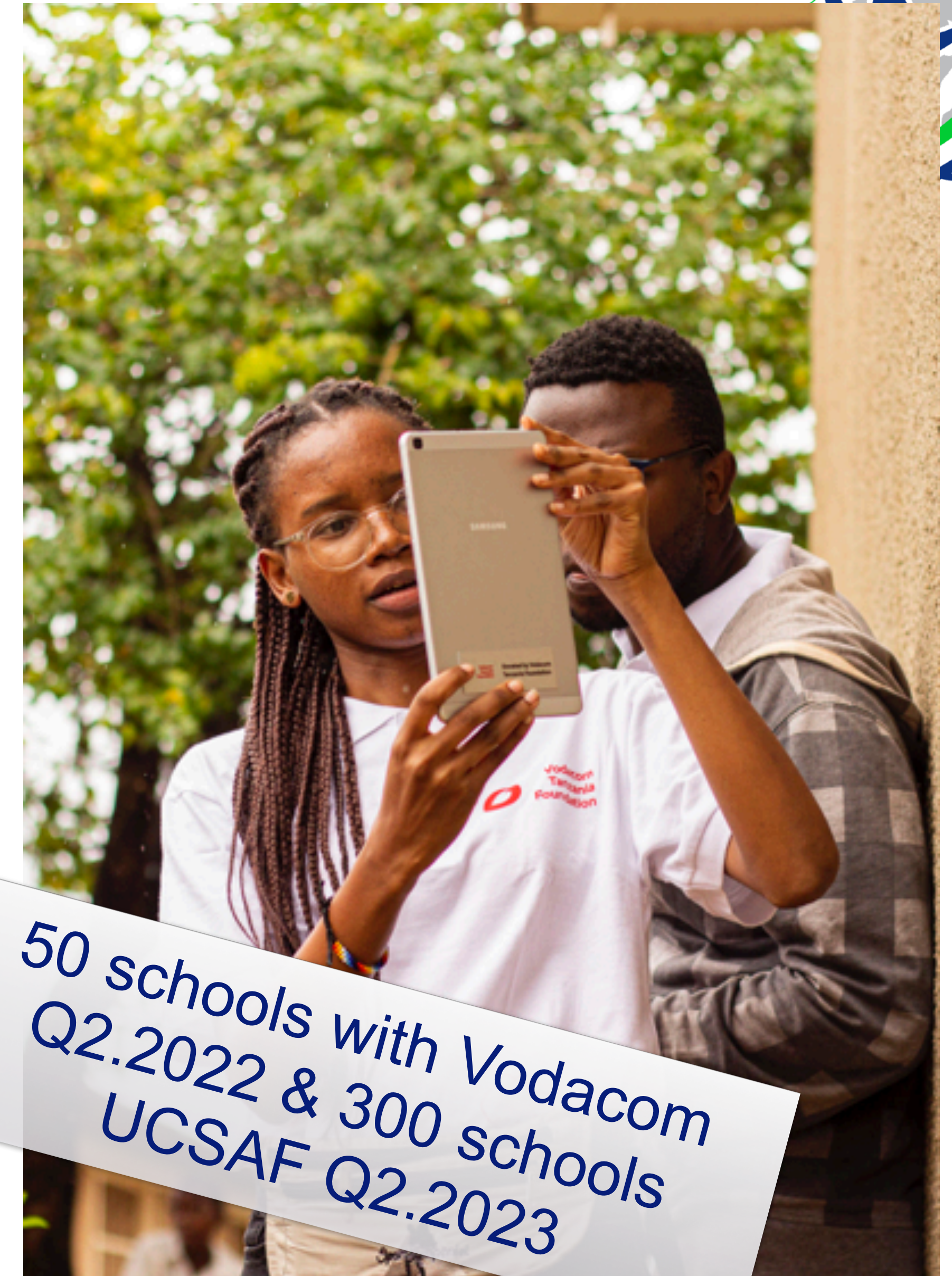
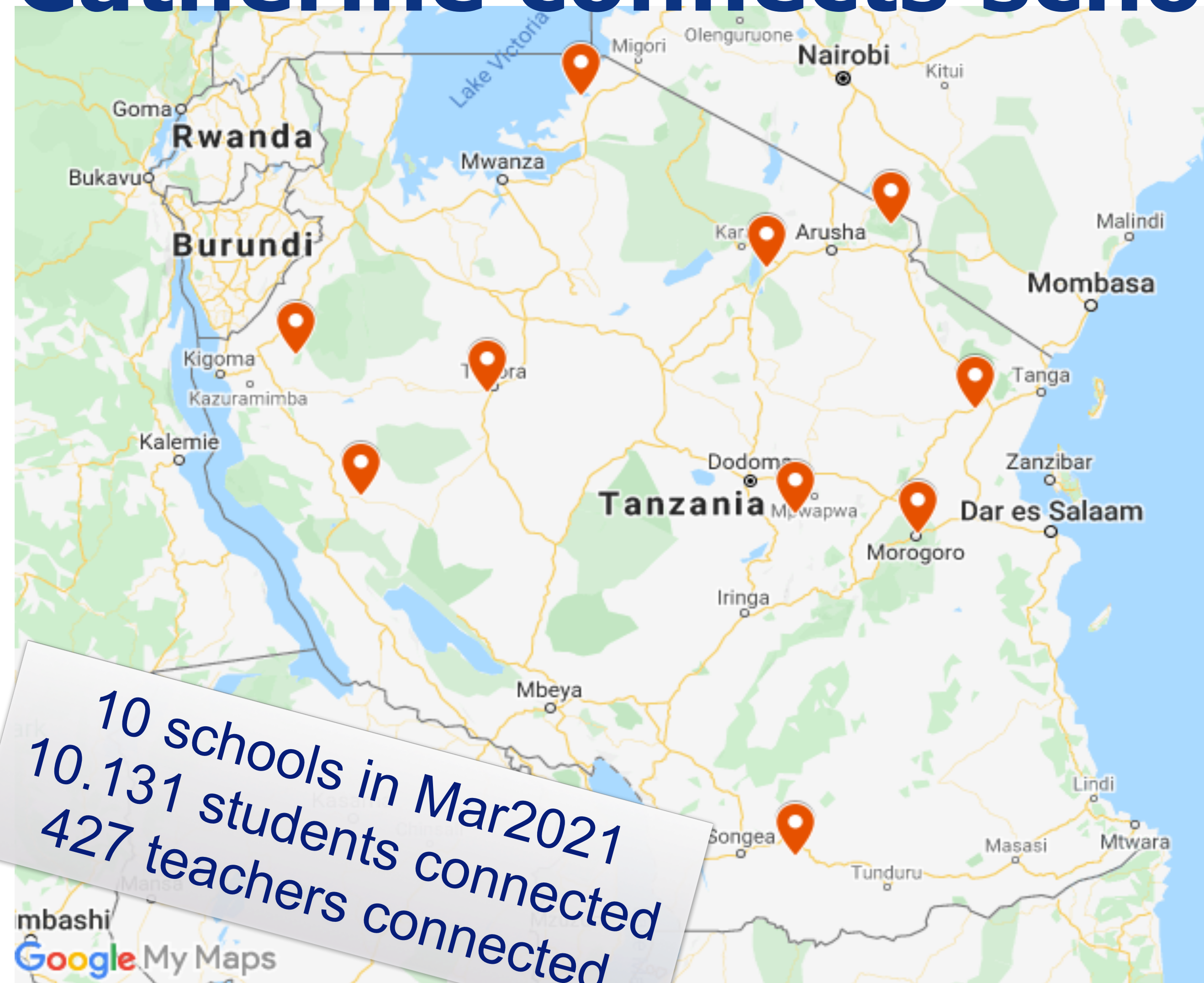


Our Goal



Scale-up Tanzania

Catherine connects schools



50 schools with Vodacom
Q2.2022 & 300 schools
UCSAF Q2.2023





14 countries in Africa



Ethiopia:
Koye Secondary School



Tanzania:
scale up to
360 schools

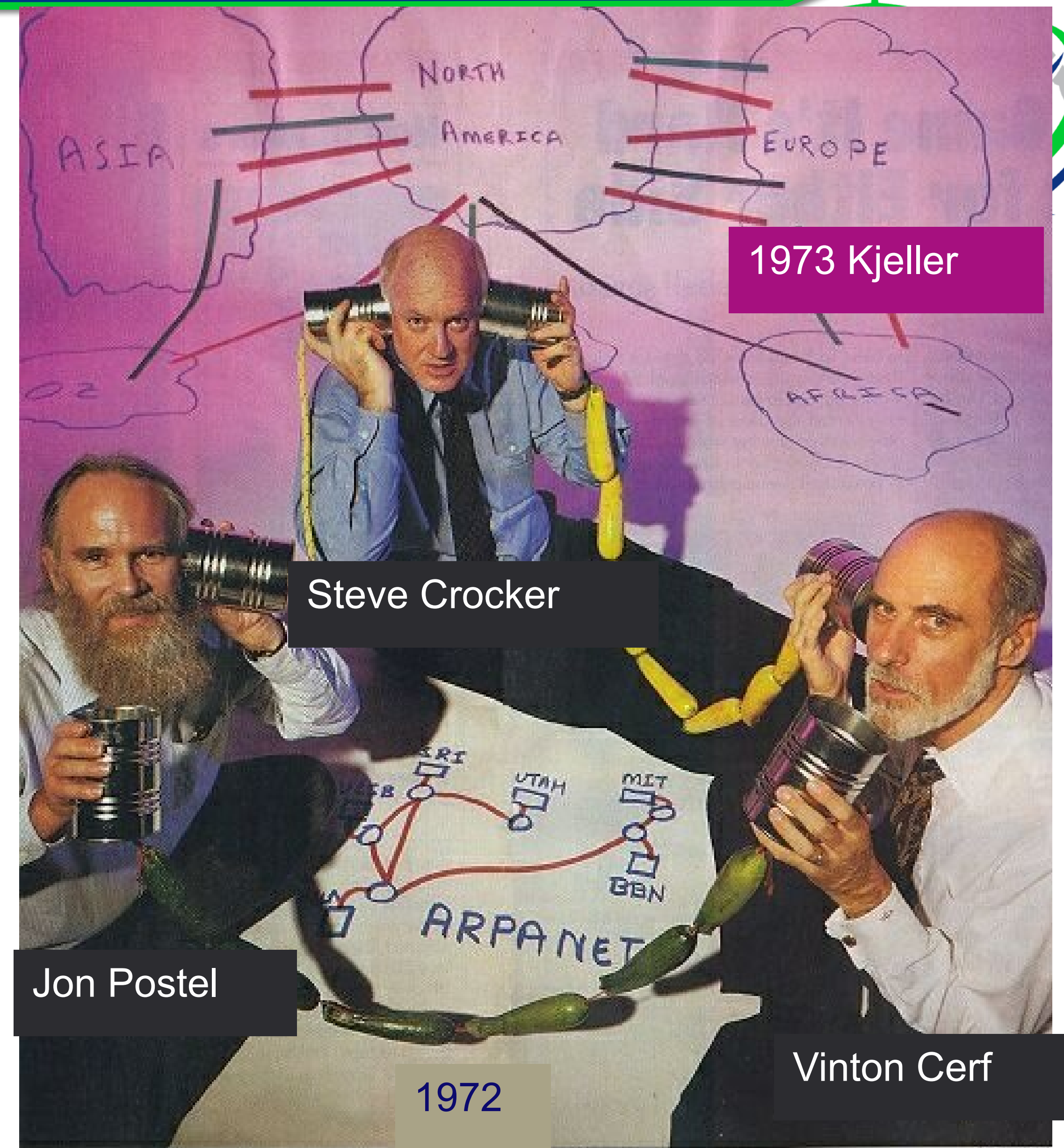


Sustainability Internet

- Stable equipment (and network provision)
- Affordable costs, value for money
- Trouble shooting: why is my network not working?
- Content locally available



An inclusive Next Generation Internet



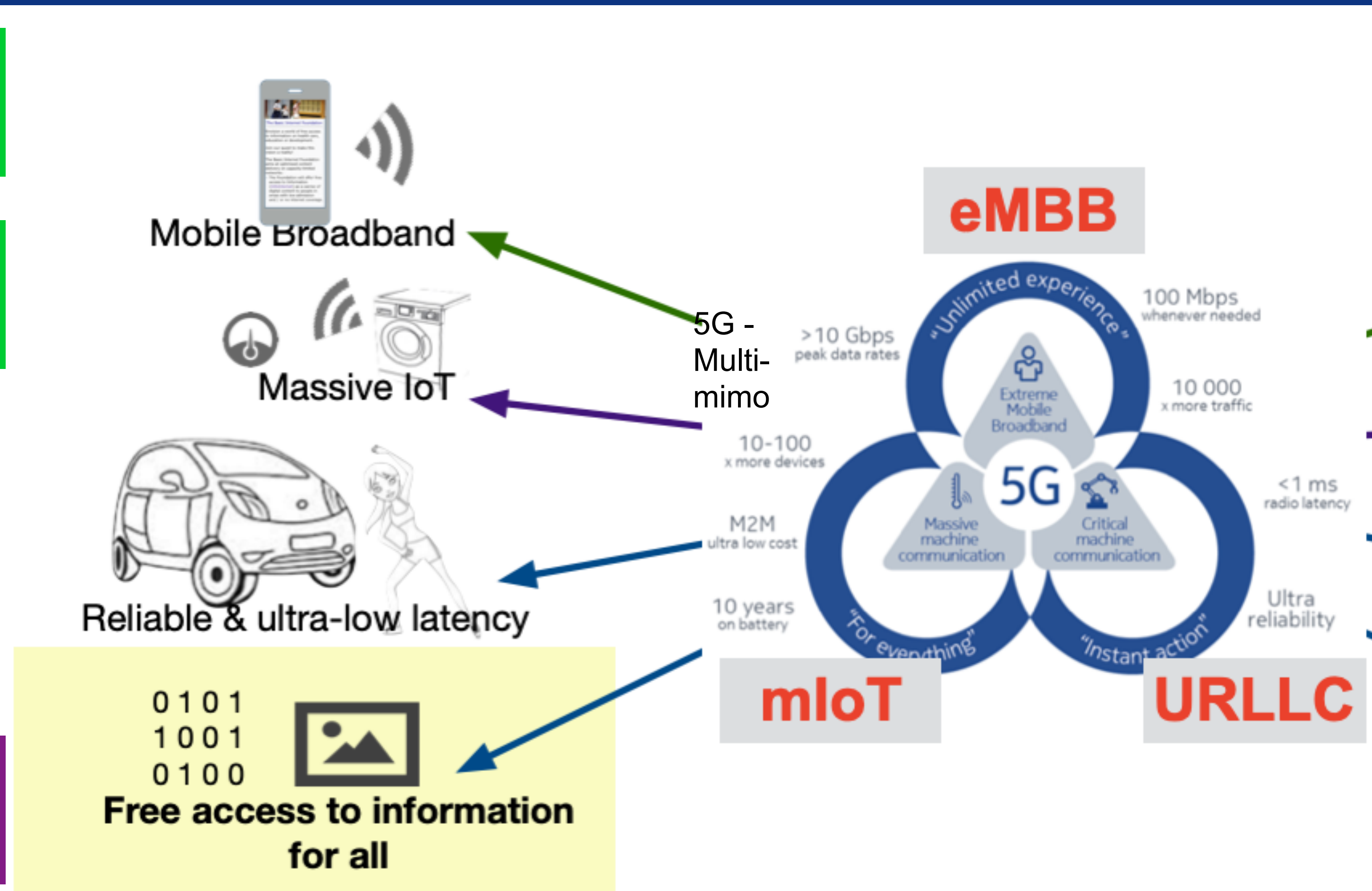
Source: <http://www.michaelkaul.de/History/history.html>

What do we need to change?

Road model: pedestrians & cyclists

Internet: text & pictures

Internet Lite



AfricaConnect3 and the role of Universities

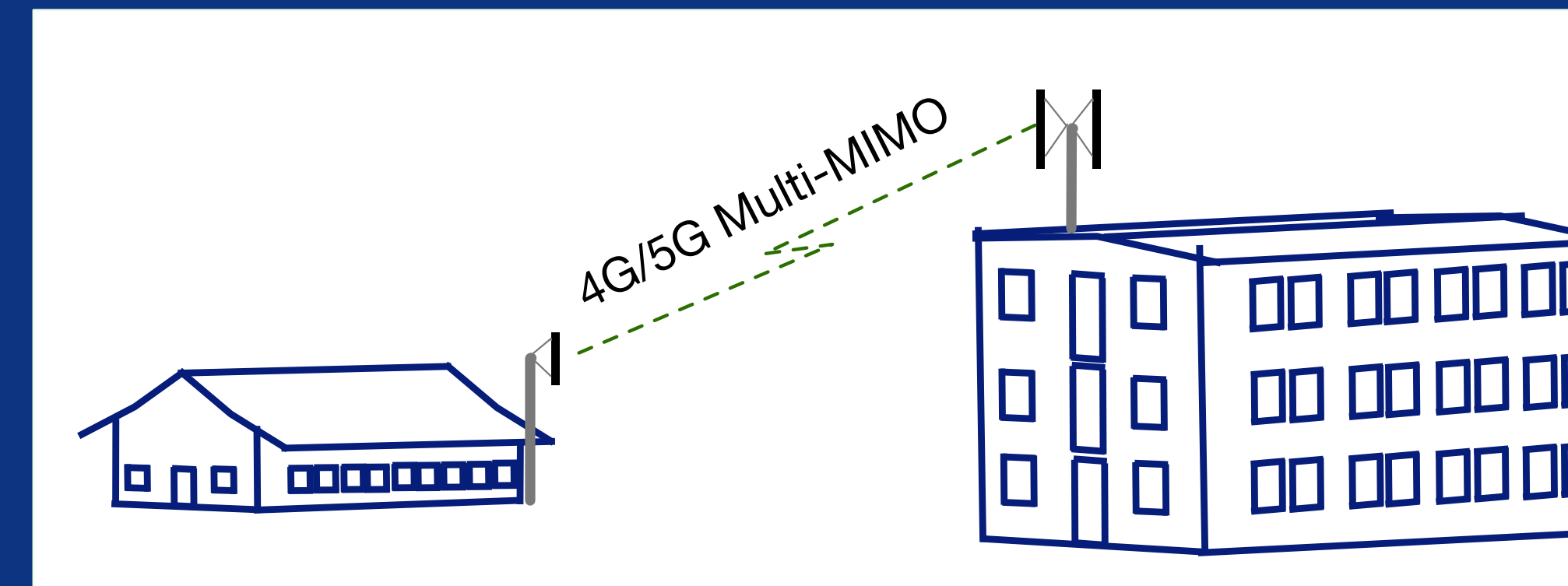


AfricaConnect3 project is co-funded by the European Union

The AfricaConnect3 project receives funding from the European Union under Grant Contract DCI-PANAF/2019/411-583.



- **Research for the (digital) Society**
- **Competence for the Digital Transformation**
- **Connect Schools & unconnected Communities**
practical experiences
- **Real world search based on needs from the communities**

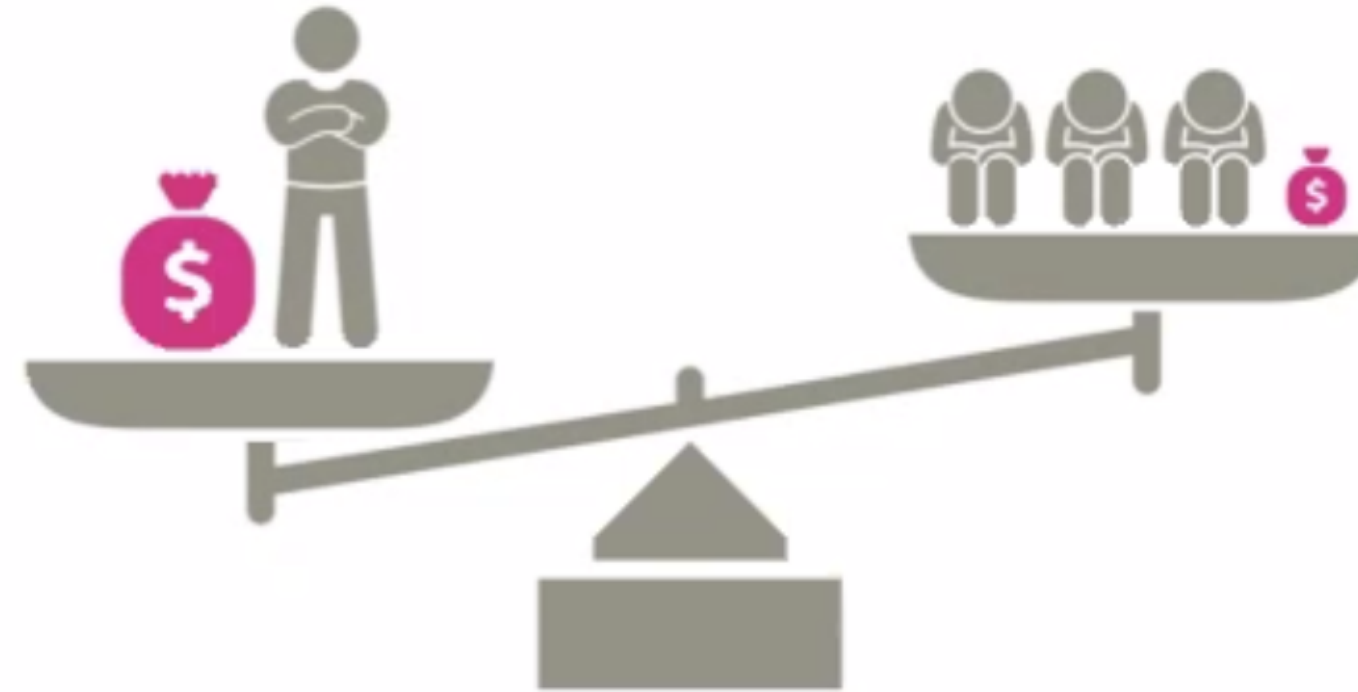


COVID-19 HAS LED TO THE FIRST RISE IN EXTREME POVERTY IN A GENERATION

AN ADDITIONAL **119-124 MILLION PEOPLE** WERE
PUSHED BACK INTO **EXTREME POVERTY** IN 2020



THE PANDEMIC
IS LIKELY TO REVERSE PROGRESS
MADE IN REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY
SINCE THE FINANCIAL CRISIS



COVID-19
ESTIMATED TO INCREASE THE AVERAGE GINI
FOR EMERGING MARKET AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
BY **6%**

COVID-19
HAS WIPE OUT 20 YEARS
OF EDUCATION GAINS

AN ADDITIONAL 101 MILLION OR 9% OF CHILDREN
IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 8 FELL BELOW
MINIMUM READING PROFICIENCY LEVELS IN 2020

Talking: Caroline Stratton



The Sustainable Development Goals Report
2021

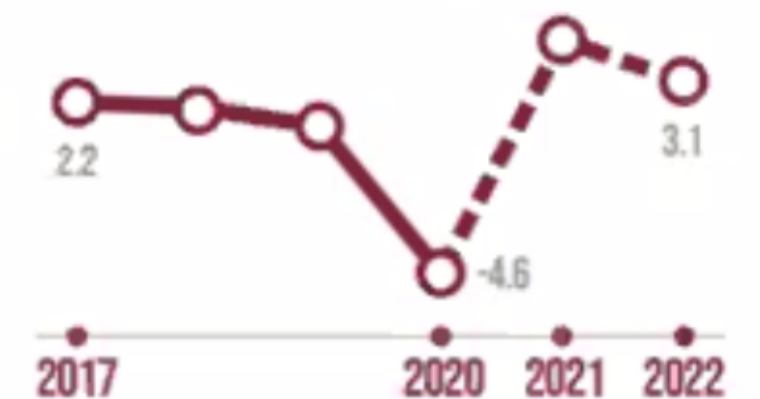
THE PANDEMIC
HAS LED TO THE LOSS OF THE EQUIVALENT OF
255 MILLION FULL-TIME JOBS



ABOUT **4X** THE NUMBER LOST DURING
THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS (2007-2009)

ECONOMIC RECOVERY
IS UNDER WAY

GLOBAL REAL GDP PER CAPITA
(2017-2022)



BUT FOR MANY COUNTRIES, ECONOMIC
GROWTH IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PRE-
PANDEMIC LEVELS ONLY IN 2022 OR 2023

Conclusion

Partnership for Sustainable Internet Connectivity

2 000 schools
1 820 000
students

Q4.2024



- Universities
 - Real-world knowledge
 - Decentralised, empower the communities
 - Knowledge4Africa, 5GforPeople
- Community Networks
 - extension of NRENs?
- Commercial actors
 - Mobile operators: Research with 5G as backbone
 - ISPs, satellite
- Government, ITU, UNICEF, UNESCO, ...
 - Framework conditions (spectrum, Internet Lite)

