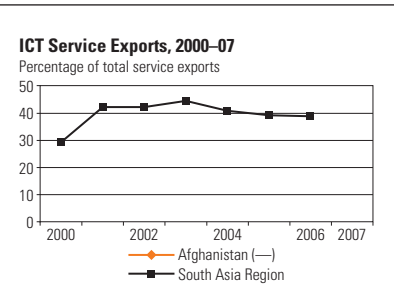
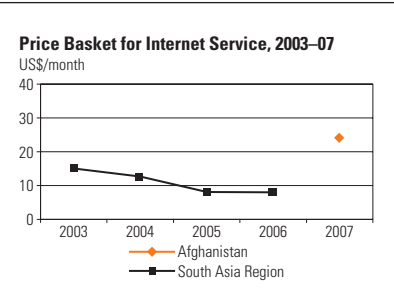
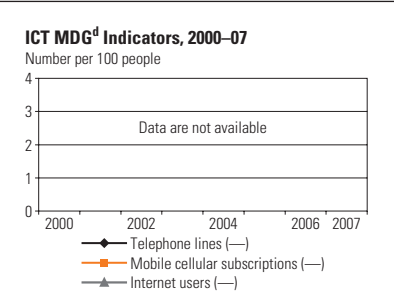
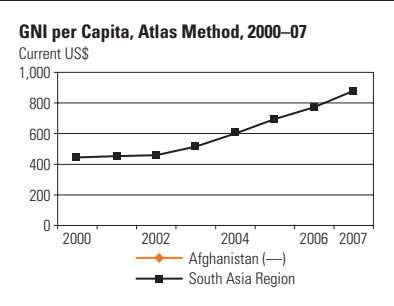


Afghanistan

	Afghanistan		Low-income group	South Asia Region
	2000	2007	2007	2007
Economic and social context				
Population (total, million)	—	—	1,296	1,522
Urban population (% of total)	21	24	32	29
GNI per capita, World Bank Atlas method (current US\$)	—	—	574	880
GDP growth, 1995–2000 and 2000–07 (avg. annual %)	—	10.7	5.6	7.3
Adult literacy rate (% of ages 15 and older)	28	—	64	63
Gross primary, secondary, tertiary school enrollment (%)	12	43	51	60
Sector structure				
Separate telecommunications regulator	No	Yes		
Status of main fixed-line telephone operator	Public	Public		
Level of competition ^a				
International long distance service	C	P		
Mobile telephone service	—	P		
Internet service	—	P		
Sector efficiency and capacity				
Telecommunications revenue (% of GDP)	4.1	5.1	3.3	2.1
Mobile and fixed-line subscribers per employee	—	861	301	660
Telecommunications investment (% of revenue)	—	37.8	—	—
Sector performance				
Access				
Telephone lines (per 100 people)	—	—	4.0	3.2
Mobile cellular subscriptions (per 100 people)	—	—	21.5	22.8
Internet subscribers (per 100 people)	—	—	0.8	1.3
Personal computers (per 100 people)	—	—	1.5	3.3
Households with a television set (%)	—	62	16	42
Usage				
International voice traffic (minutes/person/month) ^b	—	—	—	—
Mobile telephone usage (minutes/user/month)	—	—	—	364
Internet users (per 100 people)	—	—	5.2	6.6
Quality				
Population covered by mobile cellular network (%)	—	72	54	61
Fixed broadband subscribers (% of total Internet subscrib.)	—	0.8	3.4	18.9
International Internet bandwidth (bits/second/person)	—	—	26	31
Affordability				
Price basket for residential fixed line (US\$/month)	—	17.8	5.7	4.0
Price basket for mobile service (US\$/month)	—	5.6	11.2	2.4
Price basket for Internet service (US\$/month)	—	24.0	29.2	8.0
Price of call to United States (US\$ for 3 minutes)	—	0.39	2.00	2.02
Trade				
ICT goods exports (% of total goods exports)	—	—	1.4	1.2
ICT goods imports (% of total goods imports)	—	—	6.7	8.1
ICT service exports (% of total service exports)	—	—	—	39.0
Applications				
ICT expenditure (% of GDP)	—	—	—	5.7
E-government Web measure index ^c	—	0.27	0.11	0.37
Secure Internet servers (per 1 million people, Dec. 2008)	—	—	0.5	1.1



Sources: Economic and social context: UIS and World Bank; Sector structure: ITU; Sector efficiency and capacity: ITU and World Bank; Sector performance: Global Insight/WITSA, IMF, ITU, Netcraft, UN Comtrade, UNDESA, UNPAN, Wireless Intelligence and World Bank. Produced by the Global Information and Communication Technologies Department and the Development Economics Data Group. For complete information, see Definitions and Data Sources.

Notes: Use of italics in the column entries indicates years other than those specified. — Not available. GDP = gross domestic product; GNI = gross national income; ICT = information and communication technology; and MDG = Millennium Development Goal.

a. C = competition; M = monopoly; and P = partial competition. **b.** Outgoing and incoming. **c.** Scale of 0–1, where 1 = highest presence. **d.** Millennium Development Goal indicators 8.14, 8.15, and 8.16.