

Quarterly Dominican Republic Coalition Reports

1st and 2nd Quarter Report:

January – June 2017

Coalition Leadership

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- › ICT funding and fiscal Policies Group leader: Professor Pavel Isa Contreras, INTEC
- › Infrastructure Sharing and Open Access :Group Leader: Ing. Salvador Ricourt
- › Research & Data Collection Group Leader: Dr. Liddy Kiaty Figueroa, Coordinator of the ICT related issues of the National Statistical Office (ONE)

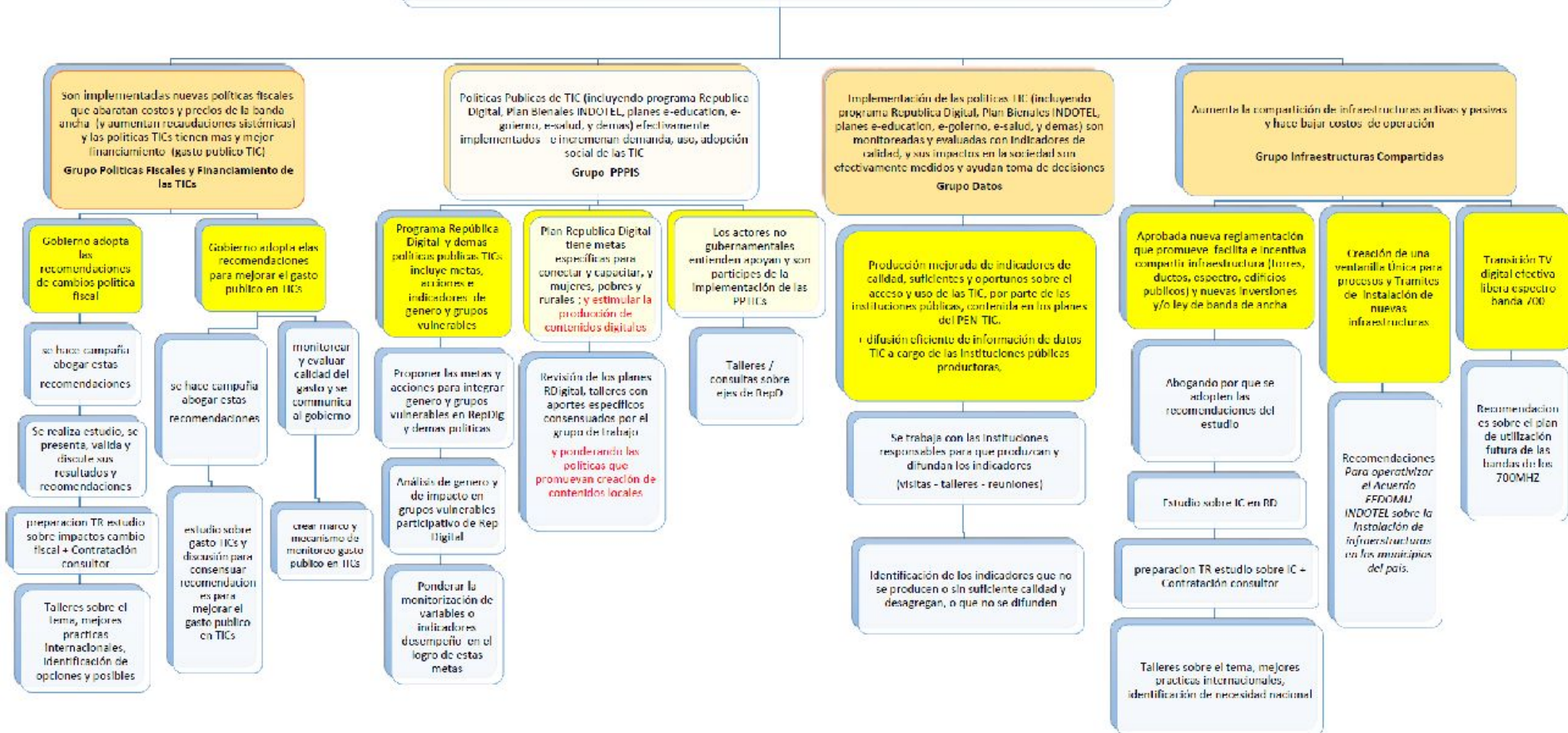
Key Accomplishments and Challenges

- Completion of IS study. Recommendations being forwarded to stakeholders, regulator is working on a new regulation for infrastructure sharing
- Fiscal study delivered and great workshop held, group developing consensus position on ICT Fiscal Policies, but face challenges as the overall government fiscal context not favorable to our proposals,
- Key links established to inclusion social and gender inclusion perspectives in National Agendas – and linked with scorecard research, but Gov has difficulties in articulating and moving significantly with it overall ICT program “Republica Digital”.
- Started process of rethinking the collation thematic priorities, a theory of change mapping was elaborated (see below), a new group emerged “Social Inclusion and Digital Policies” and data group leadership passed to a new person from the same Stat office.
- March Coalition meeting See report <http://bit.ly/2rdOun5>

Mapping DR coalition

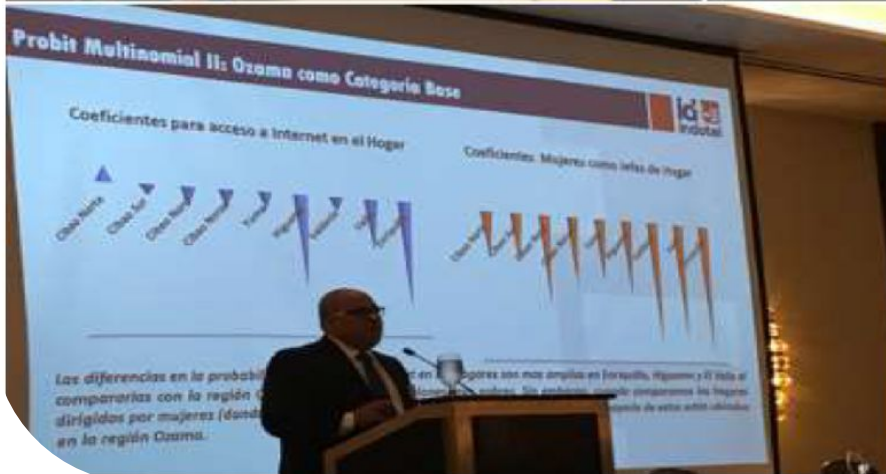
Theory of Change

Mejora la Asequibilidad de la banda ancha para todos y todas
(Coalición A4AI-RD)



Matching A4AI global and Local Advocacy Targets

Advocacy target x DR working groups	PP & Social inclusion group (new group being defined)	Infrastructure sharing group	Fiscal group	Data group (that could be merged or rearranged with the PP one)
• REACT for gender-responsive ICT Policy (high level advocacy)	Highly related Will promote to have this group monitor how much REACTIVE are the public policies (Digital Republic plan and others)	Low relation	Input a Gender perspective in ICT fiscal policies	Push for ONE and others to produce disaggregated data needed for this REACT framework
• 1 for 2 Affordability Target	Could be on this group advocacy targets for gov to adopt that new definition	Could be mentioned as a target for BB law of BB plan to have	Important, this group should adopt that target as motivation for its propositions	Push for ONE and others to produce disaggregated data that demonstrate 1 x 2 impact?
• Public Access solutions to increase affordable access to women, the poor and rural populations	Could be on this group advocacy targets, the Digital republic plan includes some, but more specific monitoring and recommendations	Advocate for BB law of BB plan to have provisions for Public Access facilities	Low relation	Push for ONE and others to produce disaggregated data on public access (offer and demand/users)
• Quality of Service/ Experience as affordability is delivered (linked to transparency /pricing/speed)	Could be on this group monitoring and advocacy targets,	IS should consider quality as part of the IS requirements	Fiscal transparency?	To explore
• Digital and Financial Inclusion for women's economic empowerment (linked to digital content, pricing, etc) - zooming in on economic rights.	Need to have this discussed after the new group focus is validated	Low relation	related	We need data to check situation in the DR first then decide if setting a framework for data about it



Working Group Reports.

Public Policies for Digital Development and Social Inclusion

The group was created in March to:

- Follow up on the Digital Agenda group, with the new context.
- The group is preparing its work plan ,aiming and monitoring the public policies inclusiveness
- Key focus of the group will include mapping all the ICT related public policies, and doing a participative assessment of their gender and social inclusion sensitiveness



PPDDIS Group in last coalition meeting

ICT funding and fiscal Policies

- Jan 24 there was a preliminary presentation of the study “Impact on Demand for Telecommunications Services as a Result of Reductions in Tax” prepared at the group request.
- The final version was presented at the "The Impact of Fiscal Policy in the ICT Sector in the Dominican Republic" Workshop was held march 27th



ICT Fiscal policy workshop March 2017

Recommendations include: i) to remove the luxury good tax of the data packages consumed by the low income households, ii) to explore a direct subsidy for the latter iii) to reduce custom tax on equipment to be shared and/or deployed in underserved areas

Infrastructure Sharing & Open Access

- After two meetings to discuss on the draft Resolution No. 004-171 on shared infrastructures, whose consultation began on 31/1/17 the group met on March 2 of this year, with the Regulatory Policies team of INDOTEL in order to share their concerns and conclusions and ended the same day of the meeting.
- A4AI also sent the final formal version of the study on the Shared Telecommunications Infrastructures in the Dominican Republic, with some comments on the draft resolution. Key recommendations include a new Broadband Law that would include IS regulations and Digital TV transition to free spectrum, and new backhaul fiber networks to be deployed with a Public-Private partnership.



Infrastructure sharing group meeting

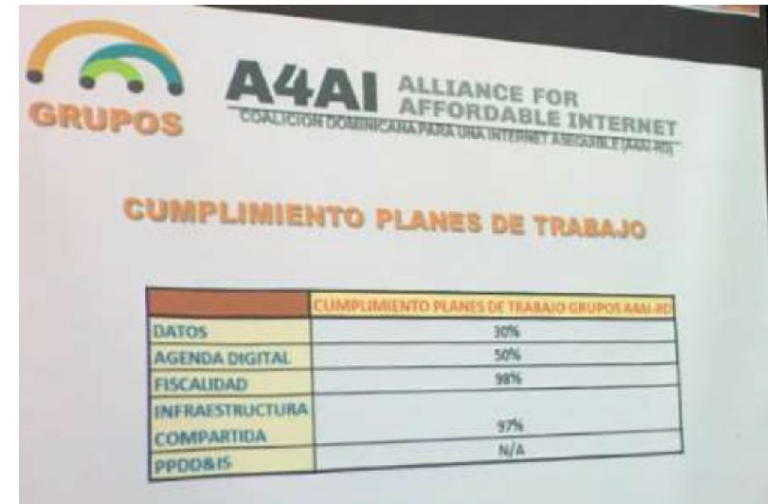
Research & Data Collection

The group has been restructured after the previous leader left – new leader preparing work plan.

Targets are to strengthen the national ICT statics plan (PENTIC) managed the the National Statistic Agency (ONE), promote the use of ICTs measure SDG progress, and to promote sharing in open data formats



Data working group meeting



Working Group Action Plans Q3 & Q4

Working Groups Plans

Public Policies for Digital Development and Social Inclusion

- Exploring the mapping of all public policies related to ICTs
- Preparing a matrix to analyze and evaluate the social inclusion and gender perspective in ICT policies
- Preparing a workshop to evaluate those and submit recommendation to enhance social inclusion and gender perspective in ICT policies

Infrastructure Sharing & Open Access

- Actions to support and accelerate digital transition to free 700 MHz spectrum
- Supporting and incentivizing the establishment of a Single window for infrastructure permits
- Advocating for the best regulation on infrastructure sharing (pending from regulator)

Working Groups Plans

Research & Data Collection

Work being defined, around:

- strengthening the collection and availability of data to monitor the digital agenda
- Support the national statistic agency to implement the ICT statistics plan

ICT funding and fiscal Policies

- Finalize a consensual position on ICT fiscal policy and promote it (advocate)
- Develop a plan or a study to measure all ICT spending across government
- Monitor the spending related to the objectives of the Digital Agenda (Republica Digital) to see if resources invested match the priorities and objectives

4th Quarter 2017 Coalition Meetings

- **October 10: Fiscal group**, presenting public position on **ICT fiscal policy**
- **October** (dates TBC) : Infrastructure Sharing group : 3 Webinars on best practice for **single window for infrastructure permits**
- **October 25: Gender ICT scorecard research presentation** and workshop on **assessing social inclusion on ICT policies**
- **October/November: online survey** to asses DR coalition **3 years progress** and impacts, and **review the priority thematic areas**
- **November 16th : National Coalition meeting** assessing 3 years and building a theory of change looking forward.

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THE A4AI-DR TEAM

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