

# Quarterly Dominican Republic Coalition Reports

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report:

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# **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 <a href="http://bit.ly/2rdOun5">http://bit.ly/2rdOun5</a>





identificación de necesidad nacional

Mejora la Asequibilidad de la banda ancha para todos y todas (Coalición A4AI-RD) Son implementadas nuevas políticas fiscales Politicas Publicas de TIC (incluyendo programa Republica-Implementación de las políticas HC (incluyendo Aumenta la compartición de infraestructuras activas y pasivas que abaratan costos y preclos de la banda programa Republica Digital, Plan Bienales INDOTEL. Digital, Plan Bienales INDOI EL, planes e-education, eancha (viaumentan recaudaciones sistémicas). y hace bajar costos de operación gnienro, e-salud, y demas) efectivamente planes e-education, e-golerno, e-salud, y demas) son y las politicas TICs tienen mas y mejor implementados le incremenan demanda, uso, adopción monitoreadas y evaluadas con indicadores de financiamiento (gaste publico TIC) social de las TIC calidad, y sus impactos en la sociedad son Grupo Infraestructuras Compartidas efectivamente medidos y ayudan toma de decisiones Grupo Politicas Fiscales y Financiamiento de Grupo PPPIS las TICs Programa República Plan Republica Digital Los actores no Aprobada pueva reglamentación. Gobierno adopta Digital y demas tiene metas gubernamentales lipbierno adopta elas que promueve facilità e incentiva Cresción de una politicas publicas TIC específicas para entienden apoyan y son Transición TV recomendaciones Producción mejorada de indicadores de compartir infraestructura (torres. ventanilla Única para recomendaciones incluye metas, para melorar el gasto corrector y capacitar, y participes de la digital efectiva calldad, suficientes y oportunos sobre el ductos, espectro, edificios de cambios política procesos y Tramites mujeres, pobres y Implementación de las publico en HCs libera espectro publicos) y nuevas inversiones acceso y uso de las TIC, por parte de las de Instalación de fiscal indicadores de rurales : y estimular la PPHES banda 700 stituciones públicas, contenida en los planes y/o ley de banda de ancha nuevas genero y grupos producción de infraextructura: vulne rables contenidos digitales difusión eficiente de información de datos monitorear se hace campaña TIC a cargo de las Instituciones públicas y cyaluar abogar estas Talleres / productoras, calidad del Proponer las metas y Revisión de los planes consultas sobre Abogando por que se recomendaciones se hace campuña gasto y se acciones para integrar RDigital, talleres con ejes de RepD adopten las abogar estas communica genero y grupos aportes específicos Recomendacion recomendaciones del vulnerables en RepDig al gobierno recomendaciones consensuados por el es sobre el plan estudio y demas politicas. Se realiza estudio, se grupo de trabajo. de utilización. Se trabaja con las instituciones presenta, valida y futura de las y ponderando las responsables para que produzcan y Recomendaciones bandas de los politicas que difundan los indicadores resultados v Para operativizar promuevan creación de 700MHZ Análisis de genero y (visitas - talleres - reuniones) recomendaciones el Acuerdo contenidos locales de impacto en EFDOMU Estudio sobre IC en RD grupos vulnerables. INDOTEL sobre la preparacion TR estudio participativo de Rep crear marcoly Instalación de estudio sobre sobre impactos cambio Digital infraerstructuras gasto IICs v fiscal + Contratación monitoreo gasto discusión para en los municipios consultor publico en IICs preparacion TR estudio sobre IC + del pais. consensuar Identificación de los indicadores que no recomendation Contratación consultor Ponderar la se producen o sin suficiente calidad y es pera monitorización de desagregan, o que no se difunden Talleres sobre el mejorar el variables o lema, mejores gasto publico indicadores practicas on TICs desempeño en el Internacionales. logro de estas Identificación de Talleres sobre el tema, melores, metas opciones y posibles practicas internacionales.

# 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)
<ul> <li>Quality of Service/ Experience as affordability is delivered (linked to transparency /pricing/speed)</li> </ul>	Could be on this group monitoring and advocacy targets,	IS should consider quality as part of the IS requirements	Fiscal transparency?	To explore
<ul> <li>Digital and Financial Inclusion for women's economic empowerment (linked to digital content, pricing, etc) - zooming in on economic rights.</li> </ul>	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





### 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 27<sup>th</sup>









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
   MGHz 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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