

Project ID	44
Focus / Field	Poverty
Country / Region Implemented	Philippines
Name of Project / Activity	Pipol Konek
Project / Activity URL (if any)	https://open.undp.org/projects/00113425
Target Location	Entire Philippines, especially those who have limited and poor access to internet connectivity
Purpose of Project / Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions - Enable DICT to access wider range of internet service providers and technologies to substantially expand the provision of free internet services in public places, especially for disadvantaged groups, meeting minimum quality standards for reliability and speed. The project will specifically provide the following services: - Domestic IP Backhaul Services in six (6) provinces; - Municipal IP Backhaul Services in 403 municipalities, 76 cities, 24 provincial capitals, and 23 DICT field operations office-provincial offices, and - Public Access Wi-Fi Network and Services for 66 provinces
Target of Project / Activity	People living in urban areas People living in peri-urban areas People living in rural areas People living in slums
Project / Activity Contents	<p>The project will support DICT's commitment to accelerate the roll-out of the Pipol Konek program which is designed to provide free Wi-Fi internet access in public places.</p> <p>The Free Wi-Fi Internet Access in Public Places Project, otherwise known as Pipol Konek, implemented by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) aims to provide free broadband Internet access to public places across the country.</p> <p>However, challenges in the bidding and implementation process, limited access to cost-effective and up-to-date technology options, as well as limited capacity of local Philippine telecommunications companies have slowed progress toward this goal.</p> <p>This project will support DICT's commitment to accelerate the roll-out of the Pool Konek project. Working in partnership with DICT, UNDP will use its National Acceleration Modality to apply its procurement system and partnership agreement instruments to provide WI-services for designated areas that currently have no or limited access to internet.</p> <p>DICT-UNDP partnership aims to expand internet access in 6,000 sites.</p>
Name of Implementing Organization	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) & Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)
Organization URL	https://open.undp.org/
Location of Head Office (City, Country)	Quezon City, Philippines
Category (Public / Private / NPO)	Government/Public organization
Annual Budget	USD 35 million
Source of Funds	Government subsidies
Base of Activity	National (Philippines)
Number of Staff (paid)	N/A
Number of Volunteers	N/A

The above information is current as of September 2022.