Comoros Telecom Operator Base Station Cooperation

Overview

How did the Comoros project address telecoms?

The Comoros project addressed telecoms from several angles. The World Bank and IFC advised the government on liberalizing the sector, including by supporting development of the 2014 Communications Act.

Did Comoros get a second telecom license?

Instead, in 2015, with World Bank support, the Comoros' telecoms regulator (ANRTIC) held an international tender for a second telecoms license. This attracted African bidders Telecom Malagasy S.A. and Mauritius Telecom, and international firms, including France's SFR.

Why is Comoros better than other countries?

Through competition, Comoros now has better quality and cheaper telecoms services, as well as broader coverage. In a country with scarce government resources, the World Bank's $32 million has made a substantial contribution by leveraging over $90 million in telecoms licensing fees and infrastructure investment. Development Challenge.

Does Comoros have a telecom monopoly?

In 2013, Comoros was one of the few countries worldwide with a telecoms monopoly. The state-owned enterprise, Comores Télécoms, charged customers a high price but provided poor services. Consequently, only 40 percent of the country's 800,000 people had mobile service, and less than 1 percent had broadband internet.

What did the Union of the Comoros do?

The Union of the Comoros, an archipelago off Africa's east coast with high levels of poverty, sought to improve communications, trade, and economic opportunities by expanding mobile communications and internet services.

Who is Telma Comores?

In October 2015, Telma Comores, a subsidiary of Telecom Malagasy S.A., won the bid at a cost of $16 million for the license fee. The company launched its operations in 2016, and within a year had gained a quarter of the telecoms market.

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