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70% Of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) targeted through internet connectivity

1.38% GDP growth for every 10% increase in internet penetration rate

US $6.07B Approximate worth of economic growth

What does it mean to be a first-world economy?

high levels of economic development

widespread access to basic services

high levels of urbanization



FIRST WORLD

high levels of consumerism

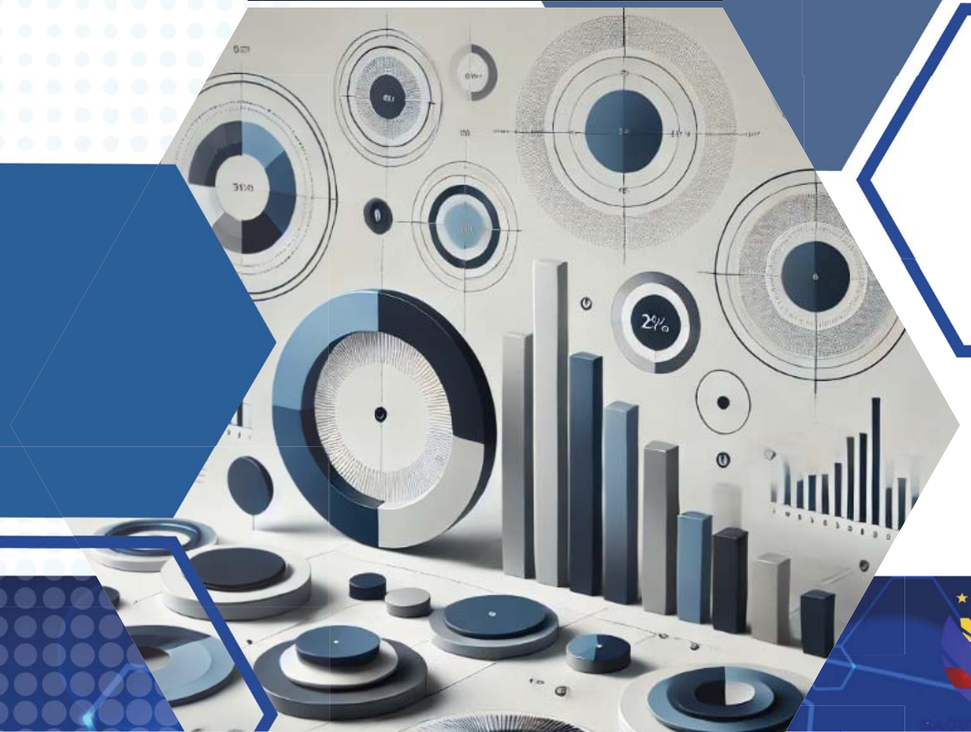
low mortality rates

“developed”

What does the DICT do?

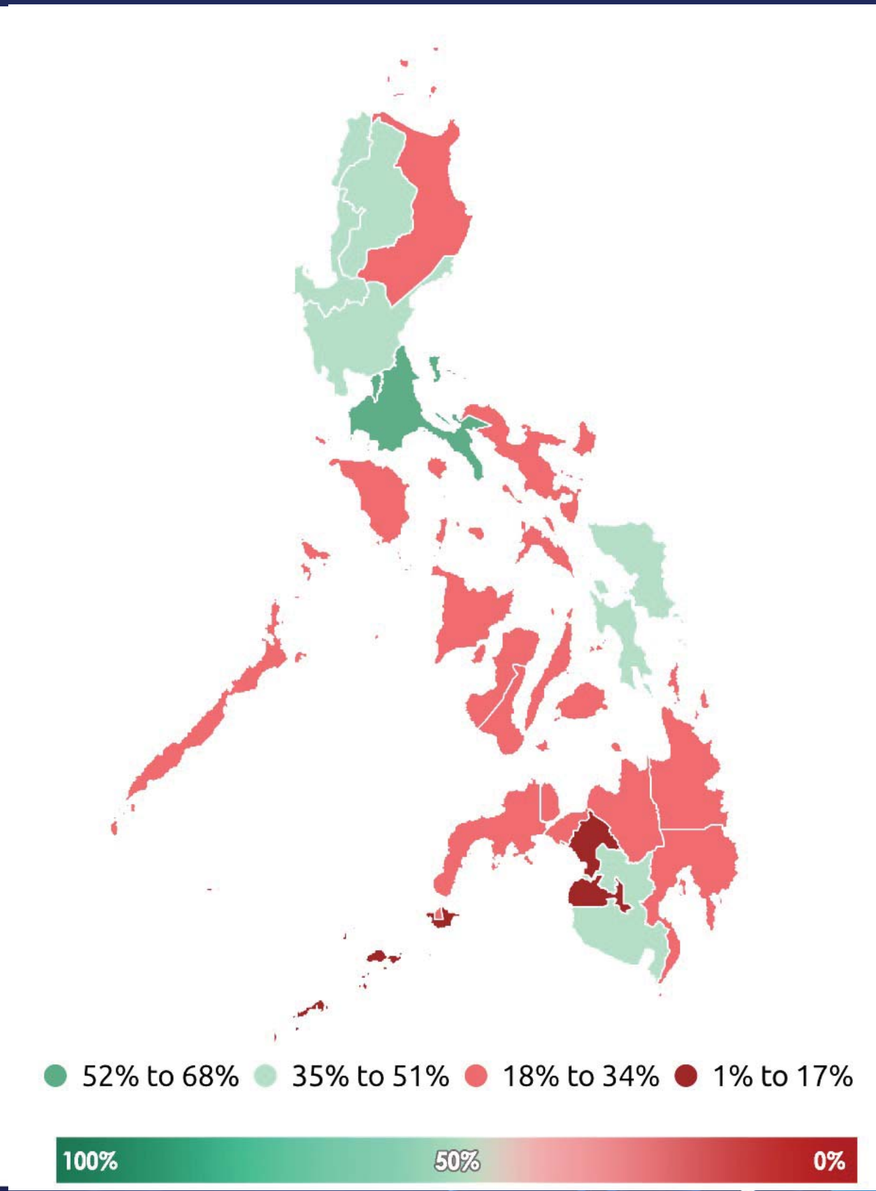
CONNECTIVITY





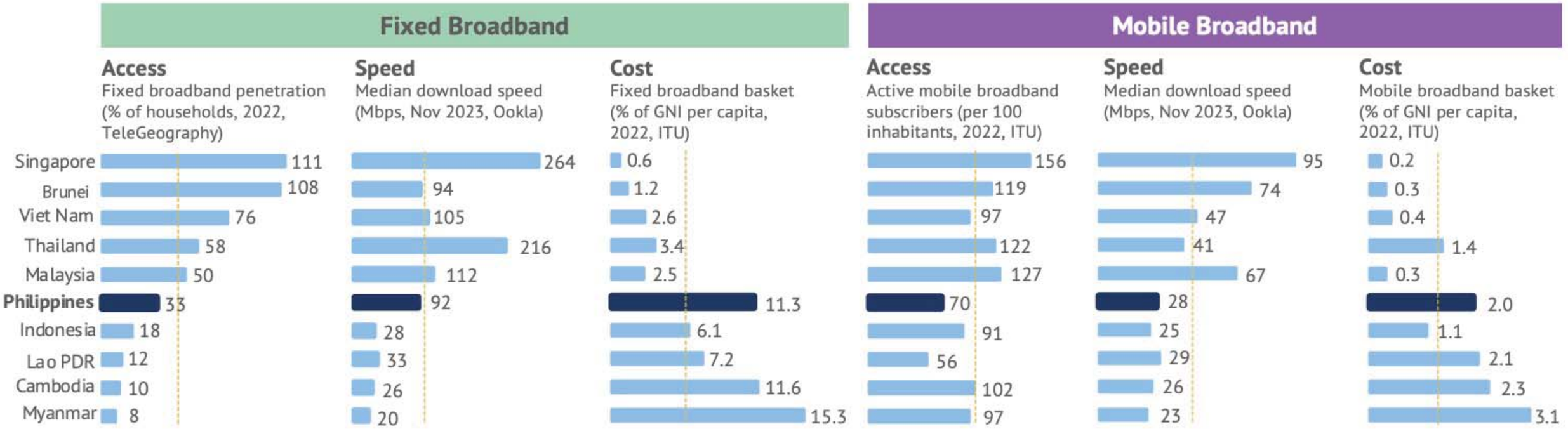
Internet Connectivity Disparity

The internet penetration rate, while at 73.6% nationwide, varies randomly region by region with some areas in Mindanao only at less than 10% penetration rate.



State of the Internet in the Philippines

Low levels of access and connection speed, coupled with high cost



Source: TeleGeography, Ookla, and ITU.[5]

Note: Dotted lines show Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) averages.

Increase Connectivity, Lower Cost

For connectivity, we need to address the issues through policy reforms and the projects that will directly impact the Filipinos.

Policy promoting equity in connectivity

Expand sharing of infrastructure to FOCs & active components, rationalize spectrum assignment and provide government for security compliance.

National Broadband Program

Expand NBP to promote PPP among regional and national telecommunications and ISP players to drive down cost of CAPEX

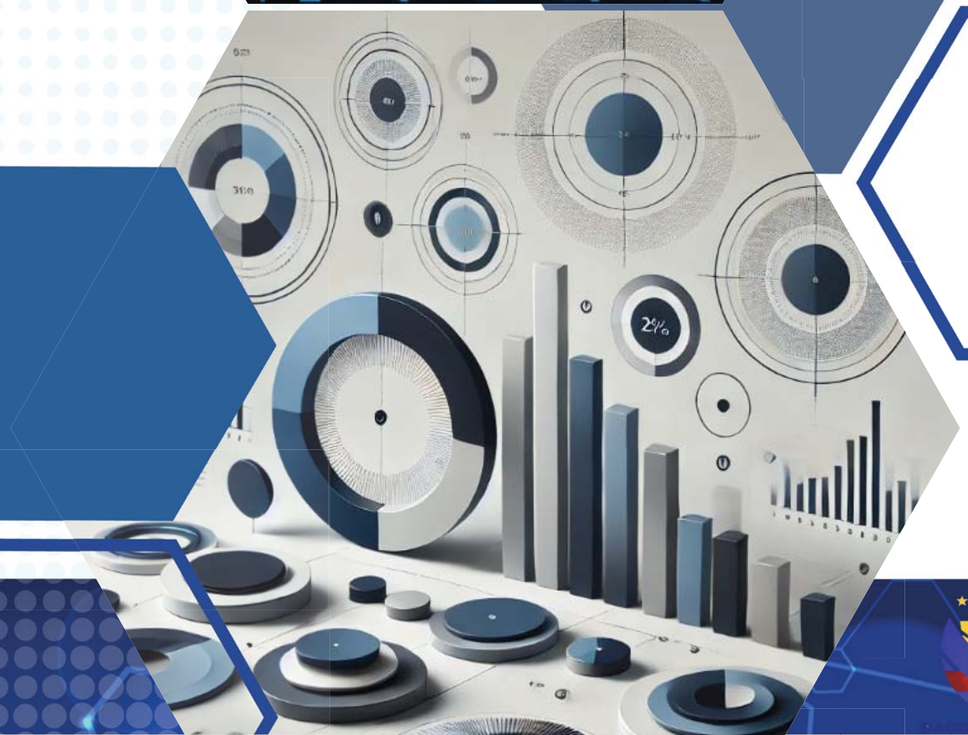
Free Wifi for All Program

Continue to provide Free Wifi to public places especially in schools, public libraries, Rural Health Units, and Barangays



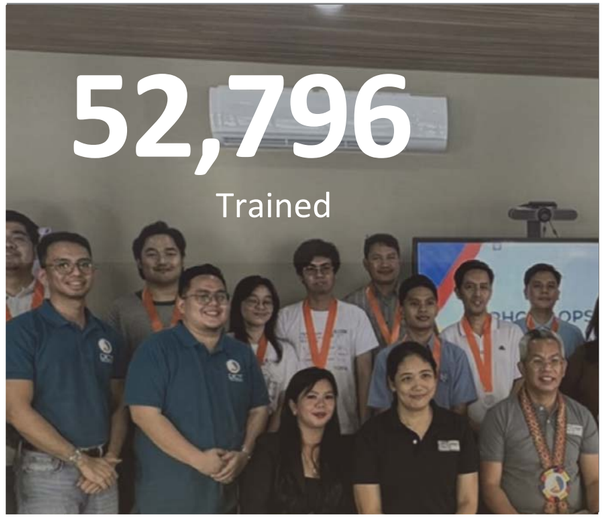
BRIDGING THE DIGITAL SKILLS GAP





Digital Skills Gap: International Telecommunication Union Study

Country	Basic digital skills	Standard digital skills	Advanced digital skills
Philippines	6%	2%	1%
Brunei Darussalam	57%	40%	28%
Cambodia	29%	3%	0%
Indonesia	49%	25%	4%
Malaysia	60%	42%	11%
Singapore	53%	40%	8%
Thailand	17%	10%	1%
Viet Nam	17%	8%	0%
Global ICT Development Target (2030)	70%	50%	



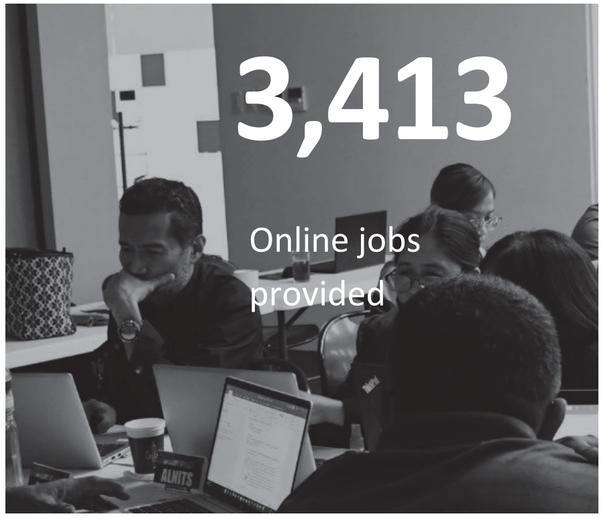
52,796

Trained



30,000

Trainings Conducted



3,413

Online jobs provided



2,242

MSMEs trained



36

DTC's Established

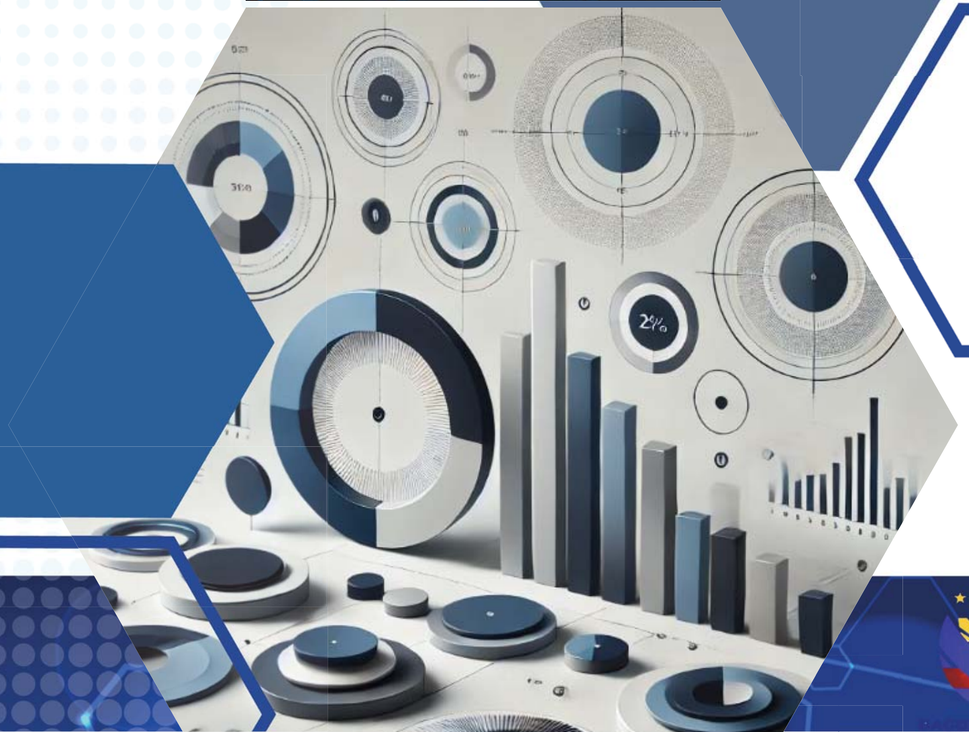


5 International ICT Competency Competitions Won

Capacity Building is at the heart of the DICT's mission to bridge the Digital Gap

CYBERSECURITY

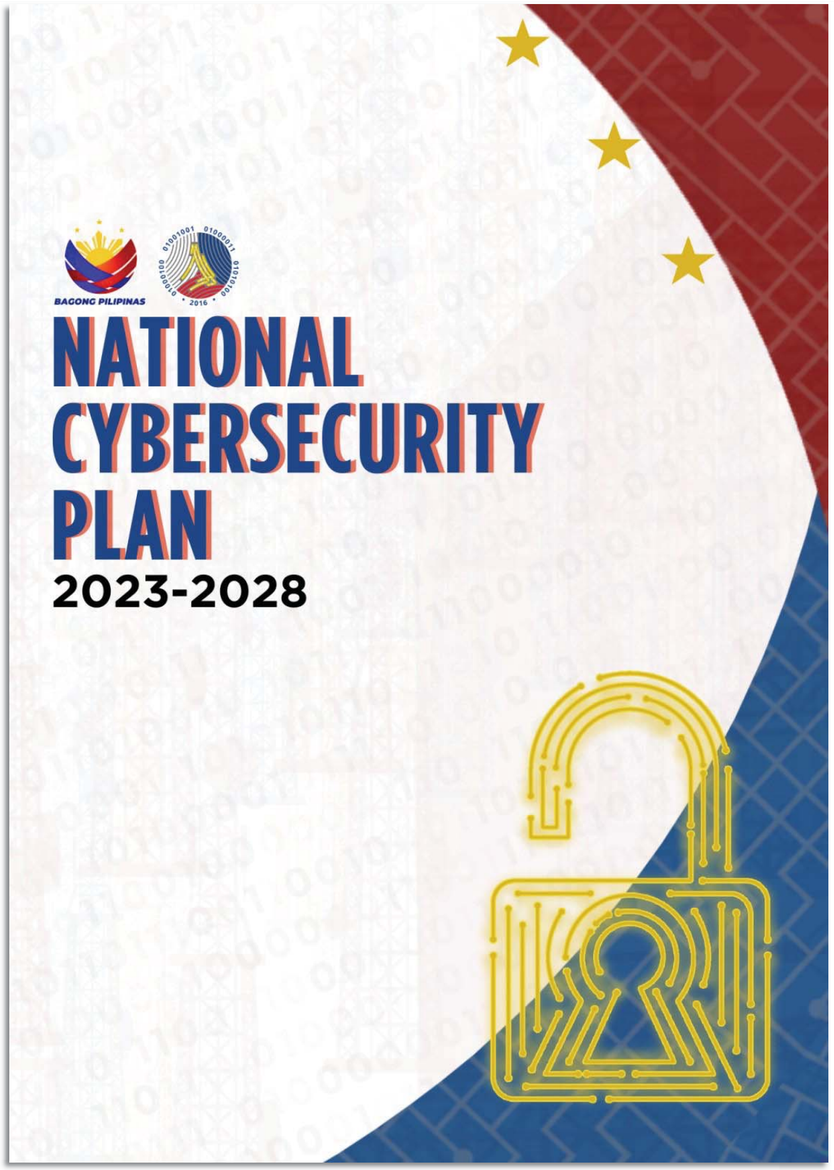




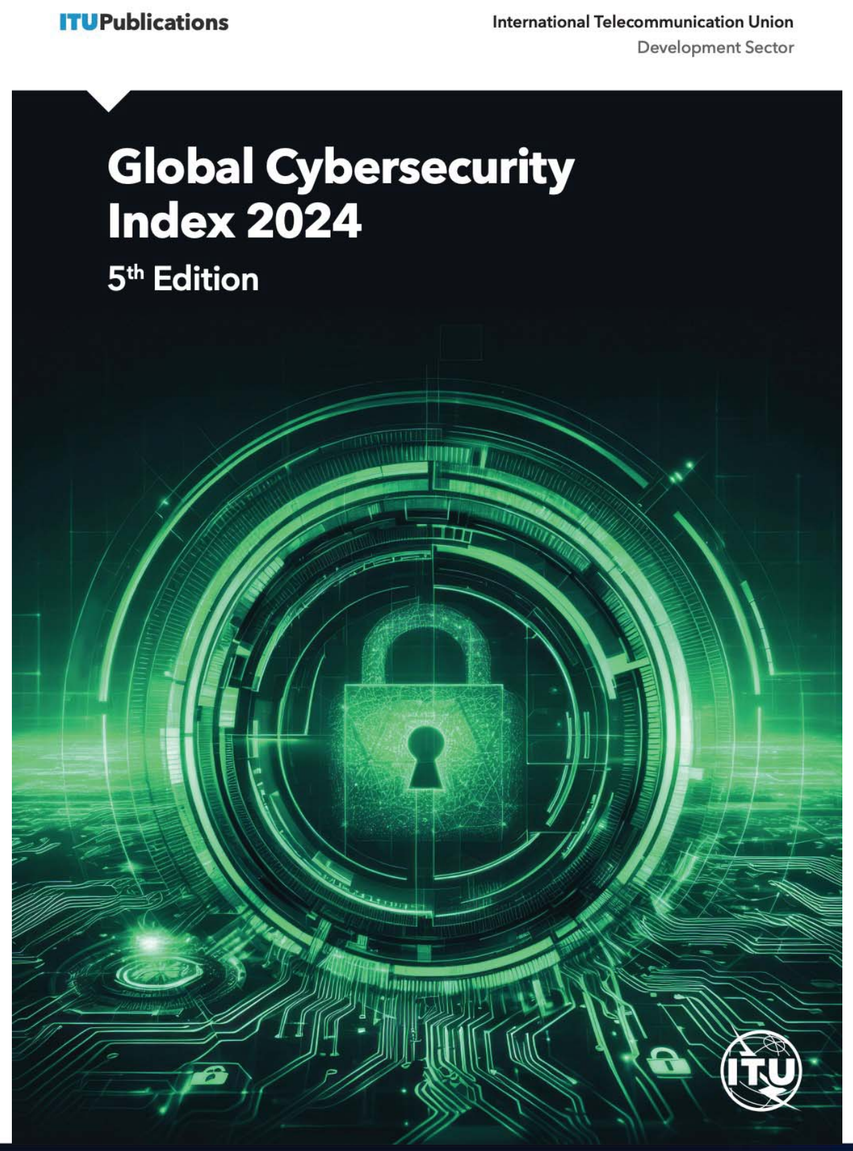
National Cybersecurity Plan 2023 – 2028

VISION

TRUSTED, SECURE, RELIABLE
CYBERSPACE FOR EVERY FILIPINO

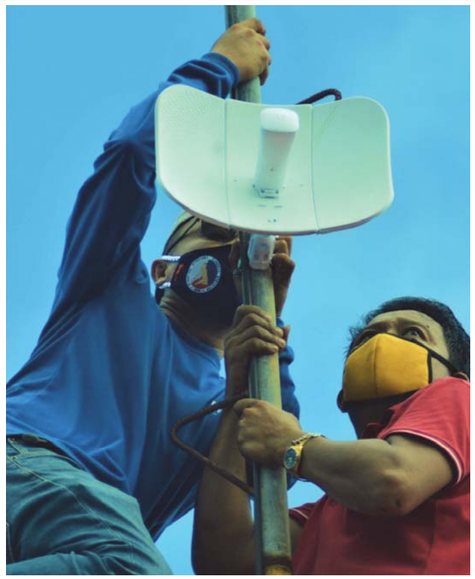


Global Cybersecurity Index



2024 index score of 93.49
Tier 2, Advancing











We must have a shared vision, unwavering commitment, and strategic collaboration

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