

# East Micronesia Cable System — Nauru's First International Submarine Fibre Link

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Nauru

Quality score: 68/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

## Summary

A 2,250 km submarine cable jointly built for Nauru, Kiribati and the Federated States of Micronesia gave Nauru its first-ever international fibre-optic link, replacing costly satellite backhaul and targeting up to 100,000 people across the three Pacific nations.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                | Score |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Innovation level         | 2/5   |
| Sustainability (ongoing) | 1/1   |
| Evaluation evidence      | 0/1   |
| Demonstrated reach       | 1/1   |
| Documented learning      | 1/1   |

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## Data sources

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