

Palapa Ring — Indonesia's National Fibre-Optic Backbone Across the Archipelago

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Indonesia

Quality score: 92/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A \$1.5bn, 56,000km fibre-optic backbone stretching from Sabang to Merauke, built to connect over 500 Indonesian regencies — including previously unserved Papua and eastern islands — to 4G-capable internet.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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