

The Tuvalu Vaka Cable: From 73 Mbps to a Connected Digital Nation

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Tuvalu

Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A US\$29m World Bank grant to reform Tuvalu's telecom sector, followed by a five-nation submarine cable activated in October 2025, took one of the world's least-connected nations from as little as 73 Mbps to headroom beyond 10 Gbps.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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