

DRC National Connectivity & Security — Minister Brief

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Decision: Approve USD \$585,000,000 for implementation services over 42 months with results-tied disbursements, independent assurance, and strict anti-corruption controls.

Why this now?

Secure, reliable connectivity for ministries, hospitals, and schools with local capacity to operate.

Deferral increases both cyber risk and missed economic opportunity.

What success looks like

- Availability $\geq 99.5\%$ across prioritized sites (post-scale)
- Median latency $< 60\text{ms}$; $\geq 150\text{ Mbps}$ throughput (A/B sites); QoS for health/education traffic
- High/critical incidents: 100% contained within SLA; MTTD $< 15\text{m}$; MTTR $< 4\text{h}$ (P1)
- ≥ 500 Congolese professionals certified; $\geq 70\%$ local staffing steady-state

Gates & Payments

G1: Blueprint & pilot readiness $\rightarrow 10\%$

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G2: Midpoint (3,000 sites; KPIs $\geq 90\%$) $\rightarrow 20\%$

G3: Pre-handover ($\geq 7,000$ sites) $\rightarrow 25\%$

G4: Handover/escrow verified $\rightarrow 20\%$

Retention 10%; Performance bond 10%

Sovereignty & Integrity

Data & keys remain in the DRC; HSM/KMS under state control; quarterly escrow of configs & runbooks; independent audits; UNCAC-aligned procurement integrity.

Note: Regional case studies are third-party references only. The Bronze Shield did not perform those projects.