BALANCED INFORMATION SOCIETY: IMPROVING ICT ACCESS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN NIGERIA

IMPACT OF ICT IN OUR DAILY LIVES

mobile/internet bankina

increased agricultural

hospital equipment using lasers, cameras, x-rays productivity

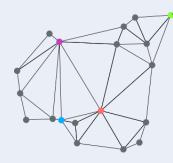


online education, research and e-library



cars that can tell us when to get the oil changed and our exact location

Online Shopping/ e-Commerce



Connecting People all over the world

THE STATE OF ICT DEVELOPMENT IN **NIGERIA**



OVER 1200 ICT AND KNOWLEDGE CENTRES

since the year 2006 till present the Federal Government has established more than 1200 ICT. Resource and Knowledge Centres in more than 740 Local Government Areas



NIGERIA ICT ROADMAP 2017-2020

a roadmap which provides integrated framework for ICT development in Nigeria developed standing on four pillars: Governance;Policy, Legal & Regulatory; Industry Infrastructure: Capacity Building



NATIONAL ICT POLICY

a new national ICT policy is being developed which will cover ICT infrastructure. internet and broadband, local content development, legal and regulatory framework.



NEW NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

5-year national broadband plan expired last December 2018, efforts are ongoing to design a new national broadband plan in order to surpass the present achievement of 32.34% broadband penetration



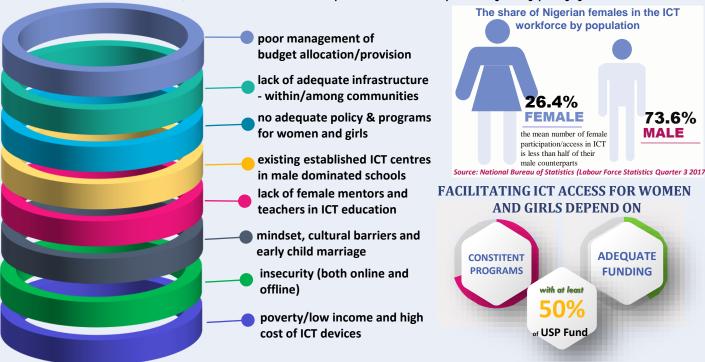
ACTIVE INTERNET SUBSCRIBERS

Internet users in Nigeria increased marginally to more than 113.8 million in January 2019

(Source: NCC)

REASONS FOR DIGITAL GENDER DIVIDE IN NIGERIA

While technology is becoming more of an integral part of our lives, the gender divide is widening and women and girls are still under-represented in terms of access and use, there is a gender gap in computer usage in most countries including Nigeria, ranging from -17% (Turkey) to +4% (Saudi Arabia); In Africa, the few countries with data show that overall, less than 50% of women use computers but a similar trend pertains of gender gaps ranging from -9% to +3%.



UTILIZING NIGERIA'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION FUND



USPF STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2013 - 2017



A CALL TO ACTION – ACHIEVING MORE WITH UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVISION FUND (USPF)

While we commend USPF Board and Management Team for their efforts towards achieving equitable ICT access for all in Nigeria, we will appreciate if the leadership can look into the below mention areas in order to achieve more with the funds at their disposal, most especially targeting women and girls under the age of 12 to 24 years in rural and underserved communities



reduced cost of accessing ICT devices

Have designated (safe place) Girl (ICT) centres



Provide free fast, Affordable Internet Access to all centres

Help reduce gender imbalance in ICT sector



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