

Bridging Connectivity Gap in MENA Region Regulatory Perspective

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National projects (examples)

- Egypt
- Jordan
- Oman

Coverage requirements

- Specific areas coverage

Funding

- Different approaches



National Projects

Egypt

National broadband project

Target

- Households, villages, schools and gov. institutions

Fund

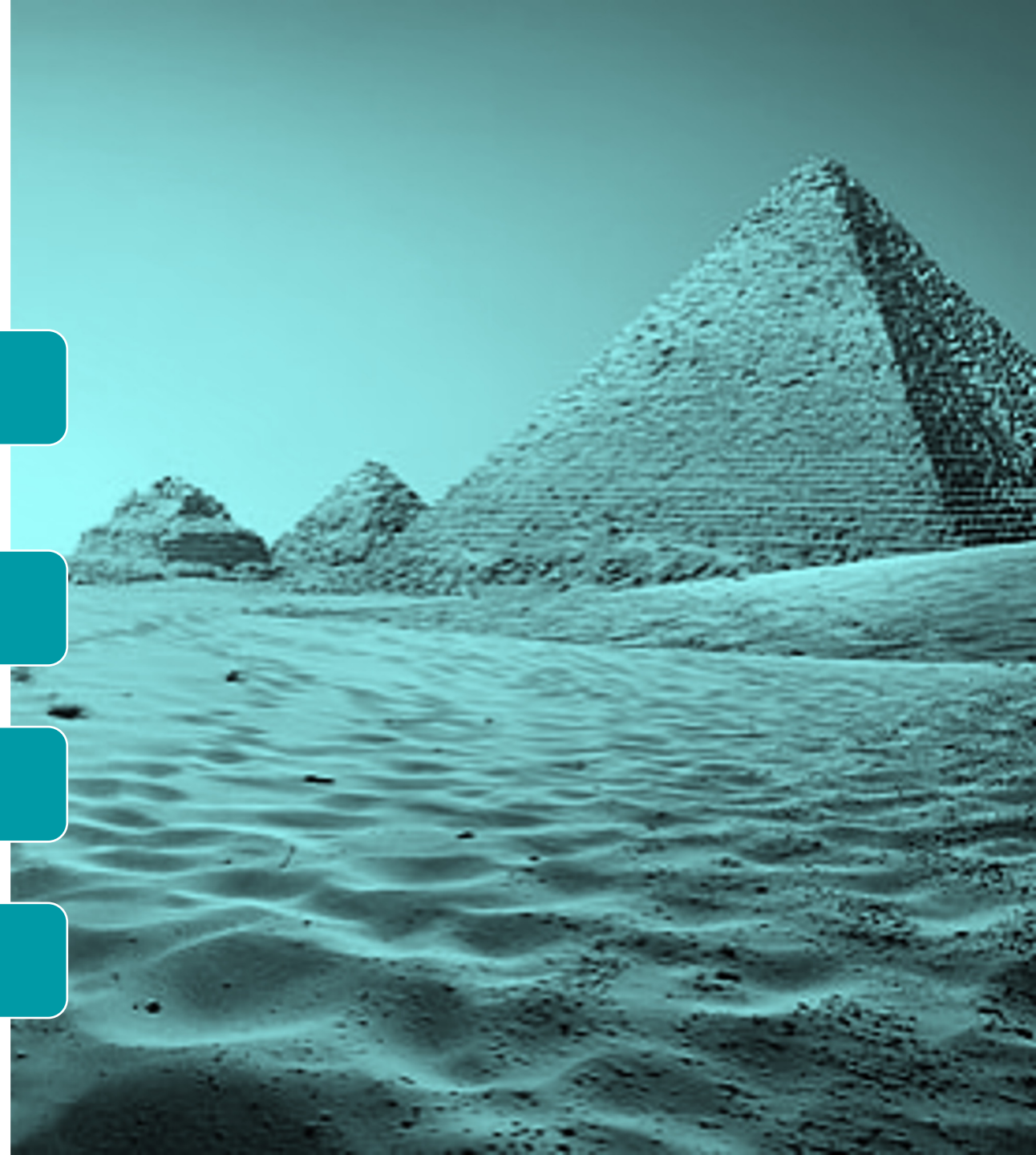
- US-Fund

Accomplishment

- 67% by the end of 2023

Technology

- Many other projects to provide mobile coverage in rural areas



Jordan

National Broadband Network (NBN)

Target

- Connect educational, government and healthcare institutions

Funding

- State budget + aids from Saudi Fund for Developments

Accomplishment

- About 5,000 km of fibre optics
- Around 2,500 institutions

Network

- Fibre optics



Oman

Several projects to connect isolated villages

Target

- Connect rural villages

Funding

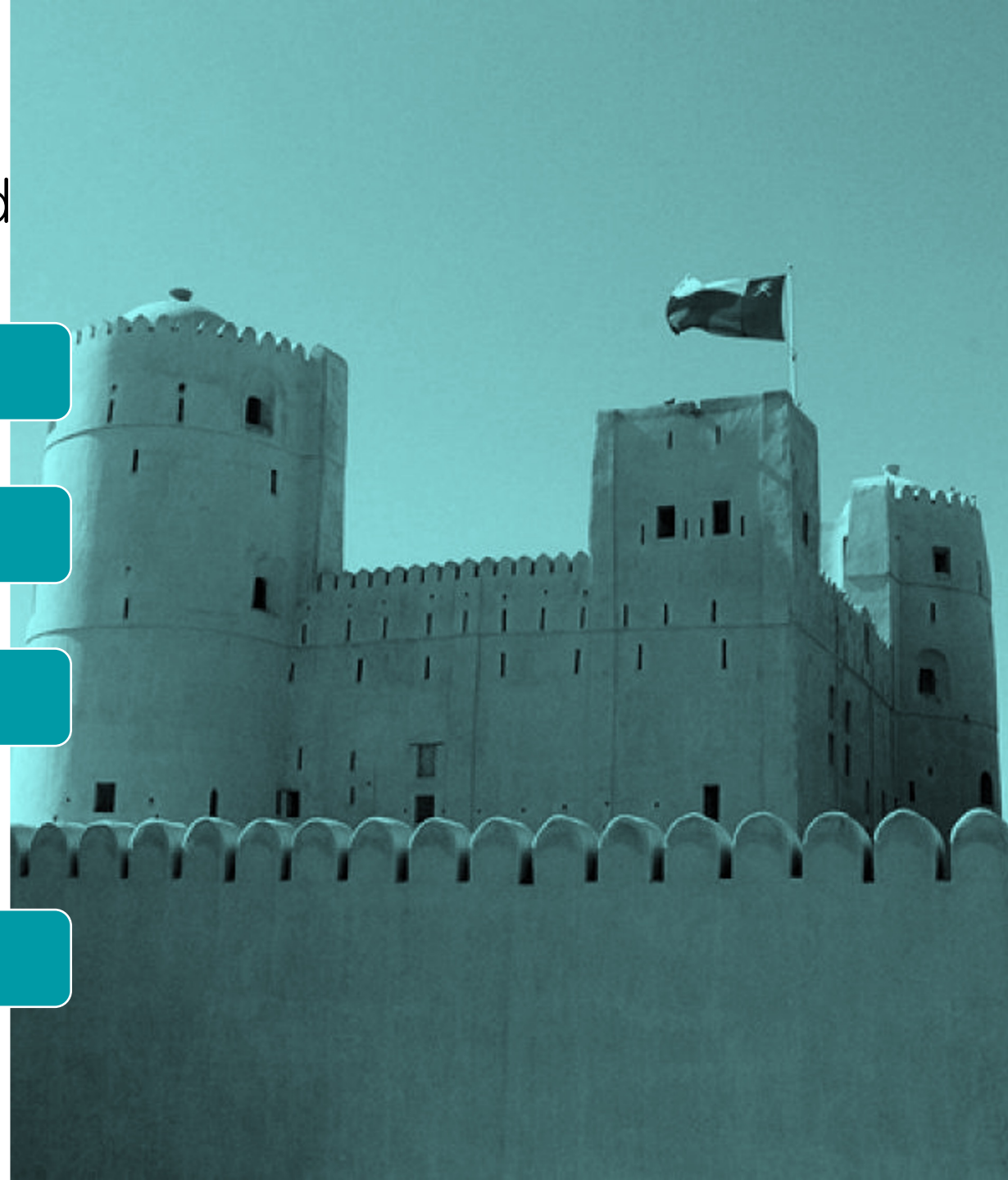
- State budget + fines + spectrum refarming

Accomplishment

- 600 villages + 141 schools (satellite)
- 400 villages (mobile)
- Seven areas (fibre)

Network

- Satellite
- Mobile
- Fibre optics



Coverage requirements

Specific coverage requirements

Algeria

- Obligation to cover sparsely populated areas is set out in licences

Jordan

- Obligation to build mobile sites based on coverage complaints

Oman

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Coverage Financing

Financing coverage projects

Universal service
fund

State fund

Reducing/ waiving
spectrum fees
against coverage
targets

Coverage
obligation in
licences

Waive spectrum
reframing fees
against coverage
targets

Fines (deployment
instead of financial
sanction)



Thank you!

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