

# ICT/digital readiness of LLDCs

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# Facts and Figures: Focus on Landlocked Developing Countries



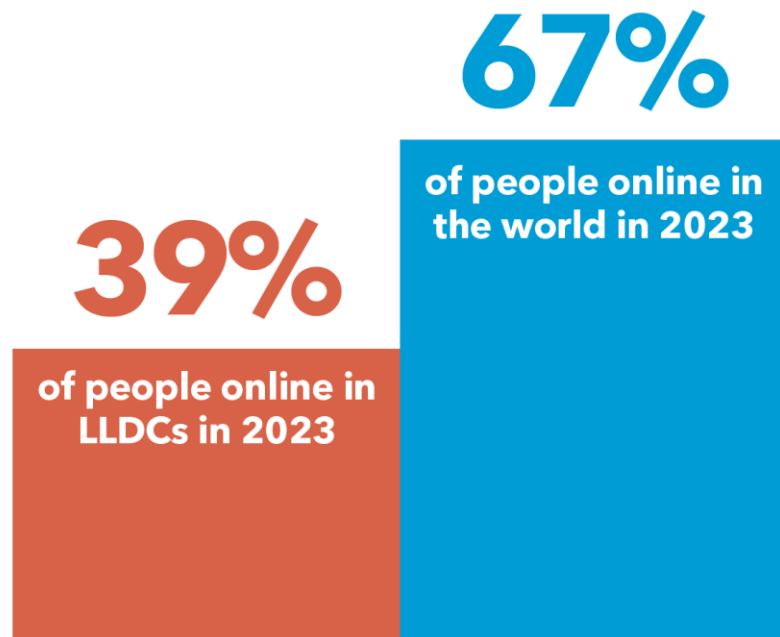
- Third deep dive in *Facts and Figures* series after LDCs in March 2023 (for LDC V) and SIDS in February 2024 (for Fourth SIDS Conference)
- Based on ITU estimates of flagship *Facts and Figures 2023*
- Trends for key connectivity indicators for LLDCs and relevant benchmarks
- Launched in April 2024 in preparation of the Third UN Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in December 2024



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# Internet use in LLDCs lagging behind the global average

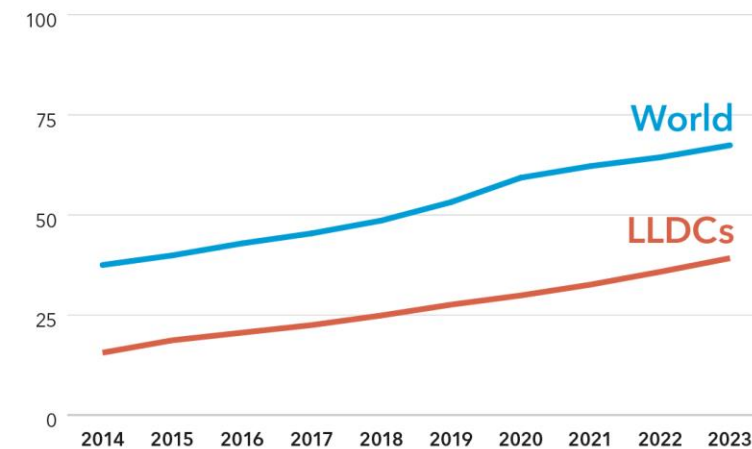


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## Growth of Internet use in LLDCs

Percentage of individuals using the Internet from 2014 to 2023



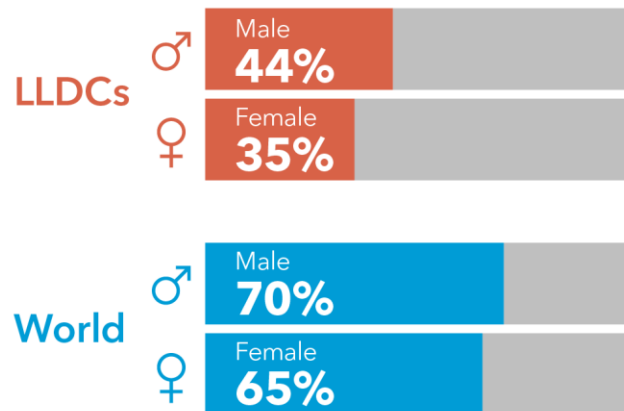
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# Pronounced digital divides in LLDCs

## Gender gap in LLDCs

Percentage of individuals using the Internet in 2023

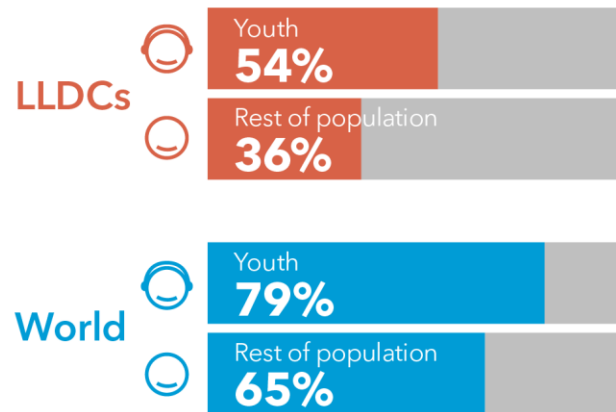


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## Digital generational gap in LLDCs

Percentage of individuals using the Internet in 2023

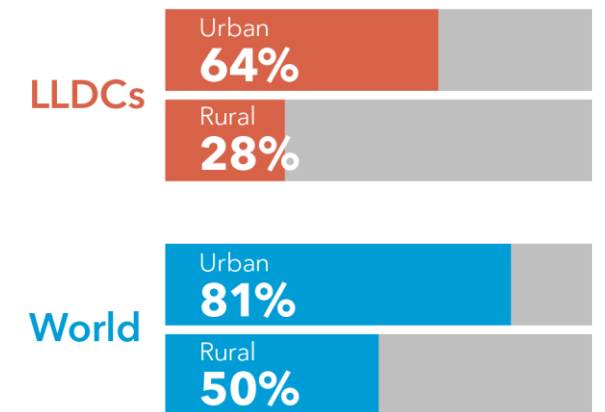


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## Urban/rural digital divide in LLDCs

Percentage of individuals using the Internet in 2023



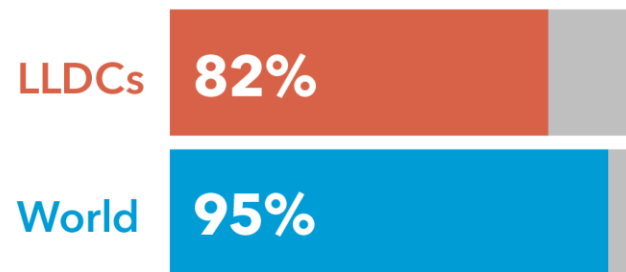
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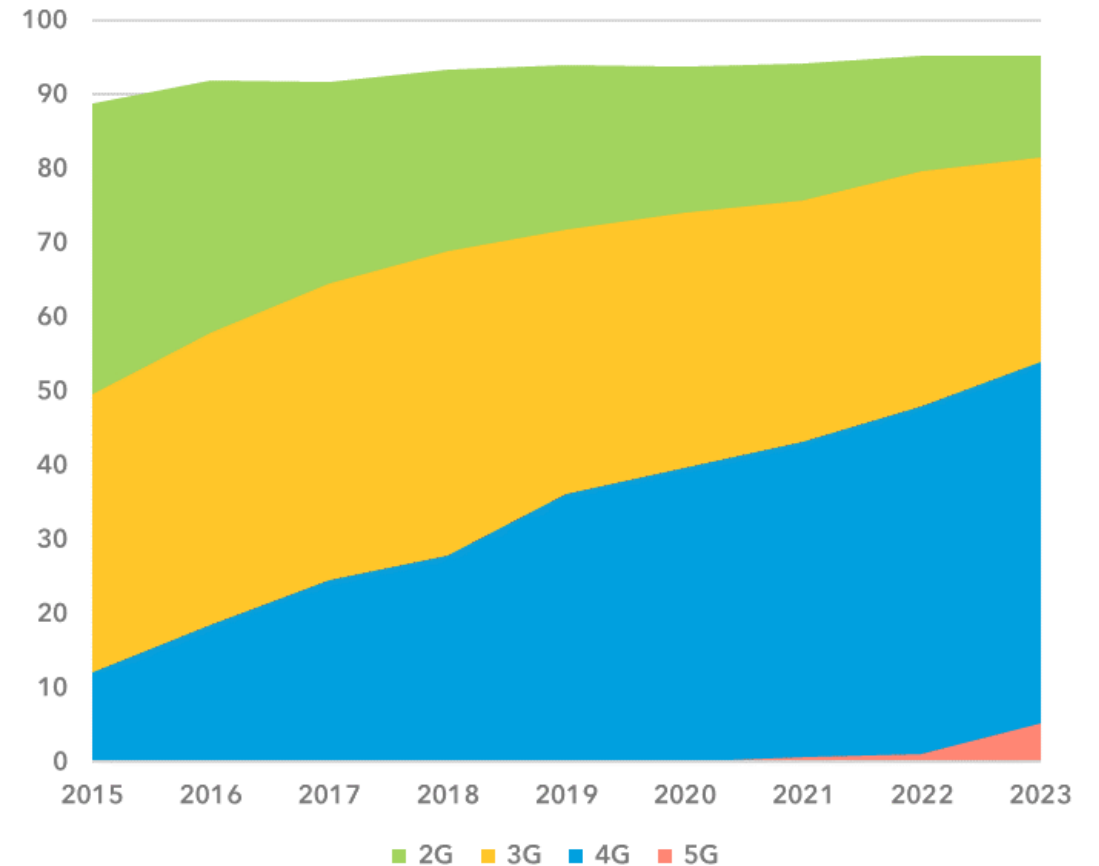
# Mobile networks not available everywhere

## Mobile network coverage in LLDCs

Percentage of population covered by a mobile broadband network in 2023

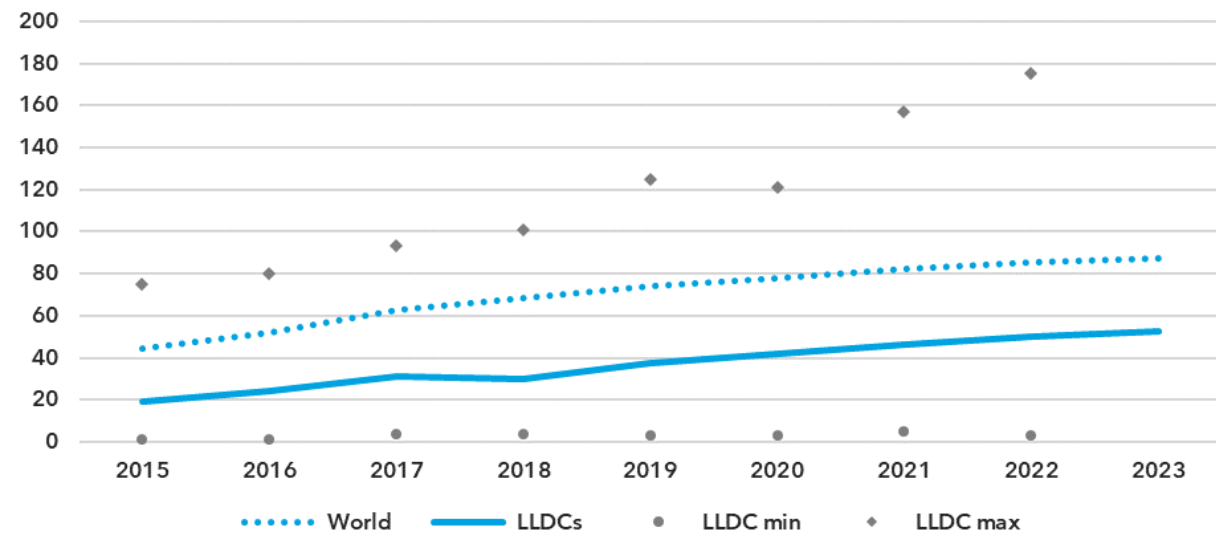


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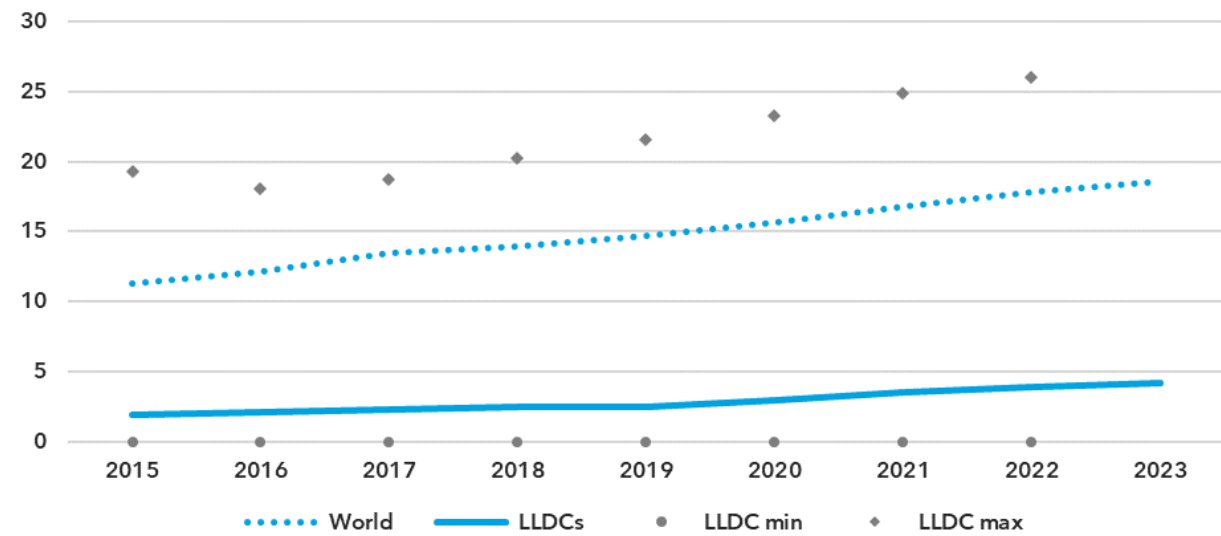


# Fixed subscriptions very low in LLDCs

Active mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants

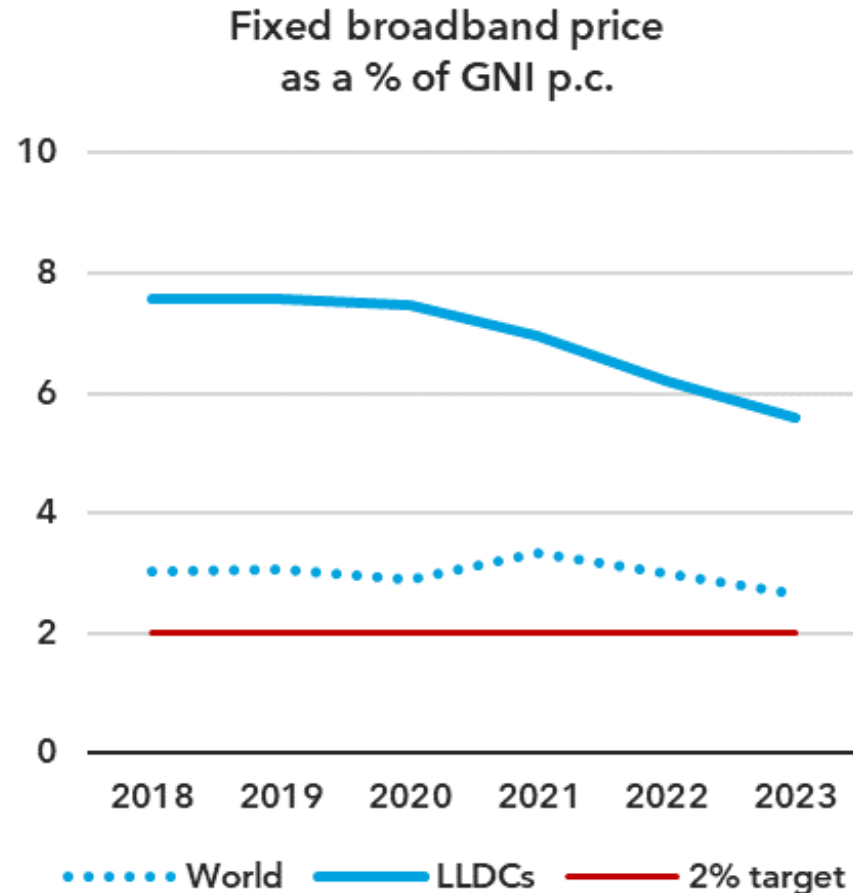
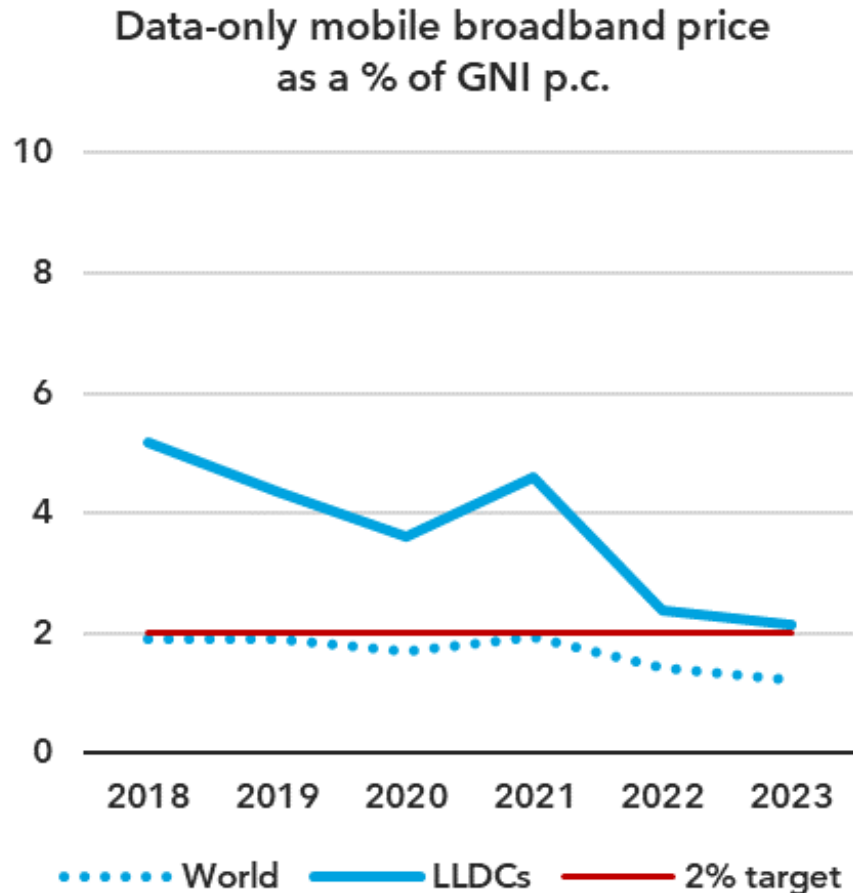


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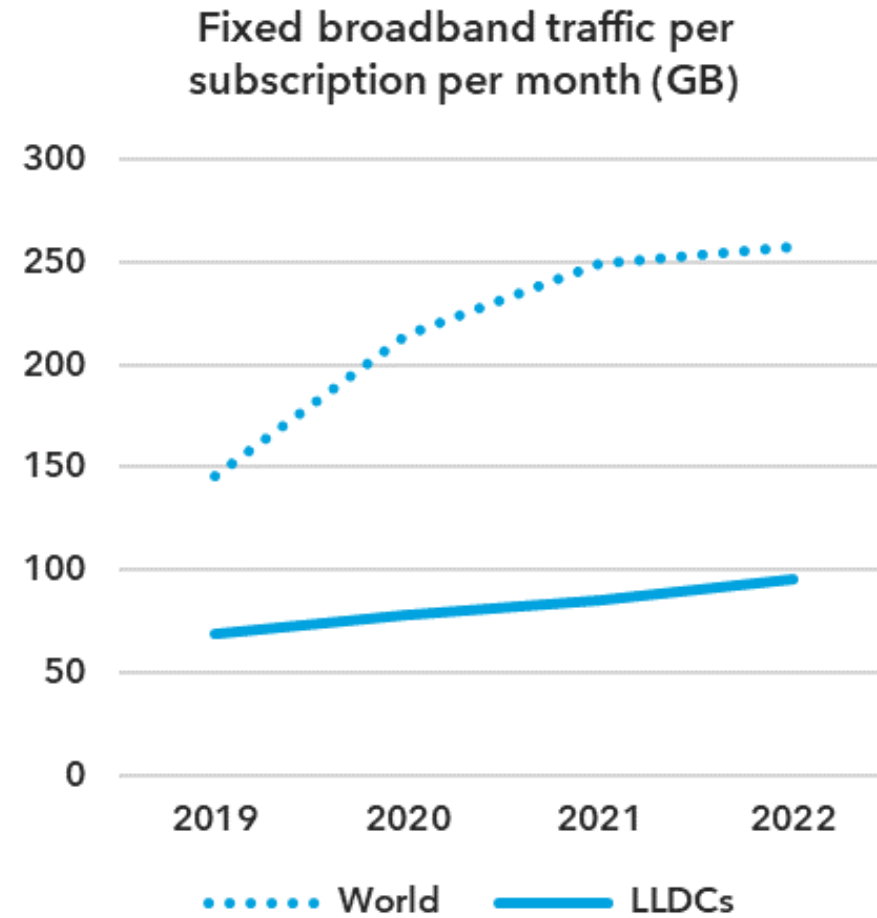
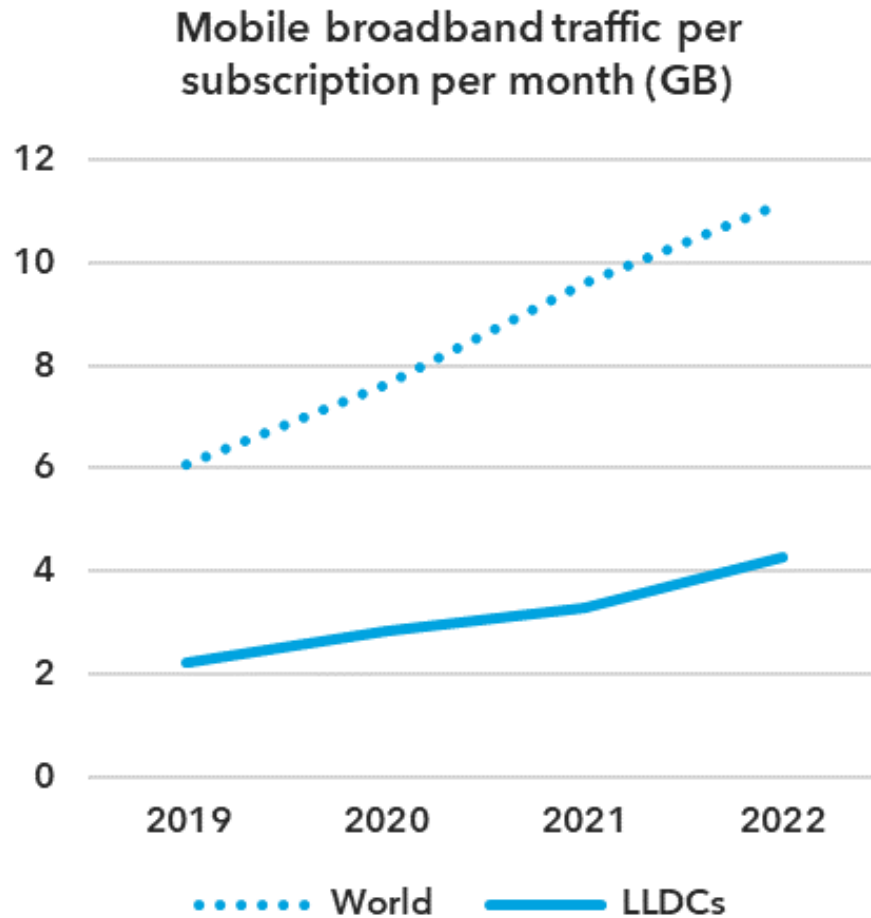




# Despite rapid falls in mobile-broadband prices, affordability targets remain elusive



# Despite less availability, fixed broadband is important for heavy Internet usage



# Conclusions

- Universal and meaningful connectivity (UMC) —the opportunity for everyone to have a safe, satisfying, enriching, and productive online experience at an affordable cost—has emerged as the new imperative.
- LLDCs are at various stages in their journey toward UMC, yet they share common obstacles and can benefit from mutual learning.
- Insufficient international connectivity infrastructure and affordability remain key connectivity barriers in LLDCs.
- Infrastructure development is part of the solution, but robust policy frameworks that promote investment, adoption, and innovation in ICTs are equally vital.
- For more details, please visit
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  - [Measuring digital development: Facts and Figures](#)

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