COUNTRY PROFILE: AFGHANISTAN

**GENERAL INFORMATION - 2019**

- **Population**: 38.0 Millions
- **GDP**: 19,928 Millions current US$
- **Merchandise trade**: 8,305 Millions current US$
- **Internet users**: 5.1 Millions
- **GDP growth**: 2.4%
- **Land area**: 652,860 km²

Source: UNCTAD and ITU (complete URL addresses in the General Notes)

**E-COMMERCE ASSESSMENT - 2017-20**

- Rank in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index: 143/152
- Rank in ITU ICT Development Index: 159/176
- Rank in WEF Networked Readiness Index: -/134

Source: UNCTAD, ITU and WEF (complete URL address in the General Notes)

**ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES - 2019**

- Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP $/month:
  - Highest tariff: 549.2
  - Median tariff: 40.3
  - Lowest tariff: 5.4

- Internet users: 13.5
- Fixed broadband subscriptions: 0.1
- Active mobile broadband subscriptions: 19.2

Source: ITU (complete URL address in the General Notes)

**PAYMENTS - 2017**

- Debit card used in the past year:
  - AFGHANISTAN, #N/A
- Credit card used in the past year:
  - AFGHANISTAN, #N/A
- Mobile phone or the internet used to access a financial institution account in the past year:
  - AFGHANISTAN, 0.6

Source: World Bank (complete URL address in the General Notes)
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TRADE LOGISTICS - 2017-19

- Percent of population having mail delivered at home:
  - Afghanistan: 50.0%
  - World: 86.7%

- Postal reliability index (0 to 100, 100 = Best):
  - Afghanistan: 7.3
  - World: 43.4

- Days to clear direct exports through customs:
  - Afghanistan: 8.1
  - World: 7.6

Source: UPU and World Bank (complete URL addresses in the General Notes)

LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS - 2020

- Electronic transactions:
  - Afghanistan: Draft legislation
  - World: No legislation

- Consumer protection:
  - Afghanistan: No legislation
  - World: No legislation

- Privacy and data protection:
  - Afghanistan: Legislation
  - World: No legislation

- Cybercrime:
  - Afghanistan: Legislation
  - World: No legislation

Source: UNCTAD


SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - 2013-17

Percentage of firms using e-mail to interact with clients/suppliers

- Afghanistan: 64.9%
- LDCs: 54.5%
- Africa: 59.0%
- Western Asia: 57.6%
- Southern, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Oceania: 63.0%
- Transition Economies: 78.5%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 82.3%
- Developed Economies: 86.9%
- World: 70.1%

Source: World Bank (complete URL address in the General Notes)

FINANCING FOR eCOMMERCE - 2013-17

Percentage of firms identifying access to finance as a major constraint

- Afghanistan: 47.6%
- LDCs: 34.4%
- Africa: 38.0%
- Western Asia: 38.9%
- Southern, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Oceania: 16.7%
- Transition Economies: 16.0%
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 28.9%
- Developed Economies: 14.3%
- World: 27.0%

Source: World Bank (complete URL address in the General Notes)
COUNTRY PROFILE: GENERAL NOTES

NOTES:
- For merchandise trade - sum of exports and imports.

- Country groups are weighted using population for most indicators with the exception of those on skills development, financing for e-commerce and days to clear direct exports through customs. Regional average values relate to developing economies in those regions.

SYMBOLS FOR MISSING VALUES:
0: Zero means nil or negligible
#N/A: Not available or not publishable

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