
CONNECTING EVERYONE, ANYWHERE, ALL THE TIME: *CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE*

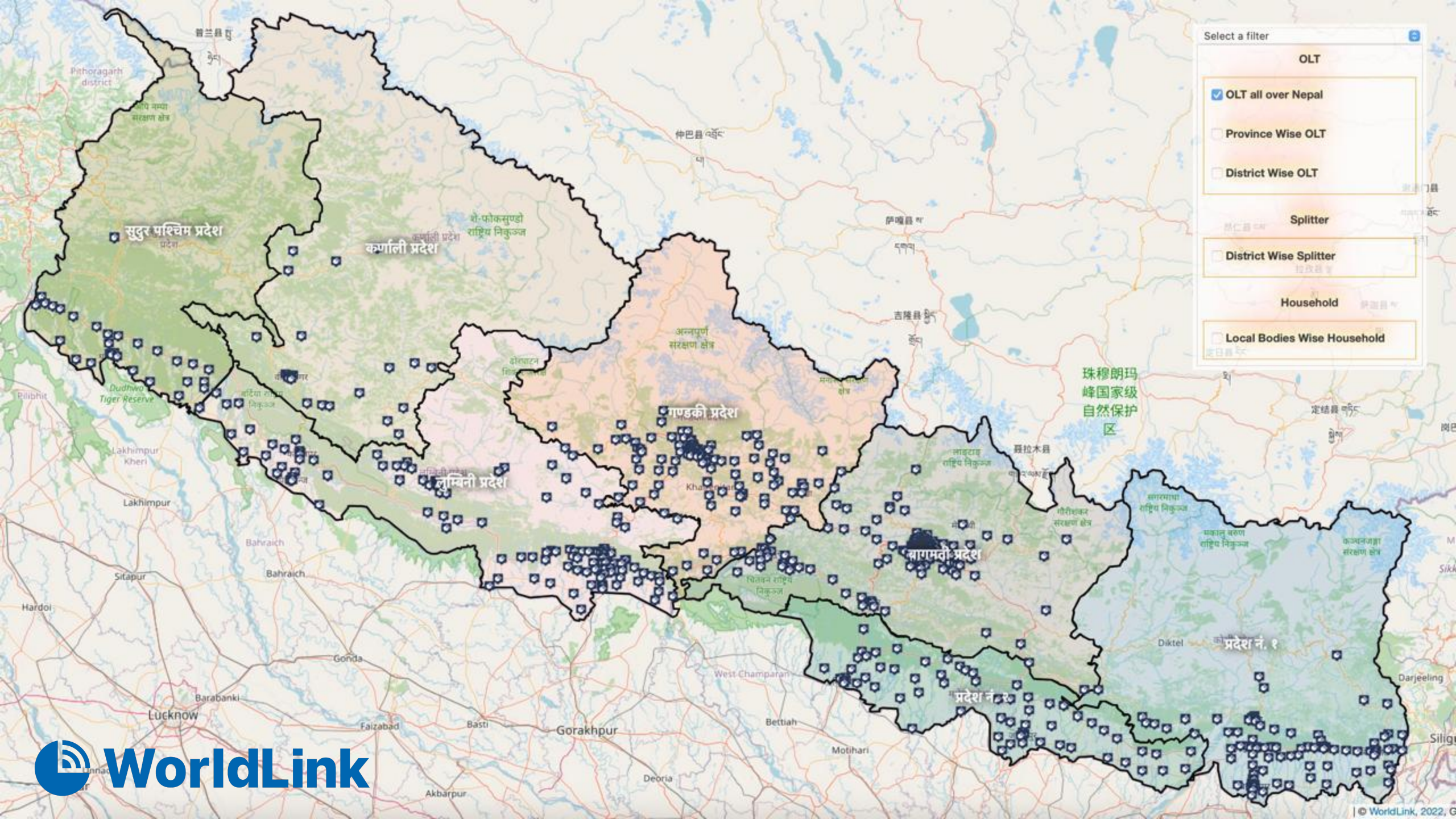
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BROADBAND IN NEPAL: ***CURRENT STATUS***

- ✓ 43% of households have FIBER broadband
- ✓ 7.2 million households; 3.1 million connections
- ✓ Highest in South Asia
- ✓ Rs. 800-1,200 per month
- ✓ WorldLink is the largest player with 1/3rd market share





BRIDGING DIGITAL DIVIDE:

FAILURE AFTER FAILURE

- ✓ Rural telecom licenses
- ✓ Smart, STM Sanchar, Nepal Satellite Telecom
- ✓ Wi-MAX to Nepal Telecom
- ✓ RTDF projects for fiber broadband



THE WAY FORWARD:

- ✓ Reduce Taxes!!
- ✓ Provide subsidies and tax breaks to ISPs serving underserved areas
- ✓ Starlink is a great option!
- ✓ Public Wi-Fi in villages
- ✓ Data-centric third mobile operator
 - ✓ Mandate to serve rural areas
 - ✓ Low-band (700Mhz) spectrum
- ✓ More oversight on RTDF utilization

THANK YOU

