

Introduction



As one of the leading telecommunications groups in Asia with a presence in 11 countries and a customer base of approximately 153 million, Axiata Group Berhad makes a substantial contribution to the countries in which the Group operates. Through its investments in its portfolio of operating companies across the region, Axiata is recognised as one of the largest Foreign Direct Investors, best employer, significant taxpayer and substantial purchaser of local services where it has a digital telecommunications presence.

Over the past six years, Axiata has published an annual National Contribution Report to continuously measure the economic impact and value creation in the markets and communities served. Our national contributions represent the long-term value we have created through our investments in the local telecommunications industry, network infrastructure, talent development, environmental conservation and in society.

The National Contribution Report should be read in tandem with Axiata's Integrated Annual Report and the Sustainability Report to understand the context in which we operate and our holistic value creation initiatives.

Report Scope and Information of the National Contribution Report 2019

This report consists of an economic impact assessment at six of Axiata's digital telco operating companies. The report includes economic and financial analysis of Axiata's operating companies' contribution to the national economy, which includes an assessment of the following:

Economic contribution to the nation



Contribution to public finance



Talent development



Investment and innovation for the long-term



Labour productivity



Highlights of the National Contribution Report 2019

Contributed **USD8.4 billion**¹ to the national GDPs of six countries

re Axiata has a digital presence



Total tax paid to government **USD1.3 billion**



Every **USD1** spent on capex by the Group translates to between **USD5.2** and

USD8.5 contribution to GDP in six key operating markets

Collective direct operational and capital expenditures reached **USD4.7 billion**





Employed 10,100² employees across ASEAN and South Asia

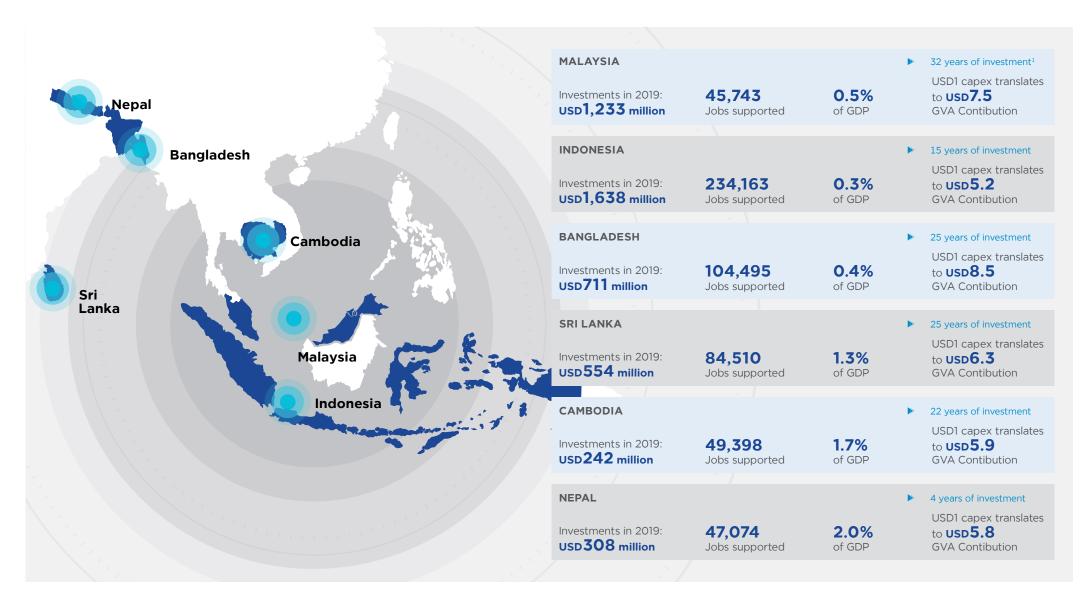


Axiata companies support both directly and indirectly approximately **600,000** jobs across the region.



- Notes: 1 In previous reports, our investments in M1 and Idea were included in the calculations of overall economic contribution in the region. For this year, we have excluded their contribution as we have divested our shareholdings in M1 and Idea
 - ² Total employee headcount at Axiata (including ADL, ADS and Suvitech) as at 31 Dec 2019 was 12,976. Our six digital telco operations accounts for over 10,100 employees

Achievements Across The Group



Note: $\,^1\,$ Investment in the forms of capital expenditure and operating expenditure Source: Analysis by External Consultant

Malaysia





Celcom is Malaysia's first private mobile operator, with over 8.4 million¹ customers. Established in 1988, it boasts the widest national 2G, 3G and 4G LTE networks, covering over 98% of the population. Celcom is now moving towards integrated multi-access and multimedia services and Internet of Things solutions, in line with evolving technologies and consumer behaviour in Malaysia. A culture that places the customer FIRST™ is reflected in our award-winning customer service, products, and other corporate accolades at a regional level.



Click to watch more from our Chief Executive Officer, Celcom Axiata

National Contribution

Contribution to Gross Value Added

USD1,844 MILLION (0.5% OF THE NATION'S GDP)

Operational Direct GVA:

Capital Investment GVA:

USD198 million

USD813 million



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Operational Indirect and Induced GVA:

USD774 million



Productivity GVA:

USD 59 million



Capital + Operating Expenditure

USD 1,233 MILLION

Capital Expenditure:

USD246 million



Operating Expenditure:

USD987 million



Every USD1 spent on capex

> translates to

USD 7.5 GVA Contribution²

Direct Employees

TOTAL 2,704 STAFF

Female:

48%



Malaysians:

99.5%



Total Jobs Supported

TOTAL 45,743 JOBS

Directly Employed:

Supported by Capital

2,704

Investment:

10,607



Operational Indirectly Supported:

32,431



Contribution to Public Finance

> USD206 million (0.3% of total tax revenue of the Malaysian Federal Government³)



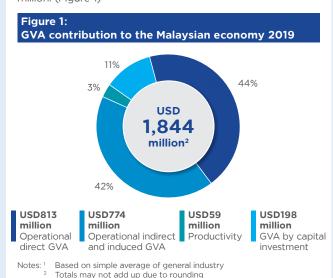
Including GDP contribution from market penetration related productivity impact
Total tax revenue for the federal government in 2019 was estimated at RM26,300 million (USD63,583). (Source: Ministry of Finance, Malaysia)

Malaysia

CELCOM'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMY

Celcom's substantial operations and investments in Malaysia contributed USD1.8 billion to Malaysia's GDP in 2019. With a total operating expenditure of USD987 million and capital investment of USD246 million, Celcom's total Gross Value Added (GVA) contribution to Malaysia's economy was estimated at USD1,844 million in 2019, accounting for 0.5% of national GDP.

Celcom's operations directly contributed USD813 million, accounting for 44% of total GVA contribution. It also indirectly contributed USD774 million to economic activity in Malaysia through the inputs it purchased from local suppliers. This indicates that for every USD1 Celcom directly added to Malaysia's economy, it generated just under another USD1 indirectly through purchasing goods and services from Malaysian suppliers, higher than the general industry average of USD0.8.¹ USD198 million GVA was generated by Celcom's capital investment, accounting for 11% of total contribution. Productivity improvement contributed a further USD59 million. (Figure 1)



Source: Analysis by External Consultant; OECD 2011

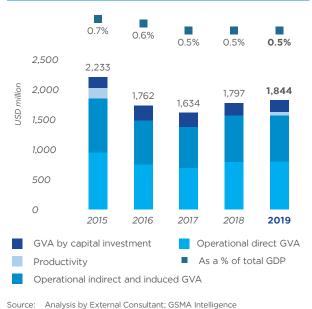
CELCOM'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Celcom's total GVA contribution fell from USD2,233 million in 2015 to USD1,844 million in 2019 with a decreasing share of the country's GDP from 0.7 to 0.5%. This was mainly due to a decline in Celcom's operating profits and mobile penetration rate in Malaysia.

Over the last five years, total operating profits contracted by 20.0% and mobile penetration rate decreased by 13.4 percentage points. Meanwhile, the market share of Celcom's penetration dropped from 28% to 20%.

However, total GVA contribution grew by 2.6% in 2019 mainly due to the productivity improvement resulting from increased mobile subscribers. (Figure 2)

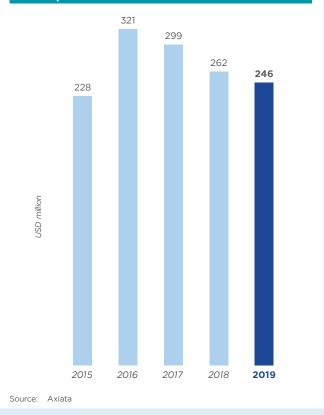
Figure 2:
GVA contribution to the Malaysian economy 2015-2019



INVESTING AND INNOVATING FOR THE LONG-TERM

Total accumulated capital investment by Celcom over the last five years reached USD1,356 million. In 2019, Celcom continued to make significant investments of USD246 million. This continuous investment supports Celcom's long-term development, and ongoing significant contribution to the Malaysian economy. (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Total capital investment 2015-2019



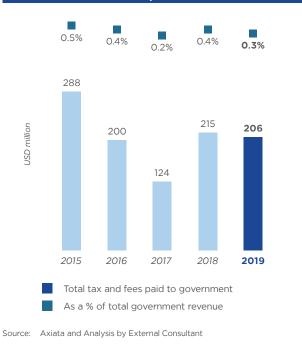
Malaysia

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC FINANCE

Total accumulated tax contributions to public finance over the last five years reached USD1,032 million. Annual tax contributions has fallen since 2015 due to falling operating profits, but rebounded in 2018. This is mainly due to a 17.5% increase in Celcom's operating profits in 2018.

In 2019, Celcom contributed USD206 million in tax, accounting for 0.3% of total tax revenue of the Malaysian Federal Government. (Figure 4)

Figure 4:
Total tax contributions to public finance 2015-2019



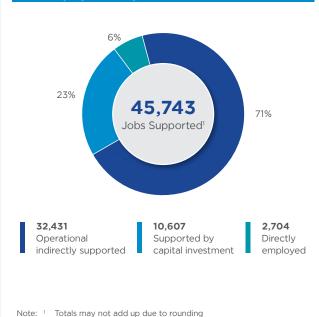
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Celcom directly provided 2,704 jobs in 2019. The firm was predominantly run by Malaysian citizens with 99.5% of total employees being Malaysian. Around 48% of Celcom employees were female, higher than the national level recorded at 39%.

Celcom's operations indirectly supported an additional 32,431 jobs in Malaysia through its suppliers and a further 10,607 jobs were supported by Celcom's capital investments. The total number of employees supported slightly decreased from 46,334 in 2018 to 45,743 in 2019. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Total employment impact 2019

Source: Analysis by External Consultant

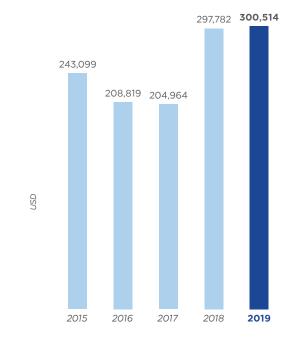


CELCOM'S LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Celcom's productivity, measured as Gross Value Added (GVA) per employee, reached USD300,514 in 2019, representing a CAGR of 5.4% from USD243,099 in 2015.

Celcom's productivity slightly increased by 0.9% in 2019. The increase of productivity likely result from Celcom's digital transformation strategy, strong levels of digital diffusion and upskilling of the workforce. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: Celcom's labour productivity 2015-2019



Source: Analysis by External Consultant

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Indonesia





XL Axiata is the second largest telecommunications company in Indonesia by market capitalisation, XL Axiata offers an array of innovative telecommunications products and services ranging from voice, SMS, Value Added Service (VAS) to mobile data covering more than 90% of population throughout Indonesia. With over 20 years' experience, XL Axiata is credited with bringing cellular services that allow middle and lower-income groups access to cellular services. XL Axiata continues to innovate and transform itself into a leading mobile data provider to serve the burgeoning demand for data amongst Indonesians.



Click to watch more from our President Director, XL Axiata

National Contribution

Contribution to Gross Value Added

USD 2,957 MILLION (0.3% OF THE NATION'S GDP)

Operational Direct GVA:

USD 797 million



Operational Indirect and Induced GVA:

USD729 million



Capital Investment GVA:

USD 511 million



Productivity GVA:

USD921 million



Capital + Operating Expenditure

USD 1,638 MILLION

Capital Expenditure:

USD 566 million



Operating Expenditure:

USD1,072 million



Every **USD1** spent on capex

translates to

USD 5.2
GVA Contribution¹

Direct Employees

TOTAL 1,606 STAFF

Female:

30%



Indonesian:

99%



Total Jobs Supported

TOTAL **234,163** JOBS

Directly Employed:

Supported by Capital

1,606

Investment:

148,367



Operational Indirectly Supported:

84,190



Contribution to Public Finance

USD 211 million (0.2% of total tax revenue of the Indonesian government²)



Notes: 1 Including GDP contribution from market penetration related productivity impact

Total general government tax revenue in Indonesia was Rp 1,643 trillion (USD116.2 billion) (Source: Statistics Indonesia, Actual government revenue

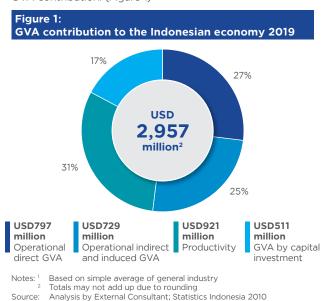
Indonesia

XL'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDONESIAN ECONOMY

Led by XL's total operating expenditure of USD1,072 million and capital investment of USD566 million, the company's total Gross Value Added (GVA) contribution to Indonesia's economy was USD2,957 million, accounting for 0.3% of national GDP.

XL's operations directly contributed USD797 million, accounting for 27% of total GVA contribution. Another USD729 million was indirectly generated through the expenditures by XL's suppliers. For every USD1 XL contributed directly to Indonesia's economy, another USD0.9 was generated indirectly through local suppliers, higher than a general industry of USD0.6¹.

A further USD511 million was contributed by XL's capital investment with a share of 17% of total GVA contribution. GVA contribution from productivity improvement was estimated at USD921 million, accounting for 31% of total GVA contribution. (Figure 1)

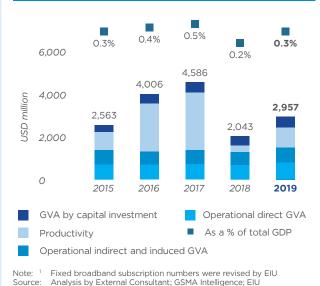


XL'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

XL's total GVA contribution increased from USD2,563 million in 2015 to USD4,586 million in 2017. However, the contribution decreased to USD2,043 million in 2018, mainly due to a drop in the national mobile subscriptions as a result of the new national SIM card registration decree. For 2018's contribution, productivity increase from fixed broadband penetration was included. The GVA contribution from productivity improvement was USD318 million¹ with fixed broadband subscription grew by 12.8% from 2017 to 2018.

In 2019, total GVA contribution increased to USD2,957 million, as the mobile subscription bounced back to 338.2 million from 323.5 million in 2018 and XL's operational profit increased from USD603 million to USD706 million. (Figure 2)

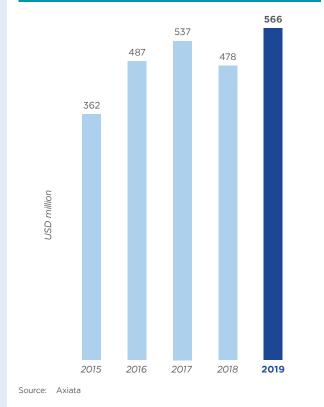
Figure 2:
GVA contribution to the Indonesian economy 2015-2019



INVESTING AND INNOVATING FOR THE LONG-TERM

Total accumulated capital investment by XL over the last five years reached USD2,429 million. In 2019, capital investment increased by 18.4% from USD478 million to USD566 million. Over 2015 to 2019, capital investment grew from USD362 million to USD566 million. (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Total capital investment 2015-2019



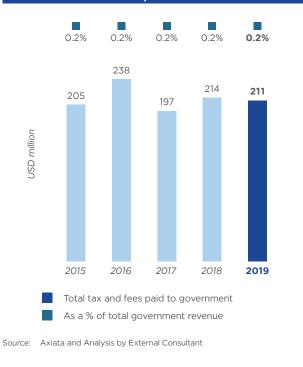
Indonesia

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC FINANCE

Total accumulated tax contributions to public finance over the last five years reached USD1,066 million.

Annual tax contribution was relatively stable over the last five years. In 2019, it contributed USD211 million, accounting for 0.2% of total tax revenue of the government of Indonesia. (Figure 4)

Figure 4:
Total tax contribution to public finance 2015-2019

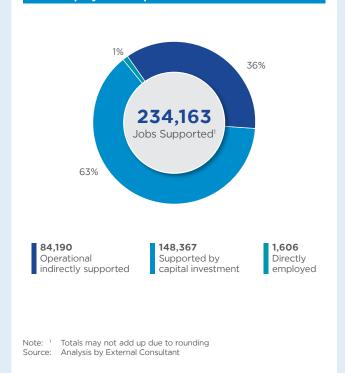


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

XL directly provided 1,606 jobs in 2019. 99% of total employees were Indonesian and around 30% of XL employees were women.

A further 84,190 jobs were supported indirectly by its operations. XL's capital investment supported 148,367 jobs. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Total employment impact 2019

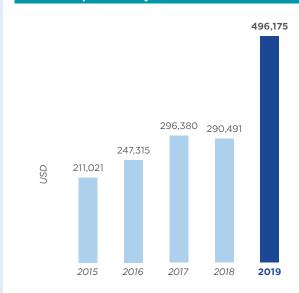


XL'S LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

XL's productivity, measured as Gross Value Added (GVA) per employee, reached USD496,175 in 2019. It grew by a CAGR of 23.8% from USD211,021 in 2015. Shrinking employment with relatively stable operating profits supported the growth in productivity. Total number of employees reduced by 31% in 2019 from 2,327 to 1,606.

A sudden increase in labor productivity was observed in 2019. This was mainly due to the reduction of outsourced employees. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: XL's labour productivity 2015-2019



Source: Analysis by External Consultant

Sri Lanka





Dialog Axiata PLC operates Sri Lanka's largest and fastest growing mobile telecommunications network serving over 14.9 million subscribers. Dialog is one of the largest companies by market capitalisation listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange, and represents Sri Lanka's largest Foreign Direct Investment. Dialog has been at the forefront of innovation in the Sri Lankan mobile industry since the late 1990s, delivering advanced mobile telephony and high speed mobile broadband services, Fixed Telecommunications, and Digital Pay Television through its fully-owned subsidiaries.

National Contribution

Contribution to Gross Value Added

USD 1,034 MILLION (1.3% OF THE NATION'S GDP)

Operational Direct GVA:

USD314 million



Operational Indirect and Induced GVA:

USD 321 million



Capital Investment GVA:

USD154 million



Productivity GVA:

USD 245 million



Capital + Operating Expenditure

USD 554 MILLION

Capital Expenditure:

USD164 million



Operating Expenditure:

USD390 million



Every **USD1** spent on capex

translates to

USD**6.3**GVA Contribution¹

Direct Employees

TOTAL **2,933** STAFF

Female:

21%



Sri Lankan:

99.6%



▶ Total Jobs Supported

84,510 Jobs

Directly Employed:

Supported by Capital

2,933



Operational Indirectly Supported:

32,123



Contribution to Public Finance

USD 186 million (1.4% of total tax revenue of the Sri Lankan government²)



Notes: 1 The multiplier effect decreased from 7.2 in 2018 to 6.3 in 2019, mainly due to the productivity impact from smaller growth of mobile subscription 2 Total general government tax revenue in Sri Lanka was LKR2.389 billion (USD13.4 billion). (Source: Ministry of Finance, Sri Lanka)

49,455

Investment:

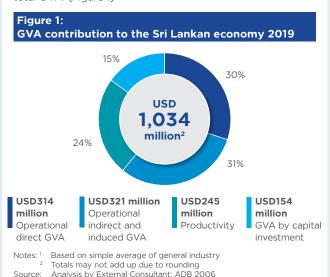
Sri Lanka

DIALOG'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE SRI LANKA ECONOMY

Dialog's substantial operational activities and capital investment contributed significantly to the Sri Lanka economy in 2019. Led by Dialog's total operating expenditure of USD390 million and capital investment of USD164 million, the Dialog's total Gross Value Added (GVA) contribution to Sri Lanka's economy was USD1,034 million in 2019, accounting for 1.3% of national GDP.

Dialog's operations directly contributed USD314 million, representing a share of 30% of total GVA contribution. Another USD321 million was indirectly generated through the expenditures by Dialog's suppliers, accounting for 31% of total GVA. For every USD1 Dialog contributed directly to the economy, another USD1 was generated indirectly through local suppliers, higher than a general industry average of USD0.41.

Productivity improvements contributed USD245 million, accounting for 24% of total GVA. Dialog's capital investment contributed a further USD154 million with a share of 15% of total GVA. (Figure 1)

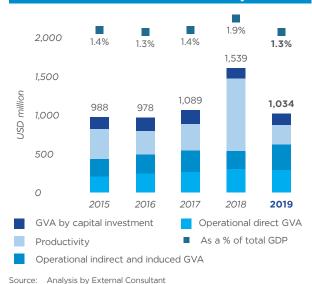


DIALOG'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Dialog's total GVA contribution grew at a CAGR of 1.1% from USD988 million to USD1,034 million over the last five years. The contribution accounted for 1.3% of the nation's GDP in 2019. This is mainly driven by expanded mobile subscription and increased operating profits.

Total operational profits increased by 10.5% annually from USD177 million in 2015 to USD264 million in 2019. Sri Lanka's mobile subscription expanded by 37.2% from 24 million to 33 million over 2015-2019, resulting in the national mobile penetration rate boosted from 116% to 153% during the period. Dialog's mobile subscription also expanded at a similar rate of 36.9% from 11 million to 15 million over the same period. (Figure 2)

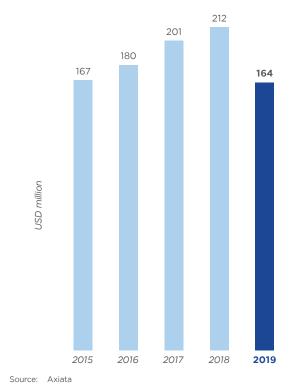
Figure 2: **GVA contribution to the Sri Lankan economy 2015-2019**



INVESTING AND INNOVATING FOR THE LONG-TERM

Dialog's total accumulated capital investment reached USD925 million over 2015-2019. Capital Investment was USD164 million in 2019. Continuous capital investment supports Dialog's long-term development and contributes to the growth of the Sri Lanka economy. (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Total capital investment 2015-2019



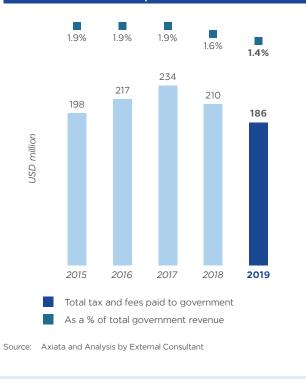
Sri Lanka

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC FINANCE

From 2015 to 2019, Dialog has contributed USD1,046 million of taxes and fees to public finance. Annual tax contributions slightly decreased over the period.

In 2019, Dialog contributed USD186 million in tax, accounting for 1.4% of total tax revenue of Sri Lanka's government. (Figure 4)

Figure 4:
Total tax contribution to public finance 2015-2019

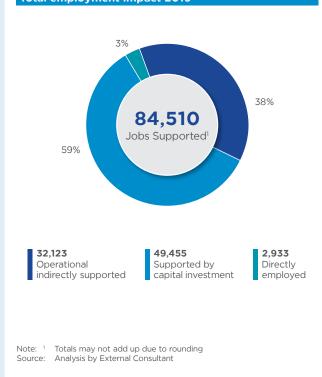


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Dialog's direct operations generated 2,933 jobs in 2019. 21% of the total employees were female. Dialog was dominated by Sri Lankan as 99.6% of total employees were locals.

A further 32,123 jobs were supported indirectly by Dialog's operations. Its capital investment supported 49,455 jobs. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Total employment impact 2019

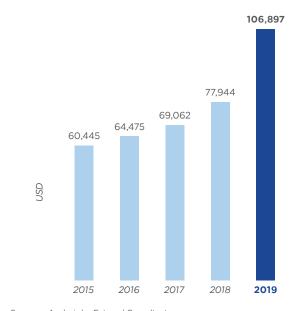


DIALOG'S LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Dialog's productivity, measured as Gross Value Added (GVA) per employee, grew by a CAGR of 15.3% from USD60,445 in 2015 to USD106.897 in 2019.

A significant increase in labor productivity of 37.1% was observed for 2019 due to shrinking employment with relatively stable operating profits. Total number of employees reduced by 28% from 4,095 in 2018 to 2,933 in 2019. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: Dialog's labour productivity 2015-2019



Source: Analysis by External Consultant

Bangladesh





Robi is the second largest mobile network operator, serving more than 49 million subscribers. Robi has been the leader in Bangladesh in rolling out innovative and new solutions. It was the first operator to introduce GPRS, 3.5G services and the first to launch 4.5G service in all the 64 districts of the country. By the end of 2018, Robi created the largest 4.5G network of the country with nearly 8,910 sites covering 93% of the country. It is the only mobile operator to have successfully conducted the trial run of 5G and Voice over LTE technology on its 4.5G network.

National Contribution

Contribution to Gross Value Added

USD 1,439 MILLION (0.4% OF THE NATION'S GDP)

Operational Direct GVA:

USD396 million



Operational Indirect and Induced GVA:

USD 370 million



Capital Investment GVA:

USD191 million



Productivity GVA:

USD483 million



Capital + Operating Expenditure

USD 711 MILLION

Capital Expenditure:

USD168 million



Operating Expenditure:

USD 542 million



Every **USD** spent on capex

translates to

USD8.5
GVA Contribution¹

Direct Employees

1,518 STAFF

Female:

11%



Bangladeshi:

99.7%



▶ Total Jobs Supported

TOTAL **104,495** JOBS

Directly Employed:

Supported by Capital

1,518

Investment:

32,221



Operational Indirectly Supported:

70,756



Contribution to Public Finance

USD 327 million (0.8% of total tax revenue of the government of Bangladesh²)



Notes: 1 Including GDP contribution from market penetration related productivity impact

Total government tax revenue was BDT3,256 billion (USD39 billion). (Source: Budget 2019-2020, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh)

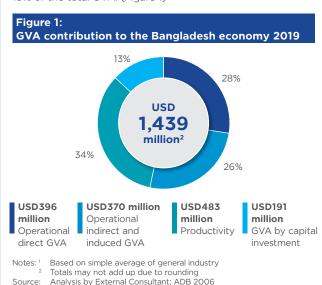
Bangladesh

ROBI'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE BANGLADESH ECONOMY

Robi's substantial operations and investments in Bangladesh contributed significantly to the country's economic growth. With a total operating expenditure of USD542 million and capital investment of USD168 million, Robi contributed USD1,439 million to the economy of Bangladesh in 2019, accounting for 0.4% of national GDP.

Robi's operations directly contributed USD396 million, accounting for 28% of total GVA contribution. Another USD370 million was indirectly generated through the expenditures by Robi's suppliers. For every USD1 that Robi directly added to Bangladesh economy, it generated just under another USD1 indirectly from local suppliers, higher than an average of USD0.4 for general industry'.

Productivity improvements contributed USD483 million, accounting for 34% of total GVA. Capital investment contributed a further USD191 million, representing a share of 13% of the total GVA. (Figure 1)

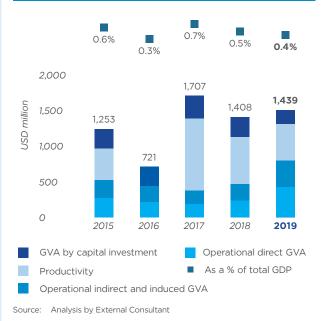


ROBI'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Robi's total GVA contribution grew at a CAGR of 3.5% from USD1,253 million in 2015 to USD1,439 million in 2019, representing a 0.4% of the national GDP in 2019. Total GVA dropped in 2016 to USD721 million, mainly due to the fluctuation of mobile penetration rate in Bangladesh.

Robi's total GVA grew by 2.2% over 2018-2019 from USD1,408 million. This is mainly due to an increase of operating profits over the period. GVA contribution from productivity impact contracted in 2019, mainly due to the slower growth of mobile penetration rate. (Figure 2)

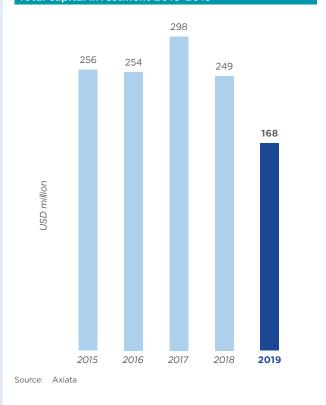
Figure 2:
GVA contribution to the Bangladesh economy 2015-2019



INVESTING AND INNOVATING FOR THE LONG-TERM

Robi's capital investment was USD168 million in 2019. The total accumulated capital investment reached USD1,225 million over the last five years. Capital investment plays an important role in facilitating long-term sustainable development of Robi's business and contributing to the growth of the Bangladesh economy. (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Total capital investment 2015-2019



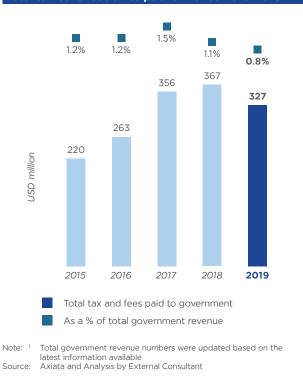
Bangladesh

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC FINANCE

Total accumulated tax contributions to public finance over the last five years reached USD1,533 million.

Annual tax contributions in 2019 was USD327 million, accounting for 0.8% of total tax revenue of the government of Bangladesh. (Figure 4)

Figure 4:
Total tax contribution to public finance 2015-2019¹

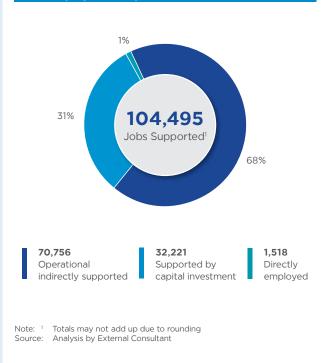


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

1,518 jobs were directly provided by Robi's operations in 2019. 11% of Robi's employees were women. The firm is predominated by Bangladesh citizens with 99.7%.

Robi's operations also indirectly supported 70,756 jobs. A further 32,221 jobs were supported by its capital investment. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Total employment impact 2019

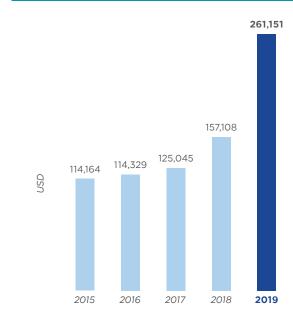


ROBI'S LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Robi's productivity, measured as Gross Value Added (GVA) per employee, increased by a CAGR of 23.0% to USD261,151 in 2019 from USD114,164 in 2015, mainly driven by decreasing employment number and increasing operating profits.

Robi's productivity grew by 66.2% from USD157,108 per worker over 2018-2019, mainly due to a 72.9% increase in operating profits. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: Robi's labour productivity 2015-2019



Source: Analysis by External Consultant

Cambodia





Smart Axiata Co., Ltd. is Cambodia's leading mobile telecommunications operator, serving approximately 8 million subscribers under the 'Smart' brand. Smart is at the forefront of mobile technology advancement in Cambodia with extensive national wide coverage of 99% of the Cambodian population. Smart was the first network to introduce 4G LTE in 2014, 4G+ in 2016. 4G+ with HD Voice (VoLTE) and 4.5G in 2017. In mid-2019. Smart hosted the first 5G live showcase in the Kingdom, manifesting its mobile data leadership position in the country. The company is also rapidly transforming itself into a digital lifestyle brand, having introduced many innovative offerings and lifestyle entertainment value propositions. Smart aspires to be the #1 and most loved communication tech brand in Cambodia by 2022, while having a strong corporate social responsibility and sustainability agenda for national socioeconomic growth.

National Contribution

Contribution to Gross Value Added

USD459 MILLION

(1.7% OF THE NATION'S GDP)

Operational Direct GVA:



Operational Indirect and Induced GVA:

USD81 million



USD62 million

Capital Investment GVA:



Productivity GVA:

USD153 million



Capital + Operating Expenditure

USD 242 MILLION

Capital Expenditure:

USD 78 million



Operating Expenditure:

USD164 million



Every **USD** 1 spent on capex

translates to

USD 5.9
GVA Contribution¹

Direct Employees

TOTAL 833 STAFF

Female:

36%



Cambodian:

97%



Total Jobs Supported

TOTAL **49,398** JOBS

Directly Employed:

Supported by Capital

833

Investment:

21.027



Operational Indirectly Supported:

27,539



Contribution to Public Finance

USD 94 million
(2.1% of total tax revenue of the Cambodian government, excluding regulatory related fees, levies and payments²)

Notes: 1 Including GDP contribution from market penetration related productivity impact
2 https://www.khmertimeskh.com/50683321/over-2-8-billion-collected-in-tax-revenue-in-2019

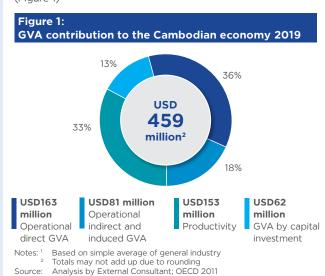
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SMART'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAMBODIAN ECONOMY

Smart's substantial operations and investments in Cambodia had a strong positive impact on the Cambodian economy in 2019. With a total operating expenditure of USD164 million and capital investment of USD78 million, Smart's total Gross Value Added (GVA) contribution to Cambodia's economy was estimated at USD459 million in 2019, accounting for 1.7% of national GDP.

Smart's operations directly contributed USD163 million, accounting for 36% of total GVA contribution. It also indirectly contributed USD81 million to economic activity. For every USD1 Smart contributed directly to Cambodia's economy, another USD0.5 was generated indirectly through local suppliers, higher than the general industry average of USD0.4.1

Capital investment contributed USD62 million, representing 13% of total GVA. A further USD153 million which was generated from productivity improvement due to the rising mobile penetration rate, accounted for 33% of total GVA. (Figure 1)

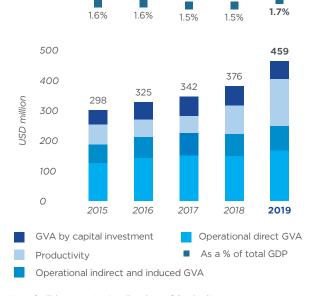


SMART'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Smart's total GVA contribution increased from USD298 million in 2015 to USD459 million in 2019 with a CAGR of 11.4%, representing a slightly increasing share of the country's GDP from 1.6% to 1.7%. Expansion in Smart's operational profits and mobile penetration rate in Cambodia facilitated the growth of GVA contribution.

Over the last five years, total operational profits grew from USD116 million to USD151 million with a CAGR of 6.8%. In 2019, mobile penetration rates increased from 120% to 133% while internet penetration rates increased from 84% to 99%1. (Figure 2)

Figure 2: **GVA contribution to the Cambodian economy 2015-2019**

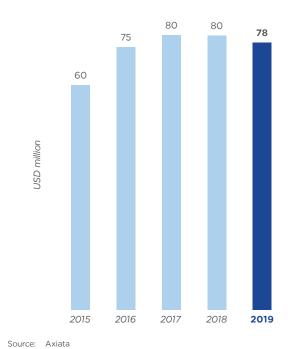


Note: 1 Telecommunications Regulator of Cambodia Source: Analysis by External Consultant; GSMA Intelligence

INVESTING AND INNOVATING FOR THE LONG-TERM

The total accumulated capital investment by Smart over the last five years reached USD373 million. In 2019, Smart invested another USD78 million primarily for network expansions. Smart's continuous capital investment over the vears is in line with the company's commitment towards developing Cambodia's ICT sector. (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Total capital investment 2015-2019



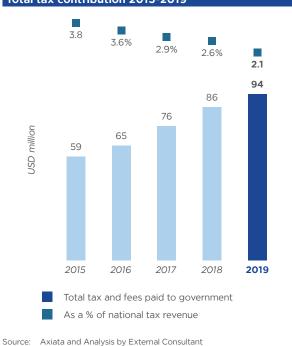
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC FINANCE

The total accumulated tax and fee contributions over the last five years reached USD381 million. Annual contributions has expanded from USD59 million in 2015 to USD94 million in 2019 with a CAGR of 12.4%.

In 2019, Smart contributed USD94 million in tax as well regulatory fees and levies. Smart's tax contribution alone accounted for 2.1% of national tax income. (Figure 4)

Figure 4: **Total tax contribution 2015-2019**

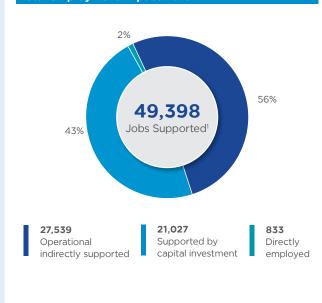


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Smart directly provided 833 jobs in 2019. Cambodian citizens accounted for 97% of total employees of the firm. Around 36% of Smart employees were women. Smart also engaged 260 interns to provide young people with the specialist skills required in the ICT and digital economy.

Smart's operations indirectly supported an additional 27,539 jobs and a further 21,027 jobs were supported by Smart's capital investments in 2019. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: **Total employment impact 2019**

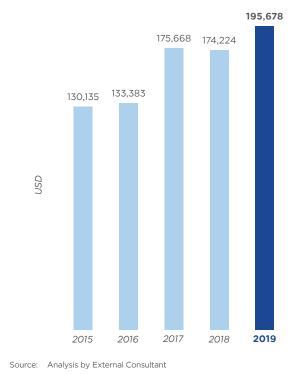


Note: 1 Totals may not add up due to rounding Source: Analysis by External Consultant

SMART'S LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Smart's productivity, measured as Gross Value Added (GVA) per employee, increased from USD130,135 in 2015 to USD195,678 in 2019 with a CAGR of 10.7%. Significant growth in operational profits supported the increase in productivity. (Figure 6)

Figure 6: Smart's labour productivity 2015-2019



Nepal





Ncell Private Limited is Nepal's first private sector telecom company to operate GSM service in Nepal. Today, Ncell operates the country's widest 4G network and serves 17.1 million customers, providing high quality, modern and cost-effective services, creating value for its customers and partners. Contributing to the vision of Digital Nepal and the development of Nepal's economy and infrastructure, Ncell is building a best-in-class network to bring digital services to people living in rural and remote areas of Nepal.

National Contribution

Contribution to Gross Value Added

USD 619 MILLION (2.0% OF THE NATION'S GDP)

Operational Direct GVA:

USD 331 million



Operational Indirect and Induced GVA:

USD117 million



Capital Investment GVA:

USD84 million



Productivity GVA:

USD87 million

TOTAL

530



Capital + Operating Expenditure

USD 308 MILLION

Capital Expenditure:

USD106 million



Operating Expenditure:

USD202 million



Every **USD1** spent on capex

translates

USD 5.8
GVA Contribution¹

Direct Employees

TOTAL 530 STAFF

Female:

25%

Nepalese: 99%

Supported by Capital Investment:

Total Jobs Supported

47,074 JOBS

Directly Employed:

19,425



Operational Indirectly Supported:

27,119



Contribution to Public Finance

USD 306 million (4.4% of total tax revenue of the Nepali government²)



Nepal

NCELL'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO NEPAL'S **ECONOMY**

Led by Ncell's total operating expenditure of USD202 million and capital investment of USD106 million, Ncell's total Gross Value Added (GVA) contribution to Nepal's economy was estimated at USD619 million in 2019, accounting for 2.0% of national GDP.

Ncell's operations directly contributed USD371 million GVA, accounting for 53% of total GVA. A further USD117 million was indirectly generated through the expenditures by Ncell's suppliers, accounting for 19% of total GVA. For every USD1 Ncell directly added to the economy, it generated another USDO.4 indirectly from local suppliers, similar as the average of general industry¹.

Productivity improvements contributed USD87 million, representing 14% of total GVA. A further USD84 million contribution came from capital investment, accounting for 14% of the total GVA. (Figure 1)



NCELL'S TOTAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS

Ncell's total GVA contribution dropped by 16.5% from USD742 million in 2018 to USD619 million in 2019, representing a decreased share of the country's GDP from 2.7% to 2.0%. This as mainly due to the decrease of operating profits and slower growth of mobile penetration.

Ncell's operational profits decreased from USD346 million to USD288 million over 2018-2019. The number of mobile subscribers in Nepal reached 41 million in 2019 with a penetration growth of 6%. (Figure 2)

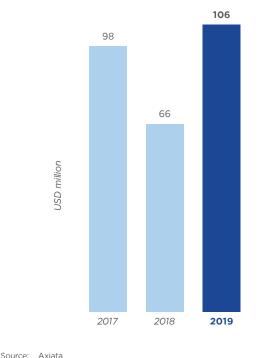
Figure 2: **GVA contribution to Nepal's economy 2017-2019**



INVESTING AND INNOVATING FOR THE LONG-TERM

Ncell's total accumulated capital investment reached USD270 million over the last three years' of operations. The capital investment was USD106 million in 2019, representing a 61.2% growth from USD66 million in 2018. Capital investment plays a significant role in enhancing the company's competitiveness and contributing to Nepal's economy. (Figure 3)

Figure 3: **Total capital investment 2017-2019**



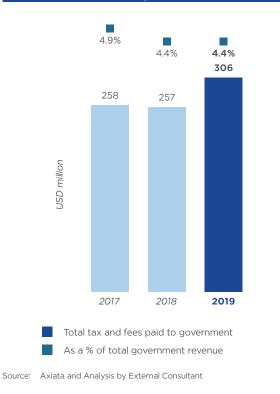
Source: Axiata

Nepal

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC FINANCE

In 2019, Ncell contributed USD306 million in tax, accounting for 4.4% of total tax revenue of Nepal government. Accumulated tax contribution was USD821 million for the last three years. (Figure 4)

Figure 4:
Total tax contribution to public finance 2017-2019

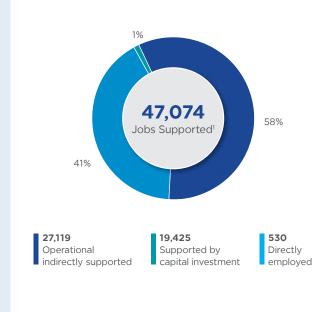


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

In 2019, there were 47,074 jobs supported by Ncell's business in total. Ncell directly provided 530 jobs in 2019. 99% of the firm's employees were Nepalese residents and 25% of the total employees were female.

A further 27,119 jobs were supported indirectly by its operations. Ncell's capital investment supported 19,425 jobs. (Figure 5)

Figure 5: Total employment impact 2019

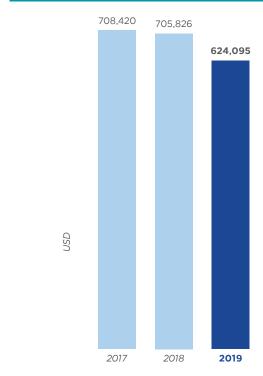


Note: ¹ Totals may not add up due to rounding Source: Analysis by External Consultant

NCELL'S LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Ncell's productivity, measured as Gross Value Added (GVA) per employee, was estimated at USD624,095 in 2019, decreased by 11.6% from USD705,826 in 2018. This is mainly due to a decrease in operating profits over 2018-2019.

Figure 6: Ncell's labour productivity 2017-2019¹



Note: ¹ Outsourced employees were excluded for all years Source: Analysis by External Consultant

Methodology

Methodologies and computational formula

- Direct Value Added contributions were estimated based on operational data provided by Axiata regarding operating revenues, operating expenditures, compensation of employees and indirect taxes and levies.
- Total Value Added contributions were estimated using an economic multiplier. The total multipliers (Type II) for the Telecom industry were derived from national Input-Output (I-O) tables published by OECD, ADB and national statistical agencies.
- **Employment** is generated through a number of avenues including:
 - 1. Directly through Axiata and related industries.
 - 2. Outsourced support services including customer support and network operations and maintenance.
 - 3. Indirectly through firms that provide services to Axiata's operations.
 - 4. Induced as employees from the above spend their household income thereby generating further rounds of employment.

Total employment impact is estimated using I-O tables and Average Value Added per Worker derived from relevant Departments of Statistics for each country.

Capital Investment

- ▶ Total Value Added = Capital Expenditure x Proportion Spent in Host Country x Average Value Added Multiplier
- (a) For countries where employment multipliers are available,

 Total Employment in Host Country = Total Capital Expenditure in Host Country x Average Employment Multiplier
 - (b) For countries employment multipliers are not available,

 Total Employment in Host Country = Total Expenditure Value Added in Host Country/Average Value Added per Worker in Host Country

Operational

► Total Value Added = Direct Value Added x Total Value Added Multiplier

Where,

Direct Value Added = Operating Revenue - Operating Expenditure + Compensation of employees + Indirect taxes and levies

Note: Operating expenditure provided by Axiata excludes depreciation.

- (a) For countries where employment multipliers are available,

 Total Employment in Host Country = Total Capital Expenditure in Host Country x Average Employment Multiplier
 - (b) For countries when employment multipliers are not available,

 Total Employment = Total Indirect Value added/Average Value Added per worker + Direct Employment Direct Employment = As per Axiata data
- Axiata's labour productivity = Direct Value Added/Number of employees

Note: Number of employees includes both direct and outsourced employees.

Productivity Analysis

▶ Axiata Contribution to GDP Growth = National Contribution to GDP Growth x Market Share of Axiata

Where.

National Contribution to GDP Growth = National Penetration Growth x Growth Factor Penetration = Number of Customers/Population

Note: Growth Factor was assumed to be 1.2% per 10% change in market penetration for all countries except 0.6% market penetration for Singapore

Multiplier Analysis

Capex Multiplier = Total Axiata's Value Added Contribution/Capital Expenditure

Note: Total Axiata's Value Added contribution includes Operational Direct Value Added, Operational Indirect and Induced Value Added, Value Added by capital investment and Productivity impact.