



Communications For All





Background of the Fund:

Universal service and Access Fund is a government parastatal established by the National Communication Act 2012 of the Republic of South Sudan as a Fund to develop and deploy Communication Services to cover the entire population of South Sudan to include, urban, rural, and remote areas to ensure universal service and access. USAF, however, postures itself both as a promoter and facilitator of ICT sector leveraging its role as the aspirations of South Sudan Vision 2040 on ICTs.

The Communication sector is made up telecommunications, postal services, and valued-added services. USAF aligns therefore the implementation of its mandate to the South Sudan Vision 2040. The constitution of the Republic of South Sudan, Agreement on the Resolution of Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (ARCESS), and the National ICT policy of 2012. The overarching policy direction is provided by the Ministry of Information, Communications, Technology and Postal Services under which the ICT sector falls. USAF is fully established and is implementing its functions effectively under the direct supervision of the competent Minister.

Mandate of the Fund:



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> To lay down policies, Plans, Programs, regulation for bridging the communication digital divide between the center and rural areas through promoting communication service delivery to cover the entire population of South Sudan with special emphasis given to unprivileged groups and hard to reach areas communities.

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> Set rules and regulations for planning and managing resources of the Fund to achieve the core objectives of the Universal Service and Access Fund.

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> Coordinate activities and efforts with regional and international agencies promoting universal service and access to leverage synergies and resources.

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> Acquire and dispose of movable and immovable properties upon approval of the competent Minister.

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> Recruit and retain staff of the fund in accordance with approved budget and consistent with Public Service laws and regulations.

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> Develop programs for generating resources for the Fund including fees and charges for services delivered to support the core goals of universal service and access.

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> Perform such other functions as are necessary to effectively execute the function of the Fund and achieve its goals.



VISION OF THE FUND:

To be the most Reliable Telecommunication and ICT Services facilitator for all South Sudanese



MISSION OF THE FUND:

To Support and Facilitate Access to Reliable and Affordable Telecommunication Services to Un-served and Under-served Communities in South Sudan.



OBJECTIVES THE FUND:

- Focus the attention of Communication Operators Towards Rural Population to enable Citizens to exercise their political rights in an informed way.
- Network extension and improve broadband penetration in the Country.
- Promote increased use of advanced tools and equipment and encourage broader utilization of e-applications and e-services for both rural and urban areas of South Sudan.
- Enhance advancements in research and development within the field of communication and promote use of advanced technologies

CORE VALUES OF THE FUND:

USAF core values guide management and Employee in daily execution of their duties and responsibilities, seeking to establish a culture of excellence.

- Professionalism
- Equity/Fairness
- Teamwork
- Innovation
- Transparency



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