

Substantial Investment in Expansion of Communication Service



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Mr. Tesfaselasie Berhane, Minister of Transportation and Communications, said that as a result of over 35 billion Nakfa investment over the past years of independence, effective work has been carried out in the expansion of telephone and Internet services across the country.

Minister Tesfaselasie said that replacing old network services with new ones, putting in place infrastructure for mobile and landline services, installing 184 towers and accessories, as well as introducing and expanding Internet service from time to time, were among the main activities that have been carried out.

As a result, Minister Tesfaselasie went on to say that landline telephone services have been installed in the cities of Akordet and Adi-Quala; the old line in the port city of Assab has been replaced by a new one; installation and renovation activities have been conducted in the cities of Dekemhare, Keren, Massawa, Teseney, and Adi-Keih, as well as at the Naval Force Base; and about 73 km of new cables have been installed in the administrative areas of Akria, Edaga-Hamus, Hazhaz, Mihram-Chira, and Central.

Regarding mobile telephone service, Minister Tesfaselasie said that geographical coverage has reached 90% and that efforts are underway to further modernize the service.

Internet service, which started with half a megabyte in 2001, has increased to 1

thousand 536 megabytes over the past 10 years and has reached 4G level. Wi-Fi Internet service has been introduced in remote areas and semi-urban centers, and special Internet service is being provided to people who need it for research purposes and temporary needs, Minister Tesfaselasie added.

Regarding future programs, Minister Tesfaselasie said that putting in place communication services that are in line with technological development, as well as installing towers in the sub-zones of Araeta, Central Denkalia, Gaden, and Dekemhare, are among the future programs.

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