The Goal

*In 10 years time, every home in South Africa connected to the Internet with equitable pricing*

The Current Status

- Coverage to every home ✔️
- Equitable pricing ❌

*Low income areas pay 80X more for data than high income areas*
In most areas the limitation is not just the absence of the network but the cost of the access to the network.

In some areas there is no network.

This limitation affects the population in many different ways:

- Access to information - people are excluded from the information highway.
– Business opportunities are limited. With internet access small businesses can be established; internet shops, computer classes, electronic payments systems, etc.

– Schools without internet access fall behind in development and access to information.

– 4th Industrial Revolution is not even a dream in areas without internet access.
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• This industry need to push for Internet Access for all.

• This will only be possible when all relevant sections are involved and committed.
  – Government
  – Big business
  – Small business
  – SOE’s
  – NGO’s.
The Government need to view internet access as a human right issue, just like water and education.

Internet access need to be available in at least every school, clinics and government offices throughout the country

Internet access need to be part of the budget that is given to education and health.