

# Vodacom Tanzania introduces 4G

Vodacom Tanzania 4G went live in Dar es Salaam in May 2016, in a partnership with Nokia. Ian Ferrao, Vodacom TZ general manager said: "A massive investment has been done in our network supplied by Nokia to offer our subscribers the fastest network in Tanzania."



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The Finnish Mobile Broadband specialist is also providing 2G and 3G equipment for Vodacom Tanzania. With the recent acquisition of Alcatel-Lucent, Nokia is putting effort into research and development.

Pete Beadle, Nokia country senior officer, said: "Nokia is spending 4.5 Billion€ per annum. That is equivalent to the GDP of Dar Es Salaam. It is a serious investment done to make sure we will continue leading innovation to expand the human possibilities of the connected world."

Nokia is present in almost all countries in Africa. In Tanzania, Nokia is deploying and managing Vodacom TZ network.

## 4G roll-out

Speaking at the launch event, Vodacom's managing director, Ian Ferrao said, "We have partnered with Nokia to roll out the fastest 4G network in Tanzania, with all sites connected to our metropolitan fibre network. All major cities in Tanzania can expect to have Vodacom's 4G network rolled out in the future and the rest of the country in due course – once spectrum becomes available, we will accelerate our roll-out plans.

"Our vision is to lead Tanzania into the digital age and in order to achieve this we are committed to ensure that we deliver the best 4G services available in the Country."

Vodacom has an ambitious program that is centred on 'speed'. High speed internet must be available everywhere in country. The mobile operator is targeting 200 Mbs mobile broadband access offered very soon in Tanzania.

Mobile broadband is critical to accelerate socio-economic development in many aspects. Alec Mulonga, Vodacom Tanzania CTO, said: I am very delighted and proud of what Nokia and Vodacom Tanzania technology teams have achieved. Our subscribers are looking for world class mobile broadband service and that is exactly what we are bringing to them. With our partner Nokia, we will continue to deploy LTE in more cities in Tanzania and be very focused on executing quality service."

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