

# Bangladesh status report

## Midway to MDGs: Accelerating Progress through ICTs

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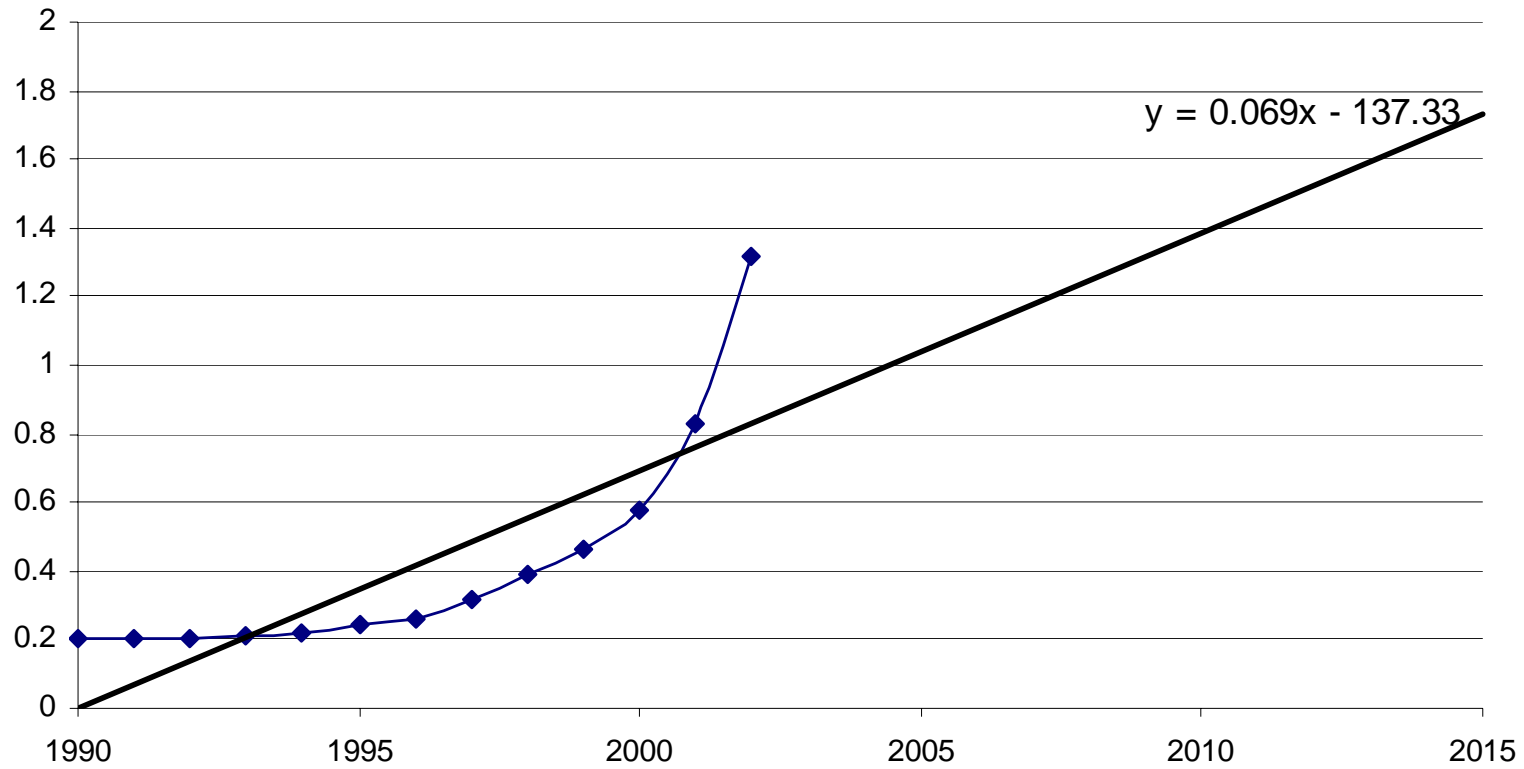
# ICT issues in the MDGs

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- Goal 8 of MDG states “***Develop A Global Partnership For Development***” of target 18 is related to ICT
  - The target is expressed in the following way: “*In co-operation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communication*”.
    - Indicator 46: Telephone lines and cellular subscribers per 100 population
    - Indicator 47: Personal computers in use per 100 population
    - Indicator 48: Internet users per 100 population.
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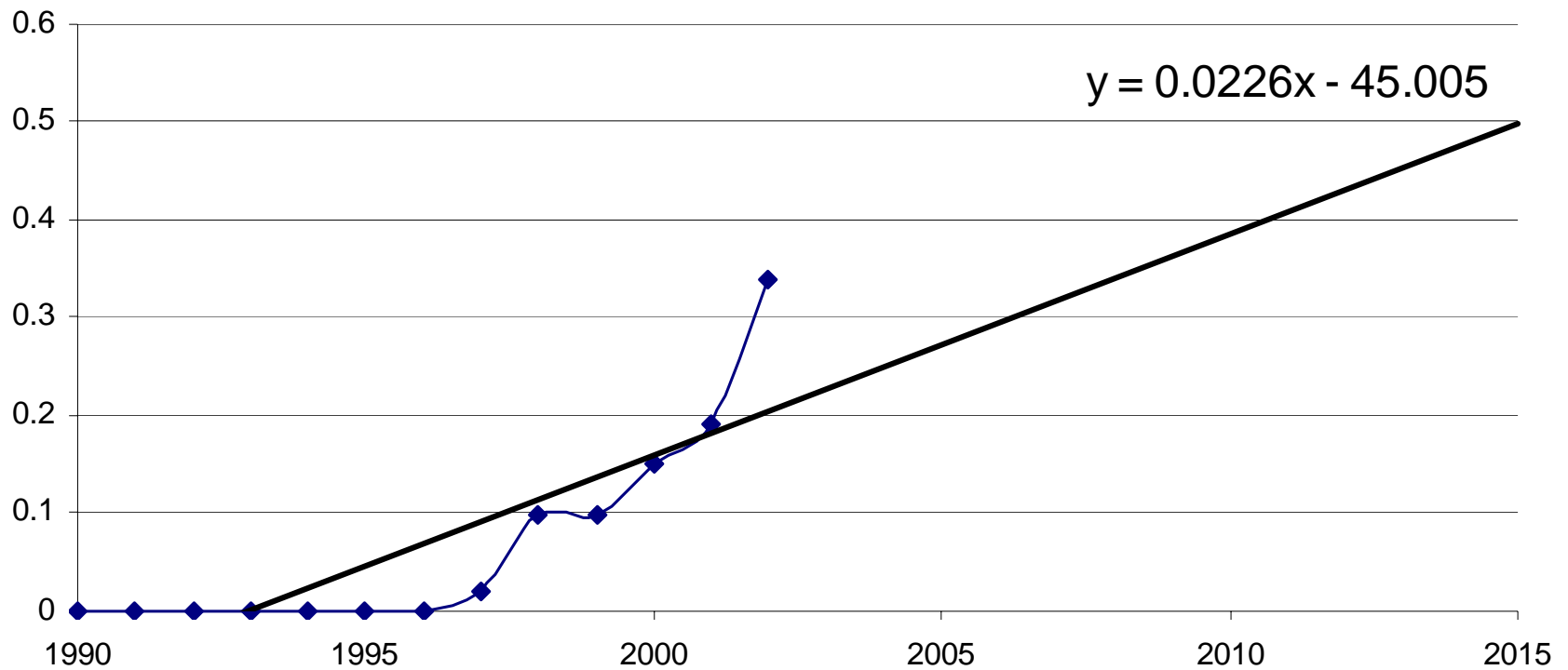
# Progress in MDGs: Teledensity

Figure 1. Teledensity (Telephone penetration/000)



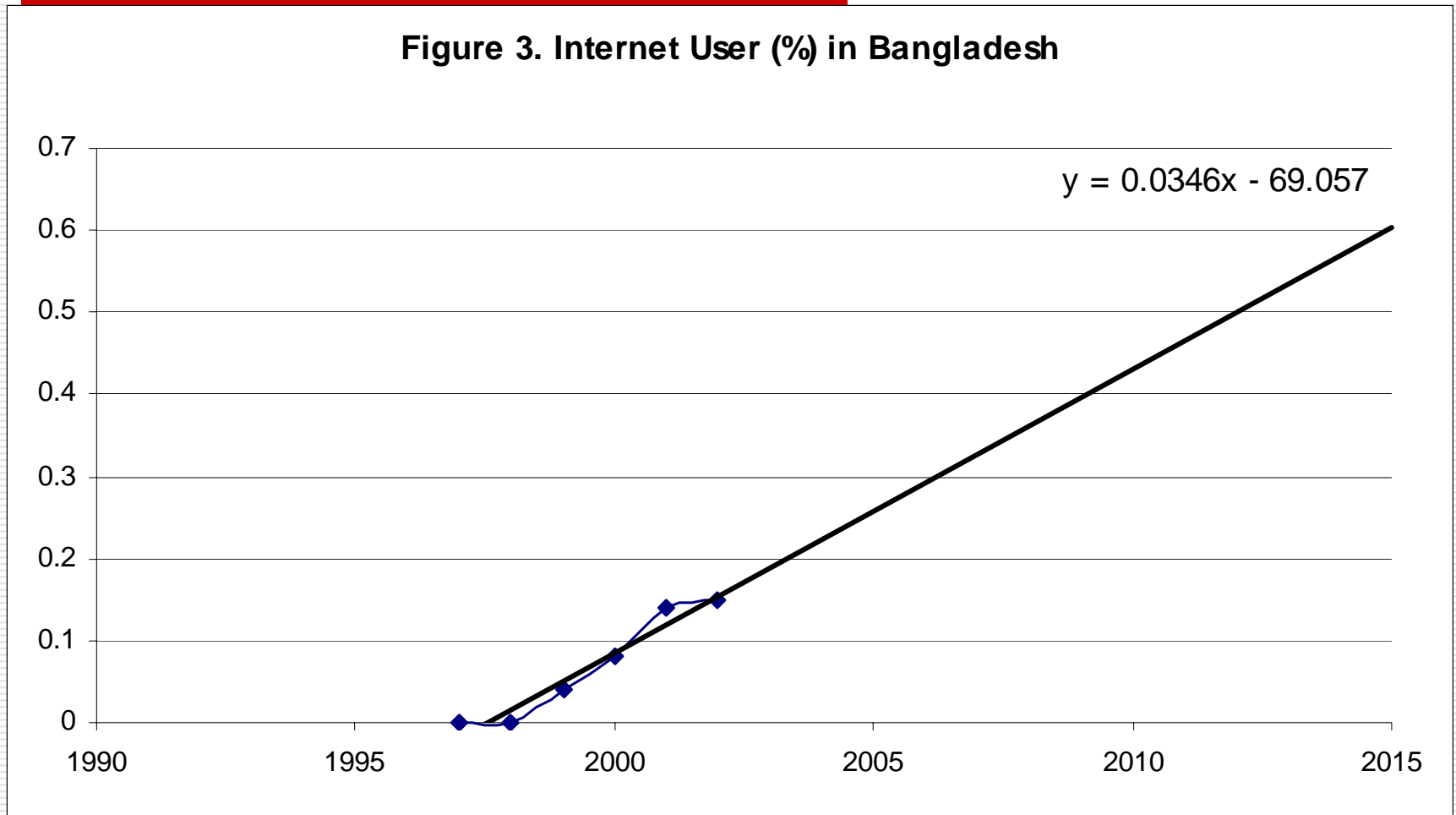
# Progress in MDGs: Computer Density

Figure 2. Computer-Density in Bangladesh (%)



# Progress in MDGs: Internet Penetration

Figure 3. Internet User (%) in Bangladesh



# The alternative approach

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- **Access to Technology, particularly ICTs, for Development** could be a separate *Goal* under the MDG. The target could be more specific like in *Goal 1*. The indicators, currently under implementation could be modified as follows:
    - *Indicator 1: Tele Access (fixed line or mobile)*
      - Part 1: availability of a public phone within 10 minute of walk by a community;
      - Part 2: users of telephone per 100 population (using personal phone or PCO).
    - *Indicator 2: Computer Access*
      - Part 1: users of owned personal computers
      - Part 2: users of computers at public places (computer shop, cyber café, educational institutions)
      - Part 3: users of information services retrieved from computer (e.g., information centre)
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- *Indicator 3: Internet Access*
    - Part 1: users of owned Internet connection
    - Part 2: users of Internet at public places (Internet shop, cyber café, educational institutions)
    - Part 3: users of information services retrieved from Internet (e.g., information centre)
  - An additional target under new goal of MDG on ICT could be: ***Promoting public, private and third sector for developing and disseminating local livelihood content, which either increase income or reduce cost of livelihood for the community people.***
  - Indicators for the target may be as follows:
    - Indicator 1: Number of public information centre for dissemination of livelihood contents.
    - Indicator 2: Number of rural people receiving livelihood information from the information centre.
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These are some of the questions to put  
in the discussion at the mid of MDGs.

Thank you.

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