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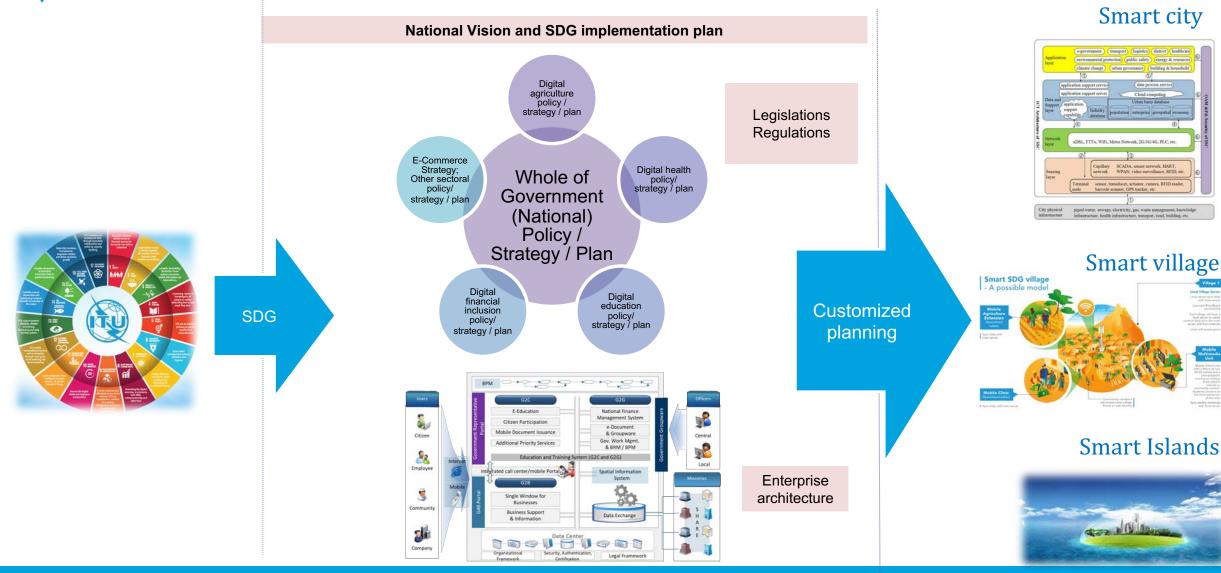




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# Whole-of-government approach for digital development





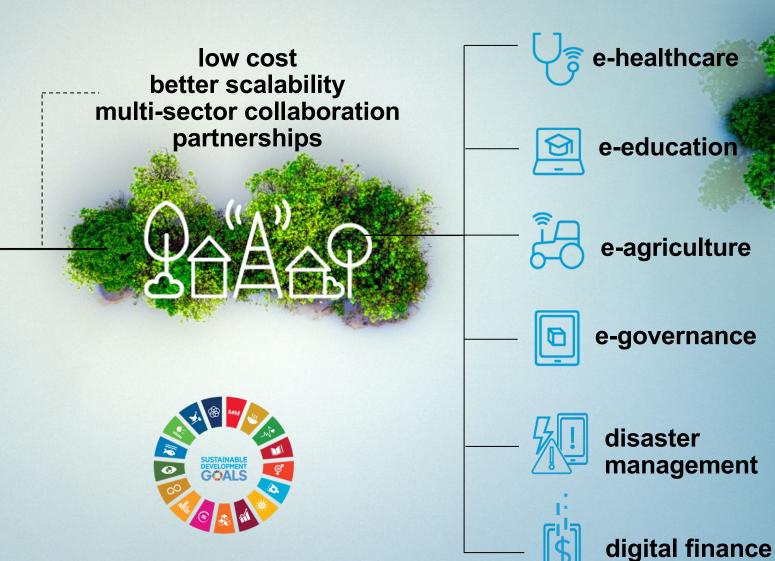
## **Concept of Smart Villages and Smart Islands**



whole-of-government approach



common ICT building-blocks



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### LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

designed to address the socio-economic challenges faced by communities through digital transformation at community level with emphasis on vulnerable populations (women, youth, and persons with disabilities)



### Smart Islands Vanuatu South Malekula - Impact stories



**School Connectivity** 

South Malekula Secondary School reconnected.

Students at SMSS who attended ITU expert's workshop on positive use of internet and ICT have improved access to internet and started learning online.



**New Agri Products** 

Emergence of "Smart Island" branded product.

A group of coconut producers put their new digital skills to use in creating marketing materials to reach more customers and produced new product.



**Mobile Banking** 

Improved digital financial literacy and use of mobile payments

3 mobile wallet service providers offered hands-on workshops to villagers with the ITU expert; people started using MyCash, IsiMoney, and M-Vatu payments, replacing the costly travel to town.



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