



Internet Society March Board Meeting

2024 Performance and Highlights

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Building the Internet

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From 2020 to 2024

GOAL: By 2025, we will have built and extended connectivity to 50 communities.

85

Community
Networks Supported

\$3,167,298

(USD) Funds Granted

56

Internet Exchange Points
(IXPs) Supported

\$3,665,854

(USD) Distributed
Through Grants

45

Sustainable Technical
Communities Supported

\$232,389

(USD) Distributed
Through Grants

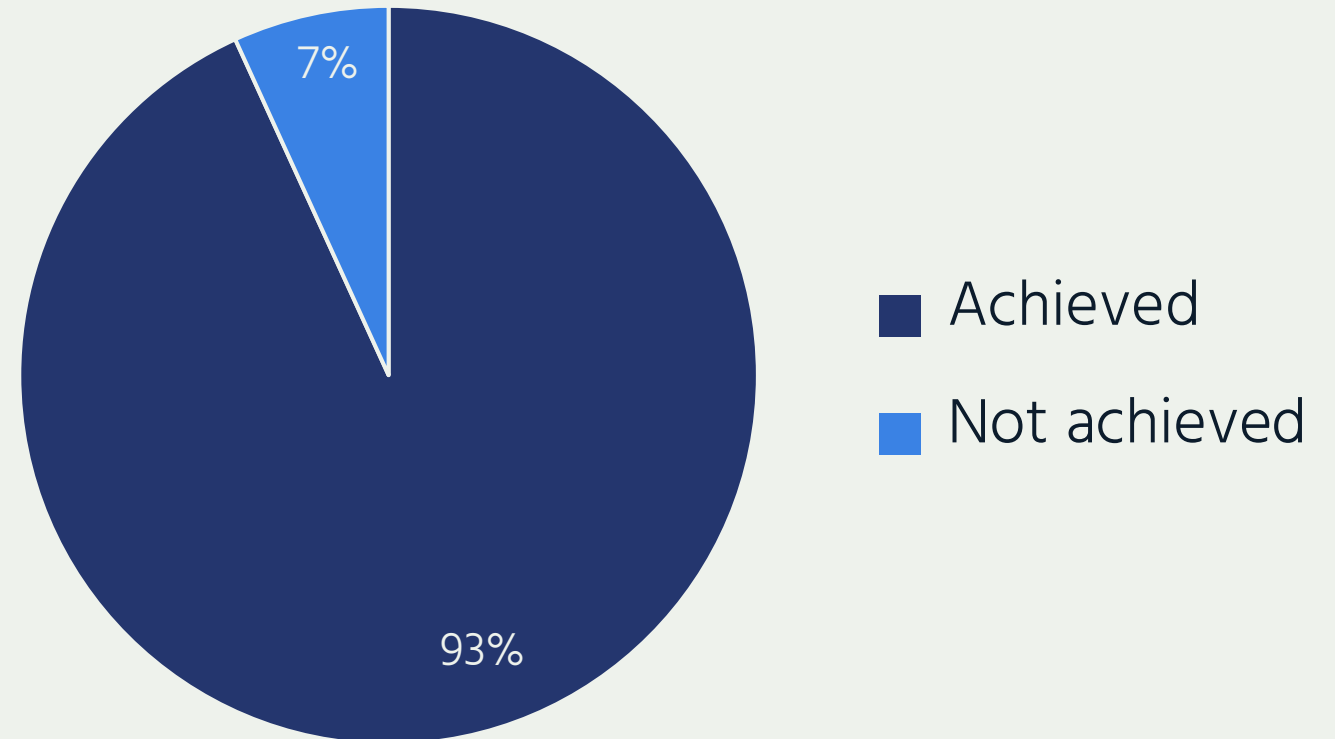




2024 End-of-Year Success Measures

Of the 11 total success measures,

- 10 were achieved
- 1 was not achieved





2024 Results – Connecting the Unconnected

Built New Community Networks – 4

1. Kijiji Yeetu (Kenya)
2. Athi Community Network CBO (Kenya)
3. Nepal Internet Foundation (Nepal)
4. Battery Operated Systems for Community Outreach Uganda (Uganda)

Improved Existing Community Networks – 6

1. Associacao Portal Sem Fronteiras (Brazil)
2. Equitable Origin (USA)
3. Sarantaporo.gr Non Profit Org (Greece)
4. WANG Balochistan (Pakistan)
5. Northern Uganda Resilience Innovation Network (Uganda)
6. Media Awareness and Justice Initiative (Nigeria)





2024 Results – Fostering Sustainable Peering Infrastructure

New IXPs Established – 2

1. IXCDE (Paraguay)
2. HUBSIX (Senegal)

Existing IXPs Enhanced – 10

1. Beirut-IX (Lebanon)
2. ARMIX (Armenia)
3. MBIX (Canada)
4. iRENALA (Madagascar)
5. Myanmar Internet Exchange Association (MMIX) (Myanmar)
6. Rwanda Internet Community and Technology Alliance (RICTA) Ltd (Rwanda)
7. NAMEX (Rome IXP; Kosovo)
8. HUBSIX (Senegal)
9. BFIX (Burkina Faso)
10. LIXP (Lesotho)





2024 Highlights

Pulse has become an important resource for advocacy and governments, signaling its importance and credibility.

In a December 2024 meeting with Internet Society staff, the US State Department's Bureau Democracy Human Rights and Labor staff noted that they reference Pulse as a resource in every one of their demarches on Internet Shutdowns.

AfPIF has achieved a significant milestone for the event's future and growth under local guidance.

In 2024, the Internet Society transitioned its role as organizer of the annual African Peering and Interconnection Forum (AFPIF) to the African IXP Association (AF-IX). The handover ceremony took place at during AfPIF 2024, which had 316 attendees. The Internet Society will continue to support the transition through the end of 2025.





2024 Highlights (continued)

We continue efforts to keep at least half of all Internet traffic local, improving affordability and resilience in select locations where we have made interventions.

Maldives: Local traffic increased to 67% in 2024 ([Pulse country report](#))

Bolivia: Local traffic increased to 62% in 2024 ([Pulse country report](#)).





Defending the Internet

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From 2020 to 2024

GOAL: By 2025, leading governments of the world have adopted policies that favor the growth of independent networks, which are free to interconnect.

100+

Statements, Open Letters, and Submissions

20+

Internet Impact Assessments Completed

50+

Policies and Legislation Opposed

6

Amicus Briefs Filed

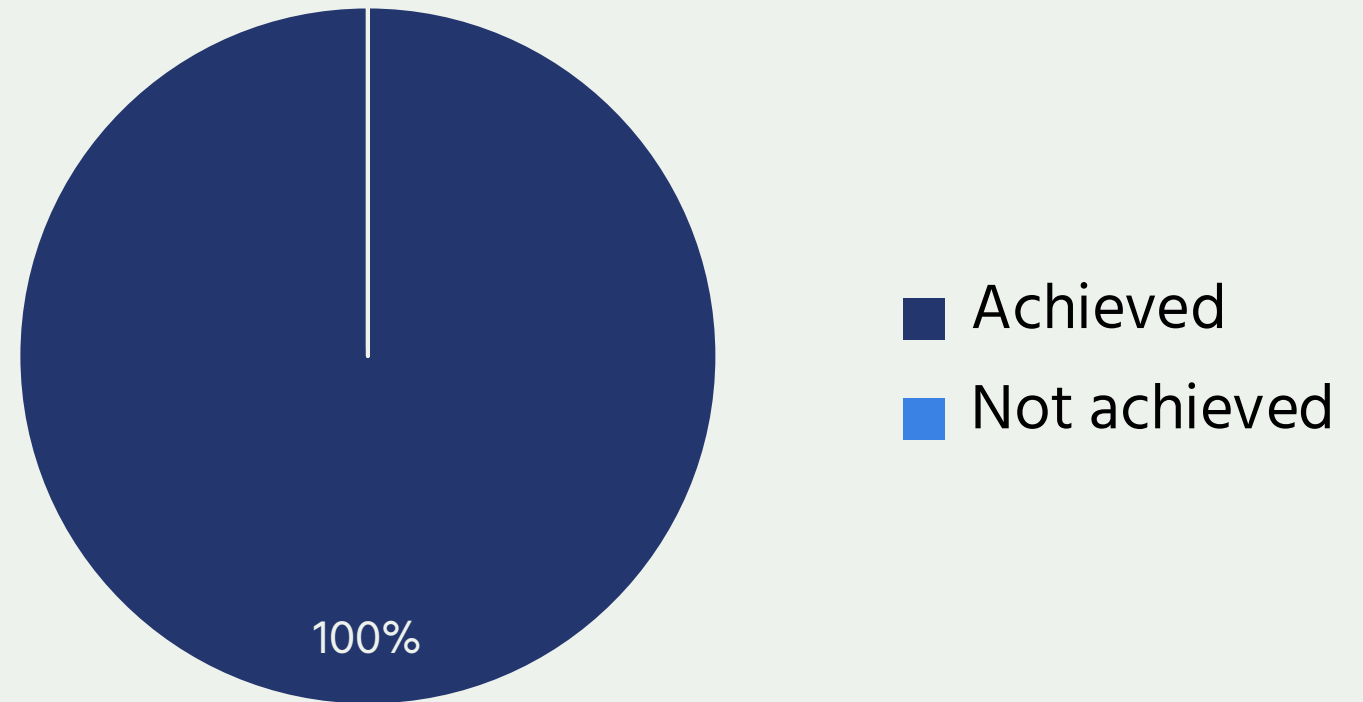




2024 End-of-Year Success Measures

Of the 11 total success measures,

- 11 achieved





2024 Highlights

Others are carrying our message forward, including policymakers and country delegations.

Encryption advocacy: In 2024, we tracked 22 voluntary pro-encryption public statements and/or favorable policies by policymakers, far exceeding expectations in 2024. In one instance, an anti-encryption stance taken by the Hungarian presidency triggered a wave of support, resulting in 8 EU member states making public statements in support of strong encryption.

Defending the Internet in the United Nations: As a result of our efforts to make sure the Internet's best interests are well represented in UN processes and negotiations, 10 country delegations adopted pro-Internet language in public documents in 2024.





2024 Highlights (continued)

It takes a community to defend the Internet.

In the Countering Internet Threats project, **100% of our advocacy**—both proactive and reactive—**was conducted in collaboration with our community.**

The Internet Society advocates for lasting change based on collaborative consensus.

The Global Digital Compact (GDC) was strongly aligned with our 2030 Strategy, yet the process in which it was developed was weak in terms of multistakeholder engagement. Although we did not endorse the GDC, we will advocate for multistakeholder participation in its implementation, a **core pillar of our priorities leading up to the WSIS+20 review in 2025.**





2024 Highlights (continued)

Policymakers program is gaining momentum.

We see consistently high demand for our policymakers program, typically held during IETF, with full cohorts in 2024 and exceptional demand already in 2025. We are in the process of piloting sessions outside the IETF to bring this experience to more policymakers and their staff.



We give the Internet—and its users—a voice in courts.

For the first time, we **expanded our efforts beyond the US** in 2024.

- *Richter v. Google* (Mexico)
- *Alairo and TikTok v. Knudsen* (United States)
- *Nevada v. Meta* (United States)
- *FSC v. Paxton* (United States)

Additionally, we published a technical brief on end-to-end encryption traceability in India that was used in ongoing litigation.





2024 Highlights (continued)

Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS) Symposium continues to evolve and grow.

As host of NDSS, the Internet Society has fostered information exchange among academic and industry researchers and security practitioners from all over the world. In 2024, **NDSS sold out** with a record 600 attendees and held its position as **#2 computer security research conference in the world**.





Scaling Our Impact

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By the Numbers

128,740

Individual Members

97

Partners

131

Chapters and SIGs

325

Alumni

82

Organization Members

81%

Chapters that received grants to support non-administrative efforts.

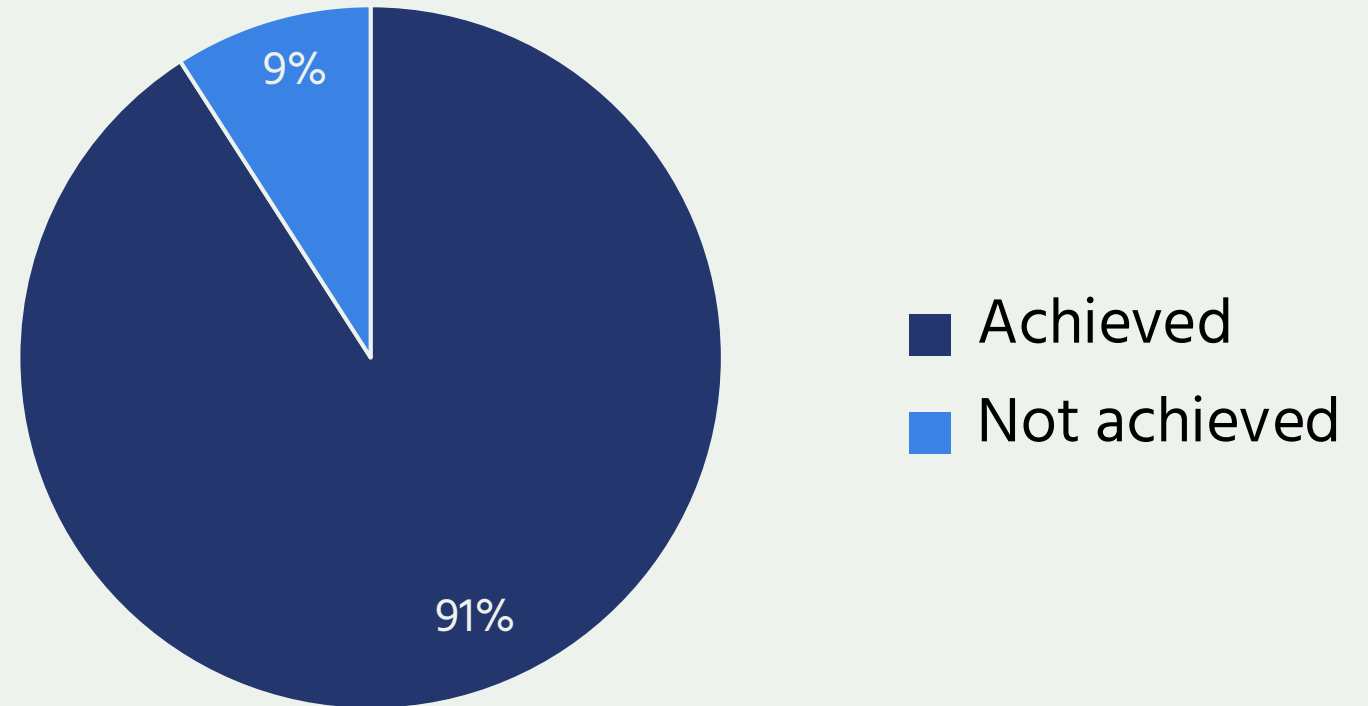




2024 End-of-Year Success Measures

Of the 22 total success measures,

- 20 achieved
- 2 not achieved





2024 Highlights

The Alumni Network is vibrant and flourishing.

In 2024, the Alumni program made tremendous gains under the guidance of the new Head of Alumni, a full-time resource dedicated to nurturing our Alumni Network. The network is now strong and growing with 363 highly engaged, collaborative alumni who care deeply about and support our mission.





2024 Highlights (continued)

Healthy and diverse Chapters are key to building local communities that thrive.

Healthy: 95% of our Chapters are engaged and effective, as demonstrated by strong evaluation results.

Diverse: There are 121 active Chapters distributed across all regions:

- Africa – 31% (37 Chapters)
- APAC - 14% (17 Chapters)
- Europe – 25% (30 Chapters)
- LAC – 21% (25 Chapters)
- MENA – 3% (3 Chapters)
- NA- 7% (8 Chapters)





2024 Highlights (continued)

A proven model for local training with broad reach.

Through our train-the-trainers program, we've empowered local technical experts to deliver our hands-on practical training content. **We've trained more than 300 tutors since 2021. In 2024, they trained 1,078 learners.**



Thank you.

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