



Evaluation of Existing Web Structure of Afghan Universities

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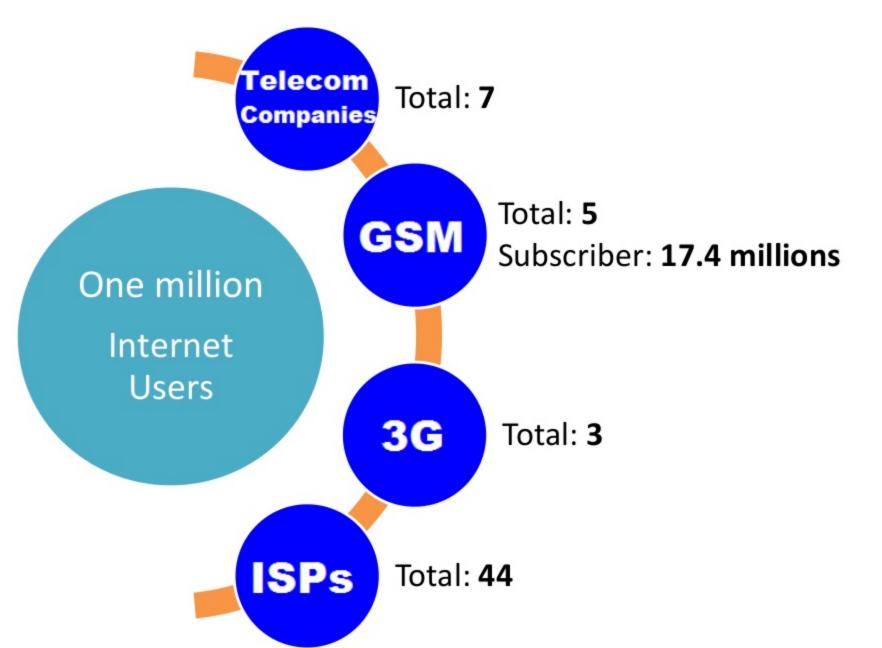
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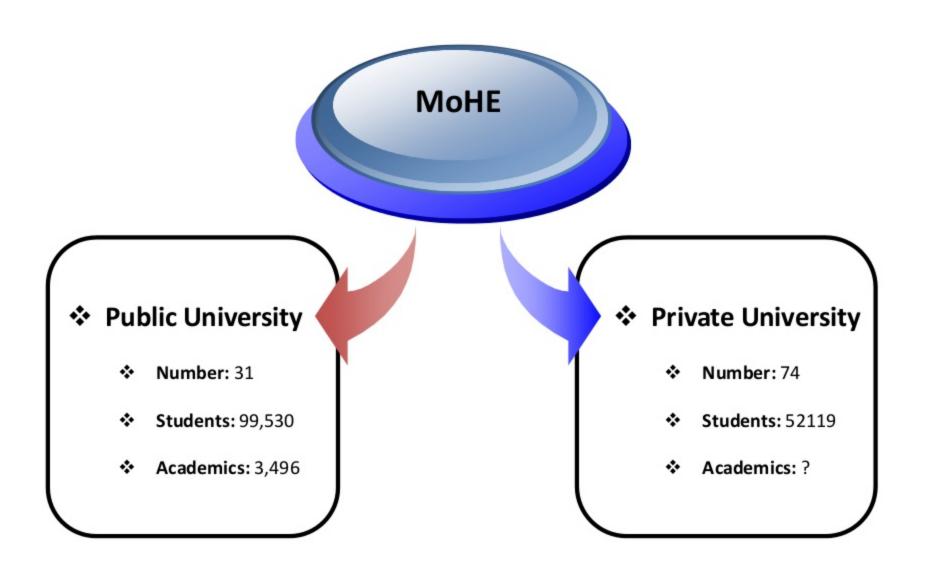
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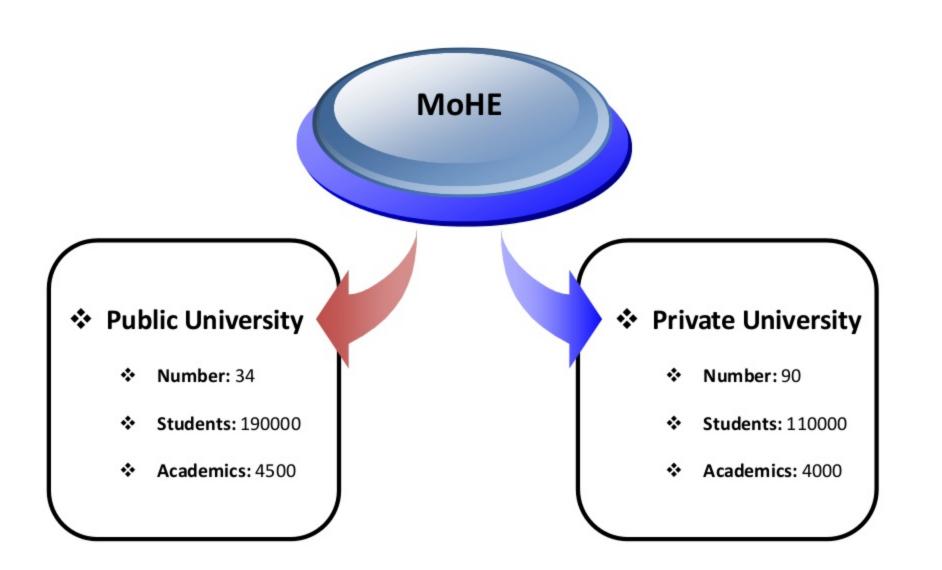
Current Situation - ICT Infrastructure [8]



Current Situation — MoHE 2012 [3] [4] [5]

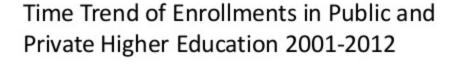


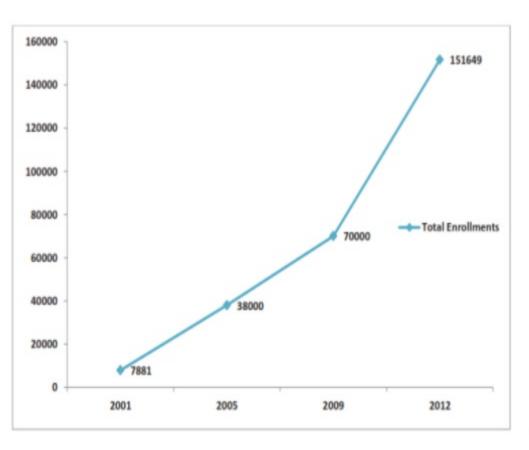
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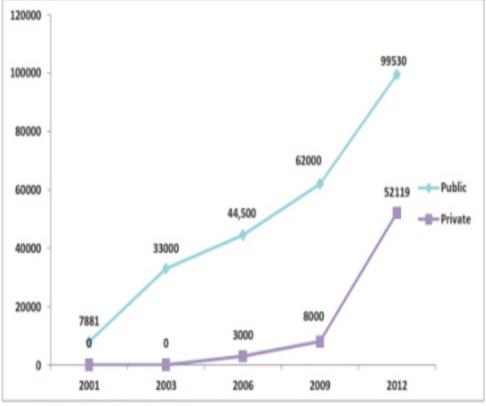


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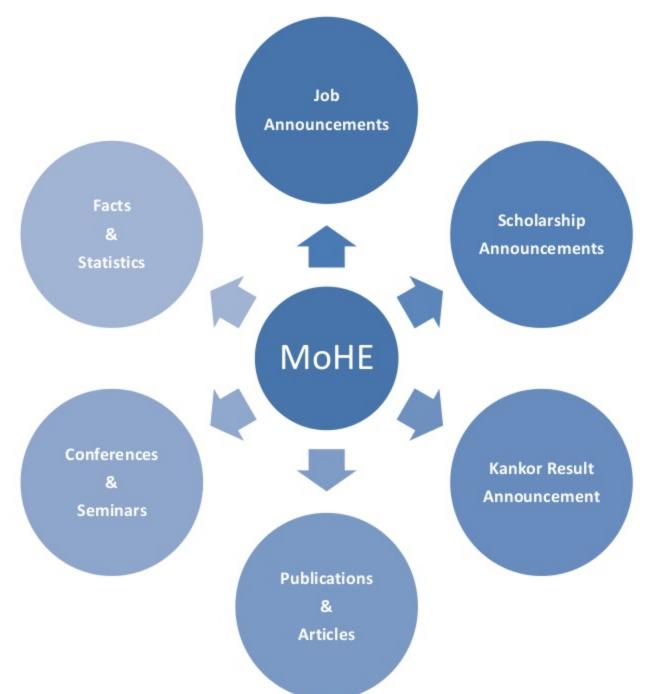
Total Higher Education Enrollment in Afghanistan 2001-2012



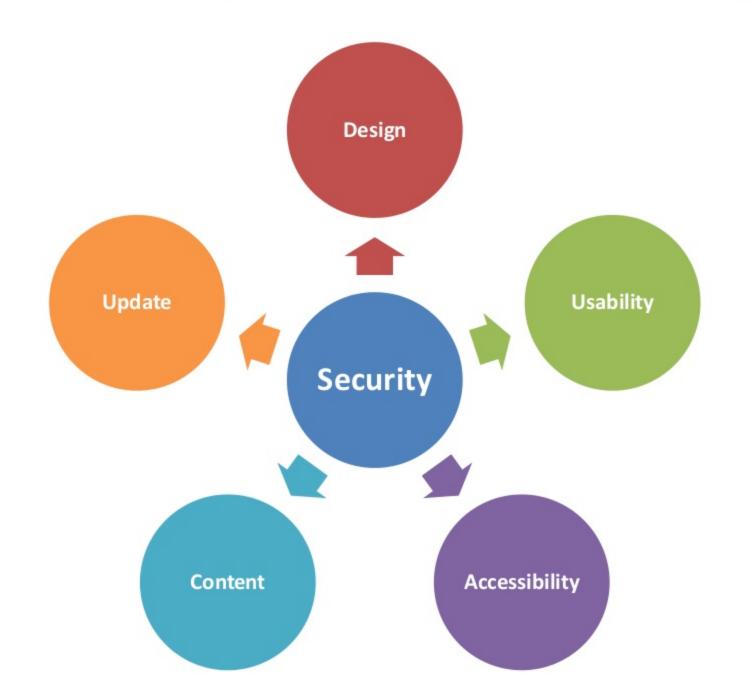




Current Situation - Existence of Website Services



Objective - Key Factors of Successful Websites [1] [9]



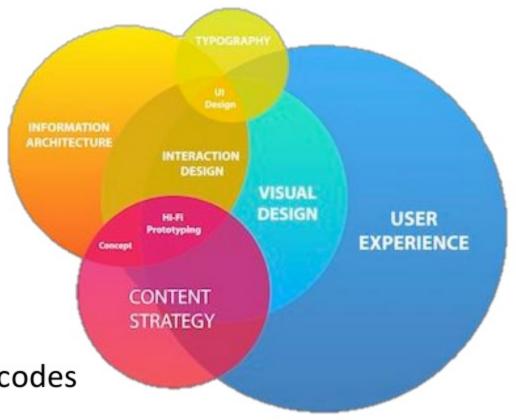
Challenges - Usability

Inconsistent Font

Non-existent Interactivity

CMS Limitations

Non-existent Built-in Shortcodes



Challenges - Accessibility [7][10]

- Fixed Resolution of 1024x768
- 17.4 million mobile subscribers
- 1.4 billion smartphones in the world
- Inconvenient access to all smartphone users.



Challenges — Quality Content

- Multilingual support feature
- Many potential activities
- No Quality Control
- No formal structure committee
 / Technical support team



Challenges – Regular Update

- Targeted audiences expect to see up-to-date information
- Afghan universities' website is not updated for long periods of time.

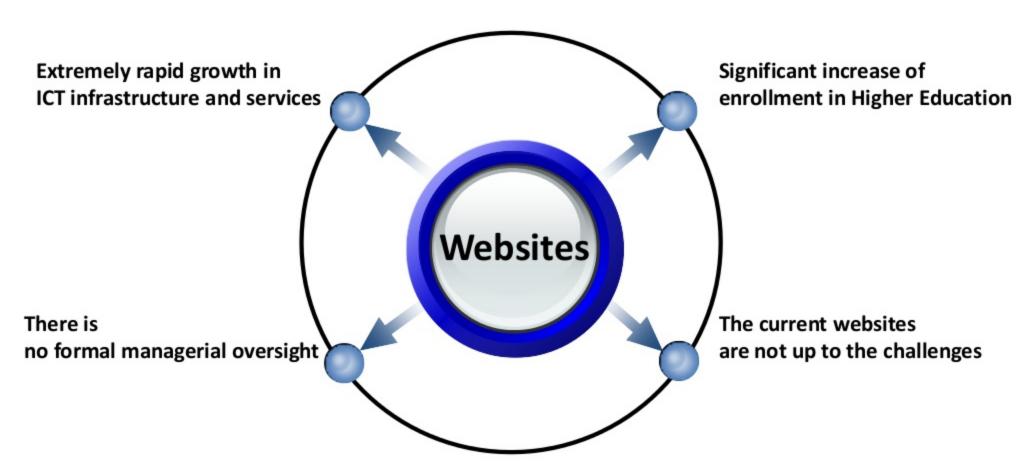


Challenges — Availability & Sustainability

- Power outages
- No proper backup systems
- Heavy traffic while Kankor results announced
- No technical support team



Conclusion



Proposal

- Creation of formal structure within MOHE institutions
- Explore the technical possibilities for improving websites
 - Usability
 - Security
 - Availability
 - Updateability
- Expand the website's scope

Proposal - Expand the website's scope

1. Access to online library catalogue

2. Access to online scientific journals

3. Access to online directory of publications by the university academics

Proposal - Expand the website's scope

4. Academic members profile

5. Email and SMS event notification

6. Platform for course and campus management system

Application - Stepwise

MoHE

Universities

Faculties

Application - Basic Standard Website Structure

- Home
- About University
 - History
 - Goal
 - Strategic Plans
 - Facts and Statistics
 - Map
- Organizational Structure
 - University Directorship
 - Scientific Councils
 - Lecturers
 - · Faculty Deans
 - Deputies
 - · Deputy Chancellor in Academic Affairs
 - Deputy Chancellor in Student Affairs
 - · Deputy Chancellor in Administration
 - Committees
 - Academic Promotions
 - · Appointment and Dismissal
 - · Quality Assurance

Application - Basic Standard Website Structure

Faculties

- Agriculture
- Applied Science
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Education (Pedagogy)
- Engineering
- Fine & Arts
- Journalism
- Law & political Science
- Literature & Humanities
- Medicine
- Public Administration
- Theology & Islamic Studies
- Veterinary Science