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# Egypt's G3-PLC Smart Meter Rollout

## *Deployment Insights by* **Globaltronics**

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# Project Context

## Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Initiative

- Launched by EEHC: 250,000-meter AMI pilot
- Objective: Evaluate communication technologies across 5 utilities
- Technologies considered:
  - G3-PLC
  - PRIME
  - Broadband PLC
  - Cellular
- Result: Globaltronics/Sagemcom awarded deployment of:
  - ~50,000 meters in NCEDC
  - ~15,000 meters in SCEDC
  - Based on G3-PLC technology

**G3-PLC**



# Globaltronics Milestone in Numbers

6Mn+

Annual Production  
Capacity

3

Production Factories

20Mn+

Meters Installed



25Y+

Experience of R&D

15Mn+

Prepaid Meters  
Installed

1Bn\$

Annual Transactions on  
GT Payment Solutions

# Globaltronics: The Leading Metering Solution Provider in MEA region



**Egypt #1**



**Egypt #2**



**KSA**

## About the G3-Alliance

- Member-based organization
- Not-for-profit
- Objective: Standardise & Enhance the G3 communication protocol
- Operates Certification program enabling multi-vendor interoperability



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# The Five Best Benefits of **G3-PLC** and **G3-Hybrid**

**1 Cost effective**

- Uses existing powerlines for communication minimizing infrastructure and maintenance costs
- No telecommunication fees

**2 Secure**

- Supports MAC-level security using AES-128 cryptographic engine

**3 Robust**

- 'Robust' mode for communication under noisy conditions
- Self-healing mesh network and high indoor penetration

**4 Interoperable**

- International ITU standard
- Certification program enabling multi-vendor implementations



**5 Future proof**

- End to end IP communication and IPv6 compliant
- Designed to accept diverse application layers



# Deployment Scope & Responsibilities

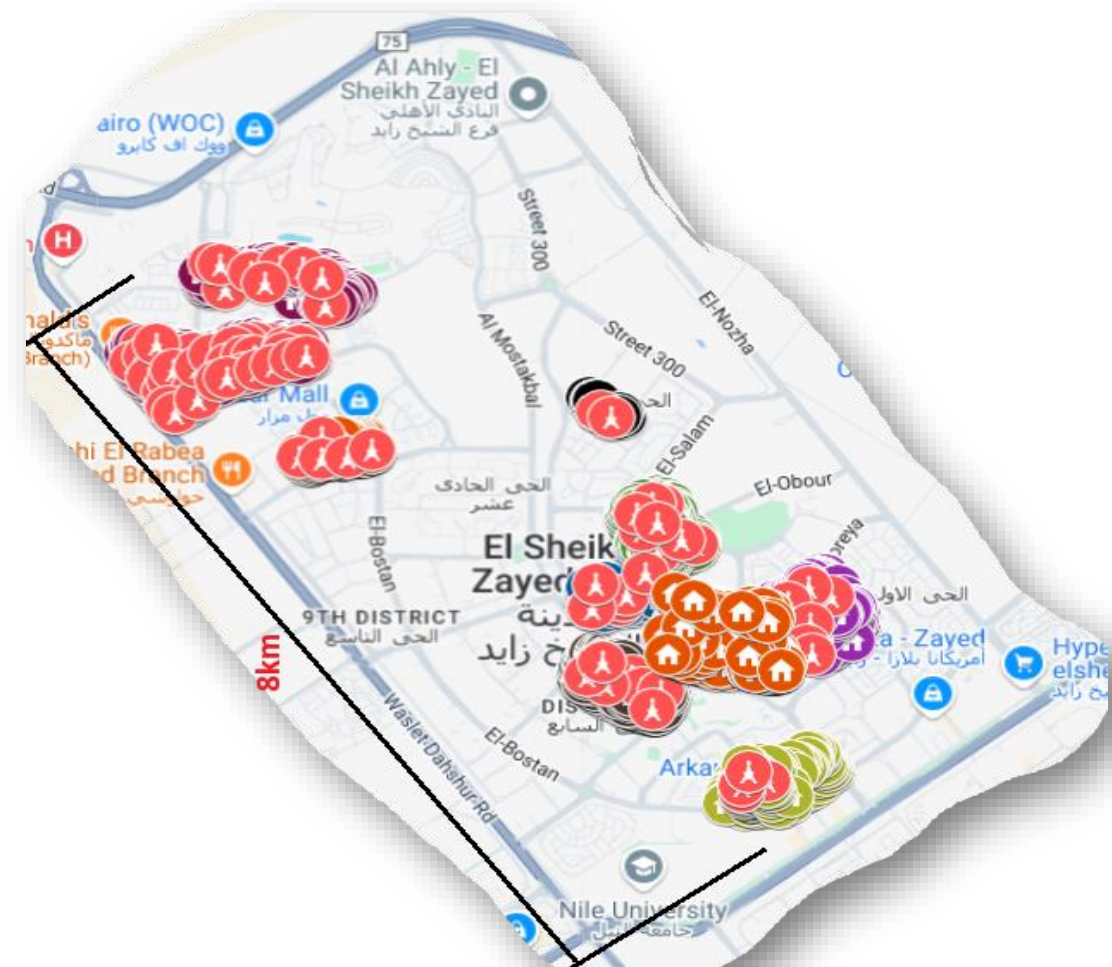
## Globaltronics Roles

- Engineering & site survey.
- 100% smart meter supply.
- Meters Installation, commissioning, DCU deployment.
- Creation of installation files and shipment files.
- Network topology creation.
- Integration with 3rd party MDMS.
- Share in Operation, maintenance, and training.

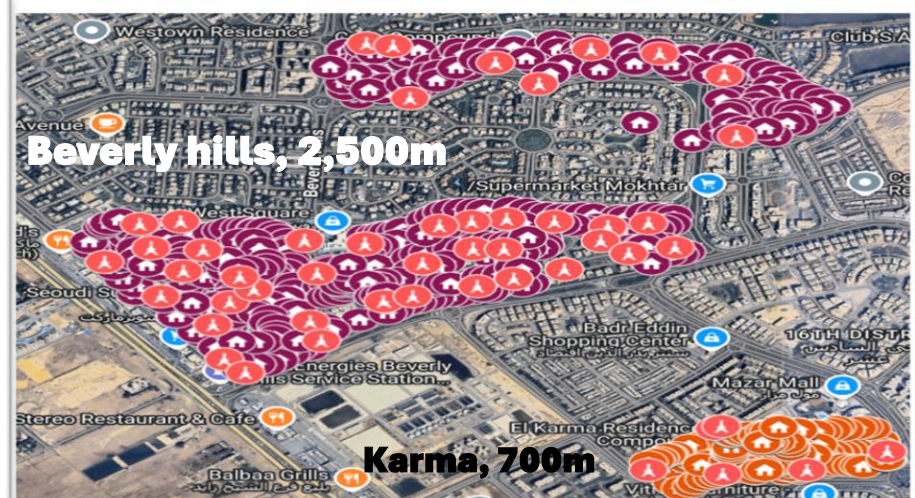
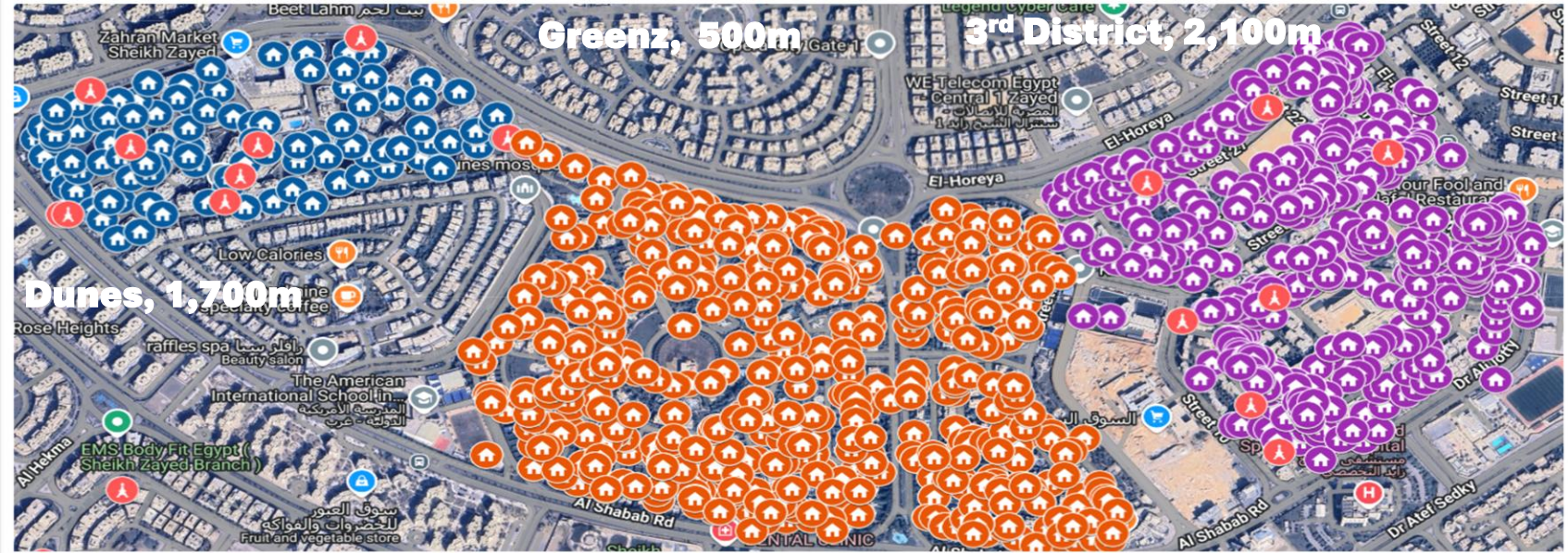
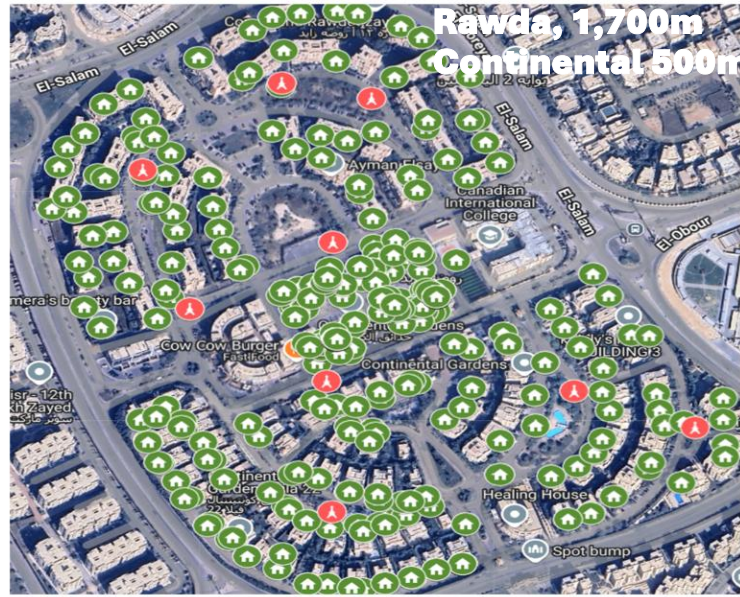


# SCEDC Deployment Overview

Area	No. of meters	No. of DCU
Beverly Hills	2,500	35 +11
Casa Compound	1,300	9
Continental Compound	500	4
District 3	2100	14
District 7	1900	8
Dunes Compound	1700	9
Greens Compound	500	1
Jewar Compound	300	3
Karma Compound	700	10
Rawdet Zayed+ Al Mo'ez Mall	1700	6
Zayed 2000 Compound	500	4
GPRS	1300	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>114</b>









# KPI Collection Performance (SCEDC)

- **Daily KPI:** 98% .
- **Weekly KPI:** 99% .
- **Monthly KPI:** 99.5% .
- High performance and consistent data collection achieved

Daily KPI

Consumption Period ▾	Collected Meters ⇅	Commissioned Meters ⇅	KPI (%) ⇅
2021-08-28	46,113	47,043	98.023%
2021-08-27	46,137	47,039	98.082%
2021-08-26	46,185	47,031	98.201%
2021-08-25	46,192	47,021	98.237%
2021-08-24	46,234	46,914	98.551%
2021-08-23	46,121	46,899	98.341%
2021-08-22	46,187	46,896	98.488%
2021-08-21	46,202	46,894	98.524%
2021-08-20	46,184	46,893	98.488%
2021-08-19	46,161	46,891	98.443%
2021-08-18	46,200	46,885	98.539%
2021-08-17	46,267	46,881	98.69%
2021-08-16	46,242	46,879	98.641%
2021-08-15	46,247	46,871	98.669%
2021-08-14	46,260	46,869	98.701%

Monthly KPI

Consumption Period ⇅	Collected Meters ⇅	Commissioned Meters ⇅	KPI (%) ▾
2021-08-01	46,530	46,694.663	99.647%

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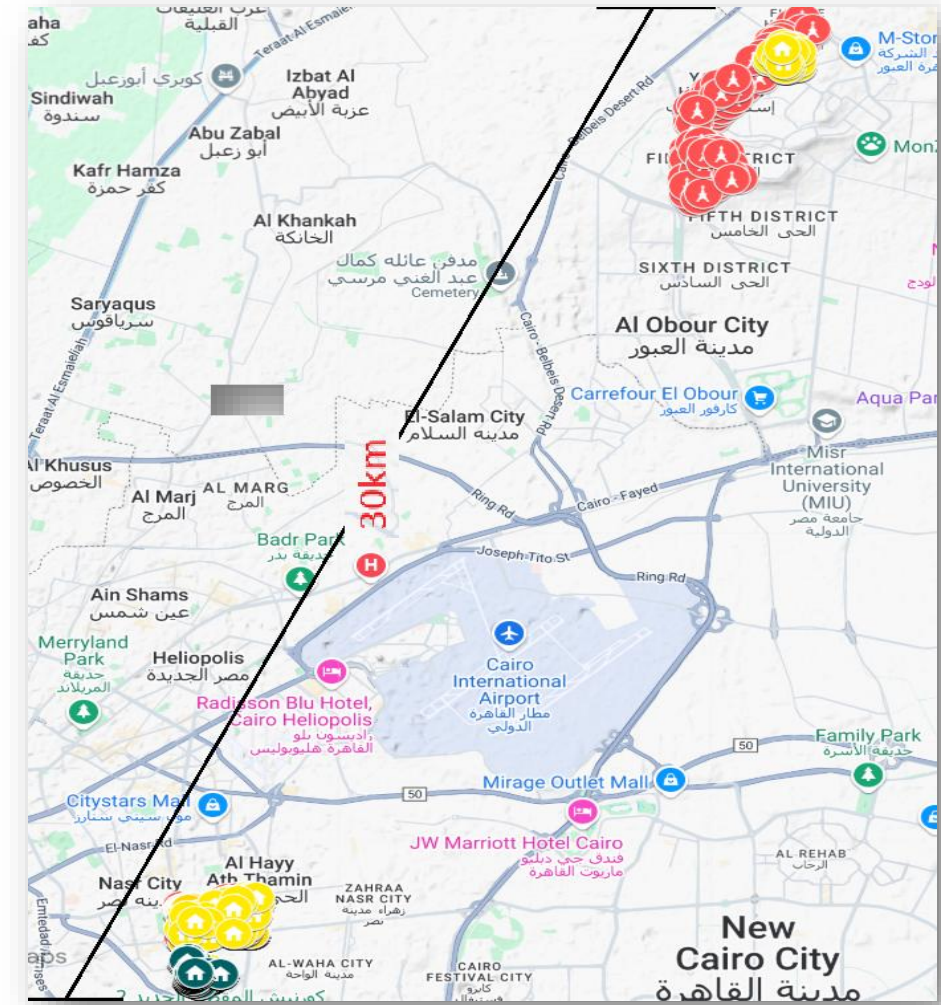
Weekly KPI

Consumption Period ▾	Collected Meters ⇅	Commissioned Meters ⇅	KPI (%) ⇅
2021-08-23	46,267	46,916.053	98.617%
2021-08-16	46,233	46,830.082	98.725%
2021-08-09	46,263	46,714.049	99.034%
2021-08-02	46,019	46,458.96	99.053%
2021-07-26	45,589	46,299.432	98.466%

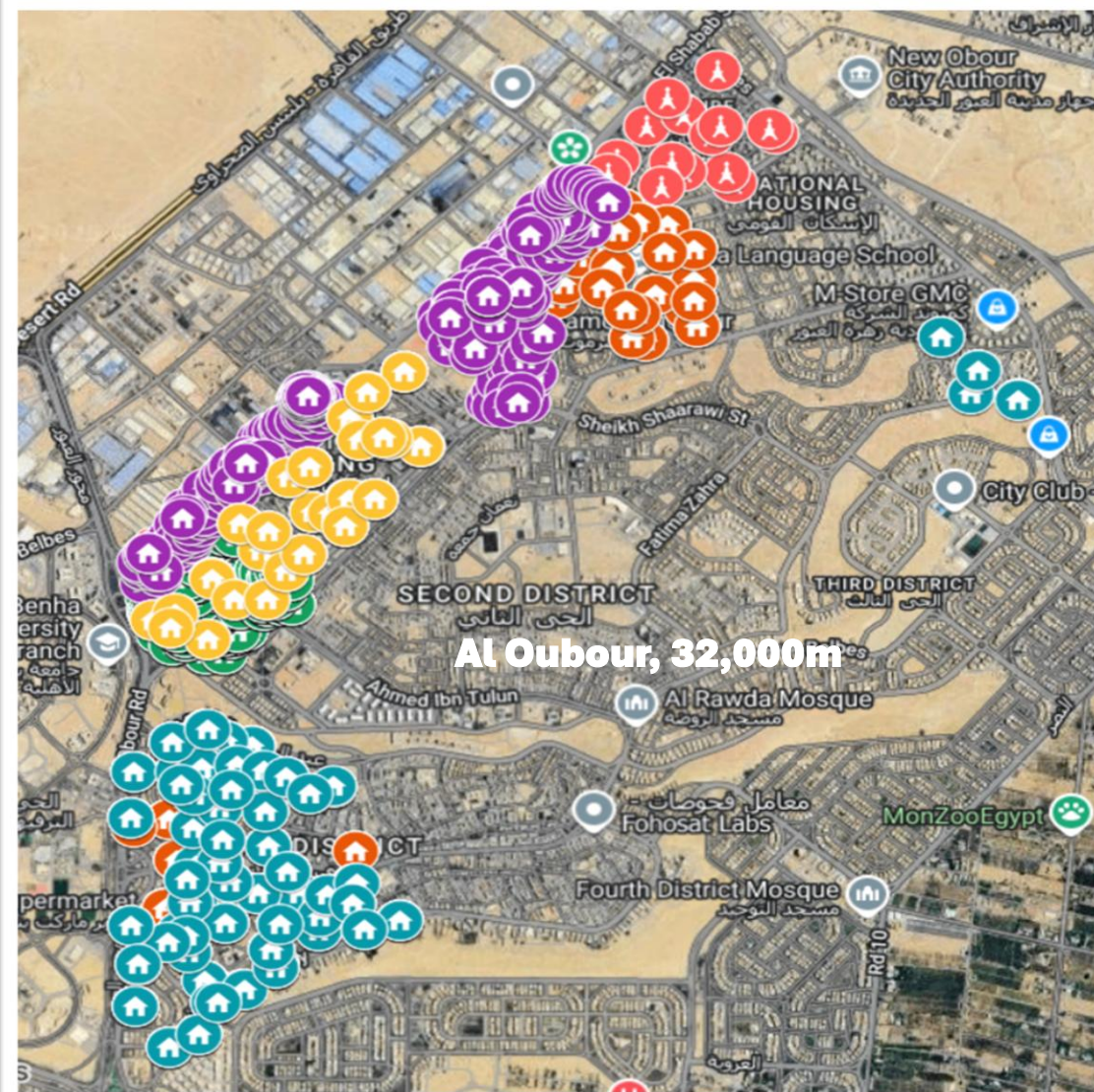
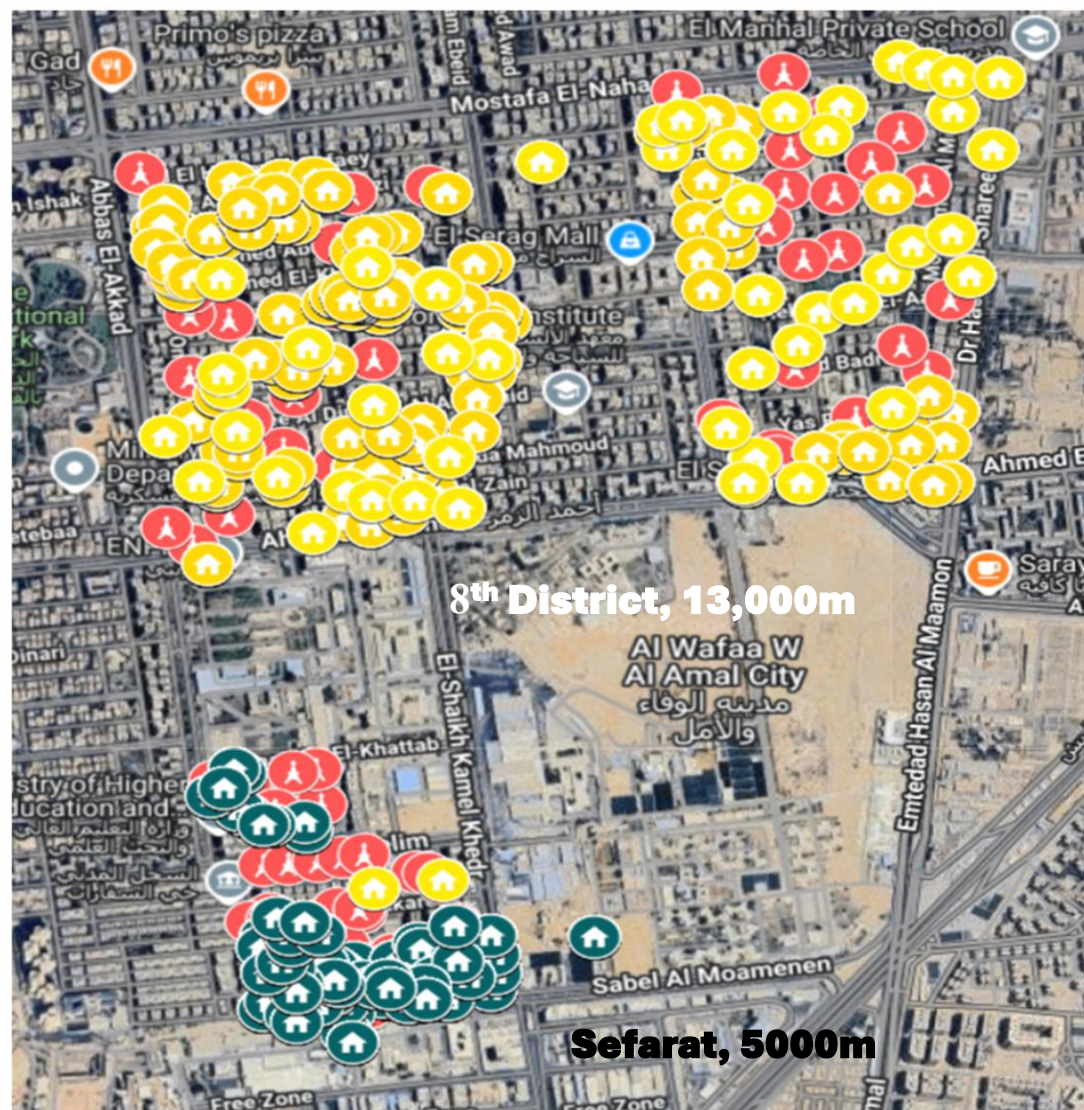
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# NCEDC Deployment Overview

Area	No. of meters	No. of DC
Al Oubour	32,000	142 +2
Hay Ethamen	13,000	96
Sefarate	5,000	49
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>289</b>



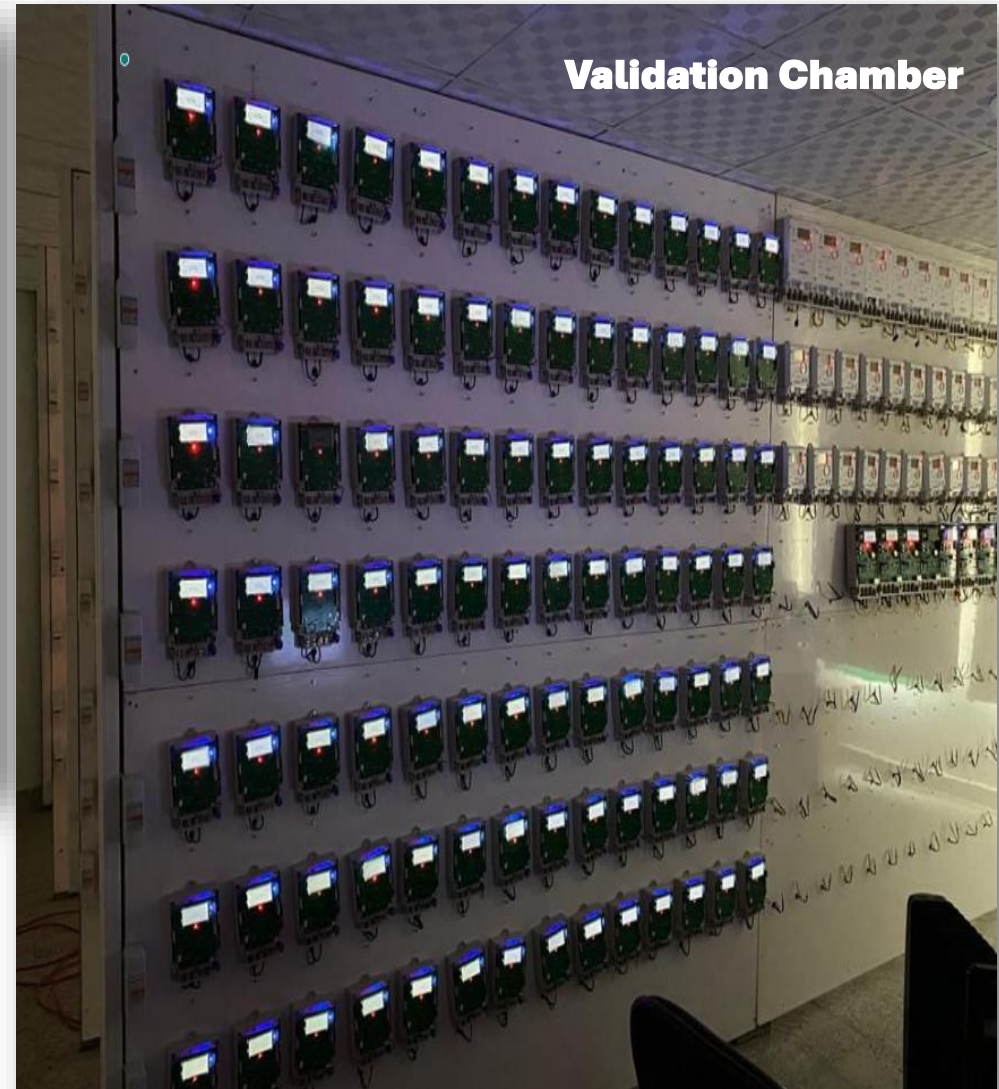








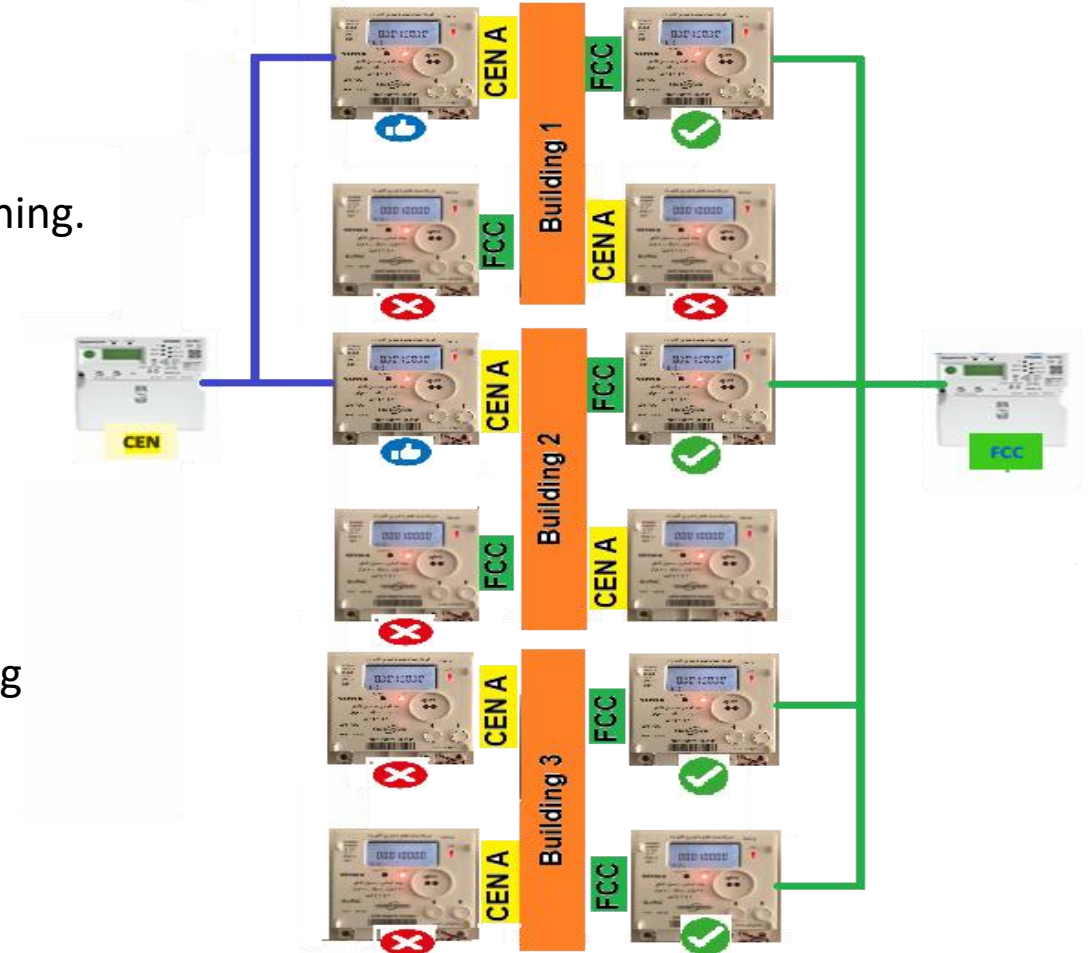
**Deployed Meters**



# Deployment Challenges

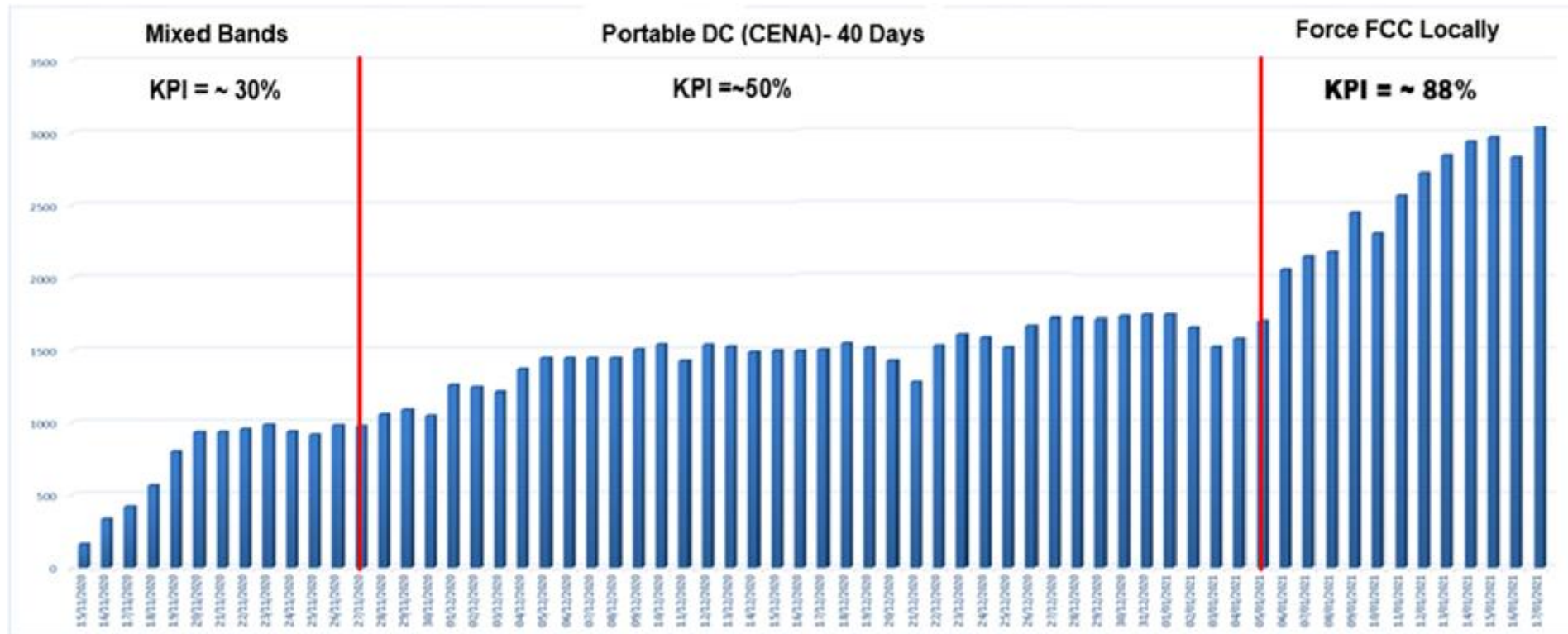
# Challenge 1: Mixed communication Protocol

- **Issue:** FCC vs Cenelec A heterogeneity.
- **Action:** Portable DCs (40 days), manual FCC switching.
- **Result:** Improved KPI dramatically.
- **Recommendation:**
  - Install DCUs prior to meters.
  - G3-Alliance to develop dynamic band switching





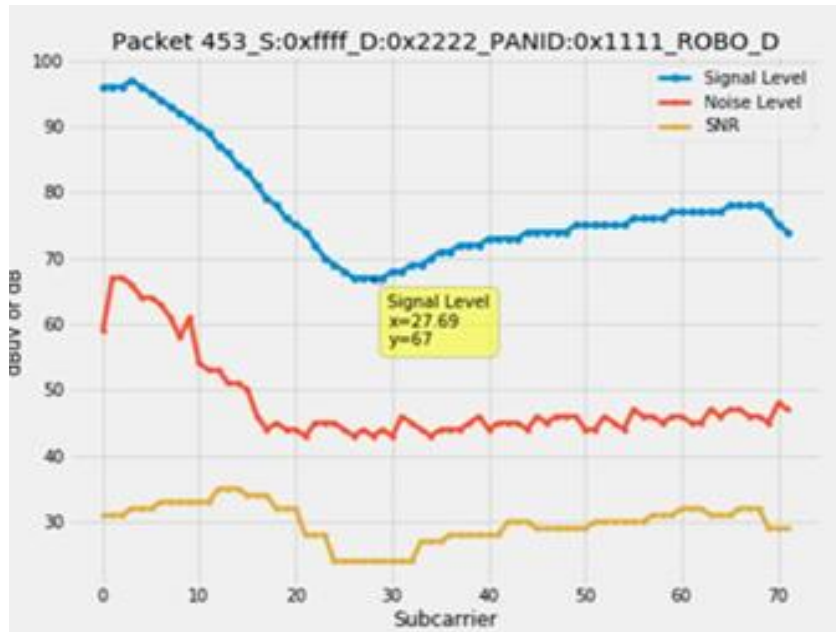
- FCC switching enhance the KPI significantly.
- Using portable DC enhance the performance but not sufficient and need very long time.
- manual Switching enhance the KPI dramatically in very short time.



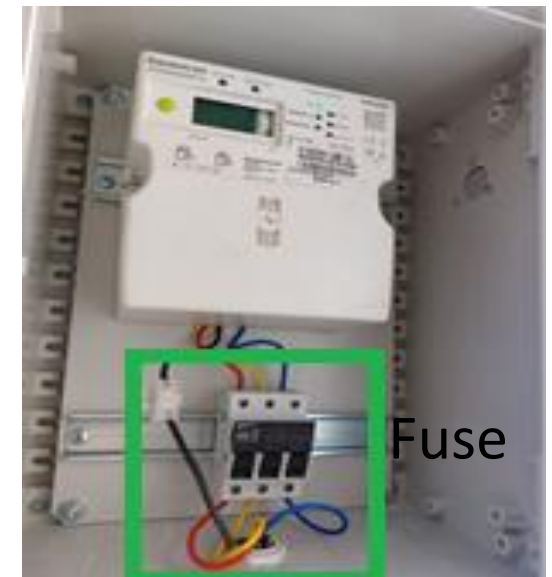
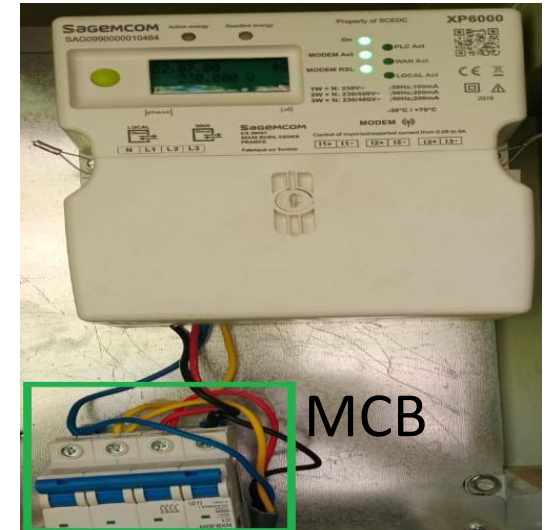
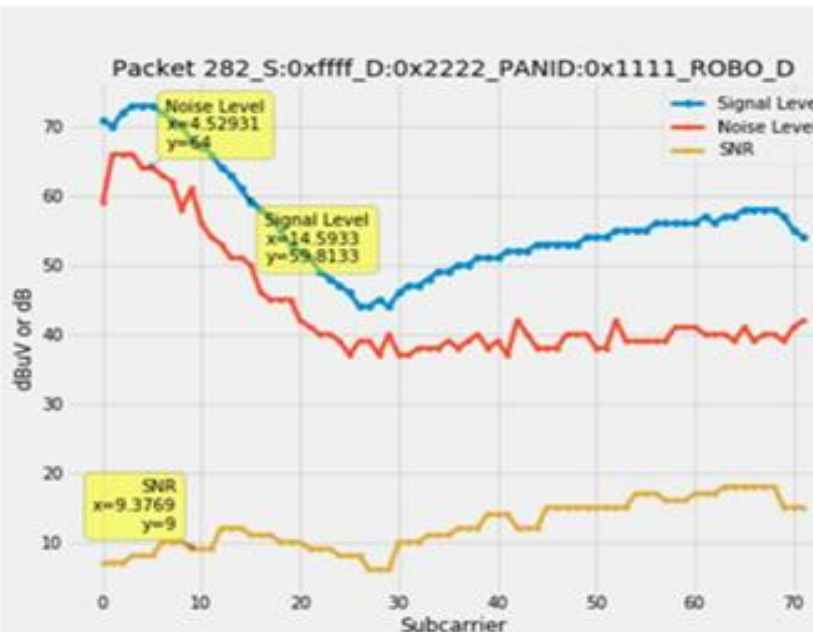
## Challenge 2- Signal attenuation by MCB

- **Issue:**
  - 20 dB signal drop caused by miniature circuit breaker (MCB).
  - Total noise level in NCEDC network is about 60 dBuV but it is OK.

PLC signal Entering MCB



PLC signal Exiting MCB



- **Fix:** MCB replacement improved KPI from ~75% to >90%
- 6 DCs not yet installed.
- We achieved entire meter read after installing the 6 DCU.





## Challenge 3- Distribution network issues

- **Issue:**
  - Dual Power Source
  - Network is constructed to form a star topology.
  - End-User switch off the meter.
  - Missing the injection line.





# Key Lessons & Recommendations

- FCC outperforms Cenelec A in Egypt
- Mixed band usage reduces network efficiency
  - ✓ G3-Alliance should provide the dynamic band switching.
- G3-PLC network performance can be dropped when customer turned off the meters, also injection line missing in some places.
  - ✓ Recommend hybrid G3-PLC approach for Egypt's grid.
- Stronger coordination between stakeholders critical.
- Local system tuning essential to success

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# Thank You



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