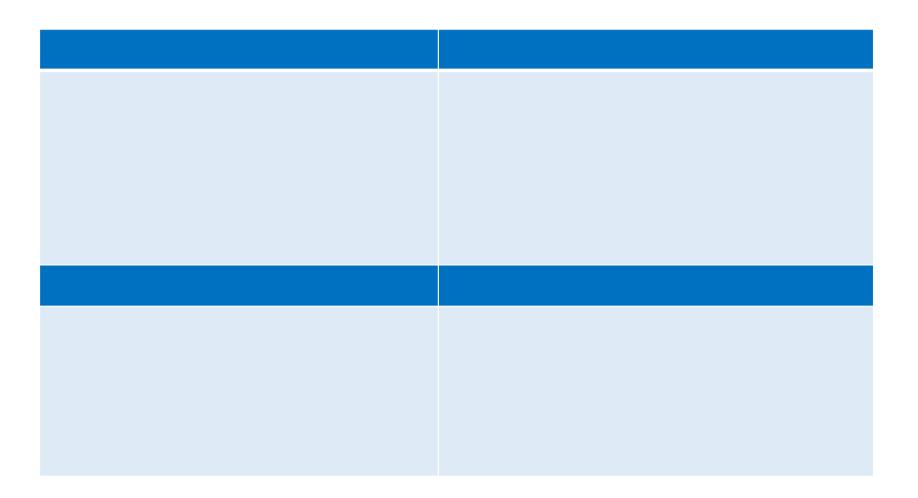


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ICT Challenges	ICT Opportunities
Inadequate enforcement IP protection Limited financing and investment Weak human resources & organizational management Growing levels of international competition	Growing interest of MNCs Stronger cooperation & investment links with India and China Extend ICT access to rural population

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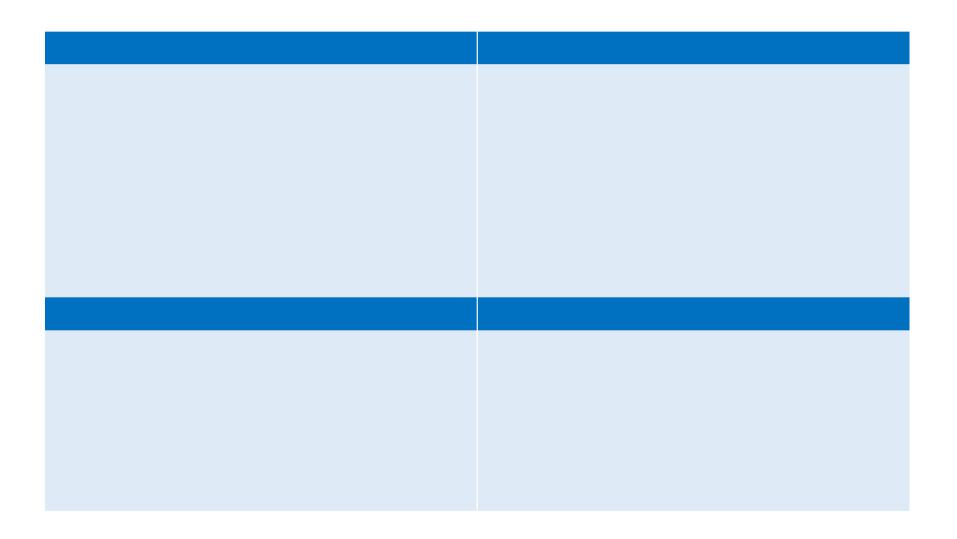
ICT Challenges	ICT Opportunities
Reliability and affordability of infrastructures Limited government initiatives Limited sources of investment Weak intellectual property right laws Skill shortages for higher value- added IT services	Large world outsourcing market New IT services facilities launched Relatively low costs Excellent English language skills

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Bangladesh	Nepal
Fiscal incentives/Funding support Easier and affordable payment IT education, secondary & college IT parks bilateral cooperation in the region	Policy incentive measures A national venture capital fund for IT firms Legalizing electronic transactions and digital signatures





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