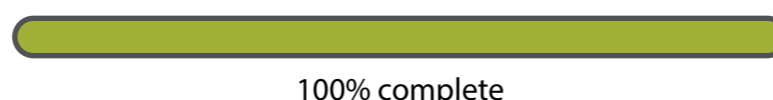




# Project timeline

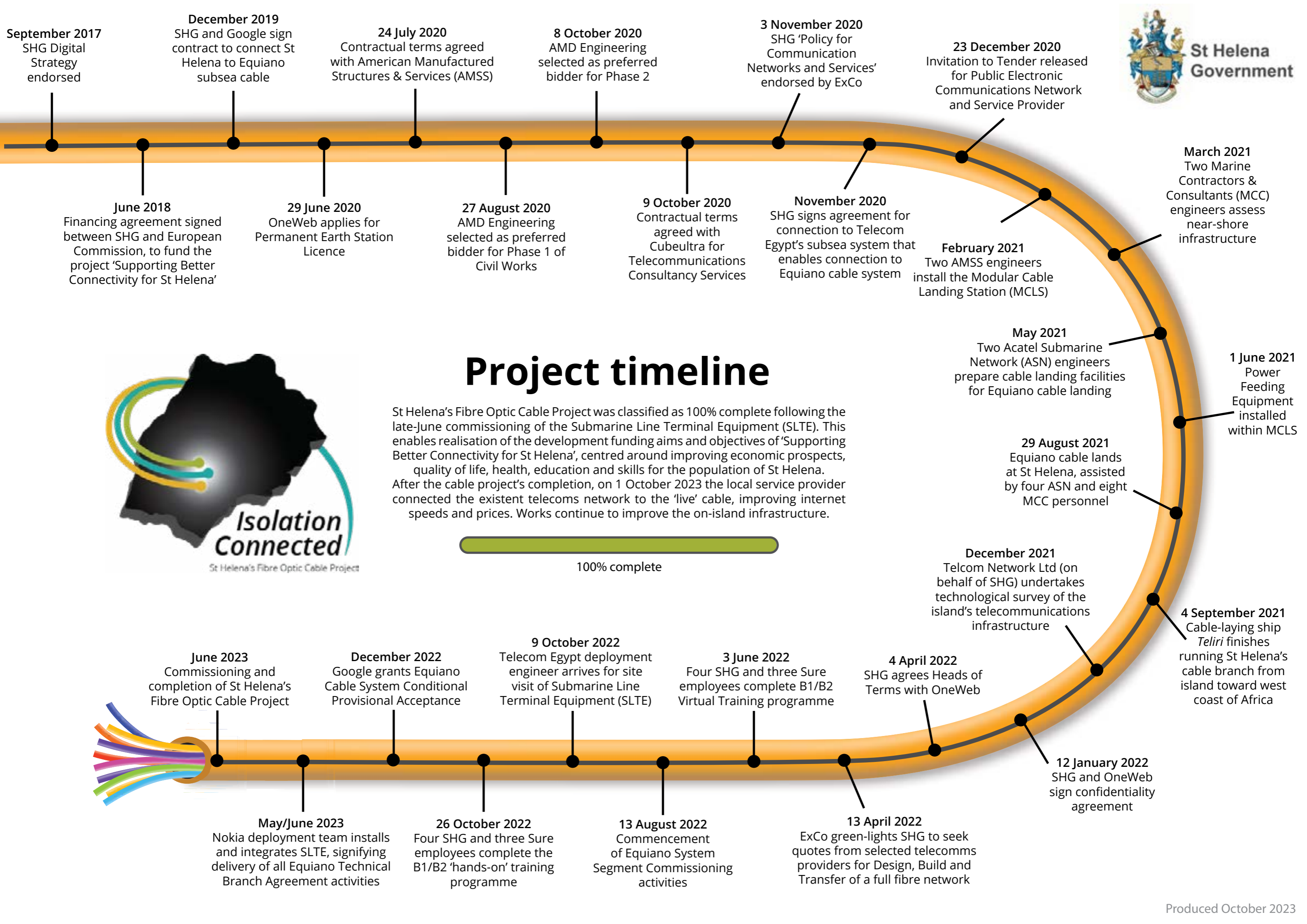
St Helena's Fibre Optic Cable Project was classified as 100% complete following the late-June commissioning of the Submarine Line Terminal Equipment (SLTE). This enables realisation of the development funding aims and objectives of 'Supporting Better Connectivity for St Helena', centred around improving economic prospects, quality of life, health, education and skills for the population of St Helena. After the cable project's completion, on 1 October 2023 the local service provider connected the existent telecoms network to the 'live' cable, improving internet speeds and prices. Works continue to improve the on-island infrastructure.



100% complete



St Helena's Fibre Optic Cable Project



September 2017  
SHG Digital Strategy endorsed

December 2019  
SHG and Google sign contract to connect St Helena to Equiano subsea cable

24 July 2020  
Contractual terms agreed with American Manufactured Structures & Services (AMSS)

8 October 2020  
AMD Engineering selected as preferred bidder for Phase 2

3 November 2020  
SHG 'Policy for Communication Networks and Services' endorsed by ExCo

23 December 2020  
Invitation to Tender released for Public Electronic Communications Network and Service Provider

June 2018  
Financing agreement signed between SHG and European Commission, to fund the project 'Supporting Better Connectivity for St Helena'

29 June 2020  
OneWeb applies for Permanent Earth Station Licence

27 August 2020  
AMD Engineering selected as preferred bidder for Phase 1 of Civil Works

9 October 2020  
Contractual terms agreed with Cubeultra for Telecommunications Consultancy Services

November 2020  
SHG signs agreement for connection to Telecom Egypt's subsea system that enables connection to Equiano cable system

February 2021  
Two AMSS engineers install the Modular Cable Landing Station (MCLS)

March 2021  
Two Marine Contractors & Consultants (MCC) engineers assess near-shore infrastructure

May 2021  
Two Acatel Submarine Network (ASN) engineers prepare cable landing facilities for Equiano cable landing

1 June 2021  
Power Feeding Equipment installed within MCLS

29 August 2021  
Equiano cable lands at St Helena, assisted by four ASN and eight MCC personnel

December 2021  
Telcom Network Ltd (on behalf of SHG) undertakes technological survey of the island's telecommunications infrastructure

4 September 2021  
Cable-laying ship *Teliri* finishes running St Helena's cable branch from island toward west coast of Africa

June 2023  
Commissioning and completion of St Helena's Fibre Optic Cable Project

December 2022  
Google grants Equiano Cable System Conditional Provisional Acceptance

9 October 2022  
Telecom Egypt deployment engineer arrives for site visit of Submarine Line Terminal Equipment (SLTE)

3 June 2022  
Four SHG and three Sure employees complete B1/B2 Virtual Training programme

4 April 2022  
SHG agrees Heads of Terms with OneWeb

12 January 2022  
SHG and OneWeb sign confidentiality agreement

May/June 2023  
Nokia deployment team installs and integrates SLTE, signifying delivery of all Equiano Technical Branch Agreement activities

26 October 2022  
Four SHG and three Sure employees complete the B1/B2 'hands-on' training programme

13 August 2022  
Commencement of Equiano System Segment Commissioning activities

13 April 2022  
ExCo green-lights SHG to seek quotes from selected telecoms providers for Design, Build and Transfer of a full fibre network