M-Government: A Comprehensive Literature Review and Applications Related to Higher Education Policies & Strategies

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Abstract

E-Government has long sought to improve governmental efficiency and accessibility through web-based applications, and its evolution into Mobile Government (M-Government) represents a significant advancement. M-Government leverages mobile and wireless technologies to enhance the delivery of public services, foster citizen participation, and streamline interactions between governments, businesses, and citizens. Despite being in its early stages, M-Government shows potential to transform E-Government efforts by addressing the increasing global adoption of smartphones and mobile internet defined variously, M-Government involves using mobile communication technologies to expand governments' capacity to deliver outcomes and promote national economic growth. Four primary delivery models, that is, mG2C (government-to-citizens), mG2G (government-to-government), mG2B (government-to-business), and mG2E (government-to-employees)illustrate its scope. M-Government services span areas such as public health, education, transportation, social services, and democratic participation.Although implementation is nascent in many regions, including Arab countries, the UAE's Smart Government initiative highlights a shift toward providing services via smartphones. The integration of mobile devices and the internet underscores M-Government's transformative role in facilitating real-time communication and enhancing public service delivery.This paper provides an overview of the M-Government, presents the M-Government E-Services, introduces the use of M-Government in higher education, explains the M-Government & E-Government best practices, and illustrates the challenges of M-Government implementation. In addition, it gives directions for potential future work.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Around the world, E-Government portals and their services are taking place with a considerable speed. The use of E-Government in different countries aims at getting benefits from the use of web-based Internet applications to improve and speed-up governments' fundamental functions. Since a while, these functions are now spreading the use of mobile and wireless technologies and creating a new direction, that is, Mobile government or M-Government (Kushchu & Kuscu, 2003).

In spite of its early stage, M-Government seems to have a substantial influence on the generation of set of complex strategies and tools for E-Government efforts and on their roles and functions. The number of people having access to mobile phones and mobile internet connection is increasing rapidly. A recent research report shows that there are 1.5 billion smartphones users in the world or about 21 per cent penetration rate of all mobile users in 2013 and the number is increasing exponentially in many countries (UN, 2014). The mobile devices provide an anywhere any time feature and are becoming a natural part of daily life, and thus, the governments in different countries have just start transform their activities according to this demand of convenience and efficiency of interactions for all parties (governments and citizens).

In literature, M-Government term has been defined in different ways, for example, Martin et al. (2005) define M-Government as a strategy that consist of the implementation of all kinds of wireless and mobile technologies, applications and devices for improving services delivery to the different stakeholders involved in E-Government including citizens, businesses and all government units.

Whereas, Sandy and McMillan (2005) define M-Government as the application of wireless mobile communication technologies of government and public sector organizations and provision of services and sharing information to other organizations and citizens. While, Jahanshahi et al. (2011) define M-Government as a way to provide a suitable and reliable infrastructure for citizens to access services easily through providing significant tools for implementing the M-Government activities, thus results in giving better opportunities to people to participate in social events and activities.

In addition, OECD (2011) define the M-Government as the significantly expanding governments' capacity through Mobile technology to produce benefits and deliver outcomes for governments, citizens, businesses, and to impact positively national overall economic growth. Benefits are delivered by governments to different stakeholders through the mobile technologies have different models. According to OECD (2011), in general, there are four primary delivery models of M-Government, that is:

1- M-Government-to-Citizens (mG2C): is referring to the interaction between government and citizens.
2- M-Government-to-Government (mG2G): is referring to inter-agency relationships and the interaction between government agencies.
3- M-Government-to-Business (mG2B): is describing the interaction of government with businesses
4- M-Government-to-Employees (mG2E): is concerning the interaction between government and its employees.

This paper provides an overview of the M-Government in Section 2, section 3 presents the M-Government E-Services, section introduces the use of M-Government in higher education, section 5 explains the M-Government & E-Government best practices. While, section 6 illustrates the challenges of M-Government implementation, and finally, section 7 concludes the paper and gives direction for potential future work.

2. M-GOVERNMENT: A GENERAL OVERVIEW

M-Government is not a second stage of E-Government or a complementary to that service. But it can be considered as a subset of E-Government comprising another channel to provide governmental information and services (El Kiki et al., 2005; Ntaliani et al., 2007). Furthermore, this service has its own functionality and features (Goyal & Purohit, 2012). There are several advantages of M-Government over E-Government. Advantages are as the following (Goyal & Purohit, 2012):

- Wide Reach,
- Always Carried, Always On,
- More Personalization for Targeting People,
- Cost-Effective (Babigumira et al., 2009),
- Faster Information flow,
- Increased Democracy,
- Solution to Digital Divide,
- Easy Learning Curve,
- Interaction, and
- No Other Option especially in the remote area where are no infrastructure.

On the other hand, some researchers believe that M-Government will not completely replaces the E-Government activities, and thus it should be become as complementary to E-Government efforts (Kushchu & Kuscu, 2003; Lallana, 2004; Al-Hadidi, 2010).

Although some researchers studied the adoption of M-Government on the base of E-Government, these studies have limitations. These limitations are derived from the advantages and functionalities of the M-Government over the E-Government. On the other side, the similarities between the two technologies allow the researchers to utilize the E-Government theories and technologies when studying the M-Government. For example, Shareef et al. (2012) clarified some of the ambiguities and differences between the E-Government adoption and M-Government adoption. Their study shows that E-Government adoption through the PC-based Internet is mostly limited to educated groups who have self-efficacy in using computers, software and the Internet. While, using mobile devices for any purpose and interacting with government websites to seek service does not require very sophisticated knowledge and skills. As a result, usage and application of mobile phones have become popular among urban, suburban, and rural populations (Shareef et al., 2012). Consequently, M-Government policy makers should extend priorities to make government services willingly accessible through mobile devices, and easy to use, simple, and understandable. This is even more important for M-Government than E-Government, because significant segment of M-Government users are typically less educated or have little experience in using modern ICT-based services.

Eom and Kim (2014) concluded in their analysis that the one of the important factors influencing the maturity of public mobile applications is that the government agencies have only followed the trend of the rapid proliferation of public mobile applications without considering how high-level citizen-centric services could be delivered through those public mobile applications. In addition, Wilson (2012) stated that any attempts to implement M-Government should be done through citizen participation.

Mei and Zheng (2024) explored how mobile government (m-government) services influence citizens' trust in government, focusing on the concept of relative trust. It examines the mediating roles of public value creation, private value acquisition, and risk perception in this relationship. Using data from a telephone survey of 2,875 public service users in China, the study finds that m-government services are positively associated with institutional trust but negatively associated with trust in grassroots civil servants. Additionally, public and private value perceptions mediate these relationships, with private value playing a more significant role. The findings highlight the complex ways m-government shapes institutional and relational trust, offering valuable insights into its impact on public governance.In addition, Chen et al.(2024) examined the impact of mobile governance on the administrative burden faced by older adults, specifically addressing learning, psychological, and compliance costs.

In Arab countries, M-Government services implementation is still in its very early stages and such services have not been utilized to full extent (Al-Hujran, 2012).However, Nusir (2024) addressed the lack of insight into using mobile edge computing (MEC) to improve mobile government (m-government) services for citizens in Saudi Arabia.

3. M-GOVERNMENT E-SERVICES

The quality and effectiveness of the M-Government services is important issue in the developing and improving the services provided to the citizens. In addition, the types of such services are very important for the end-users (citizens). To gain such quality and effectiveness of the M-Government services, we need to encourage the citizens to use such e-services and feed us with their feedbacks for improvement and enhancement. Furthermore, it is crucial to persuade the citizens about the benefits which could be earned from such services (El-Kiki & Lawrence, 2006). The effectiveness of M-Government services is discussed by El-Kiki and Lawrence, (2006) in their research. They build a conceptual framework of Mobile-user's benefits from M-Government services. In this model, they discussed a metric of requirements in any M-Government services

that users want to fulfill their needs from E-Government services, as well as achieve their requested tasks from these services. The metric consists of four main categories:

- Value of money,
- Quality of service,
- Efficient transaction, and
- Strategic data.

These four categories lead to a measurement metric which aims to achieve the satisfaction of customers toward use of the service (El-Kiki & Lawrence, 2006).

As in Figure 1 below, M-Government services can be classified into the following different service types (Jotischky & Nye, 2011):

- Communications: The governments can use the Mobile devices to reach their citizens through different types of notifications, for example, using Short Message Service (SMS) alerts or social media channels to reach the citizens for tax renewals, passport renewals, etc.
- Services: Some transactions such as payment of fines, public sector employee wages, public transportation ticketing, etc. can be done using Mobile devices via SMS or mobile application.
- Democracy: Mobile devices can be used as a supporter for the democracy by allowing the citizens to input to political decision-making, such as contact with their local political representatives and electronic voting.
- Administration: Improving the internal operations and communications between the agencies within the same government and create a more integrated platform for all public sector employees, whether the required data is available on the Internet, network, or even portable device. The potential use for administration includes telemedicine, handling of citizen complaints, the monitoring of public works, etc.

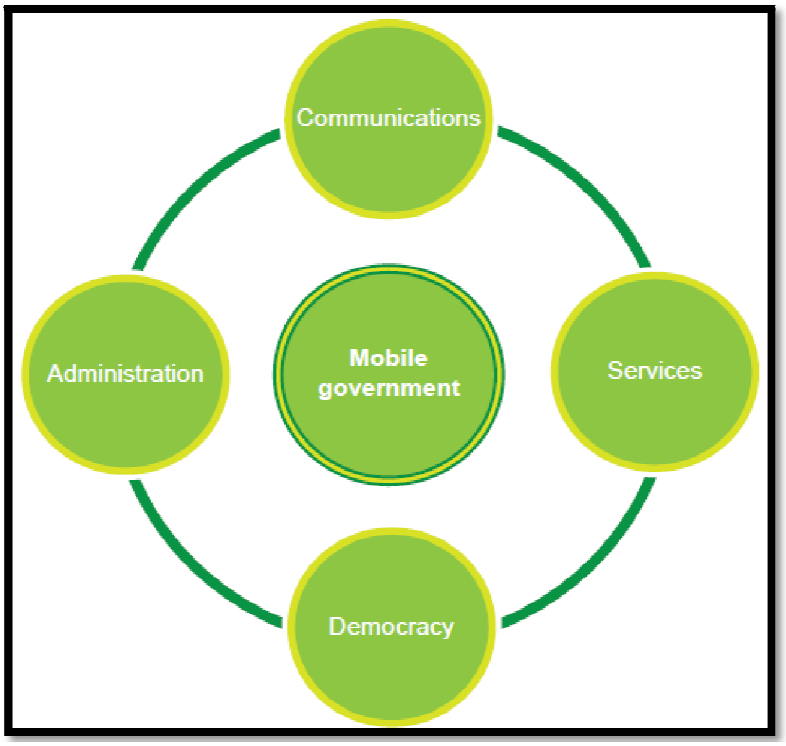

FIGURE 1: M-Government Services Categories (Jotischky & Nye, 2011).

M-Government services are utilized in different activities. For examples, it can be used in the public health, public education, public transportation, democratic participation, social services, business support, and many other activities (Goyal & Purohit, 2012; Kushchu & Kuscu, 2003). M-Government services are not yet very well proliferated in the whole world. Trimi and Sheng (2008) introduced some implementations of the M-Government services in different developed countries, and classified these applications into two categories:

- G2C (M-Government to- Citizen), and
- IEE (Internal Efficiency and Effectiveness).

The previous discussed M-Government services could be implemented through what is called Mobile Applications which are software applications dedicated completely to be executed and work under the mobile operating systems (for example, IOS from Apple, Android from Google, windows mobile from Microsoft, Blackberry, and Symbian from Nokia).

Table 1 below gives some examples of the M-Government services in different developed countries.

Mobile applications can be defined as applications such as IOS or Android apps that can be downloaded and installed on mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. They are considered as an E-Government trend and a key reason for continued leadership in E-Government for many countries. This includes e-learning application that offers the possibility for students to learn from their mobile, and also a job-related application called 'jobcast' that offers the possibility to obtain information on jobs' market (UN, 2012).

TABLE 1: Examples of M-Government services in different developed countries (Trimi & Sheng,2008).

Category	Service	Country	Description
C2G	TrackingElection Returns	USA	Allow individuals to track election returns for statewide races on the election night.
	Mobile Tracking Systems	UK	- Track London buses using mobile communication systems. - Send messages to control traffic flow.
	Mobile ParkingFeesPayment	Sweden	Allow citizens to pay parking fee through mobile devices.
	ID Sim	Finland	ID cards that serve as an official travel document as a passport does.
	SMS Alerting Services	Hong Kong	Text messages to mobile phone users.
	SMS Notifications	Singapore	- Parking ticket reminders. - National service obligations. - Passport notification renewal.
IEE	Police Applications	USA	- Check vehicle registration. - Access warrant information, crime database. - Issue tickets. - Automatic traffic citation. - Traffic-video feeds.

Category	Service	Country	Description
	Tracking Suspect	Germany	Use GPS and mobile phones to track suspects' movements.
	Parking	Austria	Use handheld devices to connect to central database to monitor parking.
	MPolice	Korea	Police officers retrieve information using mobile devices, and print tickets on the spot.
	Parking Enforcement	Korea	Parking inspectors collect parking lot information using PDAs, and print receipts on the spot
	Local Tax-M Management System	Korea	- Allow officers to access tax information on the spot - Transfer the data to the local tax database

4. M-GOVERNMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Internet and mobile phones integration plays a very important role for an evolving education system, as they provide real-time communication among parents, students, and schools. For example, parents can access frequent updates on academic and non-academic performance of their kids. This real-time highly respected communication among educators, parents, and students can avoid academic failure (Pai & Meenakumari, 2013).

Singh (2013) stated that several strategies can be implemented for the development of beneficial environment and administration of E-Governance, which in return can be implemented into M-Government applications. These can be grouped into the following five areas:

1- Strategies for the institution
   - Meetings with the concerned groups
   - Work through Senior management
2- Strategies for the individual group
   - Introductory informal discussions and conversations
   - Courses provided for staff-by-staff developer
   - Demonstrations by staff developer to an individual or group
3- Direct information/skill support
   - Unplanned support
   - Providing information to suit the colleague's personal interest or needs
   - Consultation on general problems or provisions of specific information
   - Providing the resources (hardware, software, or other media)
   - Workshop where colleagues have chances to use e-resources (such as, e-books, etc.)
   - Troubleshooting technical problems
   - Curriculum development or collaboration which is often related to research
4- Team teaching
   - Teaching where both the colleague and staff developer are teaching
   - Join in classes taught by staff developer or other E-Governance or M-Government competent/confident colleague
5- Indirect staff development
   - Work through students
   - Work through technicians
   - Work through the staff development unit

As a conclusion of his research, Singh (2013) finalized his work with the following comments and notes:

- The management, faculty members, students and administrative staff get connected to the each other more easily leading to enhanced efficiency in delivering service by the way of faster dissemination of information that on a very low cost.
- Equal opportunity to access to information is provided regardless of one's physical location and physical disability thus removing distance barriers.
- Increase in the efficiency of the various departments and reducing duplication.
- Significant reduction of transaction costs, time, space, and manpower.
- Easy online information and submission of forms and immediate payments.

Figure 2 below illustrates the different areas where the computers can be used for effective educational institution administration, and thus can be implemented into an M-Government application (Pai & Meenakumari, 2013).

Batta et al. (2012) stated in his paper that M-Government applications can be used to:

- Allow the students to access the course material.
- Allow the teachers to make changes in curriculum,
- Allow the government to Integrate other e-services in education sector
- Improve education system
- Monitor academic performance

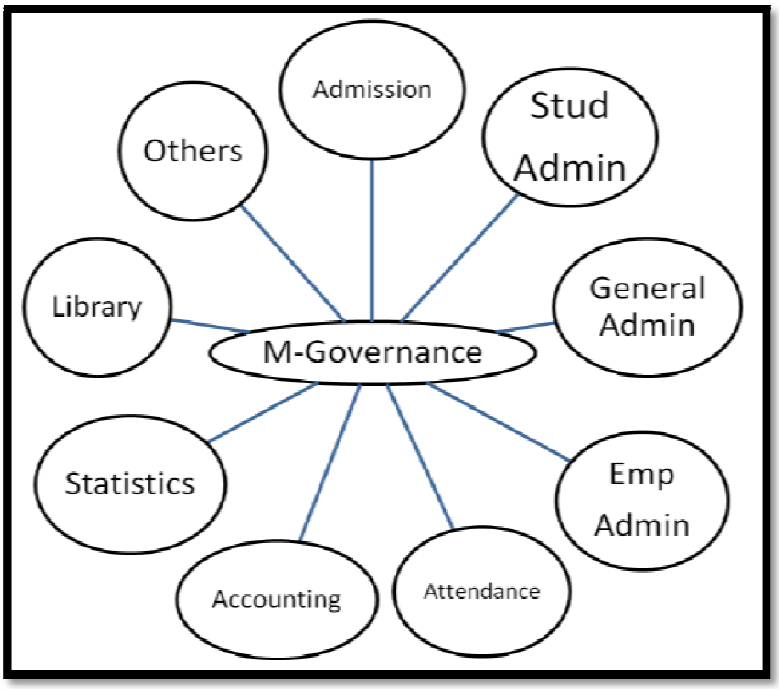

FIGURE 2: Organizational Construction of Higher Education Institute where M-Governance can be implemented (Pai & Meenakumari, 2013).

5. M-GOVERNMENT & E-GOVERNMENT BEST PRACTICES

E-Government and M-Government transform the relationship between the government and its citizens. It provides greater accessibility to the citizens with a possibility to obtain services without being obliged to visit a government entity (Moon, 2002). Various implementations have showed

efficient time and cost savings (UNESA, 2012; UNESA, 2012). However, the success of an M-Government applications will lie in learning from previous E-Government best practices. At the same time, we should also learn from previous drawbacks, so that, they can be avoided. E-Government is an emerging field of interdisciplinary research in which practice-oriented and practical recommendations are important features (Berntzen & Olsen, 2009). According to World Bank, there is no textbook or theory for E-Government. However, knowledge comes from practice and excellence comes from best practices (Halachmi, 2004). The aim of learning from best practices is to have a better quality and increase citizens' satisfaction which leads to M-government and E-Government adoption and to overcome the problems with the previous e-portals. According to Kumar et al. (2007), service quality affects citizens' satisfaction. Alshehri et al. (2012) affirmed that website quality influence usage behavior and revealed that previous research proved that website quality has a direct effect on user's satisfaction and usage behavior.

In this section, hereinafter, we are going to discuss the best practices for E-Government portals which in return could be applied to M-Government portals and applications.

Best practices collected from the literature and presented in this paper are divided into the following three categories:

1. Back End Best Practices: This category includes all the best practices that are related to the back office of the portal. However, this category contains the following twelve subcategories:
    1.1. Customer Centricity: it is a very important practice in E-Government portals, and thus in M-Government. There is a major redesign of the public services from an 'administration out' to a 'customer in' (Forfás, 2008).
    1.2. Interoperability: or what is called joining up government has been identified as an E-Government trend (Forfás, 2008). One tip for successful public Web site is joined-up-governments. Accenture (a management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company) identified two levels of integration (Kumar et al., 2007). The first level (the vertical level) of integration is across different departments; federal, provincial, and municipal in the same jurisdiction. Whereas, the second level (horizontal integration) is the integration across various jurisdictions of the government.
    1.3. Modularity: it was a key stone according to the United Nations to build the e-procurement portal in Belgium; the modules were implemented one by one (UNESA, 2012). An example of modularity is Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). It has been recommended for E-Government followers by the United Nations Development Program (Klischewski & Askar, 2010). Klischewski and Askar (2010) stated that SOA helps in reusing services or components, and it also helps in achieving the flexibility and interoperability. In other words, changing small functionalities does not break the whole functionality (Klischewski & Askar, 2010).
    1.4. Security: it is a major concern in M-Government and E-Government portals since it is very important to allow citizens to make transactions securely and keep their records confidential to increase adoption and trust in e-portals and applications, and thus the government should be transparent with the flow of information (Kumar et al., 2007). However, the digital signatures can be used for identification, that is, authentication and security.
    1.5. Privacy: the privacy is among the aspects of the success of any Government e-portal (Choudrie et al., 2004). Choudrie et al. (2004) have examined issues in privacy, such as, P3P (Platform for Privacy Preferences) compliance. Carbo and Williams (2004) identified protection of privacy and inclusion of privacy policies as one of the metrics for evaluating local E-Government systems.
    1.6. Delegation: it is a key concept to authentication (Posch et al., 2011). The delegation is the fact of someone acting on behalf of a person or company. Posch et al. (2011) mentioned that Austria is the only country in Europe having mechanisms to support delegation; in this case electronic mandates are handled with the electronic signature of the citizen.

1.7. E-Participation: it means seeking feedback from citizens through computerized customer surveys was identified as a key component of the UK E-Government initiative (ECTQM, 2002). It is also a practical tip for a successful public sector website according to the same source. Offering the opportunity to the users to rate or give feedback on the Government e-portal services is classified as a user satisfaction monitoring metric for assessing European websites.

1.8. User Payments: the possibility to pay with a credit card in the portal is one of the features used by Brown University to benchmark E-Government portals (Berntzen & Olsen, 2009). Makolm (2002) stated that the choice of the payment type (credit card, cash or internet banking) was considered as a required best practice. Many portals worldwide offer this functionality. An example is the official Web portal of Dubai's police which allows citizens to pay for traffic violations (UNESA, 2012).

1.9. Workflows: the possibility for the citizen to track the status of his application is a required best practice (Makolm, 2002). The portal of e-submission of annual accounts in Macedonia also offers various ways for users to track their application's status, and it could be tracked by a Web dashboard or by mail (UNESA, 2012).

1.10. Response Time: for executing general services, the short response time is considered important for customers (citizens/end-users).

2. Front End Best Practices: The second category is front end which relates to the content of the e- portal and consists of the following subcategories:

2.1. Customer Centricity: it should be taken into consideration when writing contents. Alasem (2009) raised the point that it is fundamental in the E-Government initiative to manage information in a way that it helps the citizen to find it. In other words, the citizen should not know for each type of information which E-Government organization is responsible for.

2.2. Accessibility: it is one of the most important indicators for a good M-Government. Austria seems to be a good example in applying accessibility. It performs self-evaluations of government portal and has published a study on applying the accessibility standards WCAG 2.0 (Capgemini, 2009). Accessibility requirements are among the quality measures of system quality in the DeLone and McLean model (DeLone & McLean, 1992; DeLone & McLean, 2003). According to West et al. (2004), enhancing public accessibility should be considered as a priority.

2.3. Changing the Portal's Content Periodically: E-Government portals should be changed periodically (ECTQM, 2002). It is disappointing in a portal to see an up-coming event that occurred in the past. For this purpose having expiry dates or review dates is important so that the Web team can update certain pages automatically (ECTQM, 2002). Date of the last update is classified as a quality attribute for a successful E-Government portals (Choudrie et al., 2004). The DeLone and McLean model (DeLone & McLean, 1992; DeLone & McLean, 2003) includes updated information and current information among the dimensions of website quality. The Austrian portal is empowered by a team of editors working in parallel with federal ministries to guarantee that information is up to date and updated regularly (UNESA, 2012).

2.4. Content Rich: The rich content is an important trend toward a successful Government e-portal. Government e-portals in Singapore are content rich, in addition to video clips; they contain publications, press releases, and databases (Georgescu & Georgescu, 2008). The official portal in Kazakhstan provides more than 1300 codes, laws, decrees, and orders (UN, 2012). The official e-portal of Dubai's Police is content rich since it contains a broad range of information, news, laws, and regulation to improve citizen engagement according to the United Nations (UNESA, 2012).

2.5. Games: According to the United Nations, interactive games were used in the 'My CPF' portal in Singapore. They allowed citizens to learn about retirement planning in a fun and educational way (UNESA, 2012). The Poland Government e-portal is also using decision games to increase citizen's knowledge in economics (UNESA, 2012).

2.6. Disclaimers: Disclaimers with no responsibility for the accuracy on information and copyrights are also tips for a successful E-Government portal (ECTQM, 2002). Having a privacy statement with clear steps in which the user needs to perform if his/her data

is misused (Capgemini, 2009). Web sites in Singapore have privacy statements while in the US they featured privacy and security statements (Georgescu & Georgescu, 2008). Kumar et al. (2007) raised the point that the government should be transparent with the flow of information. It could enhance citizen's trust if they have more information about how their data is processed (i.e. retrieved, stored, and shared among other government departments).

2.7. Translations: Language is a barrier to equal E-Government. Translating the website to many languages is very important to make it accessible for all population and to reduce the digital divide. The Indian portal "which is a variant of the national portal that targets rural poor people can be translated to English and to eight local dialects (UN, 2012). Having an English version of the website was identified as a metric to benchmark E-Government portals by Brown University (Berntzen et al., 2009). All sites in Taiwan have a fully featured English version; in the US they can be translated into over thirty languages (Georgescu & Georgescu, 2008).

2.8. Understandability: Literacy is also classified as significant barrier to equal E-Government opportunity. Links and texts used in the e-portal must be easily comprehended to guarantee a successful E-Government [23]. The information of the website should be clear and understandable according to Sørum (2011), and as deduced from the DeLone and McLean model (DeLone & McLean, 1992; DeLone & McLean, 2003). Writing Web content in plain language is very important in E-Government, for example the US Plain Language initiative. This means that the audience can understand first time as they read or hear. President Obama signed the plain writing Act of 2010 requiring the government agencies to write in plain language (PLAIN, 2014).

3. External Best Practices: M-Government and E-Government should be engaged in activities to promote and increase awareness of public services (UN, 2012). The external best practices consist of the following subcategories:

3.1. Advertising: it helps citizens to be aware of the services and information available to them (West & Deitch, 2004). Ms. McDonald stated that Canada advertises its e-portals in printed brochures, television, and radio. Advertising was used by Brown University as a measure to benchmark E-Government portals Berntzen & Olsen, 2009). Because of the broad coverage of the digital television, the Belgian government is using it for job advertisement (Capgemini, 2009).

3.2. Incentives: it could also promote and increase service usage. France, Ireland, and Singapore offer an extended period for filling taxes only for online users. In the United States, online users profit from filling their taxes for free and getting refund in half of the normal duration it would take (UN, 2012).

3.3. Contents: According to Assar et al. (2011), making public data available for public and organizing contests encourage participation and collaboration. The district of Columbia in Washington Apps contest create a competitive atmosphere for public (developers and research centers) to create innovative services in order to help solve problems expressed by the citizens in a social networks (Assar et al., 2011). According the 2012 United Nations (UN, 2012) survey, government needs to make spaces for co-production by using open data. Citizens could then move beyond the fact of being simple consumers of e-services. They will become producers. This can help achieving great e-services' usage (UN, 2012).

6. CHALLENGES OF M-GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION

To Implement M-Government concepts through building Mobile application, there several critical features should be taken into account. Kumar & Sinha (2007) stated that it is important to:

- M-Government applications should be chosen carefully, ensuring that they are not trivial ones, and on the same time not difficult.
- M-Government application should be user-friendly.

- Ensure that the M-Government applications give the citizens (customer, end-users) exactly what they looking for.
- Ensure that there are appropriate back-office systems in place to deliver on M-Government promises.
- M-Government application should have the privacy and security features.
- M-Government application should be accessibility to the citizens.

Pai & Meenakumari (2013) stated that the following are expected challenges to adapt M-Government:

- The small screen-size of mobiles limits the amount and type of information that can be displayed.
- Battery problems may lead to data loss.
- Linking to networks Problems, such as, connection loss.
- Developing the required infrastructure for the wireless and mobile networks.
- Promoting mobile penetration and increasing accessibility.
- Protecting privacy and providing security for the data and interactions.
- Regulating and developing legal aspects of mobile applications and use of the services.

7. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we have discussed the various definitions of the M-Government. However, M-Government is not a second stage of E-Government or a complementary to that service. But it can be considered as a subset of E-Government comprising another channel to provide governmental information and services.

M-Government services are used in different activities, such as, the public health, public education, public transportation, democratic participation, social services, business support, and many other activities. M-Government services are not yet very well proliferated in the whole world.

Internet and mobile phones when they are integrated together can play a very important role for an evolving education system, as they provide real-time communication among students, faculties, and even different universities.

UAE just start to work on M-Government from what is called Smart-Government, which completely means providing government services to the citizens via smart mobiles. Whereas in Arab countries, M-Government services implementation is still in its very early stages and such services have not been utilized to full extent.

As M-Government continues to evolve, several areas require further development and exploration to maximize its potential and impact:

1. Infrastructure Development:
   - Enhancing Connectivity: Ensure reliable, affordable, and high-speed internet access in remote and underserved areas to improve inclusivity.
   - Interoperability: Develop standardized platforms to enable seamless integration of M-Government services across various agencies and devices.
2. Security and Privacy
   - Data Protection: Strengthen cybersecurity measures to safeguard sensitive information against breaches.
   - User Authentication: Implement secure, user-friendly authentication mechanisms like biometrics to enhance trust.
3. Innovative Service Delivery Models
   - AI and Machine Learning Integration: Use AI for personalized service delivery and predictive analytics to anticipate citizen needs.

   - Blockchain Technology: Explore blockchain for secure transactions, transparent governance, and efficient record-keeping.
4. Capacity Building and Training
   - Government Workforce: Equip public servants with skills to manage and innovate M-Government solutions effectively.
   - Citizen Digital Literacy: Promote digital literacy programs to empower citizens to access and utilize mobile services.
5. Policy and Regulatory Frameworks
   - Inclusive Policies: Create regulations to ensure equitable access to M-Government services across all demographics.
   - Ethical Guidelines: Establish clear guidelines for the ethical use of citizen data and AI in public service delivery.
6. Adoption and Accessibility
   - User-Centric Design: Focus on creating intuitive and multilingual interfaces to cater to diverse populations.
   - Device Compatibility: Ensure services are compatible with various devices, including low-cost smartphones.
7. Service Expansion
   - New Sectors: Extend M-Government services to sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, and environmental monitoring.
   - Cross-Border Services: Collaborate with other nations to facilitate regional and international services, such as trade and travel.
8. Performance Measurement and Feedback Mechanisms
   - Analytics and Reporting: Implement tools to measure the performance and impact of M-Government initiatives.
   - Citizen Feedback: Create channels for continuous user feedback to refine and improve services.
9. Global Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing
   - Foster partnerships among governments, international organizations, and tech companies to share best practices, technologies, and experiences.
10. Sustainability and Green Technology
    - Eco-Friendly Solutions: Integrate sustainable practices in M-Government infrastructure, such as energy-efficient data centers and mobile applications.

By addressing these areas, M-Government can become a more effective, inclusive, and transformative tool for enhancing public administration and service delivery worldwide.

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