ACTIVE MOBILE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIPTIONS AS OF FEBRUARY 2019

The total number of active mobile telephone subscriptions (90-days revenue generating subscribers) in Rwanda decreased by 1.3% from January to February of the year 2019. As a result, the mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants decreased by 1.0% from 79.9% to 78.9%. This decrease is attributed to the clean-up exercise for limiting the number of sim cards ownership where each licensee can't have more than 3 sim cards per one ID or one sim card per passport.

Postpaid subscriptions increased from 66,946 at the end of January-2019 to 67,418 at the end of February-2019, and the prepaid subscriptions decreased from 9,595,647 at the end of January-2019 to 9,473,583 as of February-2019.

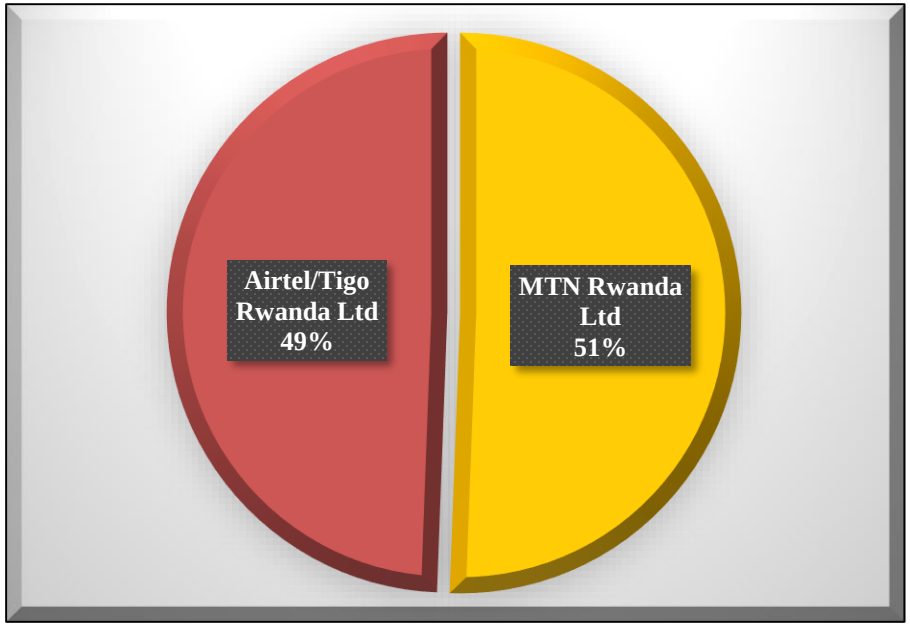
Table 1: Active mobile telephone subscriptions as of February 2019

Name of operator	Postpaid			Prepaid			Total		
	Jan-19	Feb-19	% Change	Jan-19	Feb-19	% Change	Jan-19	Feb-19	% Change
MTN Rwanda Ltd	63,763	64,231	0.7	4,705,601	4,762,549	1.2	4,769,364	4,826,780	1.2
Airtel/Tigo Rwanda Ltd	3,183	3,187	0.1	4,890,046	4,711,034	-3.7	4,893,229	4,714,221	-3.7
Total	66,946	67,418	0.7	9,595,647	9,473,583	-1.3	9,662,593	9,541,001	-1.3
Mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants							**79.9**	**78.9**	**-1.0**

Source: RURA operators' returns

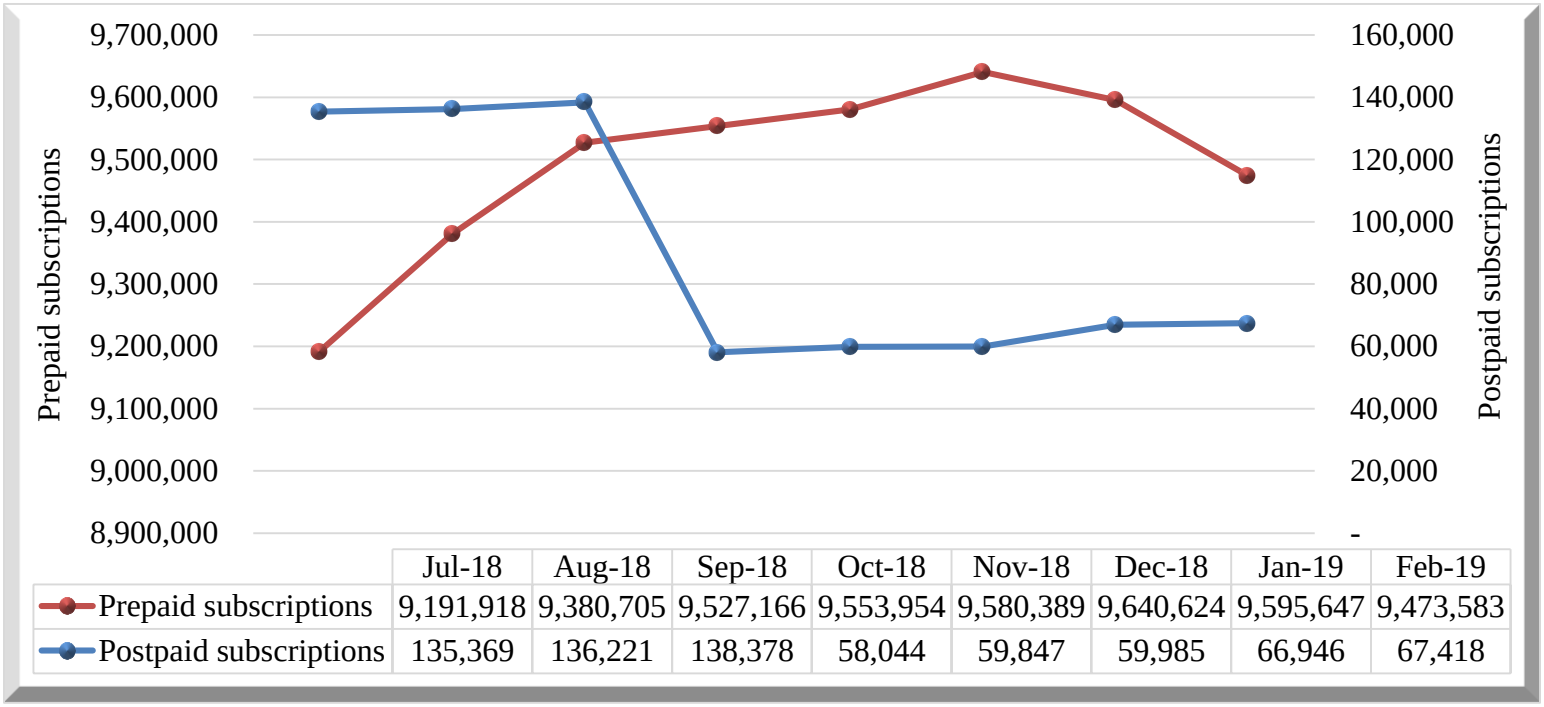
Figure 1: Market share for active mobile telephone subscriptions as of February 2019

At the end of February 2019, MTN Rwanda Ltd recorded 51% of the market share in mobile telephone subscriptions whereas Airtel/Tigo Rwanda Ltd had 49%.



Source: Calculated based on operators' returns

Figure 2: Trend of active mobile telephone subscriptions from July 2018 to February 2019



	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
Prepaid subscriptions	9,191,918	9,380,705	9,527,166	9,553,954	9,580,389	9,640,624	9,595,647	9,473,583
Postpaid subscriptions	135,369	136,221	138,378	58,044	59,847	59,985	66,946	67,418

Source: RURA operators' returns