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Results Highlights



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Meeting the Moment

A Record of Development Achievement

For over 60 years, the International Development Association (IDA) has been at the forefront of the global fight against poverty. Since its inception in 1960, **IDA has supported almost 7,400 projects in 115 countries**. Thirty-six of these countries have graduated to middle-income status or higher; several have gone on to become IDA donors.

A Time of Compounding Crises

Now, the world stands at a crossroads. Progress in the fight against poverty is slowing, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are further out of reach. The COVID-19 pandemic set back decades of development achievements and deepened inequality, both within countries and between them. More and more people face food insecurity, and water and energy shortages. As geopolitical tensions rise, more countries and regions are experiencing fragility, conflict, and violence. Exacerbating these challenges, the climate crisis presents an existential threat to humanity and the biosphere itself.

Rising to the Challenge

As the World Bank evolves its mission in this time of compounding crises, IDA is leveraging its **track record as the partner of choice** for countries in attaining their development objectives. The 20th IDA replenishment (IDA20) has adopted **five Special Themes**, with a historic commitment of \$93 billion. These themes align with the World Bank's new mission of ending poverty and creating shared prosperity on a livable planet – People, Prosperity, Planet.



Human Capital



Gender and Development



Fragility, Conflict, and Violence



Jobs and Economic Transformation



Climate Change

The Special Themes are underpinned by **IDA's four Cross-cutting Issues** - Crisis Preparedness, Governance and Institutions, Debt, and Technology. Together, the themes and cross-cutting issues inform a series of commitments, the outcomes of which are measured through IDA's Result Measurement System (RMS). IDA20 introduced a new RMS, the most ambitious in IDA's history, to track the progress of countries towards inclusion, resilience to future shocks, greater economic diversity and productivity, and better prospects for future generations.



PEOPLE

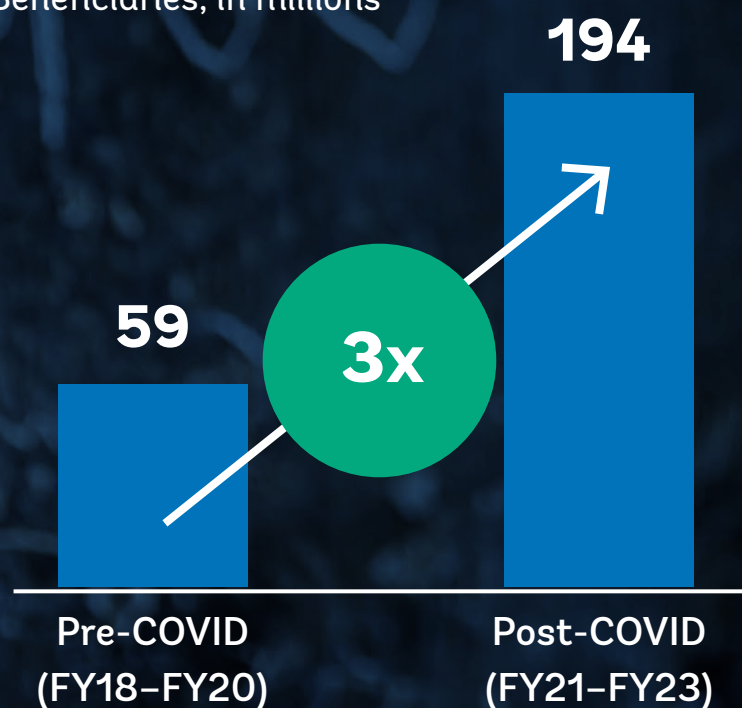
HUMAN CAPITAL

Improving Lives, Growing Sustainable Economies

For decades, IDA has focused on investing in people through nutrition, health care, quality education and skills development, and social protection. However, more is needed to arrest declines in human capital and to help countries recover from the COVID-19 crisis. In the face of compounding crises like conflict, food insecurity, and the impacts of climate change, IDA20 is helping countries to close growing gaps in human capital, strengthen resilience, and address structural inequalities.

Beneficiaries of social safety net programs have more than tripled

Beneficiaries, in millions



NOTE: Pre-COVID and Post-COVID values calculated as the sum of the FY18 – FY20 and FY21 – FY23 results in IDA RMS.

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15 million people provided with improved access to sanitation - a 46% increase from IDA19.

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The schools have been able to purchase teaching and learning materials and have reduced the financial burden of parents. Indirectly, this has improved the relationship between the school and the parents since the parents are now more engaged and feel free to come to the school and follow up on their children's performance.

Leah Masaba, Head of Kingugi Primary School Temeke, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Investing in Tanzania's Youth

The World Bank has helped Tanzania boost human capital and social inclusion by improving the quality of learning at the primary and secondary levels through teacher training, as well as skills building and vocational training for youth. The Tanzania Education Program for Results (P4R) tackled some of Tanzania's most difficult educational challenges, benefiting 7 million students since 2015. Other IDA-supported initiatives in Tanzania have focused on improving youth skills and training; the Skills Development Fund, established under the Education and Skills for Productive Jobs (ESPJ) P4R achieved 81 percent employment for more than 45,000 trainees, almost half of them women, who participated in short-term training, apprenticeships, and internships.

*Timeframe represented for IDA20 results is the World Bank Fiscal Year 2023.

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COVID-19 and IDA

At the outbreak of COVID-19, IDA rapidly established itself as one of the World Bank's primary mechanisms for pandemic response. In the first 18 months of the crisis, IDA committed more than \$56 billion (through the World Bank's **Fast-Track Facility**) on highly concessional or grant terms to 62 countries around the world, enabling them to cover medical costs and preserve human capital gains.

In **Tajikistan**, IDA financing enabled the payment of a one-time emergency cash assistance provided to over **230,000 vulnerable households**, and 900,000 doses of vaccines were distributed. In the East Asia and Pacific (EAP) region, IDA supported a number of **emergency operations** through the **Fast-Track Facility**: in the Marshall Islands, IDA-financed projects helped the Government keep the case load to among the lowest in the world, with a **fatality rate of just 0.1 percent**. In the **Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)**, the COVID-19 Response Project contributed to the full vaccination of **76 percent of the population**.



POLICY COMMITMENT
Expanding adaptive social protection and building resilience

23,000 vulnerable households supported in Haiti

through monthly cash transfers, enabling them to build financial resilience against violence or disaster.

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE
Governance and Institutions

The \$615 million **Regional Disease Surveillance Systems Enhancement (REDISSE) Program** strengthens national and regional cross-sectoral capacity for collaborative disease surveillance and emergency epidemic preparedness in

15 countries in West and Central Africa.

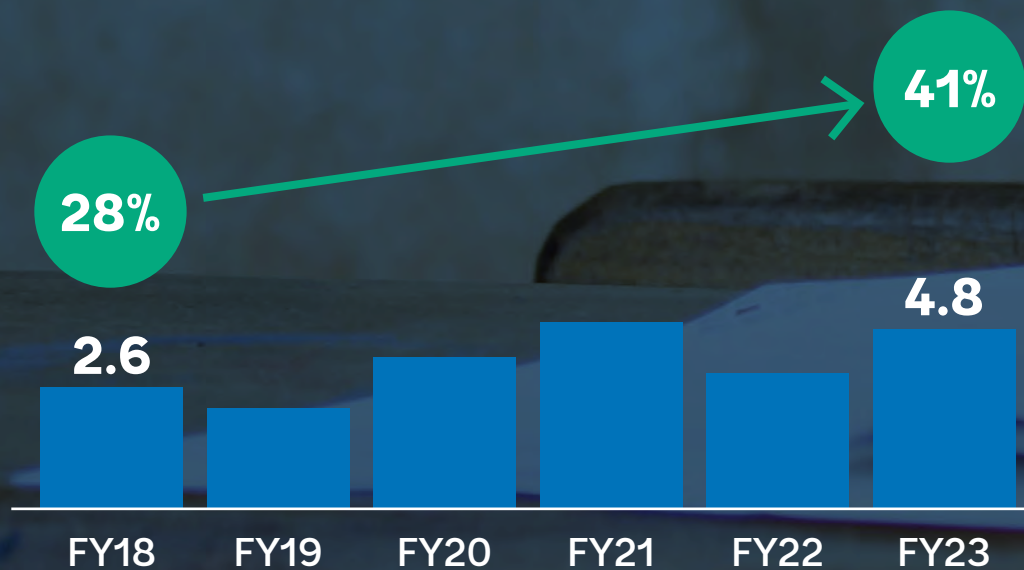
GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

Advancing Women's Well-Being and Economic Empowerment

Gender equality leads to a better, more resilient world. Supporting equal economic opportunities for women and girls builds human capital, helps address food insecurity, and reduces conflict and fragility. IDA works to close gender gaps by providing critical and comprehensive support that empowers women—and thus their communities and economies. IDA has achieved steady progress in closing gender gaps in its operations, and in strengthening gender equality across sectors. IDA20 builds on the World Bank gender strategy, increasing commitments in areas where gender gaps have worsened because of the COVID-19 crisis. Priorities include improving educational outcomes for girls; expanding access to sexual and reproductive, adolescent, and maternal health services; increasing employment opportunities; expanding access to quality childcare; closing the gap in digital technology; and addressing gender-based violence (GBV).

Increased share of women benefiting from job-focused interventions in IDA countries

- Percent of female beneficiaries over total
- Female beneficiaries, in millions



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At least 50% of beneficiaries of all human capital activities were women.*

Enhancing Gender Equality through Education and Training in the Sahel

The **Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend (SWEDD) Program**, launched in 2015 in **Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger** empowers women and adolescent girls and enhances their access to quality education and reproductive, child, and maternal health services. Through the program, almost a million girls and young women have received support to stay in school, enhance their life skills, gain knowledge about sexual and reproductive health, and access economic opportunities and financial inclusion. Its awareness campaigns on reproductive, maternal, and child healthcare and violence against women have **reached over 4 million people**. SWEDD has strengthened legal frameworks and institutional capacity on gender policy, budgeting and programming. In addition, **more than two million people from refugee and host communities** in the region have benefited from new infrastructure and services, including immunization programs.

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My mother and grandmother never went to school because they got married too early. I am fortunate to have received a scholarship to pursue my studies.
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SWEDD beneficiary Innayatou Souradji – Kiota, Mali

*50 percent of human capital indicators that are disaggregated by gender reached at least 50 percent women.

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Supporting Economic Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs

The International Finance Corporation's (IFC) **Base of the Pyramid (BOP) Platform** helps financial services providers deliver funding to support medium, small and micro enterprises (MSMEs), informal enterprises, and low-income households in their recovery from the operational and financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. So far, the program has reached **43 financial institutions in 32 countries**.

In the **Kyrgyz Republic**, for example, IFC is helping address financing gaps by providing **\$20 million in financing** to increase access to finance for women-owned microenterprises and low-income housing in rural areas. The financing is being provided through currency swaps with the **IDA Private Sector Window's (PSW) Local Currency Facility**. By adopting a dedicated approach to the women's market, IFC estimates that financial institutions across central Asia could see a **six-fold growth in annual revenues from women customers – from \$67 million to \$431 million**.



CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE Technology

In 2023, over 900,000 poor households in drought-prone communities in Ethiopia have received social benefits in electronic accounts, **43% of which are owned and operated by women**.

POLICY COMMITMENT Scaling Up Productive Economic Inclusion

Since 2019, over **360,000 livestock producers, of which 22 percent are women**, have benefited from the **Livestock Development Project (PRODEL)** in Cameroon.

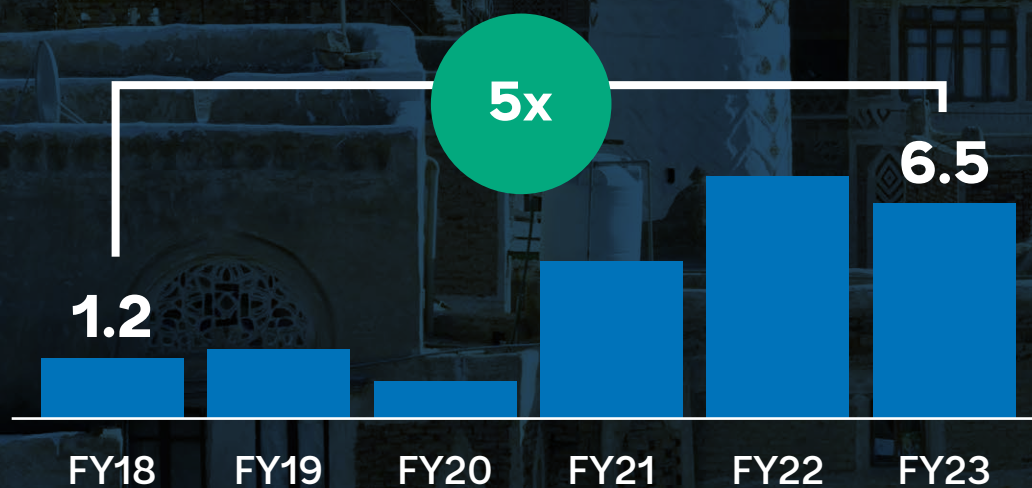
FRAGILITY, CONFLICT & VIOLENCE

Preserving Development Gains and Preparing for Peace

Around the world, violent conflicts are escalating, threatening large-scale reversals in development progress. Poverty is increasingly concentrated in fragility, conflict, and violence (FCV)-affected countries; 59 percent of the world's extreme poor are expected to live in these countries by 2030. FCV has led to a surge in forced displacement, placing additional social and economic burdens on neighboring countries. All of these challenges are multiplied by the impacts of climate change. IDA prioritizes these issues in its development response; FCV has been an IDA Special Theme since IDA15. IDA20 evolves this theme across country programming, expanding engagement on transboundary drivers of FCV, and strengthening regional crisis risk preparedness. IDA scales up resources to FCV-affected countries through the FCV Envelope, to respond with greater agility to their evolving needs and ensure a green, inclusive, and resilient future post-conflict.

Millions receive new or improved electricity service in FCS-affected countries

People, in millions



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Over 50 million
beneficiaries
of health, nutrition
and population
services in FCV-
affected countries.

Restoring Dignity and Livelihoods to Refugees in Yemen

In **Yemen**, IDA is helping to deliver basic services, preserve human capital, and promote food security, resilience, and livelihood opportunities. Since 2017, IDA's project portfolio in Yemen has almost tripled, from \$850 million to more than \$2 billion, with most projects executed through partnerships with UN agencies and other institutions. The Bank's \$850 million **Emergency Crisis Response Project (ECRP)** was executed in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and local institutions. It supported a cash-for-work and community-based investment program that provided employment for over **440,000 direct beneficiaries**, and supported more than **5,000 entrepreneurs and businesses** through beneficiary micro-lenders. **Over five million people received access to community services**, such as water, irrigation, and better roads, and almost 680,000 mothers and children received nutrition services.

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Today, IDA's support
enables UNICEF to give
children and their families
access to essential services and
to lifesaving cash transfers,
contributing to provide a
much-needed social safety net
in Yemen.

Philippe Duamelle, UNICEF
Representative - Yemen

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Partnerships in Peacebuilding and Development

The World Bank works with humanitarian, development, peacebuilding, security, and private sector actors to remain engaged in FCV settings and maximize impact on the ground.

In **Afghanistan**, in partnership with the **Afghanistan Resilience Trust Fund (ARTF)**, the World Bank has supported programs that provided **more than \$1 billion to projects executed through UN agencies and international NGOs**. The World Bank continues to maintain a presence in Kabul, working on health, community resilience, agriculture, job creation and education. It partners with non-government and private sector institutions to promote post-crisis sustainability and cost-effective delivery at scale. This approach has allowed the World Bank to respond rapidly to the situation in Afghanistan, where community resilience, livelihoods, and jobs projects have created **over 50,000 jobs for men and women**, and 300,000 farmers have been provided with seeds and other inputs, **improving food security for more than two million people**.

POLICY COMMITMENT Leveraging Outcomes For both Refugee and Host Communities

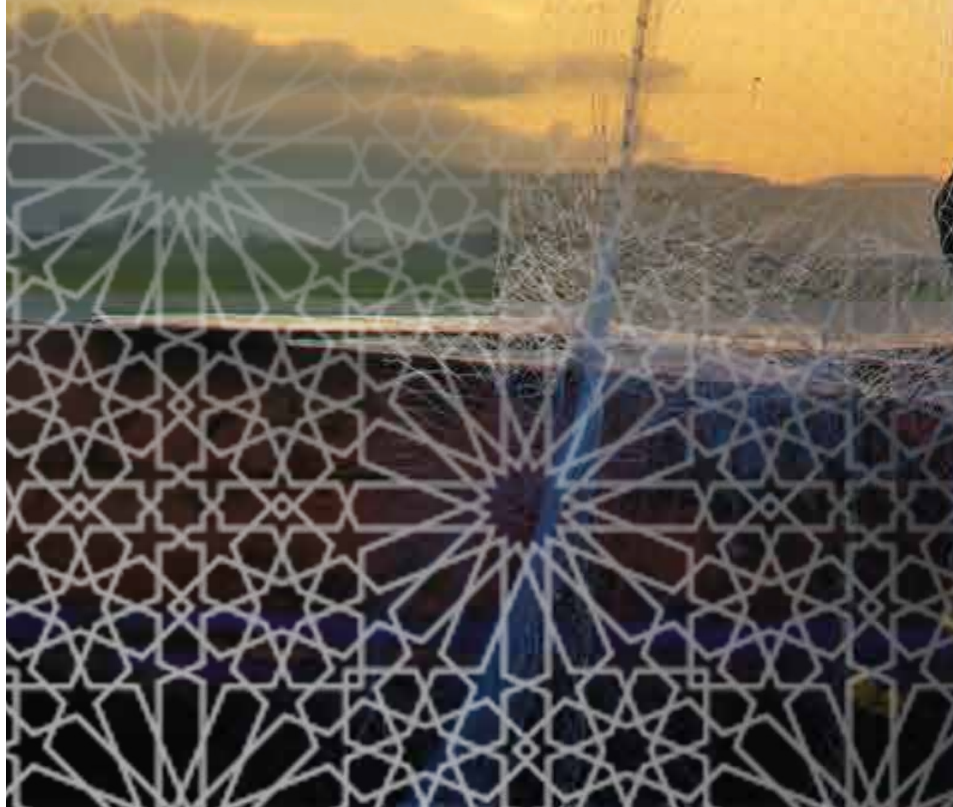
In the Horn of Africa, the **Development Response to Displacement Impacts Program (DRDIP)** is helping improve access to basic social services, expand economic opportunities and enhance environmental management for host communities impacted by the presence of refugees, with **over a million beneficiaries, including 730,000 directly impacted**.

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE TECHNOLOGY

In the **Central African Republic** the **Health System Support and Strengthening Project** used simple digital technologies under the World Bank's **Geo-Enabling for Monitoring and Supervision (GEMS)** initiative to map GBV service providers, track the delivery and supply of medication to **300 health facilities**, and monitor performance-based payments to **over 350 health facilities**.



PROSPERITY



JOBS & ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

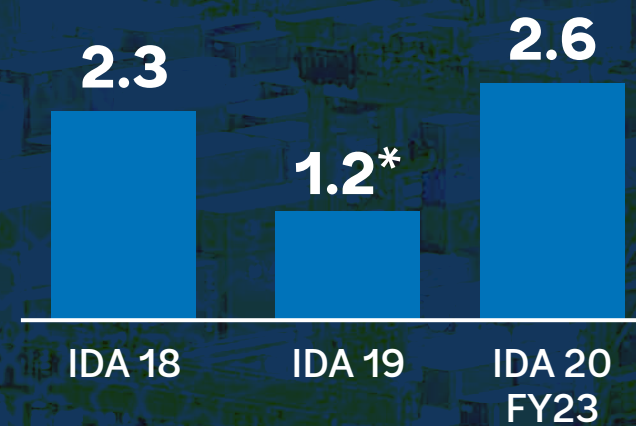
Supporting an Enabling Environment for Job Creation

In an increasingly interconnected world, where inequality between countries is amplifying development challenges, good jobs and economic transformation have the power to boost prosperity and transform communities. IDA has a strong track record of supporting job growth in the world's poorest countries, helping hundreds of millions of people advance out of poverty and into full economic participation. IDA20's Jobs and Economic Transformation agenda supports countries in creating more and better jobs by encouraging private investment, promoting financial stability and good governance, establishing a conducive business enabling environment with fair and open markets, and allowing easier access to infrastructure and financial services. IDA is also promoting innovation and sustainable development

across economic sectors, from finance to industry and agriculture, for greener, more inclusive growth.

More farmers have adopted improved agricultural technology

Farmers, in millions



*COVID-19-related disruptions led to a drop in IDA19 but IDA20 shows a rebound.

NOTE: IDA18 = Annual average of FY18 – FY20 results // IDA19 = Annual average of FY21 – FY22 results.

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Over 66 million people

benefited from enhanced access to broadband.

Improving Lives Through Industrial Development in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, the **Competitiveness & Job Creation** project has created an enabling environment to attract investment for serviced industrial parks. The project has mobilized over **\$117 million of private capital**, creating more than 19,000 jobs, 66 percent of them for young women. Over **\$192 million in total sales were generated** from two industrial parks, Kilinto and Bole Lemi I and II. Thirty-one local SMEs have established linkages with foreign direct investment (FDI) firms in the parks through matching grant and community development initiatives. These include the provision of schools, childcare, basic infrastructure, and livelihood support to project-affected communities.

“Embarking on industrial park development, Ethiopia has attracted foreign direct investment, generated revenue, facilitated avenues for technology and skills transfer, and created ample jobs.”

Aklilu Tadesse, Industrial Park Development Corporation CEO – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Additionally, around 70,000 smallholder farmers benefited from a green-field malting plant and supply chain that the project established by leveraging an IFC investment.

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The Private Sector Window

Through the Private Sector Window (PSW), IDA works closely with the World Bank Group's private sector arms— IFC and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)—to leverage IDA's resources and help mobilize sustainable private sector investment in the poorest and most fragile markets.

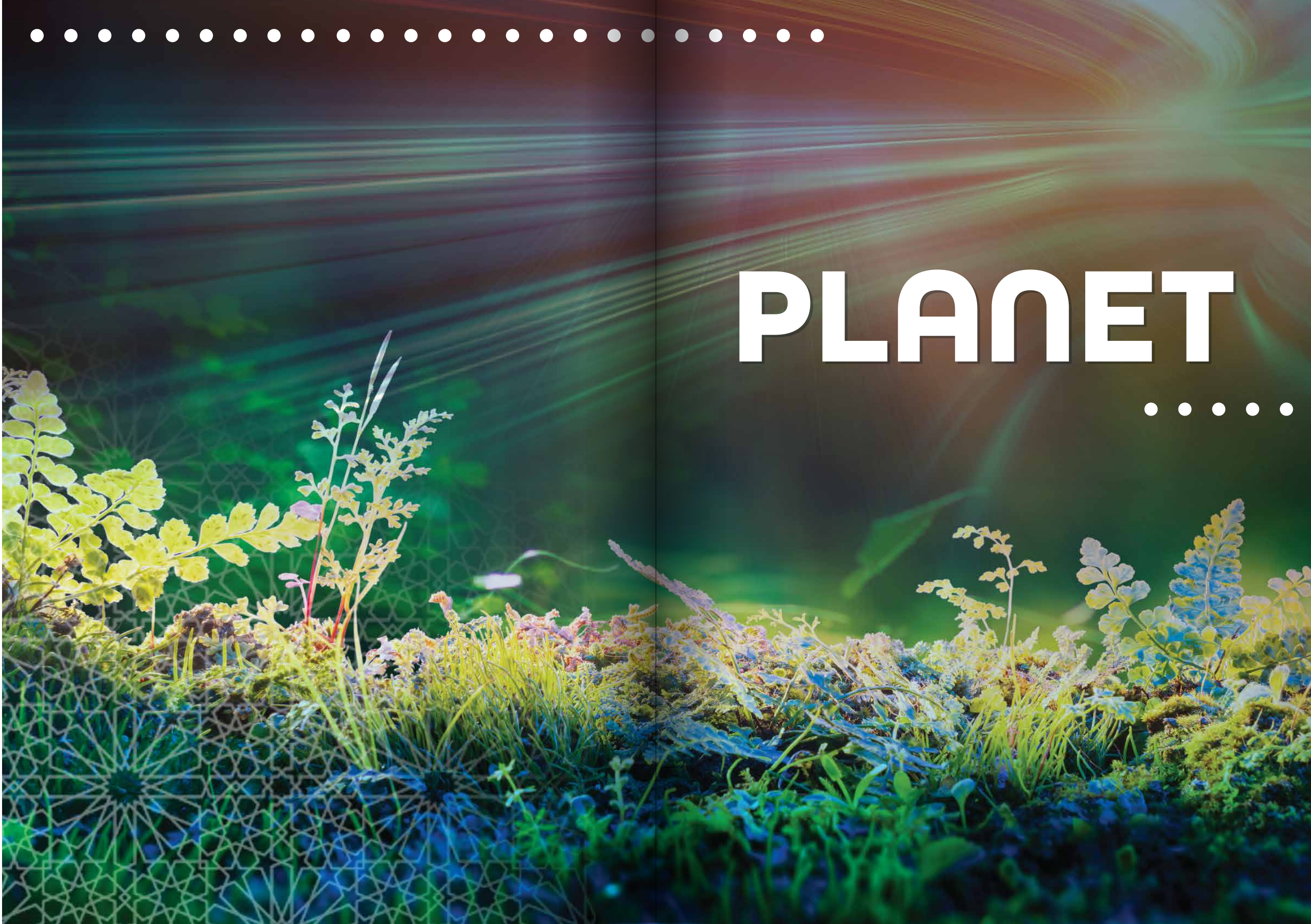
In **Djibouti**, the PSW and MIGA are supporting the construction and operation of the Goubet wind farm, a 59-megawatt utility-scale facility that will contribute to Djibouti's goal of reaching **100 percent generation from renewable sources** by 2035. A stable source of electricity will enhance the business environment and improve private sector confidence, creating jobs and opportunities for Djibouti's young population, while supporting climate mitigation by reducing greenhouse emissions.

POLICY
COMMITMENT
**Boosting agriculture
productivity, value
chains, and food security**

In **Timor-Leste**, over 10,000 subsistence farmers, **75% of them women**, have received access to finance through a loan facility provided by the IFC.

CROSS-
CUTTING ISSUE
DEBT

35 countries have published annual and timely public debt reports or fiscal risk statements under IDA20, improving their investment environment and boosting opportunities for job creation.



PLANET

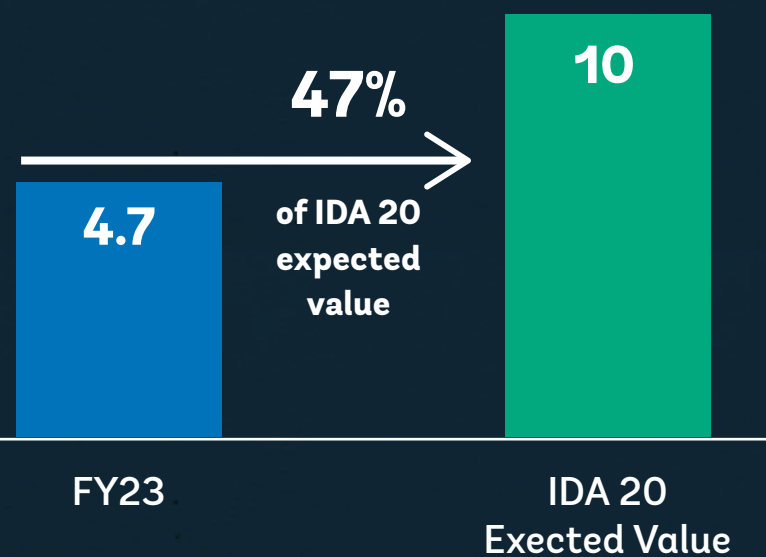
CLIMATE CHANGE

Building Resilience in a Growing Crisis

The impacts of climate change have already reversed important development gains, and could push 130 million people into poverty by 2030. People in IDA countries face disproportionate risks from the impacts of climate change, which threaten their lives and livelihoods—even though these countries contribute only four percent of global emissions. IDA20 continues to raise its ambition on climate change, prioritizing climate action over the past two decades, and scaling up support for climate initiatives in each successive cycle. IDA20 partners with climate-vulnerable countries in addressing adaptation and mitigation; achieving decarbonization objectives; protecting biodiversity, natural capital, and ecosystem services; stimulating growth; and enabling a green recovery.

Generation capacity of renewable energy

In gigawatts



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38% climate co-benefits as a share of total commitments - exceeding targets - with adaptation finance comprising at least half.



“The changing climate is making lives more difficult for vulnerable communities such as mine. We shall need to work harder to adapt. But whenever I hear of a new shelter being built or an existing one being repaired, I know that there is still hope for our villages and for our families.”

Hasina Begum, primary school headmistress - Barguna, Bangladesh

Comprehensive Climate Action in Bangladesh

From 2000 to 2019, Bangladesh was ranked as the world’s seventh most climate change-affected country. With over \$1.8 billion in IDA financing, the World Bank has supported Bangladesh in building resilience against natural disasters and climate change impacts, with interventions that include more than 1,300 rehabilitated or newly constructed multi-purpose disaster shelters that operate as primary schools during normal weather, and 550 km of climate-resilient roads. These initiatives are benefiting **9 million people living along Bangladesh’s vulnerable coastline**, where IDA-financed projects have helped to **reduce cyclone-related deaths 100-fold** since 1970. IDA is also supporting Bangladesh in programs to mitigate the impacts of climate change. For example, the Improved Cook Stoves (ICS) Program, supported by IDA with the Green Climate Fund, has reached **more than five million users** since its inception in 2013. ICS will **reduce emissions by over 10 metric tons of CO₂** over its lifespan, and wood used for cooking by 58 percent, further reducing emissions, improving household health, and allowing women to be more economically active as they spend less time cooking. IDA is also supporting Bangladesh in scaling up the use of renewable energy, with the addition of more than 135MW to the grid through renewable sources.

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A Transformational Knowledge Product Informing Meaningful Climate Action

A significant innovation in IDA20 is the introduction of **Country Climate and Development Reports (CCDRs)**, an analytical tool that helps countries integrate climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, into national planning and investments. During IDA20, CCDRs have already been completed for 13 IDA countries, including five countries impacted by FCV.

CCDRs are showcasing how low-carbon, resilient investments can generate benefits that partially or completely offset costs. In **Ghana**, for example, the CCDR shows that under a net zero deforestation scenario, additional timber revenues from increased tree plantations could outweigh the costs of investment for planting, maintenance, and enforcement, leading to a gain of more than \$66 billion from 2022 to 2050.

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE

Crisis Preparedness

The **Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project** in Pakistan, approved in December 2022, benefited **3 million people** (of which half were women), and helped restore and build the future resilience of **760 fish farms** and **350,000 acres of land**.

POLICY COMMITMENT

Transitioning Key Systems for Adaptation and Mitigation

The **Pacific Climate Resilient Transport Program** is building resilience in key roads, ports and other transport infrastructure in the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, benefiting **45% of the population across these countries**.



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

IDA and the World Bank Evolution

IDA has emerged as the **largest financing arm of the World Bank** in the last few years, and demand for IDA finance is poised to remain high as poor countries face a worsening global outlook.

The crises of the last three years—including COVID-19, war and increasing fragility, deepening food insecurity, and the impacts of climate change—have placed additional burdens on IDA. Improving **IDA's financial capacity will be a critical element to support an evolved World Bank mission to reduce poverty and improve prosperity on a livable planet.**

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If we really want to incentivize change, we can't just wish it – we need to fight for it. Nowhere is this truer than IDA. We are pushing the limits of this important concessional resource, and no amount of creative financial engineering will compensate for the fact that we need more funding. This must drive each of us to make the next replenishment of IDA the largest of all time.
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*Ajay Banga, World Bank President –
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