IDA—the International Development Association

FIGHTS EXTREME POVERTY

and transforms the lives of people in the world’s poorest countries by providing critical financial resources.
It has provided $369 billion in investments in 113 countries over the last six decades.
But IDA is much more than financing

IDA has helped transform the world by bringing opportunity, livelihood and hope.
**IDA plays a key role in the global development landscape.**

IDA is a partner for the countries to engage, collaborate and have a stake in development—of the world. IDA operates on a country-driven model, where assistance is tailored to each borrowing country’s

- needs
- performance
- development plans, and is
- structured to help governments sustainably manage their finances

Through IDA, donor countries amplify the impact of their development resources, knowledge and capabilities by working together to

- invest in people
- overcome barriers to development
- help to grow economies

**IDA connects**

- donors, financing and allocation of resources with global priorities
- the public and private sector
- partners from civil society and multilateral organizations to local development stakeholders

Creating opportunities for people in the world’s poorest countries.
IDEAS

35 countries no longer require IDA assistance. Many remain engaged as donors and are helping to fund IDA.

55 countries contribute to IDA, up from the initial 15 donors in 1960.
The idea behind IDA—to pool and leverage funds to reach more people and achieve greater development impact—was innovative when IDA was created in 1960.
IDA has been adapting to changing global needs—directing financing and creating solutions for the most acute development problems of the time.

From initiating an international partnership to eradicate river blindness in Africa 40 years ago and saving millions of people from the debilitating disease to helping finance the Green Revolution and provide sufficient food for the growing global population to piloting ways to speed up access to funding to help countries tackle emergencies and mitigate the impact of disasters:

- such as helping East Africa grapple with famine, a result of a drought in 2011, one of the worst in the last 60 years
- and helping Haiti and Nepal in the aftermath of devastating earthquakes in 2010 and 2015
- and organizing a global response and committing $1.17 billion from IDA for Ebola recovery in Africa in 2015
IDA continues to innovate and reach even further by partnering with civil society, multilateral organizations, humanitarian actors and others; and by mobilizing the private sector to invest in the most challenging environments.
IDA leads and convenes on global challenges—issues that affect us all—climate change, gender, jobs, good governance, conflict and fragility.

- while focusing efforts on places where poverty is concentrated
- and addressing the needs of the poorest countries

The world is much more prosperous today but 2/3 of the global extreme poor—500 million people—live in the 75 poorest countries where IDA works. Many are in Africa.

IDA’s commitment to the people and places most in need endures.
Poverty* is increasingly concentrated in sub-Saharan Africa, where **IDA is focusing its work and leveraging partnerships across the region** to achieve results.

IDA has committed **$45 billion** in resources to sub-Saharan Africa, for FY19-21 alone.

*The World Bank defines "extreme poverty" as living on less than $1.90 a day.*
With IDA18, every $1 of total donor contributions translates into about $3 in financing support for development projects.

IDA is one of the most cost-effective ways to make an impact on the lives of people in the poorest countries.
IDA brings private sector investment to places deemed risky by banks and investors and strengthens the foundations for resilient economies by:

- facilitating business climate reforms
- building robust financial systems
- expanding access to finance for the poor

As part of the World Bank Group, IDA leverages the strengths of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) to drive private sector development.

$2.5 BILLION

The joint IDA-IFC-MIGA Private Sector Window is leveraging $2.5 billion of IDA’s resources to mitigate risk and mobilize private investment in the poorest and most fragile IDA countries.
Today, IDA is focusing on:
JOBS & ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

600 million people will be looking for jobs over the next decade—a huge challenge for poor countries. Creating productive and meaningful jobs for this burgeoning workforce requires economic transformation.

IDA is helping countries

- connect to markets through sound infrastructure and value chains
- facilitate private investment to improve the environment for private sector-led growth
- build workers’ skills and firms’ capabilities

while supporting “human capital” projects so people have the education, health and skills to seize economic opportunities of today and tomorrow.
No country can achieve its potential or meet the challenges of the 21st century without the full and equal participation of women and men, girls and boys, which is why:

- improving the health and education of girls and women,
- helping women gain access to and ownership of assets,
- enabling women to find quality jobs and start businesses

are at the heart of IDA’s focus on gender equality.
GOVERNANCE

If a country lacks capable, accountable and inclusive public institutions, who can citizens trust to obtain services or uphold the rule of law for all, equitably and transparently?

Countries that have strong and efficient institutions prosper because they create an environment that

- facilitates private sector growth
- delivers valuable services
- earns the confidence of citizens

This is why **IDA is committed to establishing capable, accountable and inclusive governance**

- through institution-building
- mobilizing resources necessary for delivering services, especially for the poor
- promoting transparency and accountability

When people can participate in government decision-making processes and know their voices are heard, citizens’ trust in public institutions grows.
Fragility, conflict and violence are a critical development challenge.

IDA has scaled up focus on conflict and fragility to help secure the structures that people need to resume peaceful and productive lives. IDA has committed to provide record resources and increase staff presence in places at risk of fragility and conflict.

IDA is on the leading edge of the development community’s approach to forced displacement, migration and refugees.

...and collaborating with humanitarian, development, peace and security partners is critical to deliver in challenging environments

IDA emphasizes prevention and acting early.

IDA is present where many are not and remains engaged in some of the most challenging environments, including during active conflict and during transition...

- such as working with the United Nations and Red Cross for IDA’s response to food insecurity in Somalia
- or leveraging IDA’s Crisis Response Window to partner with UNICEF and the WHO on cholera outbreaks in Yemen.
Many IDA countries are on the front lines of climate change, with their poorest and most vulnerable people facing many of the greatest risks.

Climate impacts could push an additional 100 million people into poverty by 2030.

IDA is helping countries adapt to climate change and to mitigate its effects by integrating climate into policy reforms and development planning to reduce their carbon emissions and become more resilient to climate impacts.
IMPACT—IDA ACHIEVES RESULTS

IDA has doubled financial support to countries facing fragility to $14 billion, including a $400 million exceptional allocation to Yemen, along with more than $2 billion in additional financing for refugees and their host communities.

Mauritania: A cash-transfer project that supports women and children has reached more than 22,000 households with programming on nutrition, hygiene and early childhood development. By 2020 it will reach 100,000 households.

Afghanistan: More than 39,000 people benefited from a project to develop job skills and increase incomes for graduates of technical and vocational schools from 2013-2018.

Chad: IDA is helping to provide basic health, education and social protection services and improved livelihoods for refugees and host communities, expecting to benefit 1.1 million people.

Moldova: Over 850 facilities - 404 schools, 278 kindergartens, 191 water management projects—were upgraded from 2000-17, benefiting 1.2 million people, a third of the population.

Honduras: Some 90,000 households were registered in a parcel-based system and more than 50,000 new land titles were awarded from 2011-17, 48% of which went to a female head of household. Improving the land registry system gave rural and indigenous peoples greater legal rights, protecting them from land dispossession and providing greater legal protection.

Bangladesh: More than 42% of beneficiaries of a rural livelihoods program from 2015-18 increased their incomes by 30%, while more than 29,000 jobs were created for young people following a professional skill development training.

IDC projects are helping people become climate-smart in agriculture and land use. In Burundi, IDA is enabling farmers to protect topsoil, recover soil fertility and begin year-round production of nutrient-rich foods. In Ethiopia’s Oromia region, IDA is helping women become coffee farmers while introducing climate-smart practices that boost productivity.

Cambodia: By leveraging the IDA18 Private Sector Window, IFC helped to issue a local-currency bond to support lending to rural SMEs—facilitating 60% more microloans—to encourage the development of the local debt-capital market.
**IDA has committed $75 billion for 3 years, from 2018 to 2020, to scale up development investments. Between July 2017 and June 2018, IDA delivered:**

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**WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR IDA19**
Even as IDA is working to make an impact today, we are thinking ahead about how to continue this work for IDA’s forthcoming replenishment cycle for 2021–23.

2019 is a key year for IDA as the policy package for IDA19 is being shaped.
There are only 10 years left to reach the Sustainable Development Goals.

We need to speed up and deepen progress, which is why IDA will continue to focus on Jobs and Economic Transformation; Governance and Institutions; Gender; Climate Change; and Fragility, Conflict and Violence while tackling emerging challenges, such as debt sustainability and transparency and looking into opportunities opened by the digital economy and continuing to invest in “human capital” and inclusive development—because when people are healthy, educated and able to participate despite disability, they can prosper.
Let’s Continue Working Together

These global challenges require a collective global lift.
Solving them isn’t possible:

- **without** the IDA donors and borrowers
- **without** partnerships with country and regional leaders
- **without** working together

Supporting IDA means investing in the global economy and supporting a better world for men, women and children everywhere.

When we work together we **amplify our collective impact** for creating lasting economic development.
A strong and successful IDA = A more equitable and inclusive world

Supporting IDA means helping countries reach the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030
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