



**JOINT  
SDG  
FUND**

# United Nations Joint SDG Fund

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**The Joint SDG Fund stands as the UN's premier innovative funding mechanism, strategically designed to catalyze profound policy transformations and ignite the strategic investments essential for realigning the world on course to achieve the SDGs.**

[\(Stated in the Funding Compact 2.0, May 2024\)](#)



**Focus Areas:** Integration | Scale | Speed | Sustainability



**Key Sectors:** Digital Transformation | Food Systems | Social Protection | Energy | Local SDG Implementation

## Alignment with the Pact for the Future (2024)



**Recognized in the Global Digital Compact** as a key mechanism for pooled and blended investments.


















**Accelerates Digital Transformation** to strengthen public services, food systems, socio-economic growth, and gender equality.



**Supports Policy, Financing and Connectivity** for systemic, sustainable impact.

# The UN Joint SDG Fund

The Joint SDG Fund benefits from global commitments to the 2030 Agenda and brings the UN system and partners together for better results

 Spain	 Norway
 Sweden	 Ireland
 European Union	 Italy
 Netherlands	 Denmark
 Germany	 Belgium
 Switzerland	 Luxembourg
 Saudi Arabia	 Monaco
 Portugal	 Republic of Korea
 Poland	



## Strategic Advisory Group

- Chaired by the UN **Deputy Secretary-General**.
- Provides leadership and strategic direction to the Fund 5 largest donor countries and 7 programme countries: Spain, Sweden, EU, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Egypt, Kenya, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Chile, Uzbekistan, Civil Society Observer (BRAC).

## Donors

- 17 Member State funding.

## Operational Steering Committee

- Chaired by Director of the Development Coordination Office UN entities, UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, FAO, UN-Women, UNEP, ITU providing technical leadership on priorities. ECA (leverage regional assets), UN Global Compact (engagement with private sector), MPTF-O (administrative agent) join as ex-officio members.

## Joint SDG Fund Secretariat

- Responsible for the coordination and day-to-day management of the Joint SDG Fund.

# The UN Joint SDG Fund: How We Work

## CONTRIBUTIONS →

Targets set by the Funding Compact.



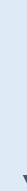
## JOINT SDG FUND →

Anchoring to Country Cooperation Frameworks.



## IMPLEMENTATION BY UN AGENCIES AT COUNTRY LEVEL

All resources are channeled to UN entities working in UN Country Teams through joint programmes across Funding Rounds.



## CORE FOCUS OF JOINT PROGRAMMES

### 1. SDG INTEGRATED POLICY

to accelerate SDG achievement through integrated policy transformations for leaving no one behind.

### 2. SDG FINANCING

to leverage resources by enabling environment measures and catalytic investments.

## 32 UN ENTITIES PARTNERS

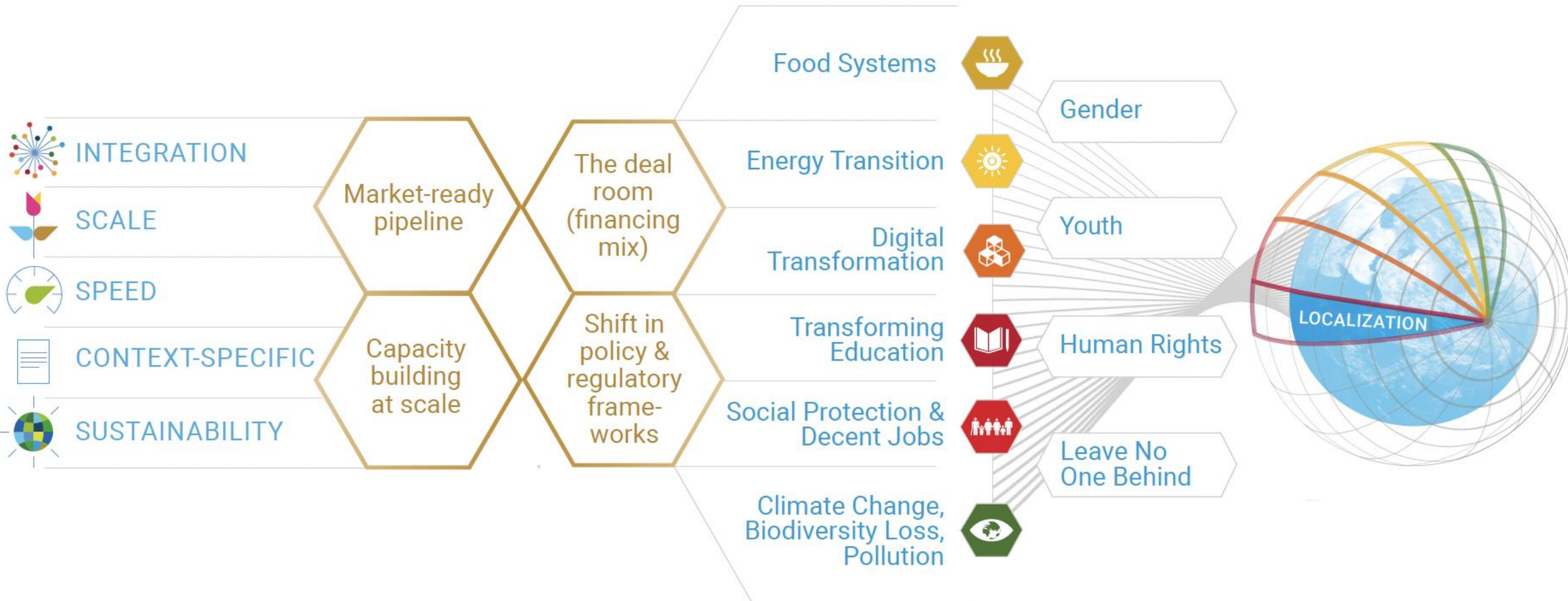
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# Fund Strategy 2023–2026: Key SDG Transitions

KEY PILLARS  
OF TRANSFORMATION

ENABLING ACTIONS

FINANCING MECHANISM FOR SDG TRANSITIONS



# New Generation of Joint Programmes for Key Transitions

123

NEW JOINT PROGRAMMES  
DRIVING KEY TRANSITIONS

\$62.1 M

IN CO-FUNDING DEDICATED  
BY UN/GOV PARTNERS

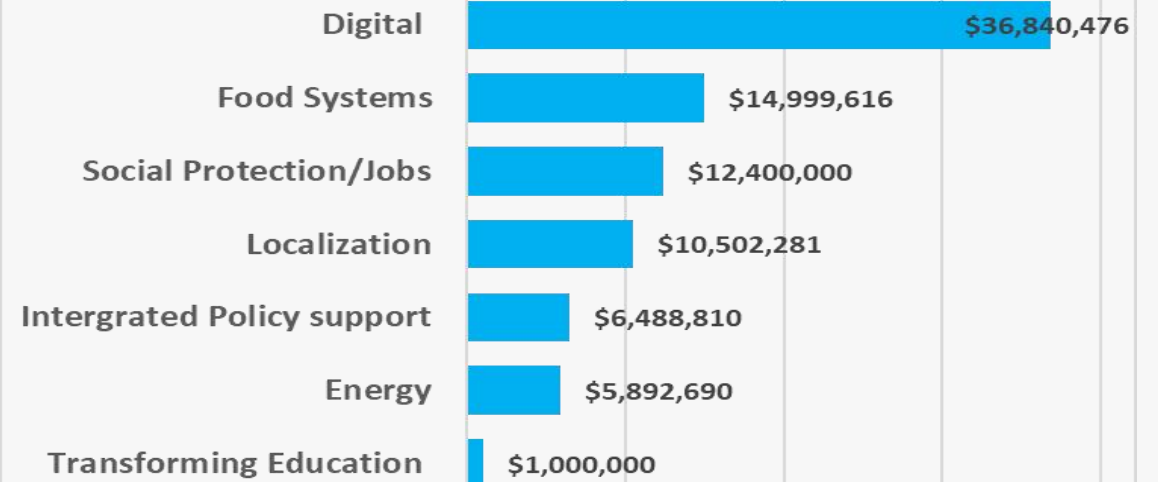
\$85.1M

IN JSDGF RESOURCES  
COMMITTED IN 2024

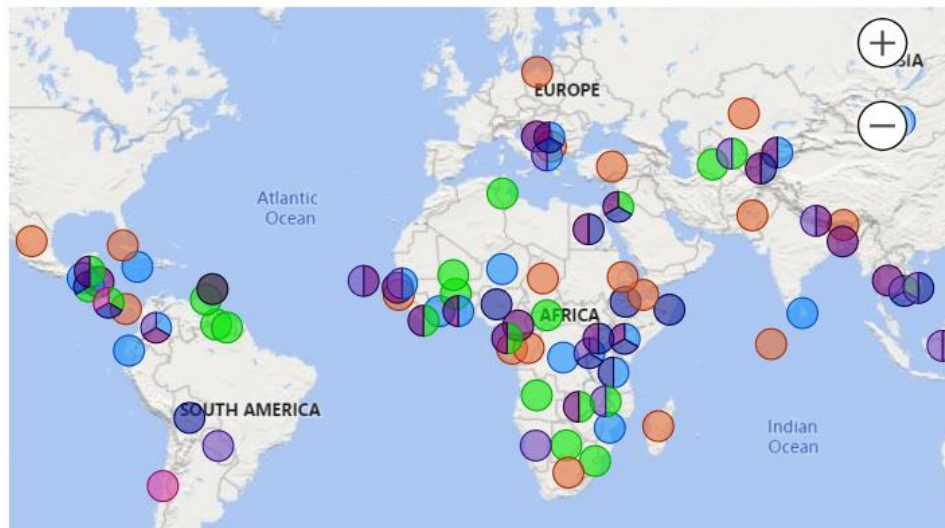
45.3%

DEDICATED TO LDCS,  
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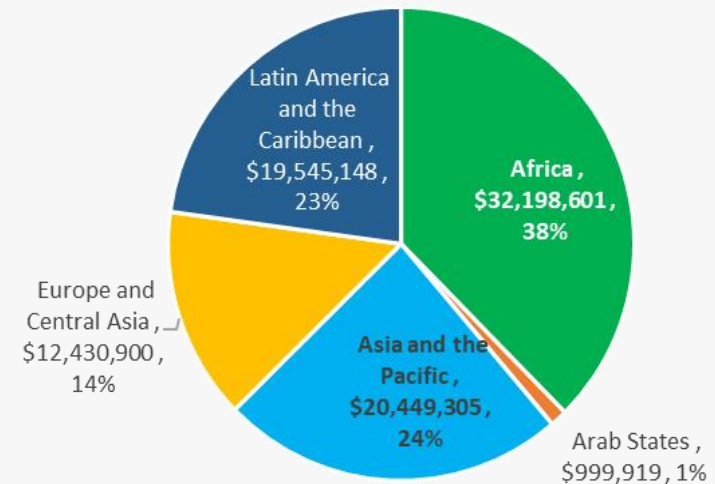
## BY PORTFOLIO/FUNDING TRACK



● Digital ● Energy ● Food Systems ● Integrated Policy ● Localization ● Localization, Digital ● Social Protection/Jobs

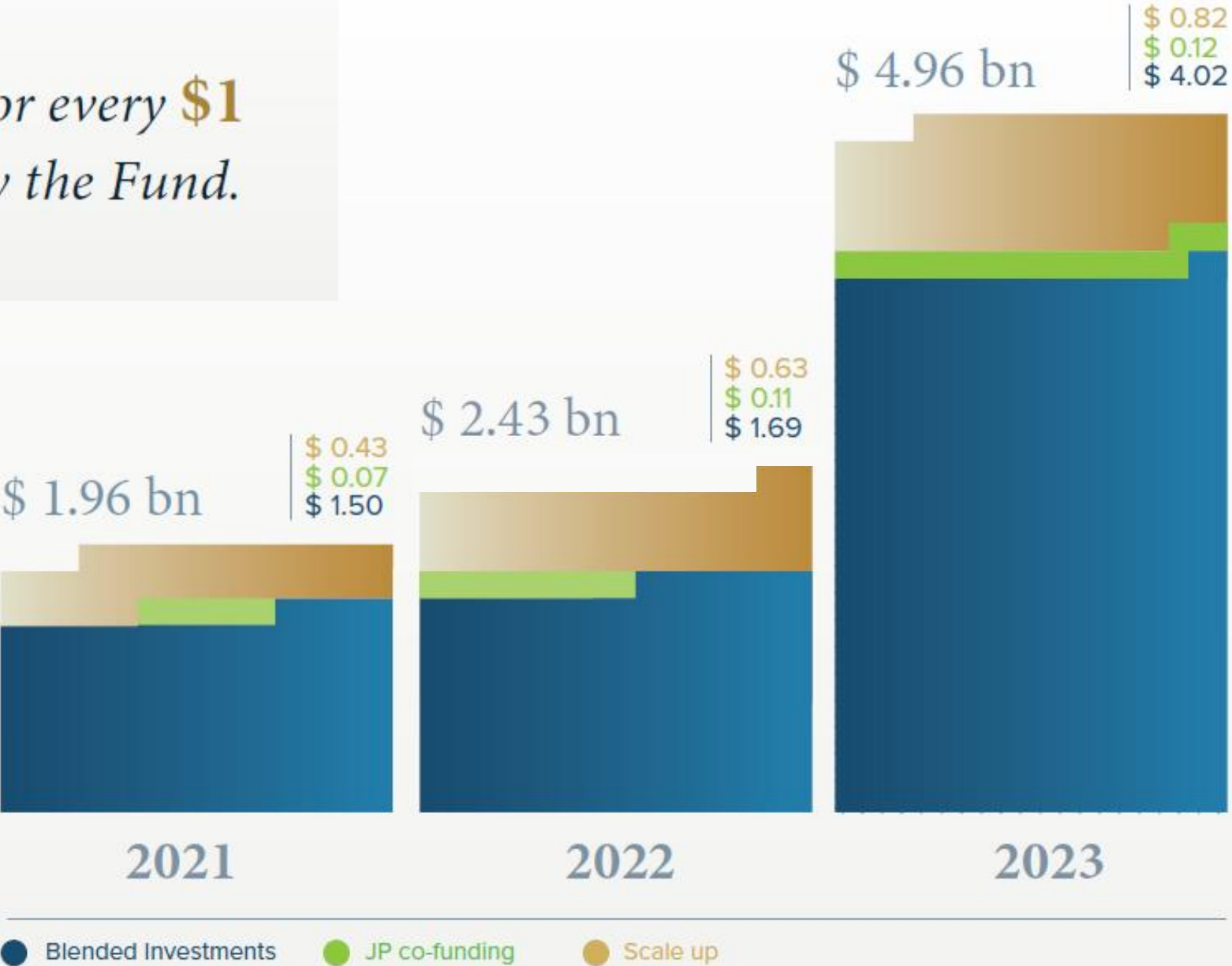



## BY REGION



# Joint SDG Fund financial leverage by financial instrument 2021–2023

*\$18 raised for every \$1 committed by the Fund.*



**60** 

*blended financing solutions developed and launched to diversify SDG financing.*

The Fund promotes digital cooperation to bridge divides, enhance services, and advance digital public goods and rights, while fostering capacity-building and safe, equitable digital environments to fully harness technology for the SDGs.

**22**

*Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on Digital Transformation*

**\$40.3 M**

*Invested across 22 joint programmes across 10 countries in Africa, 7 in LAC, 3 in Asia-Pacific, and 3 in ECA*

**\$130 M**

*Additional \$ in resources projected to be mobilized for scaling up impact*

**50+**

*Digital policies, platforms, and policy tools to be developed to enhance access & usage of digital services*

**10.9 M**

*Anticipated number of people to directly benefit from the various digital platforms and e-services*

## GHANA

Improving MSME through enhanced digital literacy, will develop the capacity of 110,000 youth and women, offer e-commerce support to more than 5,000 enterprises, half of which are led by women, and empower 200 policymakers on e-commerce policy reforms to increase access to capital, skills and market opportunities.

## GUATEMALA

Providing access to online public services for over 875,000 citizens, including a new system for digital identity registration and management and tools that work together seamlessly. Over 660,000 citizens will access social security through an online portal and more than 96,000 people will be registered in the Social Household

## KENYA

Through support and finance for MSME, this investment will impact 2 million digital platform users driving over 1,000 local digital platform businesses and 150 small enterprises. Additionally, 15 digital innovation hubs will empower more than 500 communities, particularly vulnerable groups, to engage in digital platforms.

## SRI LANKA

Making digital technologies enable civil registration, it will provide access to 1,270,000 citizens in the e-population and civil registry, issue 126,000 digital birth certificates, and bring more than 500,000 people into the fold of legal identity, enabling job creation, business development and economic growth.



# Food Systems Transformation



The Fund supports countries in transitioning to sustainable and inclusive food systems, following the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. It backs multistakeholder initiatives for food system transformation, focusing on equity, health, resilience, climate strategies, water management, and fair trade.

**18**

*Countries supported through the High Impact Track and Seed Funding Track*

**\$15M**

*Invested to drive catalytic action around Food Systems Transformation*

**\$7.6M**

*Co-funded for joint programme implementation*

**17**

*UN entities partnering in implementing joint programmes for food systems transformation*

## BOLIVIA

Transforming the food system by strengthening traditional agriculture in harmony with the Amazon ecosystem and indigenous culture to support 5,800 small producers from 14 municipalities, focusing on indigenous people, women, and youth. It also improves food access, nutrition, market competitiveness, and enhance governance capacity.

## ETHIOPIA

Reducing aid dependency by improving agricultural commercialization and enhancing their market and financial access for 2000 smallholder farmers, 17 women and youth organizations, and 80 cooperatives. The increase of agricultural value add is accompanied by strengthening regional governance and investments.

## SOMALIA

Integrating security and resilience into social protection targets 40,000 rural households, prioritizing women and youth, to improve access to nutritious food, financial services, fair labor, and climate-smart agriculture while also strengthening government capacity for data-driven, collaborative policymaking.

# Social Protection & Decent Jobs (Global Accelerator)



The Joint SDG Fund emphasizes social protection and decent job creation, supporting integrated policies and financing in green, care, and digital economies to drive economic resilience, social inclusion, and low-carbon transitions, aligned with the UN Global Accelerator for sustainable development.

**14**

*Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on Social Protection & Decent Jobs*

**\$12.4 M**

*Invested across 14 joint programmes in 5 countries in Africa, 5 in Asia-Pacific, 2 in ECA and 2 in LAC.*

**\$2.3 M**

*Additional \$ to be invested in 9 countries through the UN-World Bank collaboration through joint programmes focused on evidence generation & diagnostics*

**4 M**

*Anticipated number of people to directly benefit from the joint programme's outputs*

## CAMBODIA

Boosting national capacity for identifying growth opportunities, creating jobs, and generating income. This joint programme promotes labor market flexibility and business resilience through integrated policies, targeting improved livelihoods for 2.3 million beneficiaries, especially those in extreme poverty.

## UZBEKISTAN

Formalizing informal employment to create decent jobs, expanding social insurance to informal and migrant workers, and integrating employment with social protection policies. The increased income security through more decent work will ultimately result in higher government revenues and enhanced public services for all.

## MALAWI

Integrating Improving access to jobs and social protection within the agricultural value chains, expected to benefit 20,400 people, while indirectly impacting about 12 million individuals. Curriculum development for secondary schools will facilitate smoother transitions to work for graduates, a component projected to positively impact 7 million people.

The Fund's new strategy emphasizes SDG localization as a key driver of SDG transitions, empowering local communities through participation, ownership, and capacity building to deliver customized, sustainable development solutions.

**30**

*Countries supported by the dedicated funding round on SDG Localization*

**\$10.5 M**

*Invested across 10 joint programmes in Africa, 8 in Asia-Pacific, 6 in Latin America, 4 in Europe and Central Asia and 2 in Arab States*

**11**

*Additional programmes identified by the marker to be prioritizing the acceleration of the SDGs at the local level.*

**\$7,3 M**

*Mobilized in co-funding from UN agencies, governments and other sources*

## THAILAND (CLIMATE)

Scaling-up government-led campaigns on waste management by building awareness, enhancing capacity and institutionalizing partnership with all 77 provinces. In 2 cities, it will incubate bankable climate-related projects while promoting financing solutions to support green transition at the subnational level.

## GEORGIA (FOOD SYSTEMS/DIGITAL)

Enhancing food systems policies by supporting local food waste management plans and building local capacities. Also implementing of integrated public services and digital inclusion practices to enhance municipal social service delivery, specially for children.

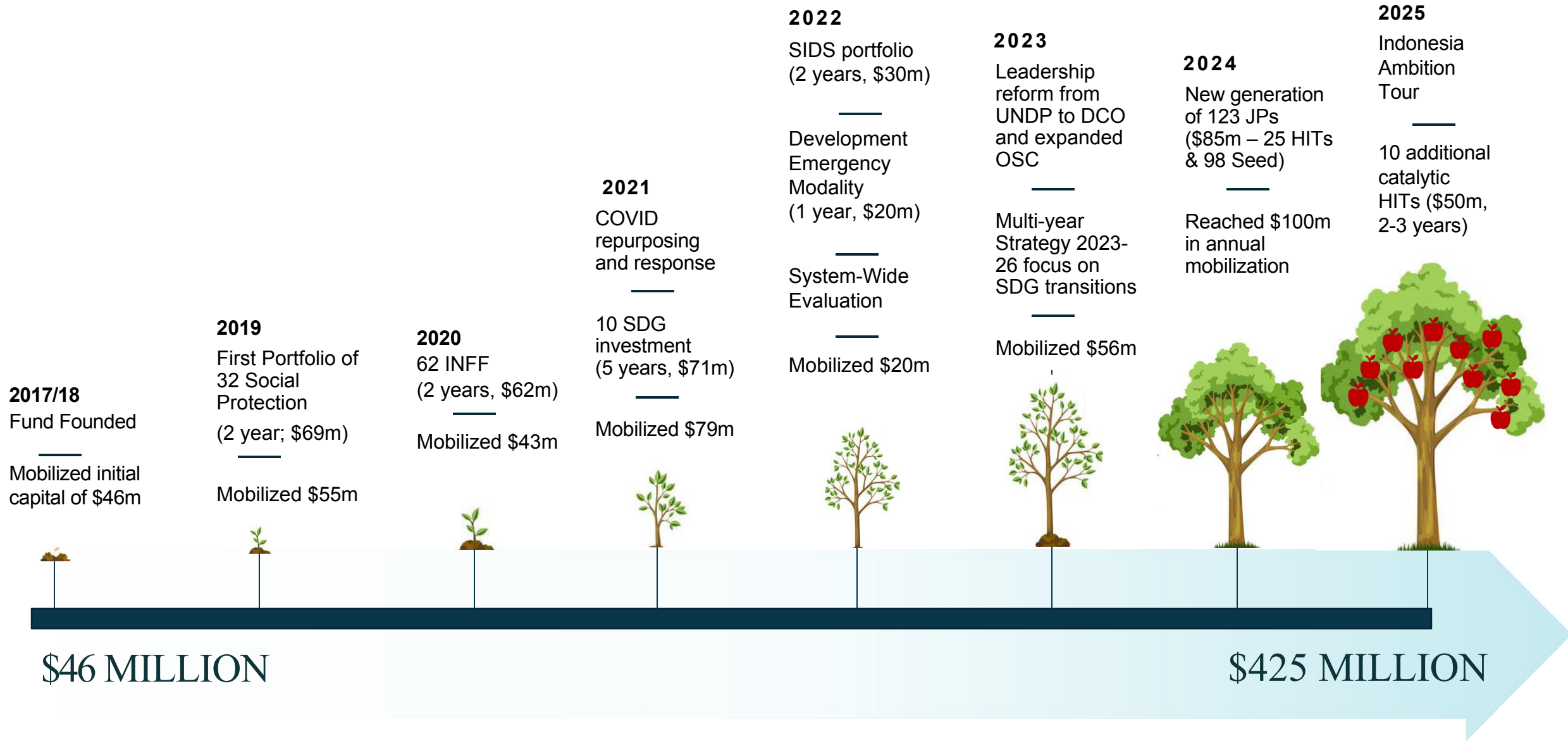
## HONDURAS (EDUCATION)

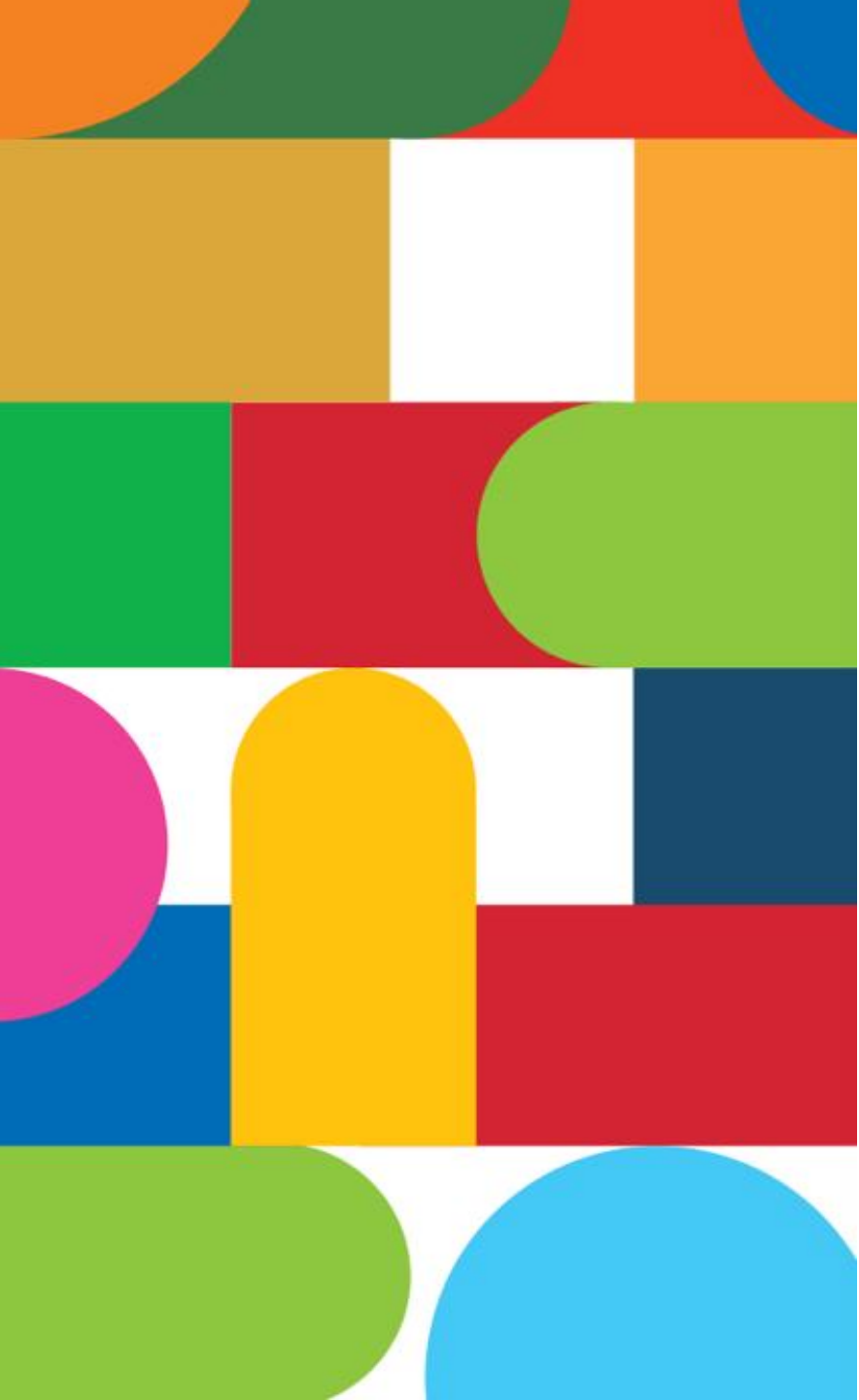
Improving overall coordination of the educational system, with a focus on training and incentives for teachers at the local level to promote collaboration and community support, in accelerating inclusive education outcomes in 30 municipalities, benefitting more than 125,000 children

## SDG LOCALIZATION MARKER

Applied in the Fund's 2024 funding tracks, the marker ensures engagement with local and regional stakeholders as well as direct support to tailored local solutions are embedded throughout the design, implementation and learning stages of the joint programmes.

# Building on Years of Excellence





# Thank You!



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