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Two years ago, we envisioned an agile financing mechanism that could invest in catalytic initiatives focused on the means of implementation for the SDGs—in areas such as knowledge-sharing, capacity-building, data, financing, and partnerships. In just nine months of operations, the World Bank Group Partnership Fund for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Fund) has gained rapid momentum in support of our clients who are striving to achieve the SDGs.

Since the launch of the SDG Fund, we have moved quickly to finance innovative and impactful activities that will help countries meet their SDG commitments. This report highlights SDG Fund-supported initiatives—in all World Bank Group (WBG) regions—that have taken bold steps toward achieving the 2030 Agenda.

I have been very encouraged by the progress made, yet we have only begun to scratch the surface when it comes to the ideas and innovative solutions that we know exist across the institution. We see a strong appetite among WBG teams to expand their support for public- and private-sector clients pursuing the global goals. Our colleagues are keen to fill the implementation gaps across all 17 SDGs, and eager to develop tools and knowledge that can help all countries reach their development objectives.

As we celebrate our achievements to date and look to the future, I would like to thank our donor partners for their thoughtful guidance and solid support throughout the year. I would also like to recognize all those involved in operationalizing the SDG Fund, including members of the Steering Committee, the SDG Fund Secretariat, and especially our many talented colleagues across the World Bank Group who work every day in support of people and our planet—while leaving no one behind.

**Mahmoud Mohieldin**

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## AT A GLANCE

### About the SDG Fund

The World Bank Group Partnership Fund for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Fund) was established to promote best practices and knowledge sharing for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SDG Fund responds to the growing demand for strategic initiatives that drive the achievement of SDGs on the means of implementation. To date, the Government of Sweden and the Government of Korea are committed partners of the SDG Fund.

The WBG SDG Fund has three core objectives:

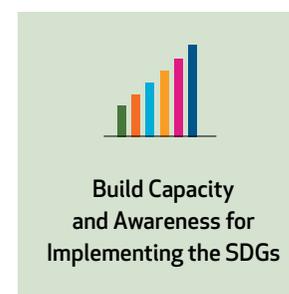
1. Build and strengthen capacity and awareness, among actors and institutions, for implementing the SDGs;
2. Stimulate the development of analytical tools for solving SDG challenges; and,
3. Promote multi-stakeholder partnerships, both within the WBG and with other external stakeholders.

The SDG Fund finances initiatives led by World Bank Group teams, in cooperation with over 100 partners, including UN agencies, public- and private-sector entities, academia, and other development actors. Activities cover a broad range of sectors and are designed to help governments and other institutions around the world reach the global goals.

The SDG Fund prioritizes activities that generate knowledge products for the SDGs; develop data and statistics related to the SDGs; and create global tools, methodologies, or products for SDG implementation.



### OBJECTIVES



## WHERE WE WORK

### Global Reach

A core pillar of the SDG Fund is to support activities that can be replicated across the globe. All WBG regions are represented, including at least five that are designed for implementation at a cross-regional or global scale. There are also over 30 proposed country pilots or cross-country scale-up, including:

- Vietnam, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and China
- Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal
- Ethiopia, Tanzania, Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Senegal, and Rwanda
- Morocco, Jordan, Tunisia, and Egypt
- Mexico and Brazil, and
- Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan



Mexico



Morocco

Tunisia

Senegal



Brazil



Sierra Leone  
Liberia

Ghana  
Nigeria

South Africa



Kazakhstan

Uzbekistan

Turkmenistan

Jordan

Egypt

Kyrgyz Republic

Tajikistan

Pakistan

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China



Philippines



Malaysia

Indonesia

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## GOVERNANCE

### Building Strong Governance

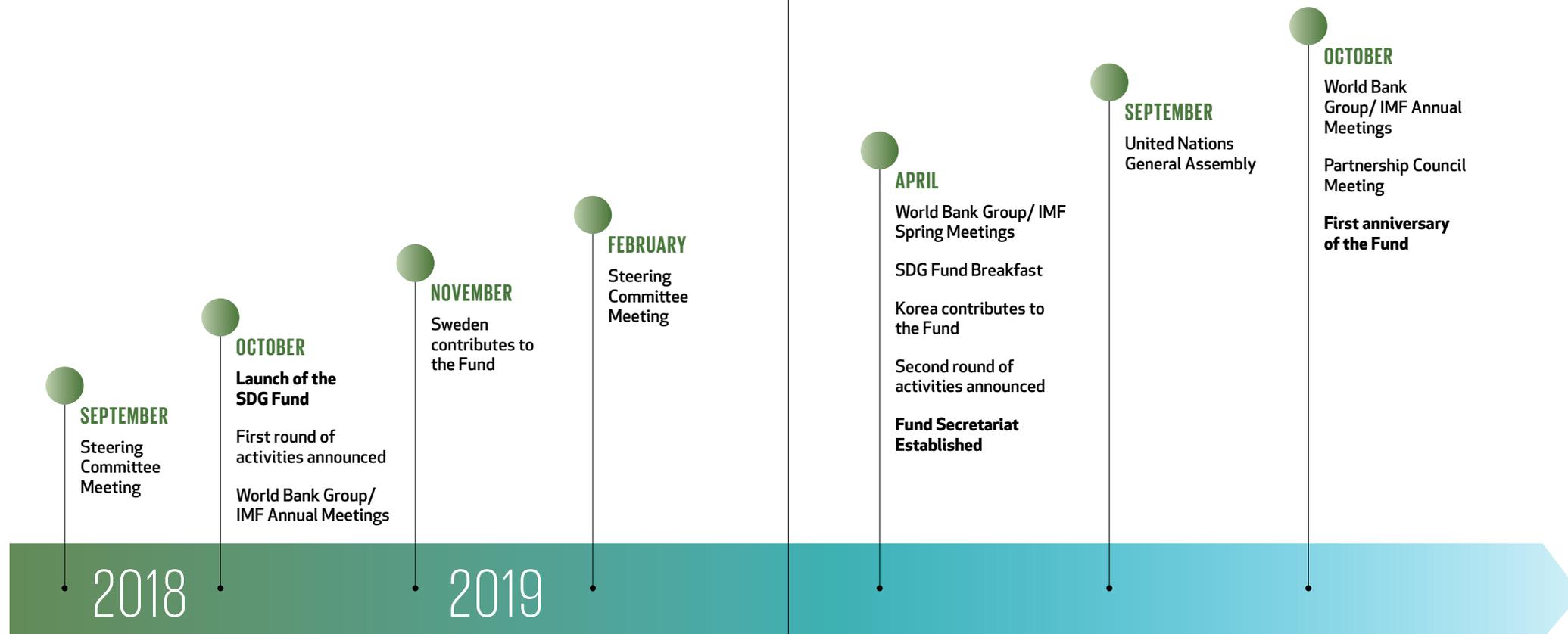
The SDG Fund was established under the following governance framework:

- A **Partnership Council**, comprised of donor partners and senior management from across the World Bank Group, meets annually and provides direction to ensure objectives and results are on track.
- A **Steering Committee** including seven high-level representatives of the World Bank Group—from across corporate, regional, and sector teams—and which is chaired by the Senior Vice President for the 2030 Agenda, UN Relations and Partnerships, sets annual priorities, evaluates and approves project proposals, allocates funds, as well as monitors and approves progress reports and budgets.
- The **SDG Fund Secretariat** has also been established to manage the day-to-day operations, based in Washington DC.

### Selecting Proposals

To date, the SDG Fund has received and reviewed nearly 100 high-caliber proposals. The first round, finalized in October 2018, allocated funding to three activities selected from a pool of approximately 16 strategic proposals put forward by WBG Directors. The second round, finalized in March 2019, allocated funding to 12 activities, based on an open call issued across the World Bank Group seeking investment opportunities for strengthening SDG achievement. The two reviewing rounds generated a range of innovative and ambitious projects. The SDG Fund has also supported strategic initiatives to further strengthen the Fund's objectives.

## MILESTONES

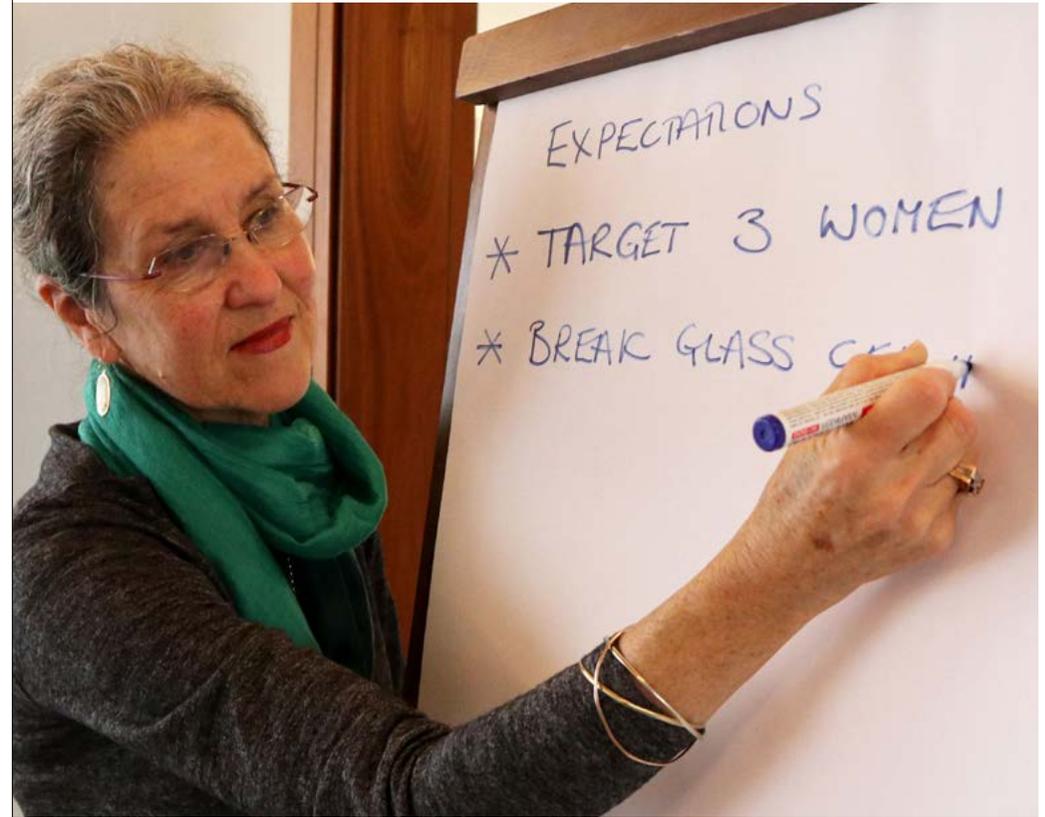


The image is a collage of three photographs. The top-left photo shows three female students in white shirts and orange vests looking at something off-camera. The top-right photo shows a student in an orange vest smiling broadly. The bottom photo shows a student in an orange vest sitting at a desk, smiling at the camera while working on a computer. A laptop is visible in the bottom-left corner.

**PROGRAM  
HIGHLIGHTS  
2018-2019**

## EXPANDING FEMALE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

A new publication “Trailblazers: Portraits of Female Business Leadership in Emerging and Frontier Markets” was launched at a regional forum on July 30, 2019 in Accra, Ghana. As part of IFC’s Women on Boards and in Business Leadership Program, the report features the inspirational personal stories of 20 female business leaders and their advice to other female professionals aspiring to top positions. The Trailblazers represent Argentina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Morocco, Myanmar, Panama, Republic of Yemen, South Africa, Turkey, Uganda and Vietnam. It highlights the positive impact of their leadership on private sector development in emerging and frontier markets. The publication also provides key gender facts and data on the status of women on boards and in business leadership around the world. Similar launch events are planned in several regions over the coming year.



## INVESTING IN THE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF REFUGEES

The Investment Matching Platform for Refugee Communities in Jordan is building a strong network of donors and implementing partners who all seek to enable opportunities for host communities and refugees to promote peace and stability. The activity aims to support \$30 million in private sector investments.

A conference on the Role of the Private Sector in Economic Integration of Refugees, held on June 11-12, 2019, featured over 30 inspiring examples of how the private sector is operating on the front line—as entrepreneurs, employers, investors, and providers of goods and services—working with refugees and their host communities.



Co-hosted by the World Bank Group, the European Investment Bank, and the Confederation of Danish Industry, the event convened 200 practitioners to design a charter of good practice on the role of the private sector in the economic integration of refugees. The charter is comprised of 20 principles across four themes—investment, entrepreneurship, employment, and products and services.

Increasing trade for Jordanian companies by ensuring their presence in trade shows, under a “Jordan Pavilion”.



Women refugees working on handicrafts in the Jordan River Foundation workshop, whose products were included in Ikea’s supply chain.



## CELEBRATING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

The SDGs and Her Competition—co-sponsored by the World Bank Group, the United Nations Development Program, UN Women, and the Wharton School's Zicklin Center—showcases women microentrepreneurs who are helping achieve the SDGs through their business operations. The 2019 winning entries were: Taxshe, owned by Vandana Suri, from India; and Green Business Innovation, owned by Saida Yusupova, from Uzbekistan. The winners spoke about their work and impact at an awards ceremony organized with financial support from the SDG Fund on April 11, 2019 during the World Bank Group-IMF Spring Meetings in Washington, DC.



### SDGs & Her

- Recognizes women implementing the SDGs, specifically women business owners of microenterprises;
- Increases knowledge about the SDGs—and their potential impacts on women—among non-traditional audiences; and
- Collaborates with private sector partners on all SDGs—but SDG5 in particular—to share best practices and innovative ideas.

### TaxShe

Based in Bangalore, Suri's all-women company, TaxShe, trains and employs underprivileged women from marginalized communities in India to serve as professional drivers for other women and children, improving their education and economic prospects, while providing safe transportation services and helping prevent sexual abuse of passengers. "We are empowering women to take care of the next generation," Suri said.

### Green Business Innovation

Yusupova established Green Business Innovation to make sustainable energy accessible to a larger population, especially in rural areas. Based in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the company links the SDGs with green business opportunities to assist partners with lowering carbon emissions, developing resource efficiency, and commercializing clean technologies. Green Business Innovation also provides content and partnership support for global initiatives like ClimateLaunchpad, which offers training, coaching, and support to new cleantech startups.



## RALLYING TRANSPORT LEADERS TO CHART THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY

Sustainable mobility is critical to achieving the SDGs, and with the 2030 Agenda deadline fast approaching, it is more important than ever to develop transport systems that are equitable, efficient, safe and green. This is because transport is central to every aspect of our lives. Without reliable and sustainable transport systems, young people cannot attend school (SDG 4), women cannot access opportunities for employment and empowerment (SDG 5), and global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (SDG 13) cannot be achieved.

Sustainable Mobility for All (SuM4All) and its activities have helped reposition the World Bank at the core of global debates on transport and solidify dialogue to keep sustainability at the forefront of transport priorities in the World Bank.



Its mission is to play a leading role in the ongoing transformation of the global mobility system and support countries in their transition towards sustainable mobility.

Leaders in Transport from across the world convened on April 11 at the 2019 World Bank Group-IMF Spring meetings for a high-level panel discussion on what it will take to realize sustainable mobility.



The insights generated at this event will be used to strengthen and refine the efforts by the SuM4All umbrella platform to lay out a Global Roadmap of Action (GRA), an ambitious and comprehensive framework to identify the most relevant and impactful policy measures to achieve sustainable mobility. The GRA embodies the collective knowledge of the 55 Member organizations and 180 experts,

with feedback received from more than 50 city/country decision-makers and 25 corporations.

This work is based on a shared and common vision for sustainable mobility, with four global policy goals:



## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR LOCALIZING SDGS IN THE ARAB WORLD

One of the main challenges for localizing the global goals remains addressing local governments' access to finance and innovative financial mechanisms which build up domestic resources. Amidst increasing urbanization, centrally planned policies have contributed to increased regional and urban disparities. Breaking down silos between the center and the local level is therefore of utmost importance for achieving SDGs in the Arab World. National policy makers must continue to strengthen and improve coordination with local governments and learn methods for localized data collection and innovative finance mechanisms implemented at the local level.

On June 23-24, 2019 the World Bank Group and Arab Planning Institute (API) co-organized a workshop in Cairo to discuss the status of planning and implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Arab Countries. The workshop brought together 30 senior officials from 12 countries\* from ministries of planning, local development, finance, social protection, and labor. World Bank experts gave presentations on data, localization, sequencing, and prioritization among the many goals and targets.

*\* Client countries included: Egypt, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Iraq, Palestine, and Bahrain.*



## LINKING EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE: THE HCP COUNTRY NETWORK

The Human Capital Project (HCP) Country Network provides a platform through which HCP countries can share experiences and discuss reforms toward their common vision to improve human capital outcomes. Each HCP country nominated a focal point to spearhead their actions under this initiative.

### Focal Points Meet and Engage

At the 2019 World Bank Group-IMF Spring Meetings, focal point representatives from more than 40 countries, alongside an additional 25 partners from diverse organizations, gathered for a 1.5-day Focal Point Forum in Washington, DC. Country cases studies from Argentina, Chile, Ethiopia, Peru, Poland, Senegal, Singapore, and Vietnam, among others, drove the discussions.

Themes included stunting, economic performance, early child development, learning outcomes, whole-of-government leadership, universal health coverage, community health workers, safety nets, and conditional cash transfers.



## I. KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE SDGs



### Catalyzing Private Capital Markets for the SDGs

LEAD BY WB TREASURY

Through this activity, the World Bank Treasury aims to develop a comprehensive SDG portfolio reporting framework to drive greater investment to sustainable development projects and move the needle on the SDGs. This global-level activity will produce an annual impact report mapping project outcomes to the SDGs. This first-of-its-kind impact report will make an important contribution by connecting all World Bank Group funding activities to the SDGs through developing a reporting template that can also be used by investors and issuers to report progress and contribution to the achievement of the SDGs. It will expand understanding of the link between SDGs and World Bank Group operations and promote reporting and disclosure using the SDGs to build sustainable capital markets.

### Rooftop Solar PV Mapping and Market Facilitation

LEAD BY WB INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY GLOBAL PROGRAMS

This activity aims to stimulate investment in rooftop solar photovoltaic installations through improved data and information on technical potential. This joint WBG online platform will use satellite imagery and machine learning algorithms to identify rooftop solar power potential on any building in a given area. Following a pilot in Vietnam, mapping will be extended to cities in Ghana, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria, Mexico, Kenya, and Uzbekistan. The activity will lead to a scaling-up of rooftop solar power through public and private investment, and will develop data, mapping, and other tools to inform policy and commercial decision making.

### SDG and South-South Digital Agricultural Finance Project

LEAD BY IFC EAST ASIA & PACIFIC REGION

This activity aims to transfer IFC's successful practices of digital agricultural finance projects in China to Pakistan. By employing "South-South" technology and knowledge exchange, this activity aims to mobilize and innovate digital agri-finance solutions to increase financial inclusion. The project will develop new reports and knowledge products, multi-stakeholder partnerships, and strengthened capacity of fintech companies in digital agri-finance—achieved through workshops, training events, and conferences. It aims to support over 4,000 farmers and agri-MSMEs to access agricultural financing tools—and help facilitate \$5 million in agri-loans. It will also support SDG-focused data development (such as regional agricultural benchmark data development) to allow financial institutions and fintech companies to better analyze and mitigate risks in agri-finance.

### The Central Asia Water Accountancy Project

LEAD BY IFC GLOBAL INDUSTRIES

This activity aims to promote water efficiency in Central Asia by providing the countries, starting with Kazakhstan, with a reliable database of all uses and wastages of water to allow the relevant authorities to make informed decisions for "shared benefits" scenarios which balance the needs for food, energy, or industrial purposes. This will be achieved through introduction of state-of-the-art remote sensing science and satellite technologies. Precise data will be made available to governments through the production of a "Water Flow Statement" and a water ledger to predict seasonal shortages.

The activity holds the potential to establish a proper accounting system for water flows in the region, to enable transparency for water usage, and to promote the use of water flow models and ledgers to inform water policies at a regional level. Independent models developed will also provide a tool for better risk management as well as adaptation and mitigation strategies.

### Women in Business Leadership—Igniting Change

LEAD BY IFC ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE TEAM

This activity builds on the Women on Boards and in Business Leadership program at a global level, to promote greater gender diversity in global business leadership through transformative training. It will develop specialized material focusing on gender diversity in different sectors, including infrastructure and family businesses or unlisted companies in emerging and frontier

markets. It will also deliver training to female directors and senior managers; promote role models and mentorship; and share knowledge products and new research. The activity aims to train 20 additional trainers and over 100 additional businesswomen, and will hold a range of global events, including roundtables, launches, and other collaborative and research activities.

## II. PROGRAMMATIC TOOLS AND DATA FOR THE SDGs



### 2020 Vision: A Data-Driven Exploration of SDG Monitoring and Implementation

LEAD BY WB DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS DEVELOPMENT DATA GROUP

This activity aims to help the general public and policy makers understand how the SDGs are being measured and monitored, and how investments are being implemented to help achieve the global goals. The activity will produce a series of SDG Field Notes of engaging data-driven discussions and case studies on SDG measurement

and implementation, drawing from Bank operations across six SDG themes. It will also produce the 2020 Atlas of SDGs, an online platform offering perspectives on the progress made for each of the 17 SDGs by highlighting trends and comparisons, and showcasing new data and methodological discussions. This activity links the SDGs to key country priorities, better informs projects, and helps enhance data literacy and use.

### **Big Data Fusion for Accurate, Real-time, and Granular Insights on the SDGs**

LEAD BY WB DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS  
DEVELOPMENT DATA GROUP

This activity will combine multiple big data sources like Google and Twitter to address data gaps, reduce bias, and monitor and predict labor market policy outcomes. As a global initiative, this activity will deliver knowledge products to be integrated into the World Bank Group's data repository and will provide capacity building support for more than 20 countries across Southeast Asia, Latin America, and MENA. These data products and capacity building components will ultimately benefit countries' labor forces, owing to governments' improved capacity to design and deliver effective policies and programs impacting employment.

### **Developing Tools to Accelerate SDG Action**

LEAD BY THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE  
PRESIDENT FOR THE 2030 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA,  
UNITED NATIONS RELATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

The SDG Fund received strong endorsement and support from country teams to help develop country-specific paths to accelerate the achievement of SDGs. With funding support from the Government of Korea, the

SDG Fund entered into a partnership with Yonsei University Ban Ki Moon Center to develop an SDG Accelerator Toolbox to help countries develop country-specific paths to achieve SDGs.

This activity aims to support WBG member countries in achieving an inclusive and sustainable development path that assists in attaining the SDGs. It will allow policy makers to prioritize targets of the SDGs within their development plan by identifying inter-linkages between the goals.

The SDG Accelerator Toolkit will analyze data on SDG targets and indicators in order to: (i) analyze performance on the SDGs and project expected values for the attainment of SDG targets by 2030; (ii) provide an assessment of the country's current capacity to produce data needed to monitor the SDGs; and (iii) assess options for increasing financing for development.

Country experts will further analyze the findings by applying the local knowledge to assess and explain bottlenecks in areas in which the country is underperforming. The pilot countries will be Egypt, Kazakhstan, and Vietnam.

### **Enabling Access to Credit for Marginalized Groups through Alternative Data for Credit Reporting**

LEAD BY IFC GLOBAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION,  
ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP

This activity aims to promote the digitalization of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and to improve access to finance for marginalized communities. A country pilot in South Africa will support the collection of all reliable forms of alternative data, including online banking transactions,



digital payments, and automated utility payments. This activity promotes the use of alternative data for credit reporting through the development and fostering of digital platforms or technologies. It also examines the predictive power of alternative data sources to provide banks and other lenders better tools such as scorecards in assessing the risk profile of MSMEs.

### **Expanding the WBG Global Monitoring Database for SDG Monitoring Analysis**

LEAD BY WB POVERTY AND EQUITY  
GLOBAL PRACTICE

Household survey data are critical for monitoring progress toward the SDGs and designing policy options for achieving them. This activity will expand the base of harmonized household survey data to help monitor indicators on SDG 1 (Poverty and Social Protection), SDG 4 (Education), SDG

6 (Water and Sanitation), SDG 8 (Productive Employment), SDG 10 (Inequality), and more. The Global Monitoring Database (GMD) 2.0 will add modules on Labor, Social Protection, Water and Sanitation, Assets, and Dwellings to at least the most recent survey in the WBG's data library for each country. The database will enable stakeholders to better utilize existing household survey data for SDG monitoring and to expand the knowledge base on obstacles to achieving the SDGs.

### **Knowledge Support to Welfare Analysis of Private Sector Interventions**

CO-LEAD BY WB POVERTY AND EQUITY GROUP  
& IFC SECTOR ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT  
IMPACT DEPARTMENT

By leveraging the complementary expertise of WB and IFC analytical teams, this activity will build tools, evidence and indicators for assessing the impacts of private sector

interventions on key SDGs and the WBG's institutional goals. The activity will develop new methods and improve existing WBG tools that map to different channels of welfare impact with an aim of completing at least one pilot for each type of tool across a range of countries (4 to 6 pilots in total).

Through the development and piloting of analytical frameworks and models to systematically assess private sector contributions to poverty reduction, this activity aims to help increase the development impact of private sector interventions on disadvantaged groups, including the poor and the bottom 40 percent of income earners.

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### **Interactive Mapping of Gender Based Violence (GBV) Service Providers**

LEAD BY WB SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE GROUP

This activity will develop an online mapping of Gender Based Violence (GBV) service providers to survivors in selected areas of three pilot countries: Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The activity will help develop a public platform with mapping tools and data analytics that can help identify accessibility, geographical coverage, and quality of service provision for GBV survivors. In some of the pilot countries, the project will partner with SPOTLIGHT, a joint UN initiative aimed at strengthening institutions, improving services, and changing norms and behaviors on GBV. This activity will help promote a policy dialogue and strengthen national partnerships on these issues.

Specific analytical work will also be undertaken to address a key gap in the current response to GBV—that of economic empowerment as an entry point

for GBV prevention—and as part of the support for GBV survivors. This activity is part of a broader effort to strengthen WBG commitment toward greater shared prosperity by increasing inclusion of marginalized groups and helping spread awareness of social inclusion concerns.

## **III. BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION**




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### **Building Partnerships to Accelerate Human Capital**

LEAD BY WB HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE GROUP (AFRICA REGION)

The WBG's Human Capital Project (HCP) is a global effort to accelerate more and better investments in people for greater equity and economic growth. In alignment with the SDGs, the HCP's objective is rapid progress toward a world in which all children are well-nourished and ready to learn, can attain real learning in the classroom, and can enter the job market as healthy, skilled, and productive adults.

The SDG Fund's support for the HCP will enable more face-to-face, capacity-development activities among the growing network of more than 60 HCP member countries. The funds will assist in the dissemination of new knowledge products, expansion of partnerships, and sharing of global expertise to promote innovative approaches for accelerating human capital development.

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### **Investment Matchmaking Platform for Refugee Communities in FCV Countries**

CO-LEAD BY WB EXTERNAL AND CORPORATE RELATIONS GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS TEAM; AND THE WB EQUITABLE GROWTH, FINANCE AND INSTITUTIONS GROUP (MENA REGION)

This activity aims to facilitate \$30 million in investments by bringing together local businesses, global corporations, foundations, philanthropic investors, and the development community to create opportunities for local SMEs that are owned by, employing, or delivering services to refugees and their host communities. Focused initially on Jordan, the activity includes a multi-stakeholder investment catalyst; business-to-business matchmaking activities; and knowledge-sharing from these efforts to better inform policy and sector work.

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### **Multi-stakeholder Solutions to Support Peace and Inclusion**

LEAD BY WB SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE GROUP

The objective of this activity is to deepen the multi-stakeholder partnership Pathfinders Grand Challenge on Inequality and Exclusion—

stimulating new research, ideas, and knowledge exchange and thereby accelerating progress on 31 SDG targets.

This activity aims to operationalize the "Pathways to Peace" report through analysis of social protection and inclusion in FCV countries. In partnership with New York University's Center for International Cooperation, the activity will help government and partners identify practical, politically tested policy options to reduce inequality and exclusion. It will include a range of research and policy notes including on: spatial inclusion; innovative community development and social protection programs that foster a sense of dignity through recognition; and lessons for political acceptance of pro-equity fiscal reform.

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### **Promoting Disability-Inclusive SDG Implementation**

LEAD BY WB SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE GROUP

Centered on capacity building for disability data generation and management, this activity will involve training on disability data for key national stakeholders, collecting and using disability-disaggregated data across the World Bank project cycle, and supporting client countries to design projects that address and include persons with disabilities. This will be achieved through training modules, technical briefs, and peer-to-peer knowledge sharing platforms. The activity will start with country pilots in Nigeria and Ghana, as a first catalytic step toward a larger agenda for the institution in support of inclusiveness in WBG projects, a cornerstone of IDA19.

## ANTICIPATED OUTPUTS

The SDG Fund's purpose is to incubate ideas and innovations that could help to address some of the most difficult global challenges. The SDG Fund takes the approach to develop innovations in the countries themselves, rather than to develop innovations elsewhere to be implemented in the countries.

The SDG Fund will continue to strive to measure the impact of our work. As a first step, these are the outputs that will be developed by the teams supported by the SDG Fund:

## KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE SDGS

- A series of SDG Field Notes across multiple themes which provide a data-driven perspective to link core country priorities with data literacy and use
- An expanded household survey data analysis on the working poor, including health and education indicators as part of the Global Monitoring Database 2.0 which will harmonize variables over eight SDGs
- Building capacity for disability data generation and management across WBG projects, and organizing training on disability data for key national stakeholders
- New knowledge and support for integrating big data sources for monitoring and reducing bias in labor market policy predictions across Southeast Asia, Latin America, and MENA
- An annual Sustainable Development Bond impact report with mapping of WBG SDG project outcomes for fund managers, asset managers, and other investors and issuers to better understand SDG implications
- A Pathways to Peace report, alongside a range of policy notes, including spatial inclusion, analysis of social protection, and inclusion in fragile and conflict states

- New knowledge sharing and capacity building to promote gender diversity in family business or unlisted companies across developing countries, while also promoting training for female directors and managers

## PROGRAMMATIC TOOLS AND DATA FOR THE SDGS

- A new methodology to map welfare impact to private sector investments
- A cross-WBG online platform that uses satellite imagery and machine learning algorithms to identify rooftop solar PV market
- An online map of providers of support for victims of Gender-Based-Violence across several countries in Africa
- New Water Flow Statements for Central Asia to help predict seasonal shortages and models of collaboration to promote transparency of water flow and its use as a valuable resource
- New models for using alternative data for credit reporting for marginalized communities to expand information sharing and promote digitalization of MSMEs
- A new methodology to develop country diagnostics for accelerating SDG achievement, in combination with in-depth thematic and sector-focused assessment of policies and institutions

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

- Facilitation of \$30 million of investment for refugee and host communities through connecting local business, global corporations, foundations, philanthropic investors, and the development community
- A set of regional forums and face-to-face knowledge sharing events to accelerate partnership and leadership for investment in Human Capital
- A South-South technology and innovation exchange to build capacity in digital Agricultural Finance



### OBJECTIVES

**Build Capacity and Awareness for Implementing the SDGs**

Positive responses and recognition of WBG work on SDGs from internal and external stakeholders

Increased uptake of the SDG agenda across country programmatic strategies

Increased visibility of WBG contributions to UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) review of progress on the 2030 Agenda

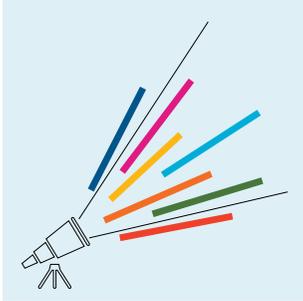
**Develop Analytical Tools to Solve Global Challenges**

Increased number of new reports, papers, and other knowledge products developed in line with SDG17

**Promote Multi-stakeholder Partnerships**

Increased number of multi-stakeholder partnerships formed which are related to SDG17

## LOOKING AHEAD



The international development landscape is transforming rapidly, as policies are implemented against a backdrop of geopolitical competition, monumental technological change, and a transitioning global consensus on international cooperation. In this context, the year ahead will be critical to assess global progress towards the SDGs and to strengthen political will to act now in order to meet our targets by 2030.

Many countries are already aligning their national policies and institutions behind the SDGs to improve people's lives. Businesses are taking action to invest in new technologies, opening up new markets, and building towards a sustainable and inclusive economy. Civil society organizations are leveraging the SDGs to drive change at local and national levels and are holding governments accountable.

Yet even though progress is being made, gaps are still evident. In particular, progress has not been sufficient for the poor and the most vulnerable people. The world remains on a trajectory of increasing inequality, as we cope with violent conflicts, humanitarian and environmental crises, as well as economic, financial, and climate challenges. We also face a significant funding shortfall to finance the SDGs.

The high-level summits at the United Nations in September 2019 on progress towards the SDGs, development finance, and climate change—along with on-going funding replenishments and internal reform of major international agencies—provide opportunities for modernizing the international development architecture. Building upon the momentum of the General Assembly, the World Bank Group-IMF Annual meetings in October 2019 will be a key follow-on moment to determine a way forward.

Responding to these challenges, the SDG Fund aims to contribute better data, analysis, and tools directly to government, regional, and global stakeholders to help inform policy and SDG implementation, while leveraging multi-stakeholder partnerships to share knowledge, experience, resources, and connections for our common goals.

The SDG Fund is developing unique tools, knowledge products, and partnerships that are imperative to maintain momentum on track to achieve the global goals by 2030. In 2020, the SDG Fund will release a series of analytical studies to assess progress made towards the SDGs.



While many initiatives and ideas to support SDG implementation remain unfunded, there is a risk that the global community may miss important opportunities to achieve the SDGs. Without sufficient financing, there is a risk that the SDG Fund will not move quickly enough to provide as much support as is demanded by the ambitious and important agenda set out in the SDGs. There is strong momentum, within our first year, which is critical to continue and accelerate to make a meaningful impact.

The key areas of work for the next period (2019-2020) include:

- Providing support to activities, and encouraging their timely implementation and delivery (timelines range from two to four years for implementation)
- Communicating the work of the SDG Fund and the activities it is supporting
- Continuing to build new partnerships in support of the SDGs; and
- Securing additional donor support to enable greater investment in other innovative and important initiatives across the WBG.

## I. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Summary (October 2018 – June 2019)

This annex provides financial information concerning SDG Fund donor contributions, disbursements and commitments of activities, as well as program management and administration costs. This report covers a 9-month period, from October 2018 to June 2019, with disbursements starting in January 2019. Subsequent reports will follow the World Bank Group's Fiscal Year from July 1 to June 30.

### DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SDG FUND

As of June 30, 2019 total donor contributions to the SDG Fund amounted to \$7.78 million, with over \$5 million received to date, as detailed in Table 1.

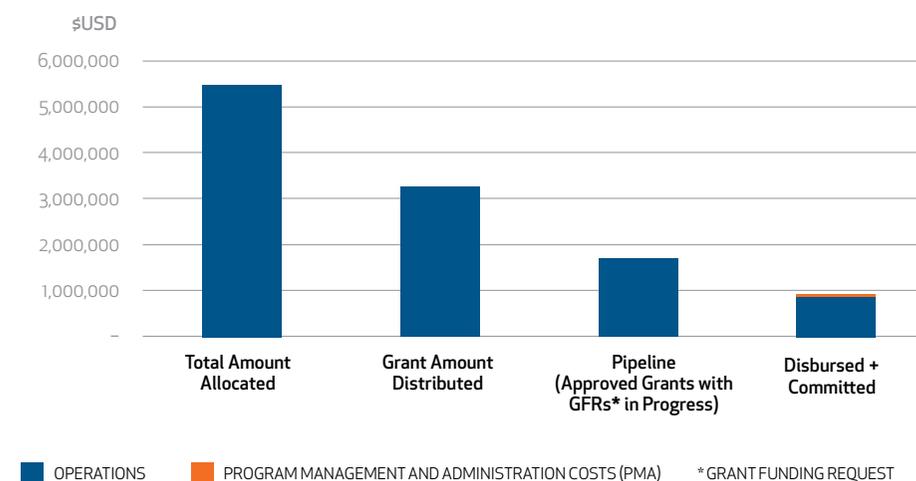
Table 1:

	CONTRIBUTION (USD)	AMT RECEIVED (USD)
Sweden (Sida)	6,880,000	4,104,954
Republic of Korea (MOEF)	900,000	900,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,780,000</b>	<b>5,004,954</b>
Investment Income		83,171
<b>Net Contributions</b>		<b>5,088,125</b>

## CURRENT ALLOCATIONS, APPROVALS AND DISBURSEMENT

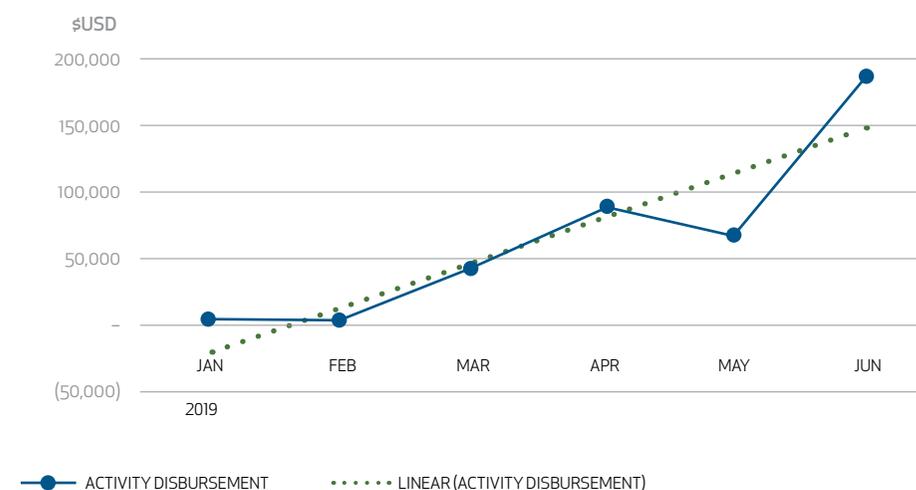
Since inception, 18 activities have been approved for a total amount of \$5,255,000. The average funding allocated per activity is about \$300,000. The SDG Fund has also allocated a total of \$257,000 in funding to strategic initiatives that aim to further the objectives of the Fund.

Figure A: SDG Fund Financial Overview (as of June 30, 2019)



To date, the Fund has committed and disbursed a total of \$935,029. Of this total, \$48,389 – roughly 5% of total disbursements and commitments – has gone to covering Program Management and Administration (PMA) costs incurred by the SDG Fund Secretariat. These include expenditures on general program management, monitoring and evaluation, outreach and engagement, and communications.

Figure B: SDG Fund Disbursements (January – June 2019)



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