The Eastern and Southern Africa Region (AFE) faced multiple challenges and crises

The International Development Association (IDA) is one of the largest and most effective platforms for fighting extreme poverty in the world’s poorest countries. Due to pressures from the COVID-19 crisis, IDA19 covered July 2020 – June 2022 in a truncated cycle to meet financing needs from countries.

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**MULTIPLE CRISIS**

Global COVID-19 Pandemic
- Locust Invasion
- Droughts and Famine
- Conflicts
- Food Insecurity
- Debt Crisis
- Political Instability

**Increasing infrastructure challenges**

- Widening gap in water/sanitation access
  - Africa is the only region where the number of people without access to drinking water and sanitation is growing.

- Low energy access
  - Less than 50% of Africans have access to reliable, affordable, and low-carbon energy. At the current pace, 332 million people in Africa will still lack access to energy in 2030.

- Low access to digital
  - An additional investment of $49.5 billion, public and private, is needed to meet the ambitious universal digital target.

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**Increasing climate shocks**

- Climate change is causing frequent natural disasters and adversely affecting economic growth and poverty reduction efforts in Africa.
- Chronic underfunding for adaptation measures is further aggravating the impacts of climate change.

**Elevated macro vulnerability and growing poverty**

- The Covid pandemic increased the number of poor.
- Africa is known for its high levels of inequality, with seven of the world’s top ten most unequal countries.
IDA support helped the region tackle these challenges

**Climate mainstreaming**
Supporting efforts to adopt renewable energy, climate-smart agriculture, watershed management, and climate resilience.

**Human capital development**
(i) Enhanced crises preparedness and social systems strengthening; (ii) Ramped up multisectoral high-impact and cost-efficient catch-up investments; and (iii) Strengthened national data collection systems.

**Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)**
Contributing to reverse the widening gap in WASH access, with specific targets set for nine priority countries by 2026.

**Access to electricity**
Helping client countries mobilize public and private sector financing including scale up private financing of off-grid access by leveraging technology in distributed renewable energy to complement large-scale grid densification programs and regional power trade opportunities.

**Access to digital**
Supporting investments in digital infrastructure, skills, platforms, and regulatory regimes to increase broadband connectivity.

**Regional integration**
(i) Implementing coordinated pandemic preparedness and response plans; (ii) keeping trade flows open; (iii) focusing on zones with chronic fragility risks; and (v) driving the agenda of jobs and economic transformation by promoting intra-regional trade.

**IDA19 stepped up financing to the region**
Highest IDA financing in history at $75 billion
90% increase from pre-pandemic average of $20 billion

**Largest share of World Bank support to AFE (40%)**
$29.9 billion commitments, $4.7 billion increase compared to $25.2 billion in IDA18 three-year cycle

**COVID-19 Response***

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AFE accounts for 45% of the World Bank’s new vaccine operations covering 16 countries in the region

**Climate Financing**

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IDA19 share of Adaptation at 57%, an increase compared to 54% during IDA18

* COVID-19 Response data includes FY20Q4
* COVID-19 Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA)
IDA19 provided a robust and swift response

AFE countries among the top 10 IDA19 recipients

[$Billion]
Ethiopia $4.4
Kenya $3.6
Democratic Republic of Congo $3.6
Mozambique $2.9
Tanzania $2.8
Uganda $2.5

Fragile States

Increased support including a $5.4 billion top-up to country allocations for 13 eligible countries.
AFE countries received $2.9 billion (53% of total FCV envelope allocation).

Fragility, Conflict & Violence (FCV) Top-up Envelope

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IDA19 strengthened health and food security

90 MILLION
People received essential health, nutrition, and population services in FCV Countries

62 MILLION
Women and children received basic nutrition in FCV Countries

55 MILLION

37 MILLION
Access to electricity and greater digitization

11 MILLION
People provided with new/improved electricity

21 MILLION
People provided with enhanced access to broadband internet

“I am delighted that the IDA20 mid-term review will take place in the region – in Zanzibar, Tanzania. This provides an opportunity to further strengthen our partnership with African countries, and help them fight poverty and improve shared prosperity by fostering sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development.”

– Akihiko Nishio,
Vice President,
Development Finance
Note:
• The 15 countries are Comoros, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.
• The number of climate-related disasters is monitored by IMF through the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED).
• The climate-related disasters include Drought, Extreme Temperature, Flood, Landslide, Storm and Wildlife.
Project Highlights

MOZAMBIQUE
Climate adaptation
Improved urban resilience to climate change with a focus on flood risk improvements, infrastructure improvements, and community engagement. The project benefited approximately 850,000 people living in target cities.

ETIOPIA
Essential health services
Improved the quality of health services for over 17 million people, including mothers and children by increasing access to essential medicines and training over 33,000 health workers.

SOMALIA
Social Protection
Provided cash transfers to 290,000 vulnerable households (about 1.74 million individuals) affected by drought and conflict, benefiting over across Somalia. Supported the establishment of a national social protection system, including building government capacity and strengthening coordination among stakeholders.

KENYA
Energy access and reliability
Strengthened the country's electricity transmission and distribution systems, improved the reliability of power supply, and increased access to electricity. Over 1,300 km of new transmission lines installed, new substations constructed, and existing infrastructure upgraded, benefiting over 3 million people across the country.

COMOROS
High-speed internet and mobile communications infrastructure
The number of broadband subscriptions increased from less than 1% in 2012 to over 7% in 2019, and improved internet access for over 60,000 people in the country.

DRC
Women and girls empowerment
Aimed to improve access to education and learning outcomes for girls, with a focus on improving the quality of teaching, providing scholarships, and building safe learning environments. The project targeted 550,000 direct beneficiaries and 6.9 million indirect beneficiaries over its implementation period.

MALAWI
Access to digital infrastructure and services
Supported the construction of broadband infrastructure, the development of e-government platforms, and the establishment of a digital innovation hub, benefiting over 1.5 million people.

TANZANIA
Sustainable water supply and sanitation services in rural areas
Constructed and rehabilitated water supply systems, established community water committees, and promoted improved sanitation practices. Over 1.5 million people with improved water supply and over 800,000 people with improved sanitation services.

AFE FOOD SYSTEMS RESILIENCE PROGRAM
The program is tackling the underlying structural challenges of food insecurity and reducing beneficiaries' vulnerability to unpredictable food-related shocks from climate, crisis, and conflict events. The program is expected to reach 100 million people across the AFE region.

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