



# IDA in Eastern and Southern Africa

**Unprecedented Support  
During Multiple Crises**

**“With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and other crises, innovations in IDA facilitated surge financing that balanced short-term urgent needs with longer-term priorities. With IDA20, we are making more efforts to scale up successes in support of a Rising Africa.”**

– Victoria Kwakwa, Regional Vice President, Eastern and Southern Africa Region

## 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.

### MULTIPLE CRISIS

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

### 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.

### 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.

# 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.

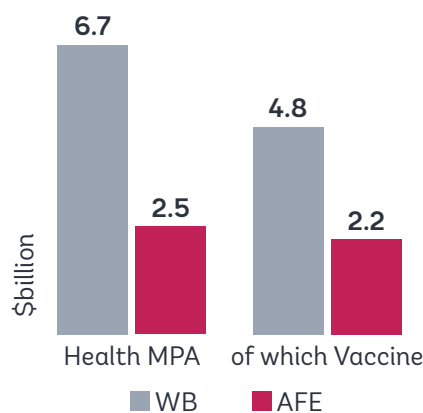
# IDA19 stepped up financing to the region

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

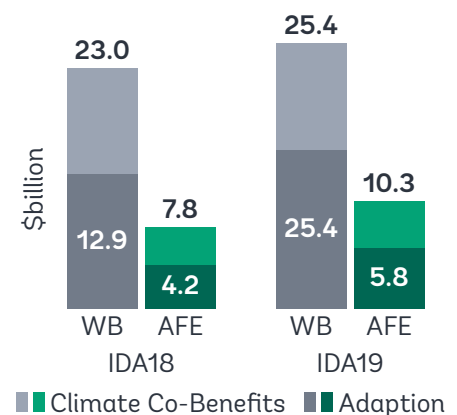
COVID-19 Response\*



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

\* COVID-19 Response data includes FY20Q4  
\* COVID-19 Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA)

Climate Financing



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

# 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

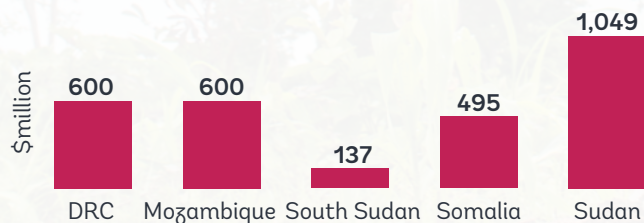
Uganda \$2.5

## 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





## IDA19 strengthened health and food security

**90**  
MILLION

People received essential health, nutrition, and population services

**62**  
MILLION

in FCV Countries

**55**  
MILLION

Women and children received basic nutrition

**37**  
MILLION

in FCV Countries



**“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

## Access to electricity and greater digitization



**11**  
**MILLION**

People provided with new/  
improved electricity



**21**  
**MILLION**

People provided with enhanced  
access to broadband internet



## Building resilience to future shocks

Protecting people from natural disasters and health shocks

**15**  
**COUNTRIES**

(IDA only) provided with support to institutionalize disaster risk reduction as a national priority

**6**  
**FCV**  
**COUNTRIES**

**71%**

Of all climate-related **disasters** in **AFE** between **2000 – 2021** were faced by these **15 countries**.

Note:

- The 15 countries are Comoros, DRC, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.
- Total 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.

**25**  
**MILLION**

Children immunized

**4**  
**MILLION**

in **FCV Countries**

# 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.

## ETHIOPIA

### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

