Why should the world INVEST IN IDA?

The World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA) is the most effective instrument for driving RESULTS in low-income countries. IDA delivers…

**Impact**
IDA has a decades-long track record of lifting millions of people out of poverty; providing quality education for children; ensuring access to health services; and creating jobs so that people in LICs can become self-sustainable and live in dignity. These interventions have reduced migration pressures; helped countries adapt to climate change; built resilience in preparation for other crises like pandemics. Today, 36 countries have graduated from IDA, and many have gone on to return as donors.

**Money**
IDA is the only fund in the world for low-income countries that can multiply the reach of every dollar of donor funding. In the most recent IDA20 cycle, $1 of donor contributions enabled $3.5 of funding for IMPACT. This is particularly important in times of scarce official development assistance. Not only that, IDA offers money to countries on highly concessional terms—grants, or low/no-interest loans that are repaid over long periods.

**Policy**
by combining global knowledge, trusted partnerships with countries in the Global South and the ability to connect the dots across different sectors and across all regions, IDA boasts the tangible and sustained outcome of policy change. IDA also helps mobilize domestic resources and spur private investment, all of which leads to sustained transformation of societies and economies.

**Access**
IDA works with and through governments, channeling the bulk of the funding through them, under supervision. IDA also partners with bilateral and other multilateral development partners and a range of other stakeholders in the UN system, civil society and the private sector.

**Climate**
IDA’s work is underpinned by a vision for a livable planet, with projects that drive climate adaptation, mitigation, and resilience. IDA is also the largest climate financier for LICs and especially for adaptation. In the fiscal year 2023, IDA put in nearly $13 billion dollars to climate financing in developing countries. IDA is also a major funder of solutions to address other global challenges, like development in fragility and conflict situations.

**Trust**
The IDA name carries trust and recognition in both recipient and donor countries. With a 60+ year track record of transparency, impact and global solidarity, IDA is a “household” name across finance ministries. IDA’s policy and actions are deeply rooted in analytical work and evidence, making it an objective and rigorous entity. Upheld by the highest fiduciary and safeguards standards, IDA is a safe repository for donor money to be leveraged, transforming development where it’s most needed.
Development Policy Financing for sustainable, cross-sectoral change

Working with the UN and other partners to serve people hardest to reach

Working in 75 countries across all regions of the world

Co-financing and coordinating projects with other MDBs and bilateral agencies

Supporting countries in debt distress, and proactively working to ensure debt sustainability in others

Concessional financing for sustainable and sustained development

IDA has a track record of producing IMPACT on the ground:

1,180.6 million
People received healthcare (FY12-FY23)

91.5 million
People received electricity (FY12-FY23)

51.9 million
Number of jobs created (FY18-FY22)

60.5 million tCO₂eq
GHG emissions reduced/avoided (FY18-FY22)

11.7 million
People benefited from job-focused activities (FY23)

66.86 million
People accessed broadband internet (FY23)

$13 billion
In climate financing (FY23)

$17.8 billion
In concessional Financing (FY23)

6.5 million
People received electricity in fragile and conflict-affected situations (FY23)

23.8 million
People with access to social protection (FY23)

Between 1963 and 2011, IDA yielded* a median of 18% return on project investment. 77% of projects have yielded greater than 10%, which is considered a standard for development project investments.

*Homi Kharas and Charlotte Rivard, Brookings 2024