



IDA20 SPECIAL THEME

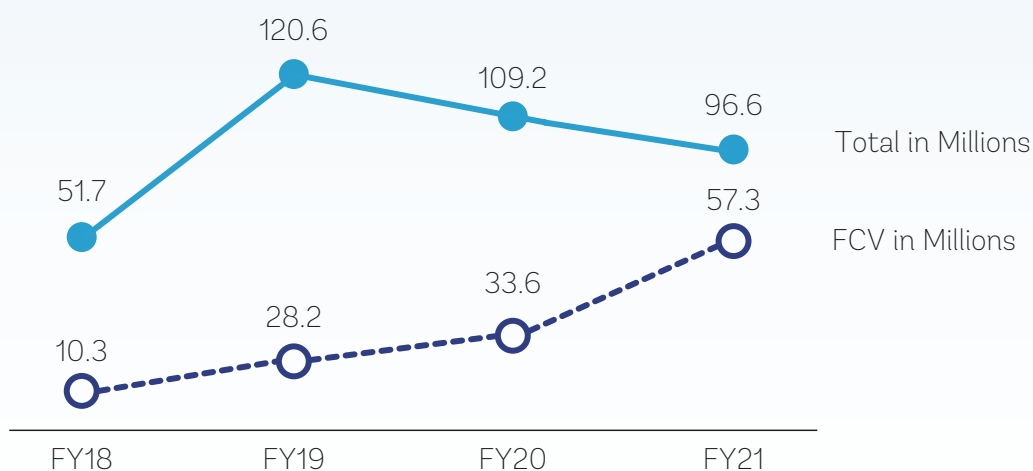
HUMAN CAPITAL

IDA20's new Human Capital Special Theme builds on a strong foundation of longstanding World Bank support for countries' efforts to strengthen their human capital as a key basis for overall development. Given the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 crisis, IDA20 will support countries' continued vaccination initiatives and efforts to strengthen systems for service delivery in health, education, and social protection, with the ultimate goal of improving human capital outcomes.

This includes advancing digital solutions to strengthen systems for a robust and sustained recovery. While improving pandemic preparedness and resilience to future crises, IDA20 will also focus on inclusion, targeting support to the most vulnerable, including persons with disabilities and those discriminated based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

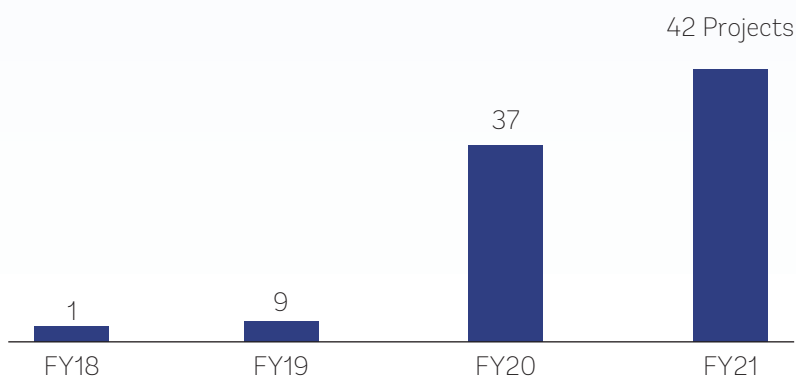
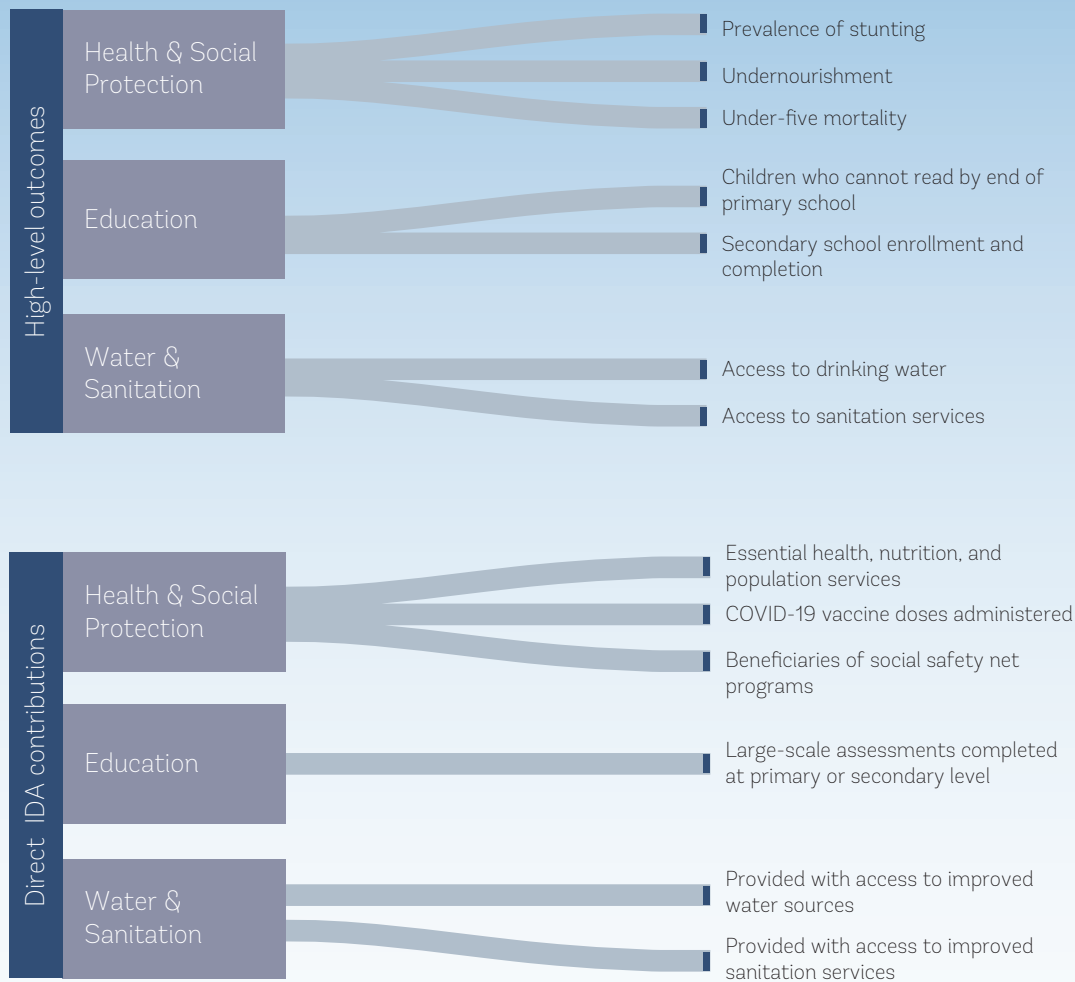


More People Are Receiving Essential Health, Nutrition, And Population (HNP) Services



How Will Human Capital Outcomes Be Measured?

Each Special Theme focuses on key development outcomes. Policy commitments identify actions taken together by IDA and clients to set a course toward high-level outcomes. Indicators in IDA's Results Measurement System (RMS) track progress in achieving these outcomes and intermediate outcomes from IDA support.



World Bank IDA Financed Pandemic Preparedness Projects Have Increased

The number of approved HNP pandemic preparedness lending operations has substantially increased since fiscal year 2018 (FY18). With the emergence of COVID-19, the World Bank's portfolio has shown considerable growth in IDA-financed projects related to pandemic preparedness.

Policy Commitments

1 Boosting COVID-19 vaccination rollout and strengthening pandemic preparedness: Support all IDA countries to strengthen health security and advance inclusive health systems and universal health coverage, including (i) containing the COVID-19 pandemic, through vaccine rollout, preventive measures, testing, treatment, and care, and (ii) strengthening pandemic preparedness, including prevention, detection, and response.

2 Investing in children's early years: To promote child development, restore and expand access to quality early years services, including maternal and nutrition services, in at least 30 IDA countries, of which 15 countries are among those IDA countries with the lowest Human Capital Index (HCI).

3 Supporting core social service delivery systems: To address gaps exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis, in at least 40 IDA countries, of which 10 are fragile and conflict-affected situations (FCS), support access to core, quality, inclusive social services focused on: (i) social protection



systems with a particular focus on vulnerable and underserved informal workers, and/or (ii) students' return to school and accelerated recovery of learning losses, with a special focus on addressing constraints faced by girls, and/or (iii) children's immunizations.

4 Expanding adaptive social protection and building resilience to shocks: To ensure inclusive and effective response against shocks and crises, especially among the poorest and most vulnerable, support at least 20 IDA countries' resilience by building adaptive social protection systems, including the use of digital technologies.

5 Addressing learning poverty: To fill critical learning gaps and ensure improvements in learning outcomes, support at least 20 IDA countries, of which 10 are among those IDA countries with the lowest HCI, to reduce learning poverty by (i) measuring learning, with sex disaggregation and (ii) implementing core elements of the literacy policy package (e.g., effective literacy instruction, structured lesson plans, adequate reading materials for all children).

6 Expanding access to core services for persons with disabilities: To promote inclusive societies, support at least 18 IDA countries to meet the needs of persons with disabilities by implementing the principles of non-discrimination, inclusion, and universal access as per the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), through projects in education, health, social protection, water, urban, digital development, and/or transport..

7 Supporting prevention of and preparedness for future pandemics: To strengthen health security by improving pandemic preparedness and prevention at

the nexus of human, animal, and ecosystem health, including zoonotic diseases and anti-microbial resistance, support at least 20 IDA countries to mainstream One Health approaches.

8 Leveraging adequate, efficient financing for human capital: To strengthen public finance for human capital investments, support IDA operations in at least 20 IDA countries, of which eight are among those IDA countries with the lowest HCI through policy or administrative reforms impacting (i) the availability of resources, and/or (ii) the efficiency of expenditure management, and/or (iii) the results-orientation of human capital investments.