



#AfricaACTs on Development

A Year Like No Other for Western and Central Africa: 2021 in Review

The year 2022 will mark an important stage in the continued implementation of our strategy. Together we can **adapt** to meet the challenges ahead, **connect** individuals and countries, and **transform** the continent.

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PROJECTS THAT CHANGE LIVES



COVID-19: Learning from Cote d'Ivoire

After several weeks of refusal, then hesitancy, Olga Gneppa, a shopkeeper in Yopougon and a mother of five children, finally decided to get vaccinated. Here's what the world can learn from Cote d'Ivoire's national vaccination campaign.

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Saving Lives with Face Masks in Central Africa

Wearing a mask plays a critical role against the spread of Coronavirus. Learn how Project LONDO made and distributed over two million free masks in just 2 months, providing jobs to 18,000 tailors.

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Remote Learning During COVID-19 Lockdown is Preventing Learning Loss in Nigeria

To prevent learning loss, Nigeria acted swiftly to implement remote learning. It trained more than 11,000 teachers who created 7,000 virtual classrooms.

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Saving Lives and Livelihoods through Flood Protection in Cameroon

For Suzanne the Logone river was a source of both livelihood and dread. Thanks to the IDA-supported Flood Emergency Project, Suzanne has been resettled into upgraded houses.

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A VIRTUAL JOURNEY INTO

THE SAHEL

What Can Be Done to Turn the Tide on Climate Change?

In the battle against climate change, Sahelian countries are on the frontline of climate adaptation. Learn more about Niger's efforts to green the desert and restore degraded lands and take a journey into the Sahel to discover other examples and stories. [Learn more about Projects that Change Lives in the Sahel](#)

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VOICES FROM PEOPLE FIRST



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Citizens and the State:
for a new social contract
in Western and Central
Africa



How to Rebuild a New Social Contract in Western and Central Africa

In partnership with Jeune Afrique, the World Bank organized an unprecedented debate on the complicated issue of

African populations' distrust of their institutions and ways to restore trust. Here are the main takeaways.

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AFRICA ACTS ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION



Tackling Digital Gender Divide

Nearly 70% of Africa's population still has no access to even a basic internet connection. And women are disproportionately excluded. We have developed a comprehensive regional digital economy framework that tackles the digital gender divide on a number of fronts.

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Meet Maman Africa, an Exceptional Truck Driver Across West Africa!

African countries depend on major road corridors, key drivers of economic activity. Extensive efforts have been made in recent years to remove trade barriers and foster regional integration, but there is still some way to go.

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Leveraging the Power of Energy to Light Up Africa

From storm lanterns to LED bulbs, the story of the electrification of Rosalie Zongo's village in Burkina Faso illustrates the progress made in Western and Central Africa.

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OUR PROJECTS AT A GLANCE

In 2021, the Bank approved \$11.6 billion in lending to Western and Central Africa for 95 operations, including \$584 million in IBRD commitments and \$11.0 billion in IDA commitments.

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