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# OVERVIEW

Africa is a continent brimming with youthful energy, ambition, and potential for rapid economic growth. By 2050, Africa will have the youngest and fastest growing working age population in the world.

The continent is at the heart of the International Development Association's (IDA) global mission to end poverty on a livable planet. Over six decades, the partnership between IDA and Africa has helped many countries advance wellbeing and economic development. IDA's ability to equip and empower women and young people with new skills, accelerate digitalization, create jobs, and build infrastructure is an opportunity to expand and sustain growth, tapping into Africa's potential.

Africa represents more than 70% of IDA's global commitments. With more than half of financing provided in the form of grants, and the rest in no- or extremely low interest credits that can be repaid over long periods, IDA is an affordable source of financing that does not saddle countries with expensive debt.

# IDA FOR AFRICA IN NUMBERS

IDA resources are replenished every three years from donor governments, the World Bank Group, and market sources. The current twentieth cycle (IDA20) focuses on *Building Back Better from the Crisis: Toward a Green, Resilient and Inclusive Future*, and covers the period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.

IDA20 result highlights to date include:

- More than **8.5 million people** of whom over 4.8 million were women, benefited from social safety net programs.
- More than **7.5 million people** have been provided with new or improved electricity services.

- Nearly **3.5 million people** have been provided access to improved sanitation services, and over 5.5 million people to improved water sources.

- Over **25 million women and children** have received basic nutrition services.



A white outline map of the African continent is centered on a dark blue background. The map shows the coastlines and major landmasses of Africa, including Madagascar to the east.

# **IDA'S LONG-STANDING PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA IS ACHIEVING IMPRESSIVE RESULTS**





# People



Since 2015, the Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend (SWEDD) has supported over 2 million vulnerable adolescent girls and women. **More than 1 million** benefited from schooling and safe spaces interventions, **over 1,000,000** have access to modern contraceptive methods thanks to the training of midwives, and **140,000 young women** were trained in entrepreneurship.



In Mozambique, where half the girls drop out of school by 5th grade and almost half are married by age 18, the Harnessing the Demographic Dividend project has since 2021 helped more than **600,000 girls** to stay longer in school through incentives, such as providing bicycles to reduce distance from schools, and through a strong behavioral change campaign promoting the benefits of girls' education among parents and community leaders.



# Planet



Tanzania's Sustainable Rural Water and Sanitation Services Program has greatly improved the lives of many people in the rural areas; over **4.7 million people** have gained access to improved water supplies, and some **6.6 million people**, half of them women and girls, have gained access to improved sanitation facilities.



Through the West Africa Food System Resilience Program, **over 1.3 million farmers** in Burkina Faso, Mali, Sierra Leone, and Togo have received agricultural goods and services, and **more than 2,800 metric tons of fertilizers** have been distributed.





# Prosperity



The West African Economic and Monetary Union Affordable Housing Finance Project has enabled **12,000 people** to become homeowners. More importantly, IDA financing helped to leverage **\$385 million** through regional and international bond issues to allow banks to offer more flexible terms for customers.



The Kenya Youth and Opportunities Project has reached **nearly 311,000** vulnerable youth, 50% of them women. This includes **over 133,000** through skilling interventions and business support. About **86%** of youth earned a wage or were self-employed; **20%** of those employed prior to the interventions saw an increase in income; and **48%** of the recipients of business support interventions created jobs for others.





# Infrastructure



IDA has contributed significantly to Rwanda's electrification expansion. In 15 years, between 2009 and 2024, Rwanda **increased its electricity access from 6% to 75%**. The country has connected **100%** of health centers and administrative facilities at the sector level and **84%** of schools and most productive users (micro, small and medium sized enterprises). This electrification expansion was one of the fastest in the world between 2010 and 2020, ranking 11th globally and third in Africa.



In West Africa, the Senegal River Basin Development Organization's Transmission Expansion Project transmits **600 MW of electricity** to Senegal, Mali and Mauritania, boosting access to electricity and economic transformation of the region. The interconnected grid is the most advanced subregional power pool in West Africa, increasing electricity trade for the West Africa regional power market.



# Digital



In Malawi, the Digital Foundations Project supported the internet connectivity to **over 500 government sites** (including offices, post offices, hospitals), supported **100 free Wifi zones in public spaces** such as markets, as well as connectivity to 83 higher level educational institutions, which benefited **over 80,000** students. The project was also instrumental in creating the digital innovation ecosystem by providing support to 10 tech hubs, which provided digital skills training to **over 19,000 youth**.



In Mauritania, the IDA-supported Private Sector, Digital, and Human Capital Reform Development Policy Financing is improving the business environment, strengthening financial inclusion, improving access and affordability of digital broadband services, strengthening the institutional framework for climate resilience, and improving the quality and access to basic education and vocational training.





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The World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) is one of the largest sources of development financing and solutions for the region. IDA has a decades-long track record of improving the lives of women and young people, accelerating digitalization, creating jobs, and building infrastructure.

As IDA enters a critical replenishment year and Africa faces a confluence of challenges from high debt to food insecurity, lack of energy and climate shocks, there is a window of opportunity to scale up investments and help the region overcome challenges and realize a historic opportunity for growth and development.

IDA is a safe repository for resources to be leveraged for transforming development in countries that need it most.

