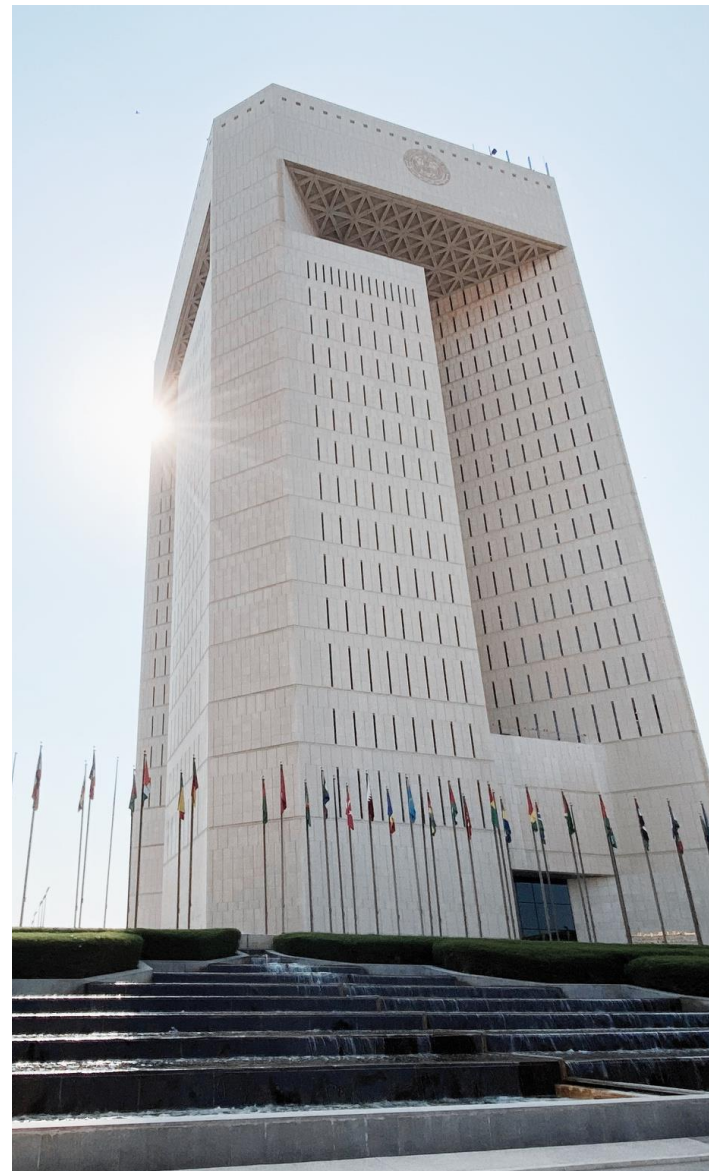


Women and Youth Empowerment at the IsDB

Presented by: Ousmane Diaby
IsDB





Who We Are

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is a **financial institution** that promotes **socio-economic development** for **people in 57 Member Countries and Muslim communities in Non-Member Countries**.

Vision

To become a world-class development bank, inspired by Islamic principles, that helps to significantly transform the landscape of comprehensive human development in the Muslim world and to protect its dignity.

Mission

To promote comprehensive human development, with a focus on the priority areas of alleviating poverty, improving health, promoting education, improving governance, and bringing prosperity to the people.

The Evolution

The institution has evolved from a single entity to a group comprising of 5 members:



IsDB - 1975

The Islamic Development Bank is a multilateral development bank that works to improve the lives of people by promoting social and economic development.



IsDBI - 1981

The Islamic Development Bank Institute is responsible for knowledge creation and dissemination in Islamic Economics and Finance.



ICIEC - 1994

The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit provides investment and export credit insurance for Islamic Countries.



ICD - 1999

The Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector supports the economic development of its member countries for the private sector projects.



ISFD - 2007

The Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development Provides financial support to enhance the productive capacity and sustainable means of income for the poor.



ITFC - 2008

The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation is a catalyst for trade development among OIC Member Countries.



ISDB HEADQUARTER



10 REGIONAL HUBS



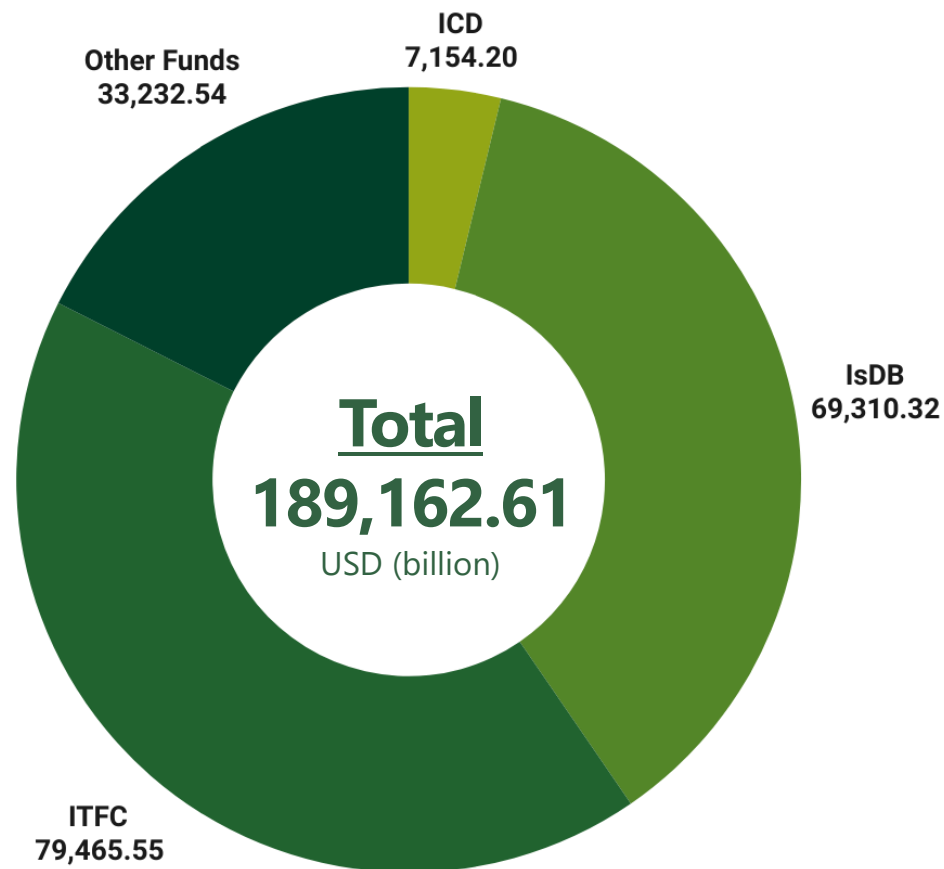
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Total Approvals

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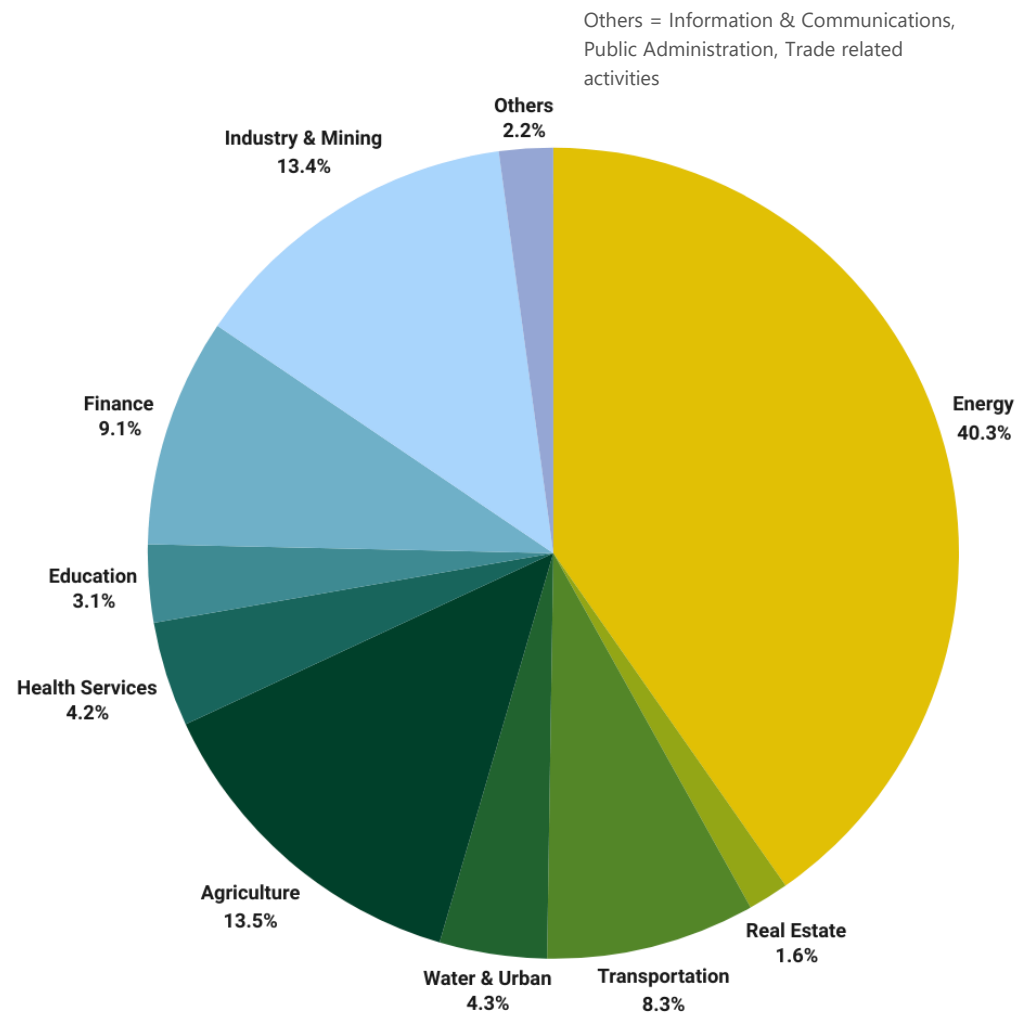






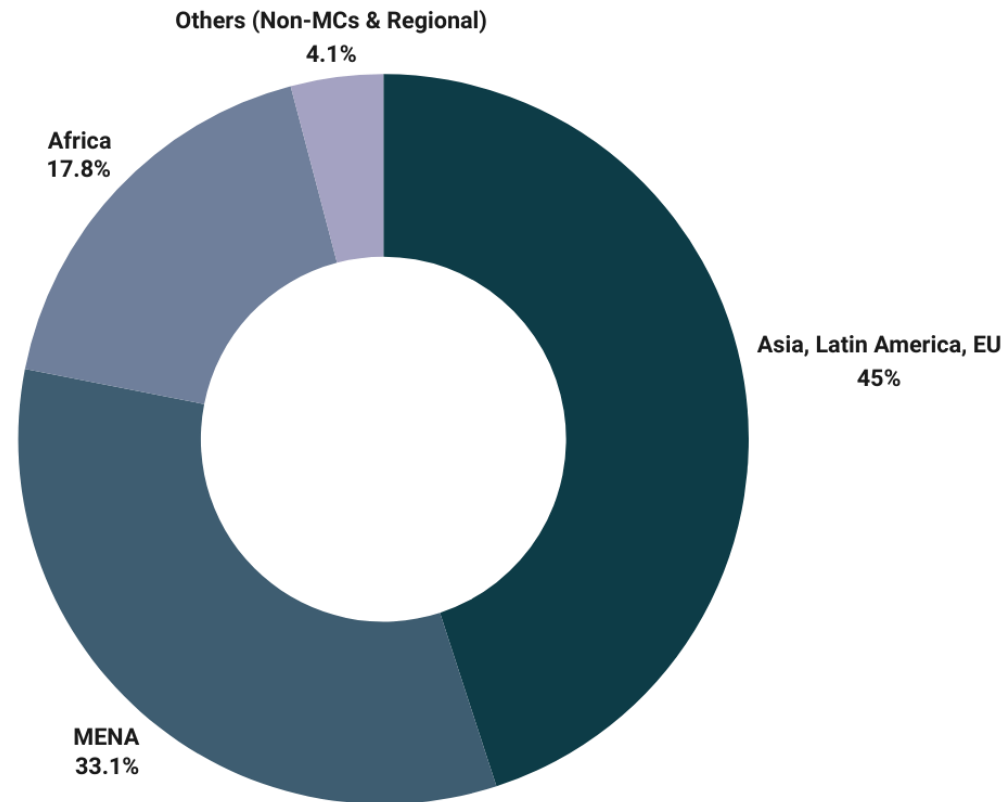
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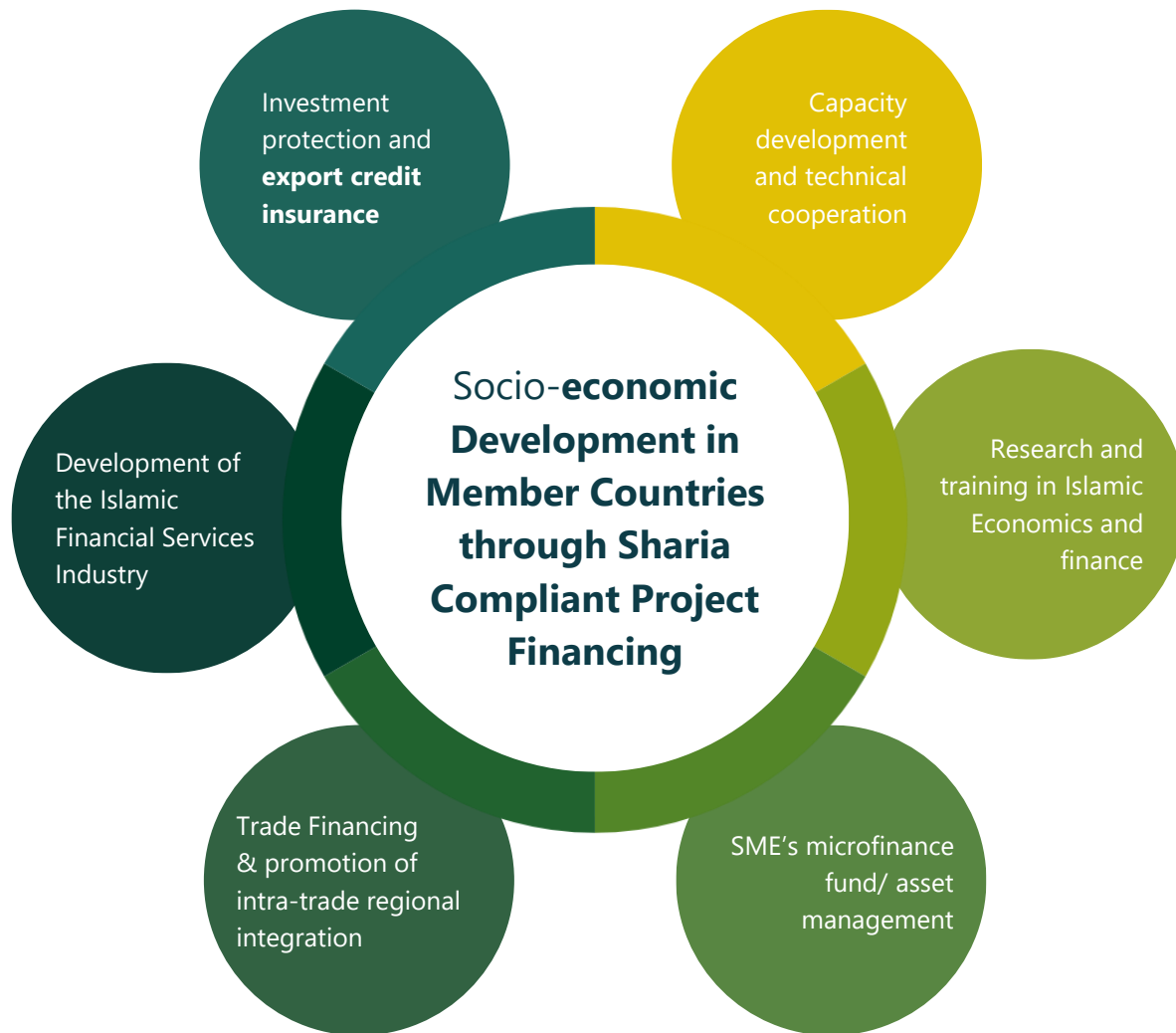
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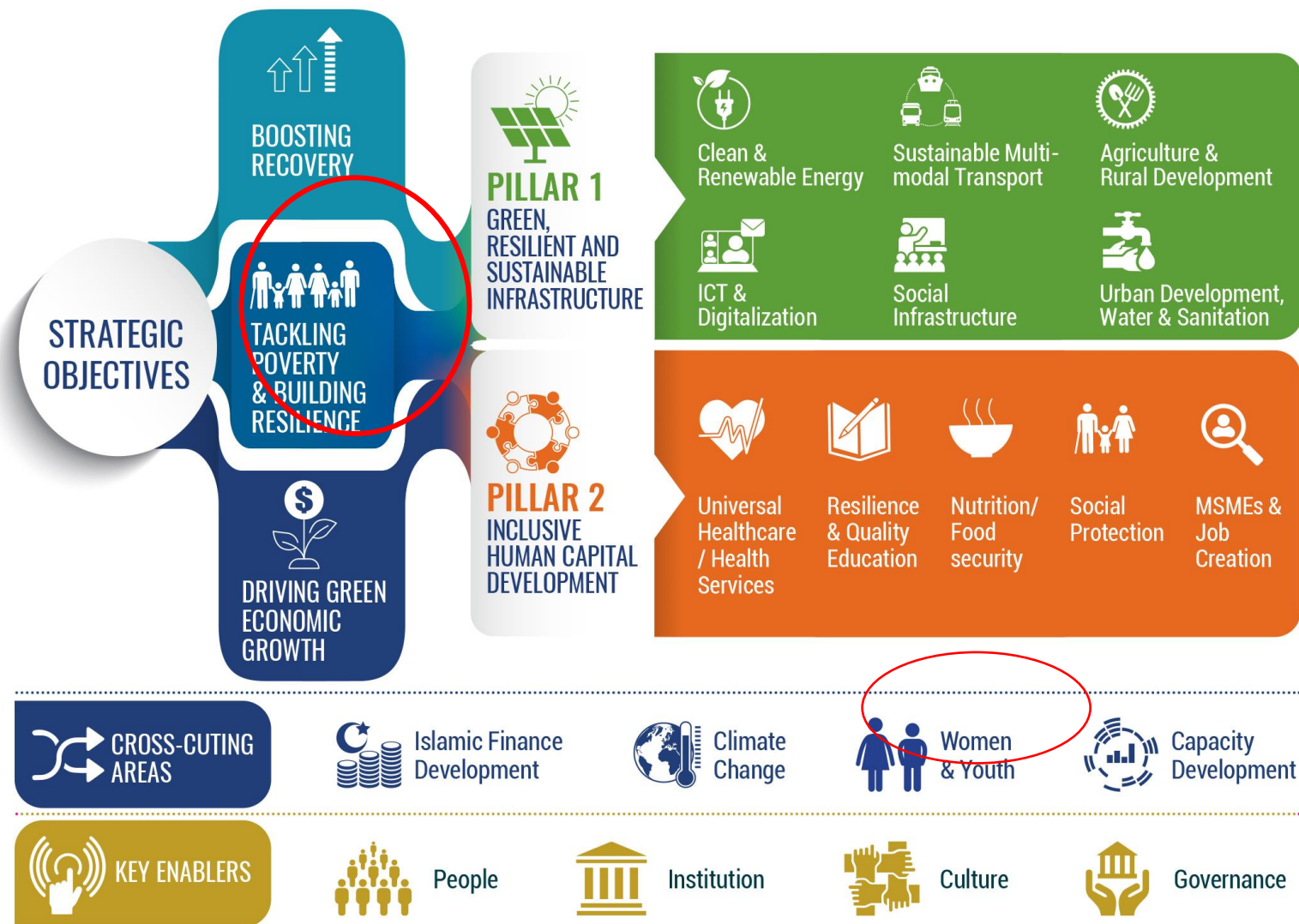


Our Operations



IsDB Re-Aligned Strategy

Figure-1: STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, PILLARS, CROSS-CUTTING AREAS & ENABLERS



Women and Youth Empowerment – A Snapshot of What We Do

01

Women and Youth Empowerment – A longstanding commitment of the Bank

- The first **Women in Development Unit** in the Bank was established in **1998** and a Women Advisory Panel in **2004**.
- The WYE Division/program was established in **2018**
- Women Empowerment Policy adopted in **2019**
- Providing a voice for youth **since 2011** - 13 Youth Development Forums so far
- **Youth Summit in 2017** - strategy formulation, establishment of dedicated unit for youth and women; Youth empowerment strategy – **2020-2025**

02

Integration in Key Strategic & Policy Documents

- Developed a board approved **WE Policy** and President approved **Operational Strategy**.
- Developed and currently Implementing **Sectoral Guidelines** on Women Empowerment
- Developed **30 country profiles** of MCs and IsDB success stories for the status of women empowerment issues

03

Areas of Focus– What we do

- Supporting **mainstreaming** and **implementing** standalone operations in women empowerment.
- Last year alone, the WYE Division contributed directly to **30 projects** of the Annual Work Program
- Providing **training** on women and youth empowerment thematic areas to hubs
- Developing **knowledge products** with key partners and fellow **MDB Working Group** members
- Conducting **awareness sessions** requested by MCs

04

Flagship Products

- Youth Digitalization for Entrepreneurship and Employment Program (Y-DEEP)
- Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi)
 - * Empowering West African Women Small and Medium Enterprises in Rice Value Chains (EWASME)
 - * Women in Sanitation Enterprises (WISE)
 - * BRAVE Women (Fragile context)
- Women Techsters Program with Tech4dev in Nigeria
- Maternal health and Obstetric fistula Program
- SheTrades Program with ITC and ITFC
- Youth Leadership Development Program

IsDB Women's Empowerment Policy and Focus on Mainstreaming in IsDB Projects / MCPS

- The Policy, approved in 2019, promotes:

- Improving **Access** to resources and services
- Mainstreaming** women's needs
- Promoting women's **Agency**
- fostering **Learning**

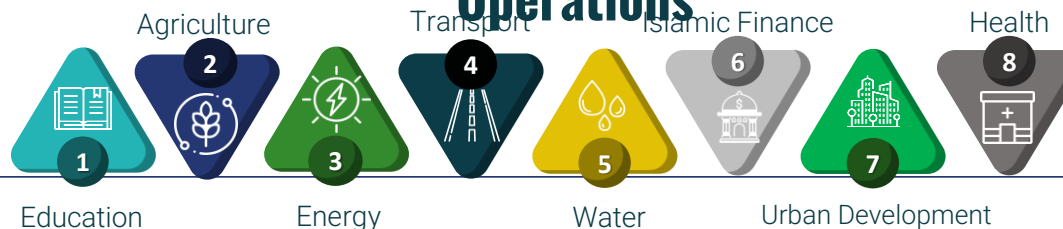


- In 2022, the Operational Strategy of the IsDB Women's Empowerment Policy was approved. Key objectives are to:

- Ensure women's empowerment perspectives and needs are integrated into the Bank's Member Country Partnership Strategies (MCPS) and programs.
- Ensure women and girls have access to primary, secondary, and higher education and vocational training, as well as promoting their enrolment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and other fields
- Provide special focus on maternal health through several initiatives targeting neglected areas and marginalized populations in IsDB Member Countries (examples: Afghanistan, Somalia, The Gambia...)
- Advocate for national policies to be sensitive responsive to women and girls' needs and support IsDB member countries' adherence to their international commitments
- Facilitate women's access to productive and financial resources

Results Tracking	Indicators Set in IsDB Projects
Improved Access to Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of Students (female) No. of youth participating in formal and non-formal education and training (female)
Increased Access to Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of jobs created for female farmers No of women having access to productive assets
Increased Access to Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proportion of live births attended by skilled health prof. Proportion of women have prenatal/antenatal consultations increased
Enhanced Economic Opp through Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of business opp created due to energy access Women trained and employed as service providers in renewable energy systems
Access to Water and Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of water users with irrigation and drainage facilities Proportion of women access to safely managed sanitation services increased
Access to ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of women trained with ICT skills No of subscribers to telecom services increased

Mainstreaming Women's Needs in the following Sectors of Operations



Mainstreaming at the Country Strategy Development Stage



Analyze of the situation of women and young people.



Identify high-level areas for women and youth engagement and integration



Identify the challenges they are facing.



Propose specific interventions that can be actions within the strategy timeline.

Mainstreaming at the Project Level

Conducting a Gender/Youth Analysis

of the different roles, needs, priorities of men and women and young people in respect to the sector or project involved, and of the impact of the proposed development intervention on them;

Integrating measured activities

into project design to ensure that both women and men and young people benefit from the project

Use of disaggregated data by sex and age

and baseline data to determine targets.

Gender and Youth Mainstreaming in Project Design and Appraisal

In Project Design and Appraisal, we ask:

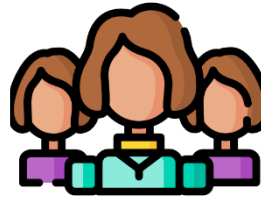


Do objectives specifically address the different needs and situations of men and women/young people?

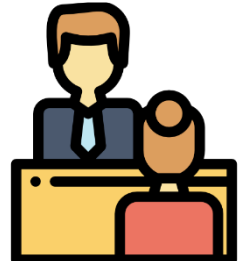


Does project recognize males/females differences in roles /needs?

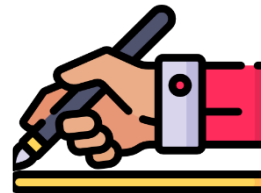
Are females/young people mentioned as beneficiaries?



Will project improve females/males/ young people productivity , access to /control of resources?



Have women and men/ young people participated in setting those objectives?



Will the project have different impact on women and men/ young people?

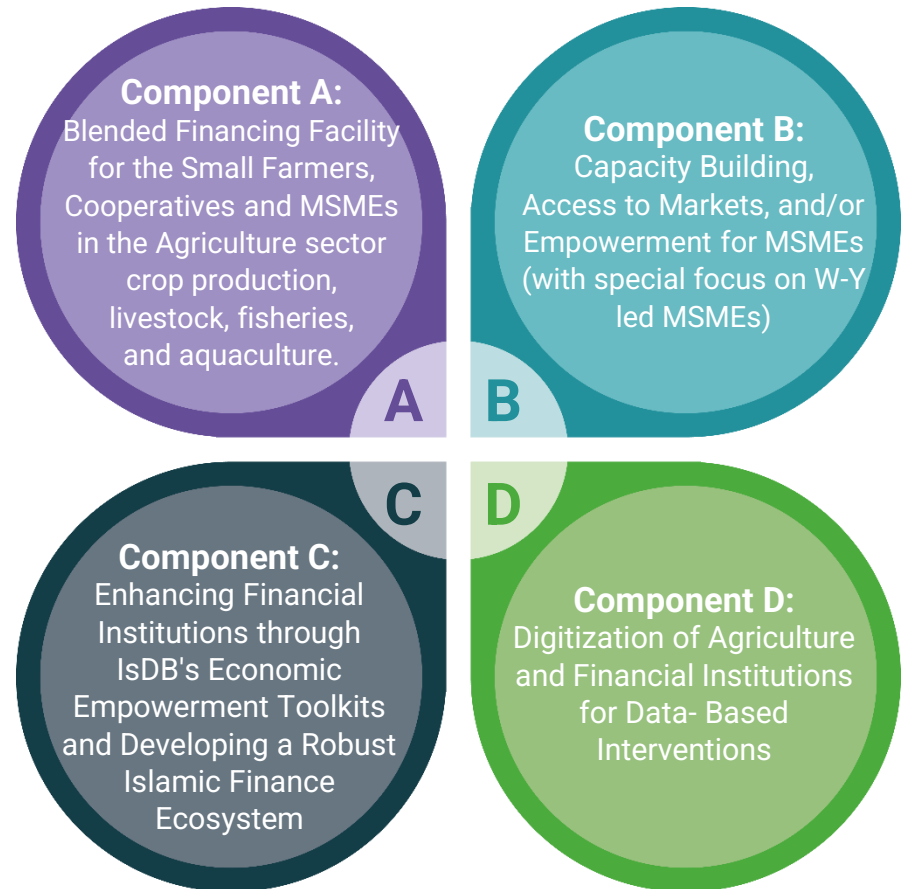
HOPE (Harvesting Opportunities for Poverty Eradication) :

- **Program Objective**

Strengthen the capabilities of MSMEs in Member Countries to augment their role in national food security initiatives, addressing the present food crisis and reinforcing defenses against forthcoming food security challenges.

- **Program Interventions Mechanisms**

To extend a durable Financial Facility Package through carefully selected Financial Institutions, plus non-financial aid and capacity empowerment via strategic local/regional collaborations.



HOPE (Harvesting Opportunities for Poverty Eradication) :

This program is designed to finance two distinct categories of projects, each with a specific focus and objective:

- Pipeline Projects under the Food Security Program:
 - HOPE will design and finance complementary projects (rather than mere components) aimed at enhancing the downstream aspects of identified IsDB GPP commodity value chains, such as Cassava, Rice, Wheat, Millet, Sorghum and other commodity value chain. The **emphasis will be on improving access to finance and implementing de-risking strategies for smallholder farmers and MSMEs**
- Standalone Pipeline Projects for Economic Empowerment and Poverty Reduction within the Agricultural Sector:
 - This classification encompasses projects requested by Member Countries, aimed explicitly at promoting economic empowerment and combating poverty

HOPE TUNISIA: Youth and Women MSMEs and Entrepreneurship Support Project (YWESP)

Project Overview:

The YWESP aims to increase economic engagement and income-generating opportunities for youth and women in all of Tunisia through improving the capacity of Tunisia's private and public sectors to generate new decent and sustainable jobs for young women and men. Along with enhancing the capacity of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through financial support, technical assistance, and capacity building.

Goals:

Elevating the productivity and sustainability of small-scale farmers, cooperatives, and micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) within the food and agriculture sector.

Focusing on strategic interventions that enhance agricultural practices, promote innovative technologies, and foster sustainable business models.

Create a resilient food ecosystem that not only meets the immediate needs of Tunisia's population but also ensures long-term environmental and economic sustainability.

Location



Budget:



Up to Euro
200.98
million

Women Techsters Initiative Nigeria

Project Overview:

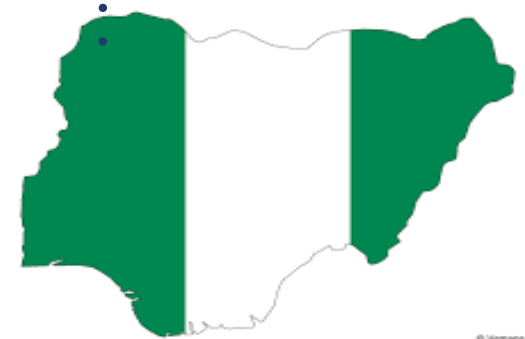
The Women Techsters Initiative is aimed at bridging the wide gender divide between men and women in the technology ecosystem as well as ensuring equal access to opportunities for all. The initiative aims to empower girls and women aged between 16 and 40 years across Africa with varying degree of digital, deep tech and soft skills required within the technology ecosystem.

Goals:

The objective is to grow, train and support tech empowered girls and women across Africa who will have equal access to decent job opportunities and build and scale their ideas into tech-enabled businesses and deep tech startups, to aid Africa's economic growth. The digital skills training modules of the Women Techsters Initiative focuses on 5 core learning tracks:

- 1) Product Management
- 2) Product Design
- 3) Software Development
- 4) Cybersecurity
- 5) Data Science and Artificial intelligence

Location



Budget:



Grant of USD
126,000

Flagship Initiatives of the Bank Implemented on WE



SheTrades:

- **Goals:** support businesswomen in food processing sector in Morocco and handicrafts in Egypt.
- **Achievements:**
 - in **2022**, a total of 75 business-women was supported to sustain and grow their businesses as well as connect them to global value chains.
 - Increased women-owned SMEs participation in export-oriented value chains in order to enhance their competitiveness and ability to penetrate local and regional markets.
- The program is now in **its 2nd phase** of implementation and is expected to close in 2025.



Obstetric Fistula:

- **Project Overview:**
 - **15 Projects Financed:** Across 12 countries (e.g., Guinea, Mauritania, Nigeria).
 - **Focus:** Social and economic reintegration of women affected by obstetric fistula (OF).
- **Coalition to Stop Obstetric Fistula:**
 - **Scale-Up:** Implemented in 5 high-prevalence countries (Afghanistan, The Gambia, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Somalia).
- **Recent Development:**
 - **2023 Approval:** Fistula project for Afghanistan.
 - **Funding:** USD 900,000 from AHTF, AGFUND, and a WYE grant.

Women Entrepreneurs in Finance Initiative

We-Fi is a facility that supports women entrepreneurs by scaling up access to financial products and services, building capacity, expanding networks, offering mentors, and providing opportunities to link with domestic and global markets.

- Developing and increasing the economic opportunities for 1,500 WMSMES in Yemen (under closing), Nigeria and Burkina Faso (delayed but back on track) through skills training aimed at business viability in targeted country-specific value chains thereby enhancing the bankability, entrepreneurial and market development skills of WMSMES.

Business Resilience Assistance for Value-Adding Enterprises (BRAVE Women)

\$32.24 M

- Empowering 1,000 WSMEs and WVSEs in the rice value chain in Guinea, Niger, Senegal and Sierra Leone to expand and upgrade their businesses by developing their capacity in post-production and business skills combined with grant matching, increasing access to markets and an enabling environment through legal and regulatory reforms

Empowering West African Women Small and Medium Enterprises in Rice Value Chain (EWASME)

\$11.25 M

Total of **\$55.67M**

- Building on the first phase of the program the second phase will focus on increasing: the income of 500 WSMEs, number of new enterprises, jobs created by WSMEs; support through empowering activities.

BRAVE Women Yemen 2.0 Blended Finance.

\$5.55 M

- Expanding the business latitudes of 500 WWSMEs in Bangladesh related to sanitation through increasing utilization and integration within digital financial platforms, creating an enabling environment, capacity development and access to markets.

Women in Sanitation Enterprises (WISE)

\$6.13 M

- The project will generate support from leaders in Islamic Finance in Indonesia to drive change in government and financial institutions to better respond to women clients as well as collect gender-specific data in Islamic indexes for better understanding and monitoring and developing Islamic finance products tailored for women.

Khadijah WE Code: Catalyzing Women's Entrepreneurship in Islamic Finance

\$0.5 M

Youth Development

IsDB Group (IsDBG) has been supporting youth through developing their capacities in different socio-economic domains and engaging with them in dialogue regarding their needs and priorities with the aim of reaching an envisioned goal of socio-economic progress of the youth population.

Recognizing that enhancing youth participation and status in any society is essential for achieving inclusive development and poverty reduction, the Bank developed its 10-Year Strategy as a promise to its 57 Member Countries towards a sustainable and inclusive social development.



IsDB Youth Development Strategy



Education

- Facilitate youth access to education and school-to-work transition.
- Expand employability skills development and TVET programs for marginalized youth.
- Provide merit-based scholarships
- Introduce online certification programs for youth in Islamic Finance and other development-focused areas



Economic Empowerment

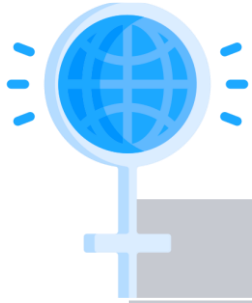
- Create jobs for youth through economic and social infrastructure programs.
- Facilitate the creation of employment through entrepreneurship, Islamic financial sector development, and green economy.
- Support the establishment of business incubators and business development centers through Technical Assistance.



Engagement

- Develop the capacity of youth-related entities
- Recognize talented and active youth.
- Establish a Volunteerism Program to engage youth.
- Create platforms to engage youth in dialogues
- Provide innovation grants

Youth Development Initiatives with Development Partners



Youth Leadership Pilot Project in Jordan

- **Objective:** Enhance youth leadership and civic engagement among 16-18 year-olds in Jordan.
- **Focus:** Promote sustainable development through youth involvement.
- **Key Goals:**
 - **Encourage Social Leadership:** Create platforms for young leaders to emerge.
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- **Outcome:** Lessons learned will shape future IsDB Youth Leadership Program



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Youth Digitalization for Employability and Entrepreneurship Programme (DEEP)

Program Description

The Y-DEEP is an initiative of the IsDB's Women and Youth Empowerment Division under the Resilience and Climate Action Department that contributes comprehensively to developing livelihood-ready youth through digital, entrepreneurship and 21st-century skills. The program's primary goal is to establish digital pathways for young individuals, facilitating their employability, entrepreneurship, and global engagement, thus contributing to addressing several SDGs in member countries.

Impact:

Alleviate youth unemployment in beneficiary countries.

Advance Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):
SDG 1: No Poverty
SDG 4: Quality Education
SDG 5: Gender Equality
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

Outcome:

Establish digital pathways for youth.

Enhance employability and entrepreneurship.

Foster active global engagement among youth.

Outputs:

Digital Skills Development: Train 35,000 youth in essential digital and 21st-century skills.

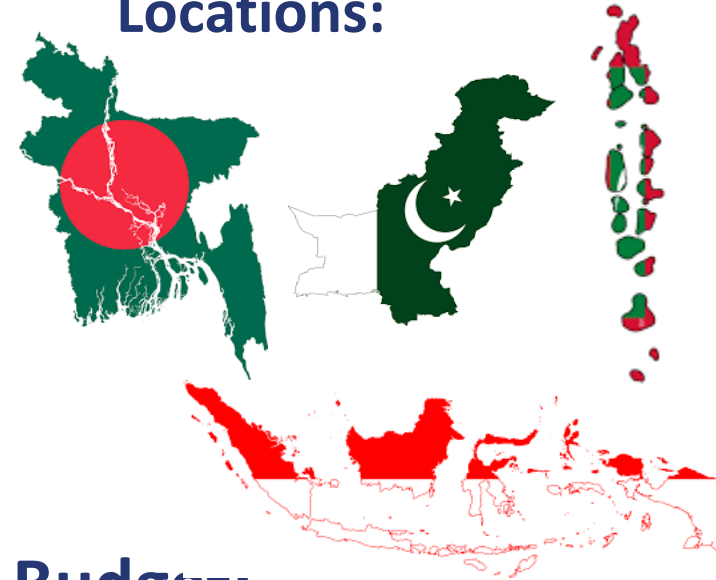
Entrepreneurship Empowerment: Support 1,000 youth in launching or expanding startups focused on SDG solutions.

Enhanced Livelihoods: Improve economic status of 1,000 youth through self-employment or gainful employment.

Capacity Building: Strengthen 20 community organizations and youth-led networks for skills and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Ecosystem Support: Equip youth-related ministries and agencies to enhance skills development and entrepreneurship ecosystems.

Locations:

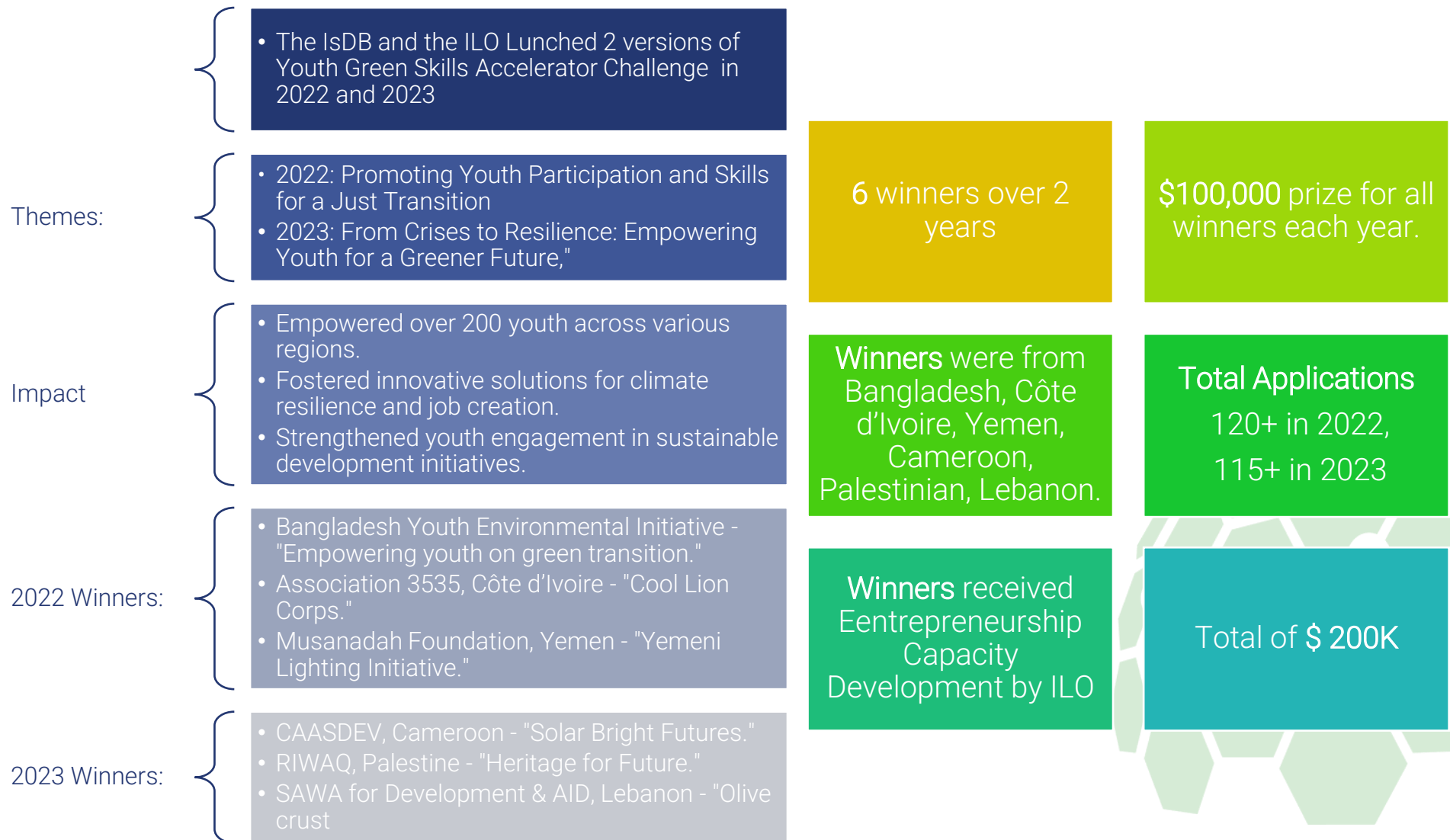


Budget:



Total of **\$ 4 M**

IsDB-ILO Youth Green Skills Accelerator Challenge 2022-2023



Building Capacity for Empowering Women and Youth in Agriculture Project

Program Description

The goal of the Project is to enhance women and youth participation in the agricultural value chains through a structural transformation of the sector by enhancing evidence-based policy making in support for agricultural interventions led by women and youth; strengthening the human and institutional capacity of transformation and improving financing and business development opportunities for women and youth in agriculture.

Goal:

The Project intends to provide adequate solutions to the critical capacity deficits facing women and youth to empower them and eventually allow them to meet financing requirements. To guide the project implementation, four strategies will be used: research, skills-building, institutional strengthening, and support to business creation and development.

Outcome:

Improved evidence practices in supporting women and youth in agriculture

Strengthened technical capacity of women and youth in agriculture

Improved financing opportunities and business development capacity for women and youth in agriculture

Locations:



Budget:



\$ 250K
from IsDB

Skills Training and Education Program (STEP)

Program Description

In an era of increasing socio-economic challenges, the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) have jointly developed the Skills, Training & Education Program (STEP) A regional initiative tackling socio-economic challenges, especially among the youth in refugees, IDPs, and host communities

Focus

Access to education, skill development, and job opportunities.

Objective

Providing smart education to increase access to basic education for refugees and IDPs children through virtual, and blended learning (online and physical).

Providing skills development and creating jobs including green/digital jobs for young refugees and IDPs .

Increasing access to higher education to provide better academic opportunities for refugees and IDPs.

Supporting entrepreneurship development for young refugees to improve the livelihoods of the refugees and IDPs.

Expected Results

Education: Reach 500,000 refugee children.

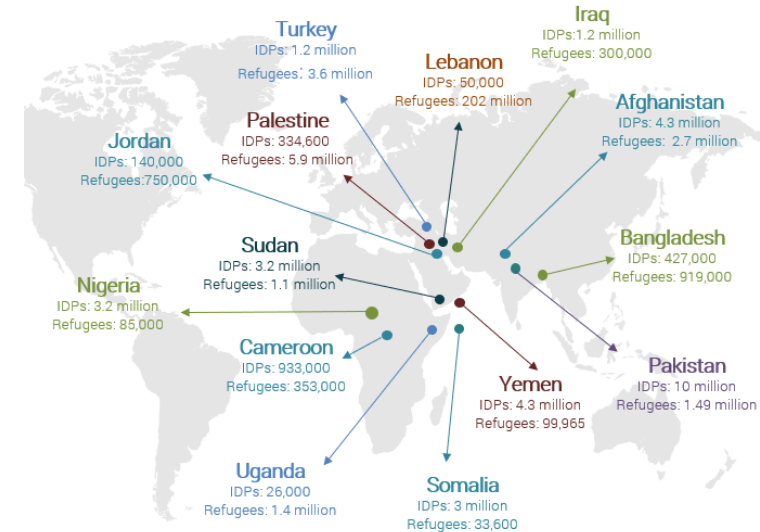
Skills: Develop skills for 40,000 individuals.

Green Jobs: 10,000 opportunities created.

Entrepreneurship: Train 10,000 young individuals.

Support: Offer 70 psychological and social support sessions.

Locations:



Budget:



Up to **\$ 100 M**

IsDB Leadership in hosting 12 Youth Development Forums (2012-2024)

Youth and Development in IDB Member Countries – 2012: Khartoum, Sudan

Youth Entrepreneurship: From Job Seekers to Job Creators – 2014: Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Youth in Development: Innovative Solutions for Financial Inclusion – 2016: Jakarta, Indonesia

Strategic Partnerships to Boost Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment – 2018: Tunis, Tunisia

Meaningful Youth Engagement & Skills Enhancement Post-COVID19: 2021, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

From Crises to Resilience: Empowering the Youth for an Uncertain Future– 2023: Jeddah, KSA (virtual)

Innovative Solutions for Youth Employment – 2013: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Leveraging the Power of Networks for Youth Development – 2015: Maputo, Mozambique

Youth Engagement in Socio-Economic Development: Towards Shaping a Development Vision for the Youth in IDBG Member Countries – 2017: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Transformation Through Sustainable Employability for All: Bridging the Gap”: 2019 - Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco

Building Youth Resilience: Transition to Green Economy and Beyond: 2022 - Cairo, Egypt

Youth Empowerment and Resilience at the Crossroads: Towards the Future We Want 2024 - Jeddah, KSA (IsDB HQ)

Youth Development Programs



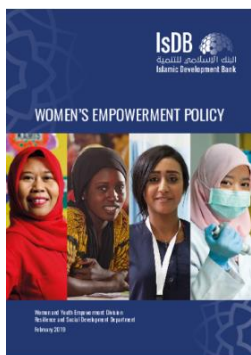
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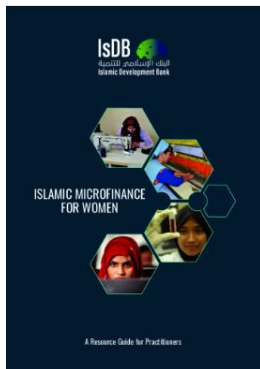


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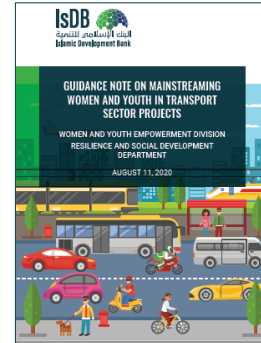
Women's Empowerment Policy



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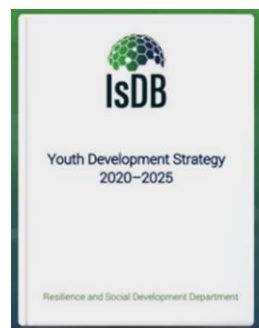
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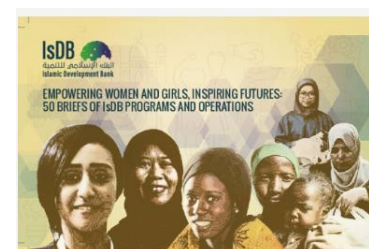
Guidance Note On Mainstreaming W&Y in Urban Development



Youth Development Strategy (2020-2025)



Youth Development Action Plan (2020-2024)



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Youth Entrepreneurship in Bangladesh



Youth Entrepreneurship in Indonesia



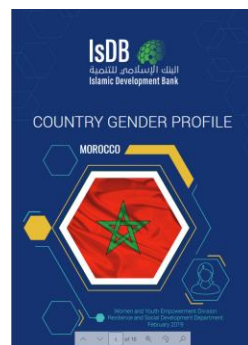
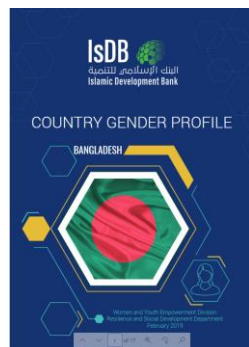
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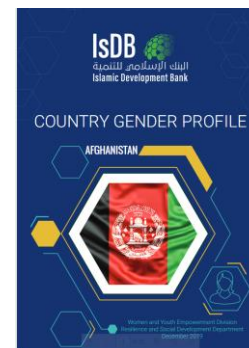
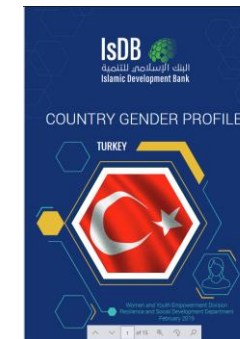
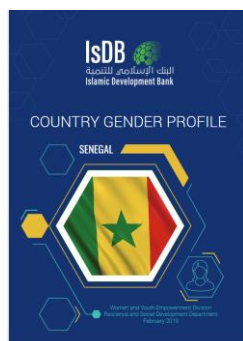
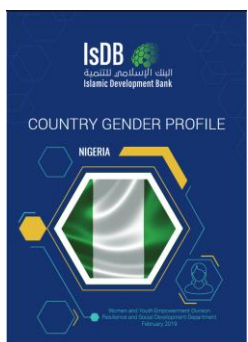
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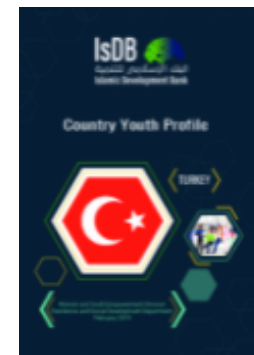
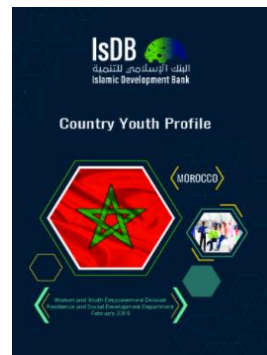
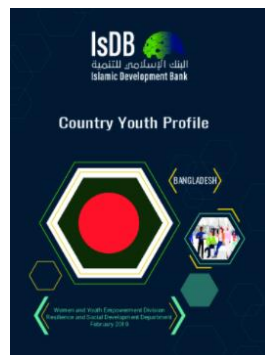


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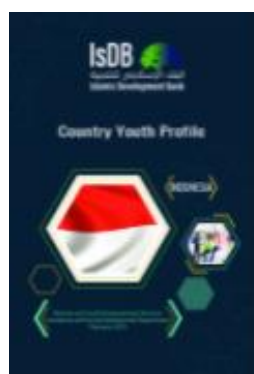
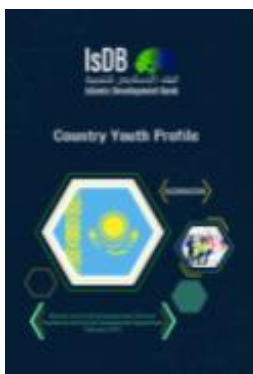
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