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Delivering impact on the ground – ITU-D Projects and Mechanisms

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Delivering impact on the ground

ITU-D Projects and Mechanisms

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Partnerships for Digital Development Department (PDD)
Telecommunication Development Bureau

1. About ITU-D Projects

ITU projects advance sustainable development through ICTs

for the benefit of ITU Membership

ITU CONSTITUTION

(Article 21 - Paragraph 118)

Union's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and as an executing agency for implementing projects

RESOLUTION 157

(Rev. Bucharest, 2022)

Strengthening of the project execution function in ITU

DECISION 13

(Busan, 2014)

Monitoring mechanism on ITU programmes and projects



ITU-D has a solid track record of implementing projects on the ground

330+ projects
since 2007

152
beneficiary countries

CHF 150M +
resources mobilized

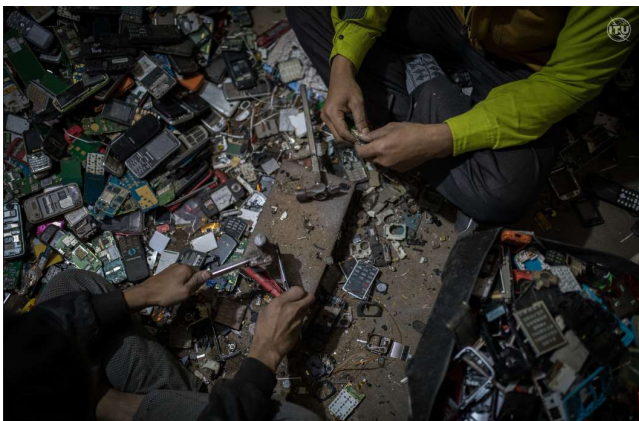
Global, regional and national



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Projects cover the wide range of ITU-D thematic areas

mobilizing our expertise on the ground



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Network and infrastructure



Digital Inclusion



Policy and regulation



Capacity development

Digital services

Cybersecurity



Innovation

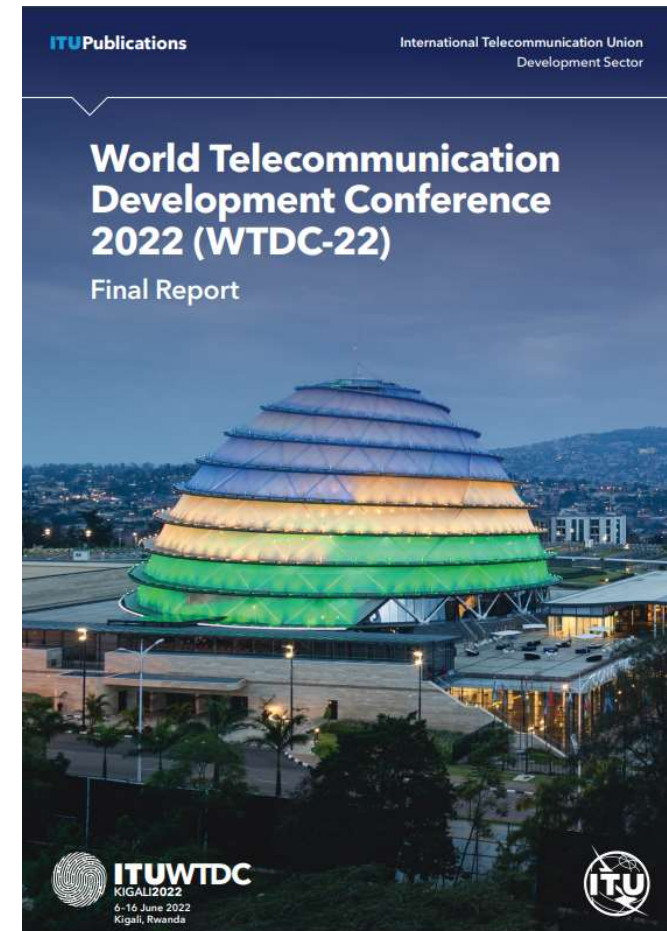
Innovation

Environment and emergency communications

ITU-D Projects are instrumental

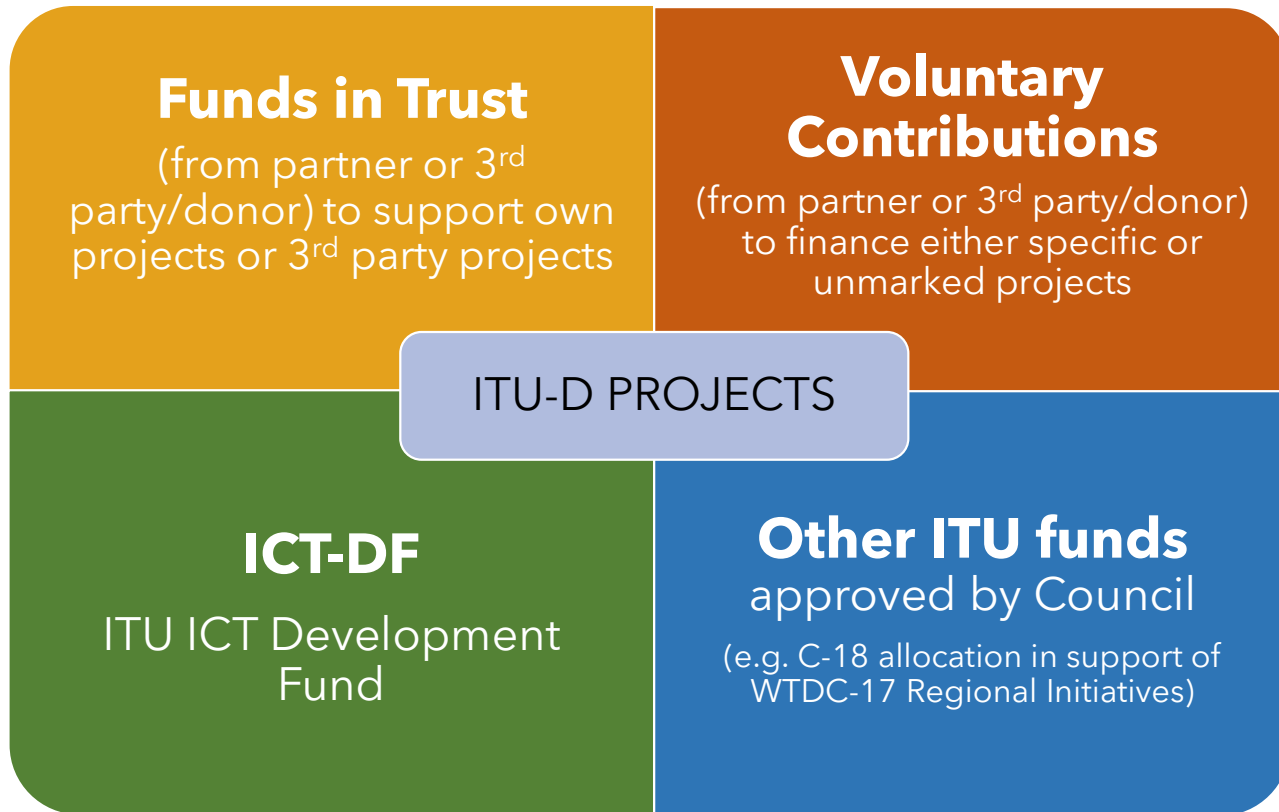
to implement ITU-D priorities

1. Affordable connectivity
2. Digital transformation
3. Enabling policy and regulatory environment
4. Resource mobilization and international cooperation
5. Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development



Financing Mechanisms for ITU-D Projects

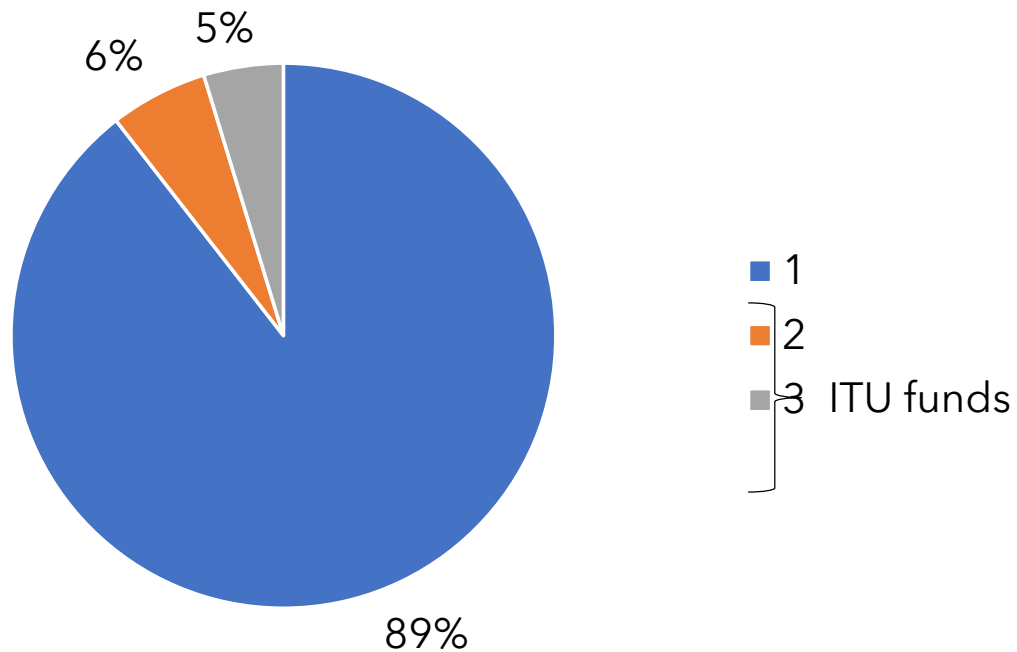
Delivering ITU-D's role as an executing agency



ITU is not a funding entity, but a specialized agency of the UN and an executing agency.

External funds constitute main source of funding

9 out of 10 CHF invested in ITU-D projects is provided by funding partners



Scope and scale of ITU-D projects depend on:

- (1) the capacity of BDT to mobilize resources.
- (2) the availability of partners to provide financial support.

2. Overview of current ITU-D Projects portfolio

ITU-D project portfolio

ITU-D implemented activities in 80 projects during 2022

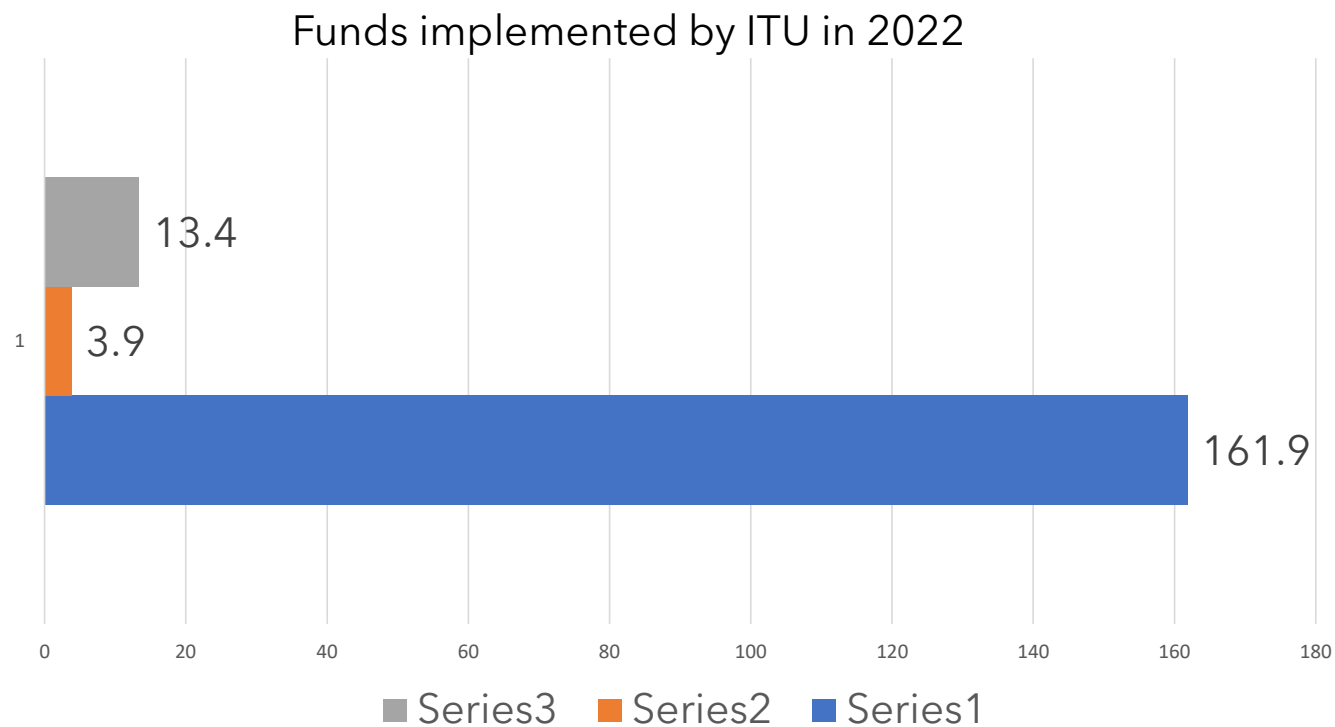
Region	Number of Projects	Funding from partners	ITU funds (ICT-DF)	ITU funds (Other)	Total project funding
Africa	12	9,921.5	967.8	374.0	11,845.6
Americas	12	40,282.9	112.2	779.7	41,174.8
Arab	8	4,355.8	674.2	134.4	5,164.5
Asia-Pacific	11	6,504.3		627.2	7,309.8
CIS	3	280.6		446.0	726.6
Europe	4	6,919.4		245.5	7,164.9
Multi-Region	30	16,376.6	3,739.8	1,847.8	22,393.0
Total	80	84,641.1	5,494.0	4,454.6	95,779.2

Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF



ITU-D project portfolio (cont)

Funds implemented in projects represent 3.4x the funds available in OP

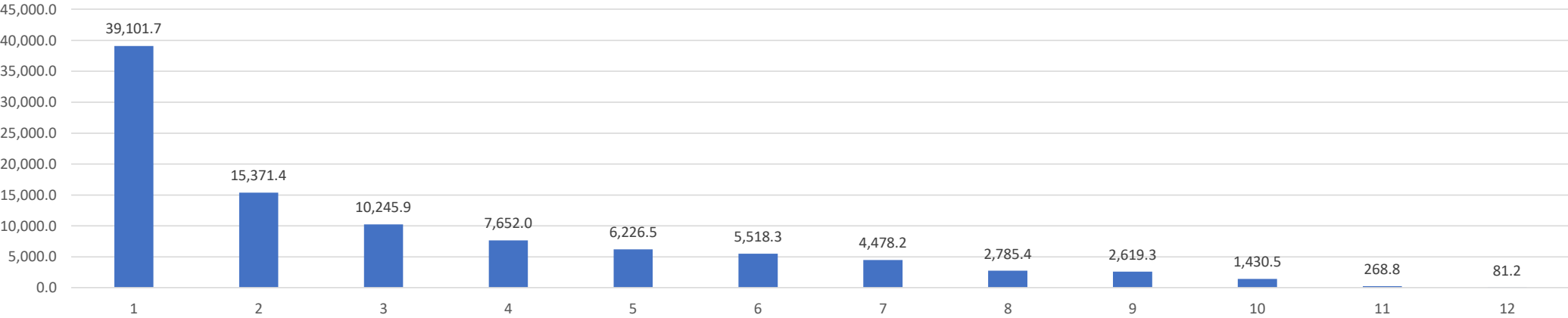


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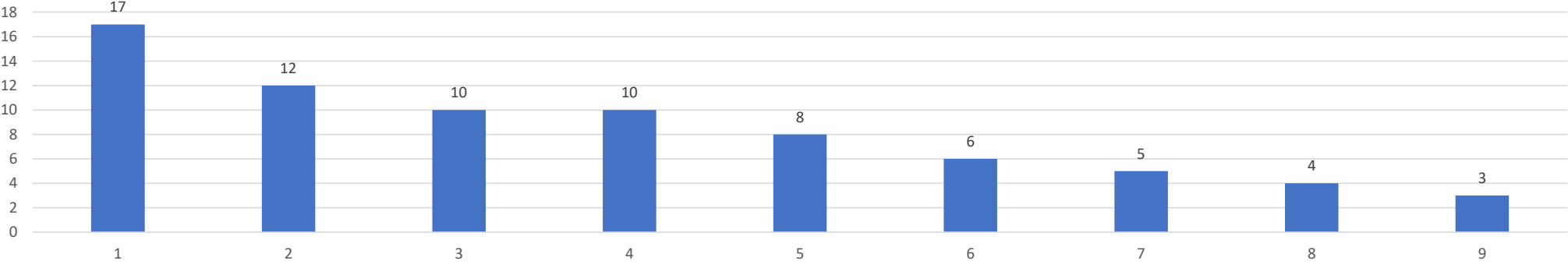
Capacity development has the largest funding in projects

largest number of projects in network & infrastructure and digital inclusion

Funding in on-going projects per thematic area
Sum of Total (CHF)



Number of projects implemented in 2022 per thematic area



Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF

ITU-D current project portfolio includes a very diverse range of projects

ITU projects include global, regional and national projects



GOVSTACK: DIGITALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES



POLICY AND REGULATION INITIATIVE FOR DIGITAL AFRICA (PRIDA)



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CENTRES (DTCs)



BIG DATA FOR MEASURING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY



CONNECTING EVERY SCHOOL TO THE INTERNET (GIGA)



DECENT JOBS AND SKILLS FOR YOUTH



BE HEALTHY BE MOBILE



E-WASTE COALITION



CONNECT2RECOVER
Building back better with broadband



PARTNERSHIP ON MEASURING ICT FOR DEVELOPMENT



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION



GIRLS CAN CODE INITIATIVE (GCC)



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE (EQUALS)



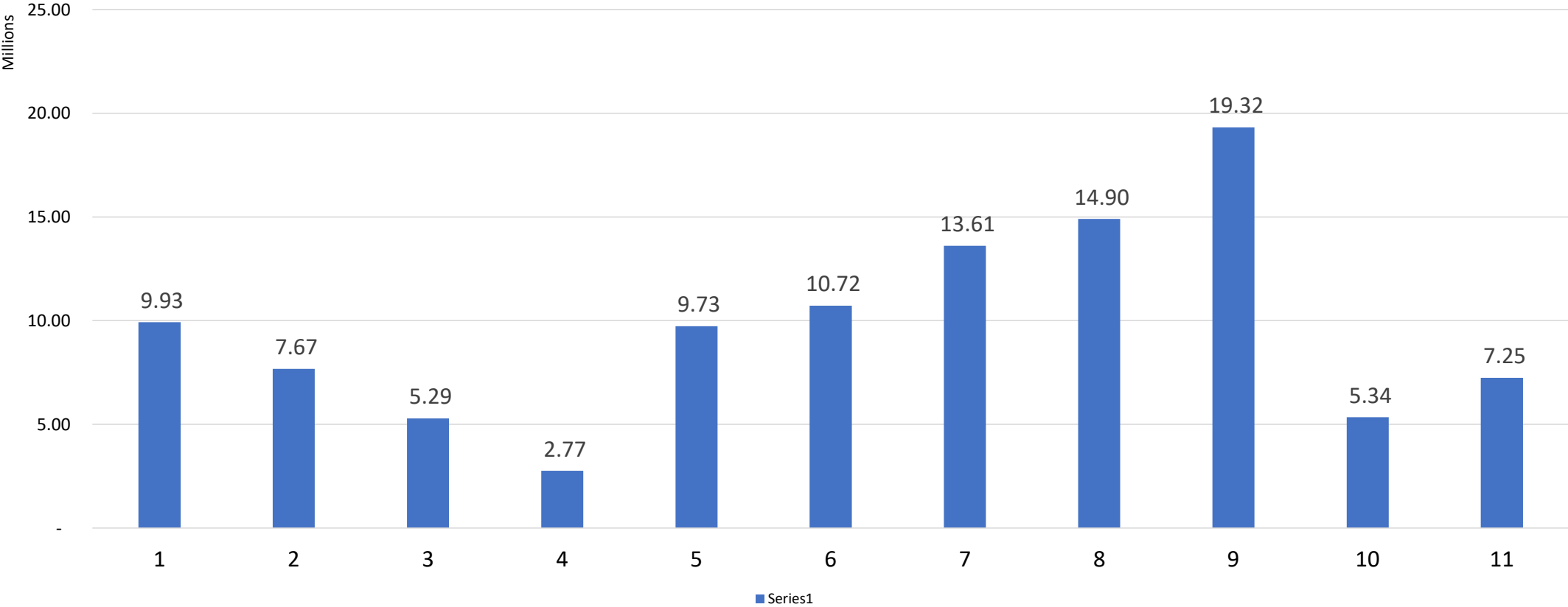
SMART VILLAGES



ITU AND EIF JOIN FORCES TO REDUCE THE DIGITAL GENDER DIVIDE IN BURUNDI, ETHIOPIA AND HAITI

BDT continues to attract new funding in projects

Funds raised in 2023 (Jan-May) confirm support from partners in ITU's work



Source: FRMD. Funds converted to k CHF

Projects signed in 2023 (Jan-May)

Global Programme Digital Transformation - Horn of Africa Digital Government initiative

Digital Inclusion
GIZ

885,960 EUR

Soporte institucional al Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones

Spectrum management and digital broadcasting
INDOTEL

79,000 USD

Promoting and measuring universal and meaningful connectivity

ICT Statistics & Indicators
EU

2,963,153 EUR

GIGA infrastructure support

Digital Networks and Infrastructure
UNICEF

300,000 USD

Partnership for Strengthening Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity
GIZ

437,362 EUR

Laying the foundation for VaMoz Digital

Capacity Building + Innovation
EU

2,300,000 EUR

Developing and Implementing E-waste Policy and Regulation for a Circular Economy

E-waste Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST)

500,000 USD



3. Status of funds allocated by Council to support the implementation of WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

Background

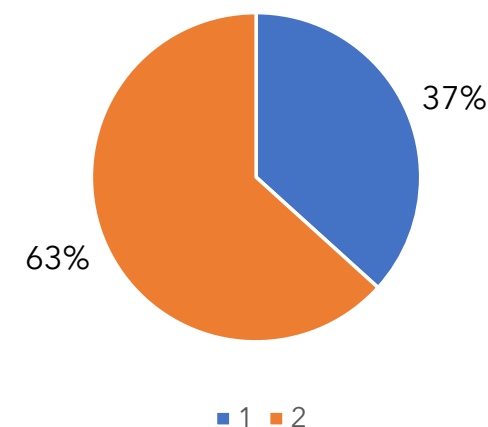
- The 2018 Session of ITU Council approved the allocation of CHF 5.0 M to support the implementation the Regional Initiatives approved by WTDC-17 (RI Funds).

(Reference: 9th Plenary Meeting of C-18. Document C18/121-E)

- These funds have enabled a total of 37 projects across all regions

Status	Projects	ITU Council Funds (RI Funds)	External Funds	Total funds
1. On-going projects	19	2,485.2	6,395.2	8,898.3
2. Projects implemented	18	2,489.9	2,184.0	4,673.9
Total	37	4,975.1	8,579.2	13,572.1

Funding in projects that received an allocation from the RI Funds

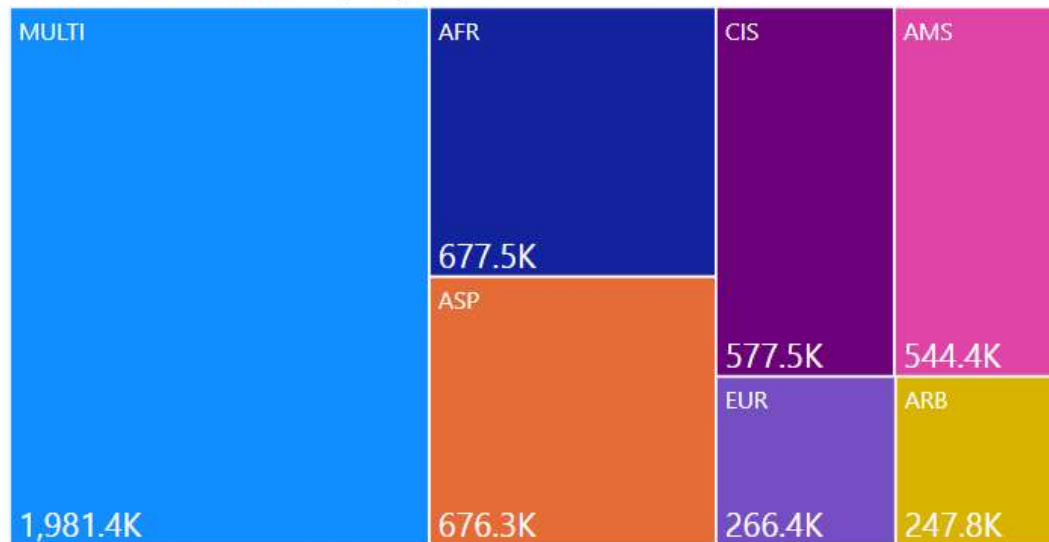


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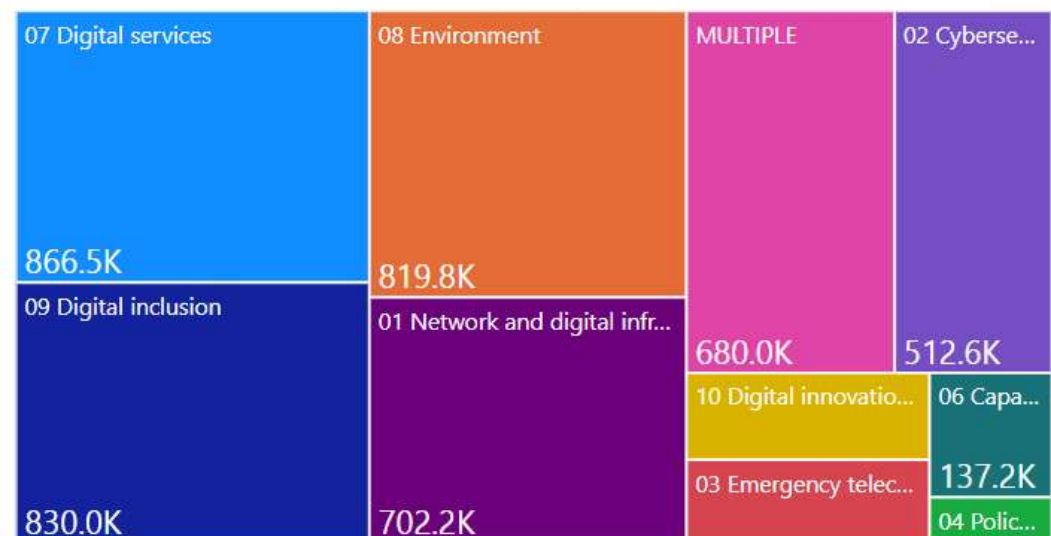
Allocation of funds per region and thematic priorities

Differences in total funding is directly related with availability of funding partners

Distribution of RI funds by Region



Distribution of RI funds by Thematic Area



Source: FRMD. Funds converted to CHF

Partners engaged in projects funded with RI funds

Close to 30 different partners involved in advancing WTDC-17 Regional Initiatives

UN Agencies

- ILO
- UN Women
- UNDP
- UNEP
- UNFPA
- UNICEF
- UNITAR
- UNU
- WHO

Other IGOs

- ADB
- CAF
- World Bank

Governments

- DITRDCA, Australia
- Estonia
- KINEU
- MIC Japan
- MSIT, Republic of Korea
- TPRA, Sudan
- Trinidad and Tobago
- TRAE, UAE
- Uzbekistan

Private sector

- Facebook
- Huawei
- Rostelecom

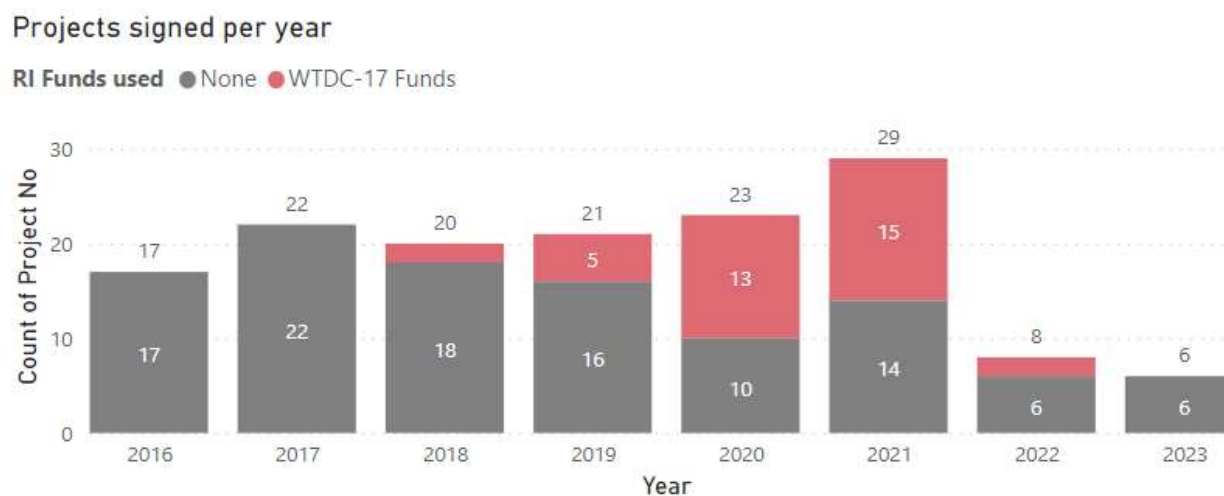
Non for profit

- Fundacion Gran Chaco
- Meem Ain
- WEF
- W4



Lessons learned to implement WTDC-22 Regional Initiatives

- RI funds played a pivotal role in raising significant external funds
- Created a surge in the creation of impactful new projects. 37 projects benefitted from external and RI funds
- The CHF 5.0 million resulted in CHF 13.6 million worth of new projects.
- As seed funds, RI funds acted as a catalyst for establishing valuable partnerships with new partners.
- Overall, RI funds were used as a good investment with high rate of return in terms of projects development and delivery that benefit significant number of countries.

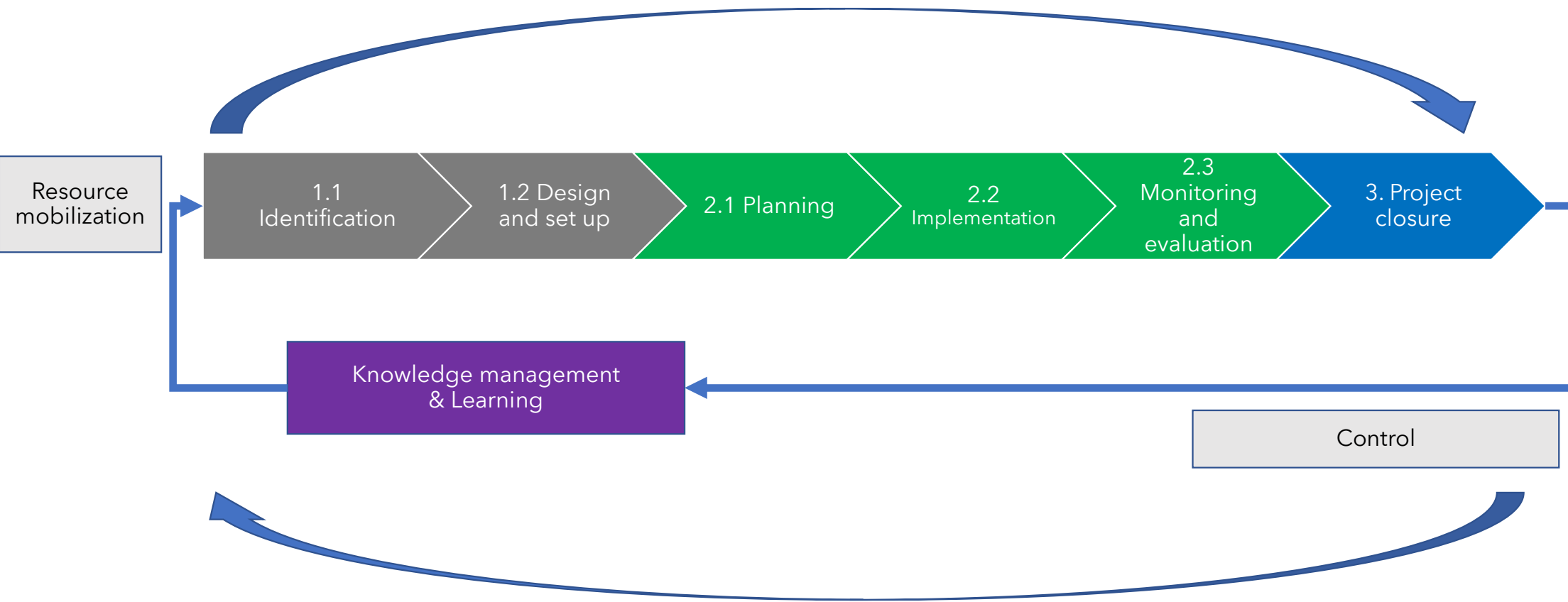


Note: Further information in Annex 1 to Document 25

4. Strengthening project implementation in ITU-D

ITU projects follow best practices in project management

strong focus on monitoring, evaluation and learning



BDT continues to strengthen project management practices

Measures follow recommendations from internal and external oversight

- ✓ BDT Projects Board
- ✓ Strengthening of monitoring and evaluation
- ✓ Set up of “Projects under special oversight”.
- ✓ Introduction of country focal points for ITU projects
- ✓ Accelerating project closure



Constant strengthening of project management practices

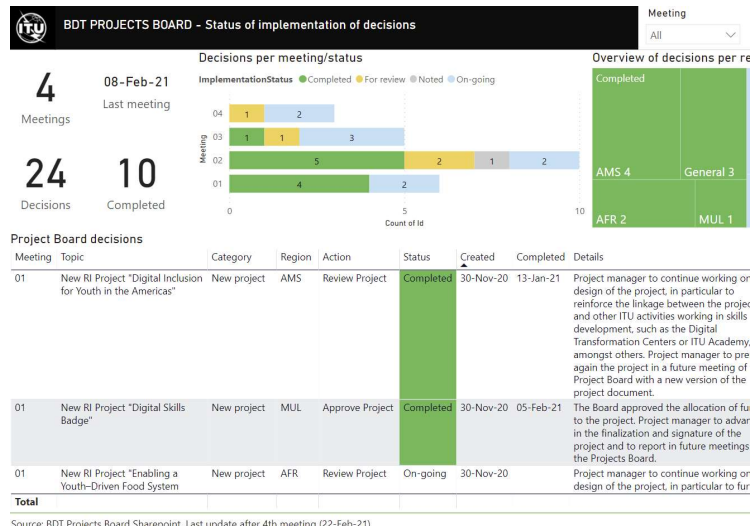
in the Telecommunication Development Bureau

- 90+ ITU staff certified in project management
- Publication of new ITU Project Manual in 2020
- Establishment of an internal Community of Practice of ITU Project Managers
- Hiring of dedicated project managers for projects, based on availability of resources

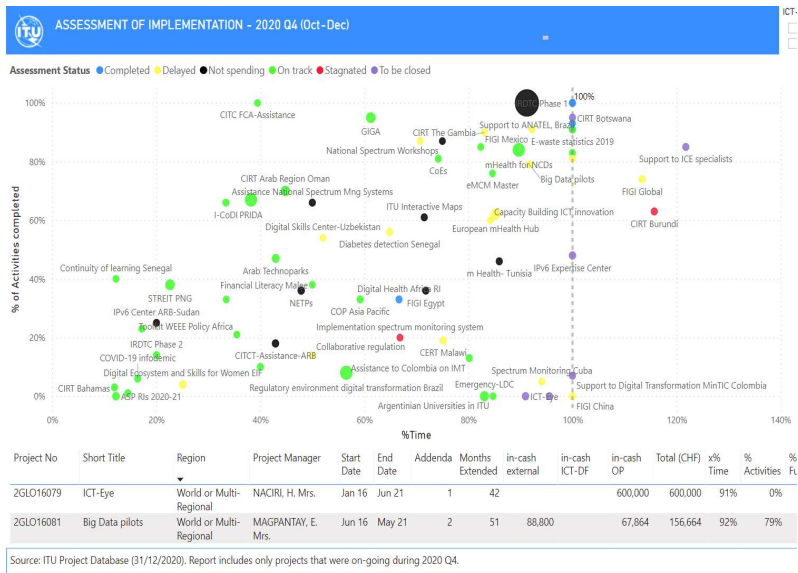


Increased efforts to incorporate RBM principles in ITU projects

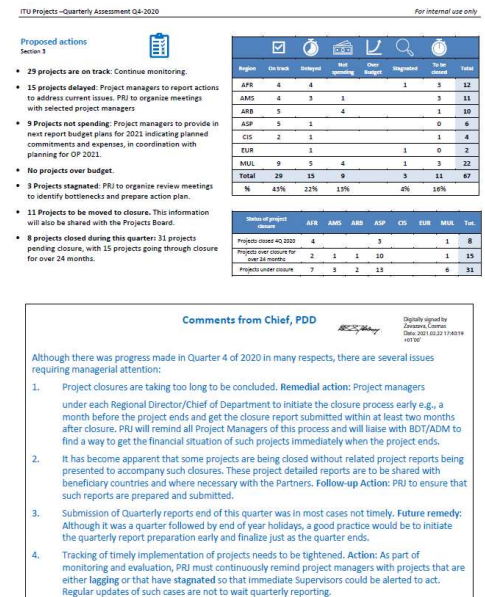
impact, focus results-based, governance and accountability



Strong governance through Projects Board



Internal managerial dashboards to monitor status of project implementation



Quarterly assessments focus on issues management



4. New ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU membership (Live demo)

Introducing the new ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Members



<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects>

ITU Projects

YOU ARE HERE ITU > HOME > ITU-D > PROJECTS

SHARE    

Around the World

ITU's project portfolio includes various projects in all regions of the world and in a wide range of areas. [More >](#) connect with its expertise in project development, management, implementation and monitoring & evaluation. [More >](#)



The ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF) contributes to sustainable development through the co-financing of ICT national, regional and global development projects. Projects are co-financed with partners [more >](#)

- #### QUICK LINKS
- ITU Projects Portfolio
 - ITU Projects in Figures
 - Recently signed projects
 - Project Management Tools
 - Implementation Reviews
 - Case Studies
 - Videos
 - Council Funded Regional Initiatives
 - Call for Partners
 - Financing Mechanisms for BDT Projects
 - ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Members (TIES account needed)**
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Information reserved to ITU delegates (TIES account required)

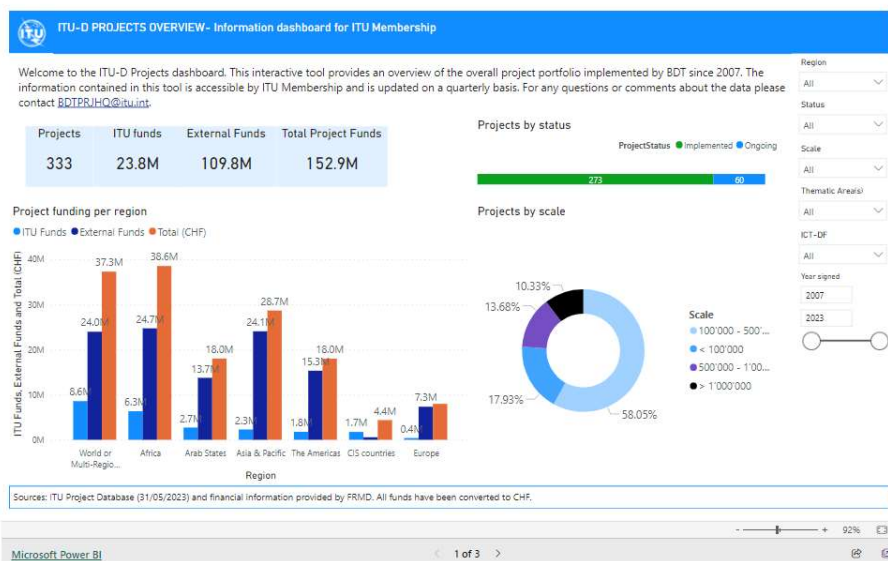


Introducing the new ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Members (cont)



ITU-D Projects Dashboard for ITU Membership

Your opinion matters! Please share with ITU your feedback on this dashboard by participating in this online survey. Thanks for contributing to improve this tool!



Your opinion matters! Share your feedback to help us to improve this dashboard

Dashboard embedded into the website, containing detailed information on ITU's project portfolio



Q&A

Further information and resources

- TDAG document 7

<https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0007/>

- ITU Project Portal

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/Pages/default.aspx>

- ITU Project Manual

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Projects/Pages/ToolBox.aspx>





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