

2019



ACTIVITY REPORT

Health and Social Protection

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AFD's health and social protection strategy

Despite the progress achieved in recent years, five billion people still do not have access to quality and affordable health care. Over half of the world's population does not benefit from any social protection coverage. Health and social protection are therefore priority issues in developing countries and French Overseas Territories. They are central to the Sustainable Development Goals.

AFD Group is addressing these issues by stepping up its commitment in the health and social protection sectors. The objective is to support the demographic and social transitions in its countries of operation and the French Overseas Territories. Its activities have three strategic focuses:



Sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition.

AFD Group's approach is based on a range of operations to facilitate the demographic transition and support women's empowerment by fighting against gender inequality.



Inclusive social protection systems.

AFD Group supports the creation and extension of national social protection systems to protect individuals, especially the most vulnerable, against lifecycle contingencies. The objective is to increase resilience to shocks and ensure social cohesion.



Strengthening health systems.

AFD Group assists countries in their efforts to ensure access to quality health care and increase the capacity of systems to cope with health and climate crises. The ultimate objective is to achieve universal health coverage.

2019 was marked by a sharp increase in bilateral aid for health. AFD has risen to this challenge through innovative projects and partnerships.

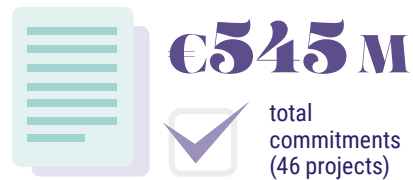
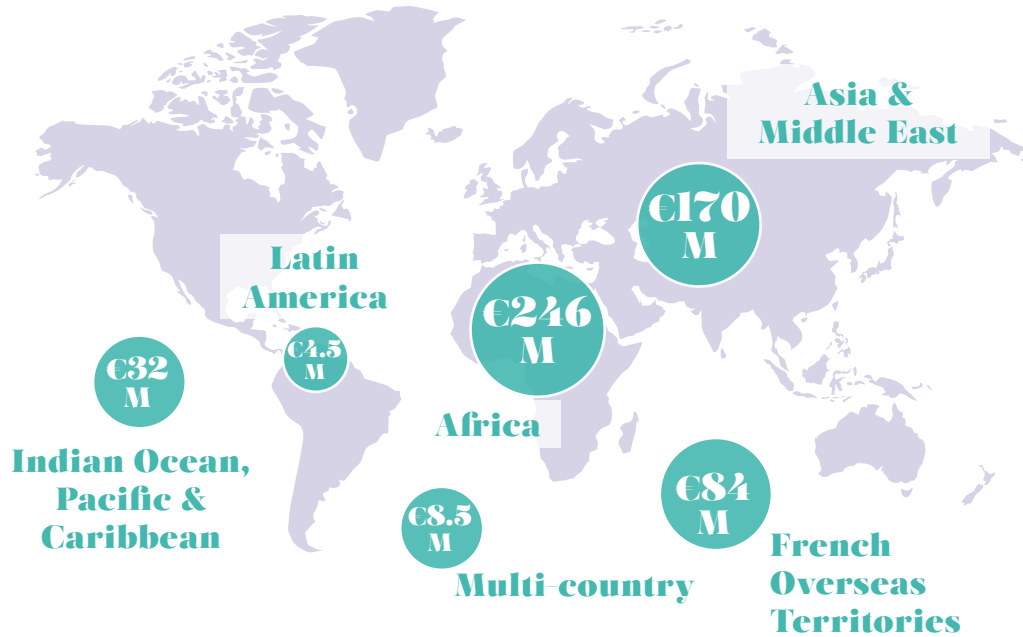
2019 was also the last year of the implementation of its Sectoral Intervention Framework launched in 2015. It concluded the cycle of an operational strategy, which five years on, has achieved results that confirm its utility and relevance.

Health and social protection are central to sustainable development. These sectors are fundamental pillars for the development of human capital. The lack of access to health care, its poor quality and the absence of social protection for the vast majority of the world's population are challenges that still need to be addressed worldwide. If we are to reach the Sustainable Development Goals set by the international community by 2030, we need to step up efforts to achieve universal health coverage and set up inclusive social protection systems.

As a development finance institution, AFD helps build more sustainable development paths. Through its 100% Social Link strategy, it combats inequality by supporting access to quality health care for all, and to social protection systems to help people cope with lifecycle contingencies. It thus translates into action France's priorities for development aid.

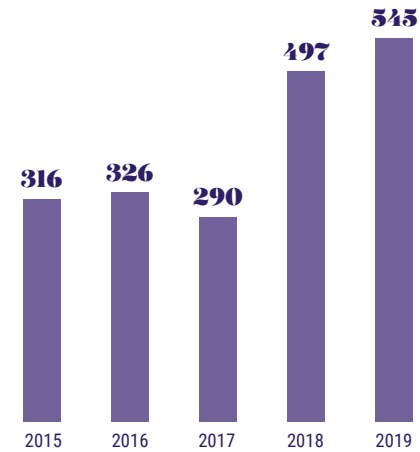
Our health and social protection commitments in 2019

Breakdown by region

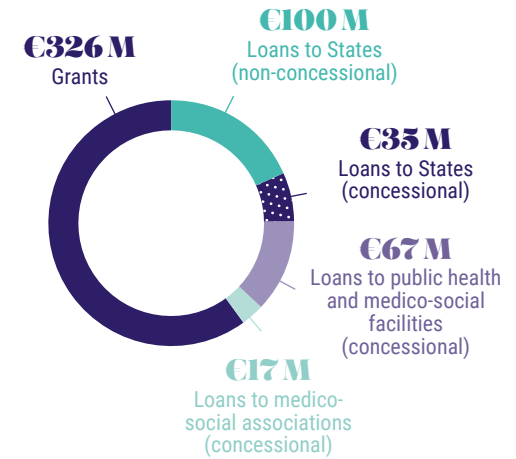


(in terms of the financial volume of projects allocated in foreign countries, excluding study funds, based on the OECD development markers, DAC1 and DAC2)

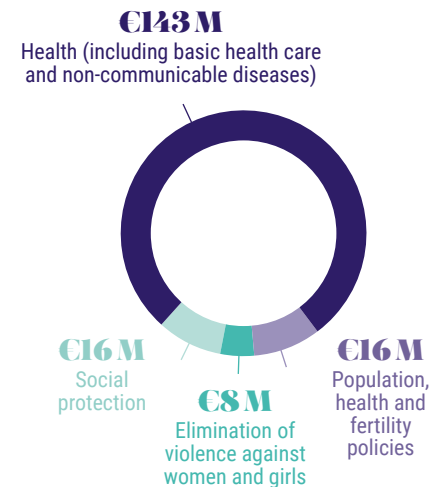
Trend in commitments since 2015 (in M)



Breakdown by financial tool



Breakdown of "Program 209" grant volumes under the OECD accountability framework



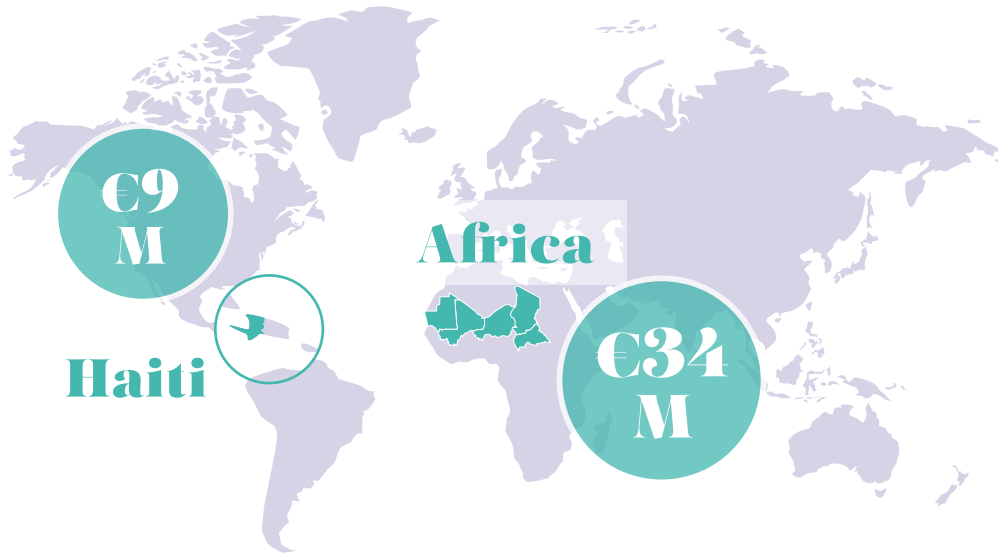
Private sector committed to health

PROPARCO, AFD Group's private sector financing arm, invested €40 million in the health sector in 2019.

For example, PROPARCO allocated a €10 million loan to the Indian company Africure Pharmaceuticals to increase its production capacity for quality generic drugs in Africa (construction of two plants in Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia). The objective is to improve access to essential medicines and vaccines for 2.6 million people by 2024.

Sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition

Breakdown by region

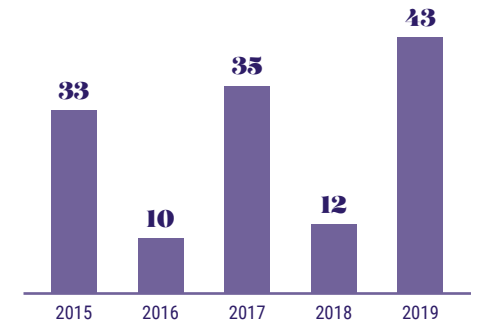


These grants focus on six priority countries for France's Official Development Assistance: Central African Republic, Chad, Haiti, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.



6 projects
aim to improve
people's nutritional status

Trend in commitments since 2015 (en CM)



From maternal and child health to sexual and reproductive health rights

AFD has been providing longstanding support for maternal and child health. It has gradually extended its scope of action to assist demographic transitions and integrate rights-related issues.

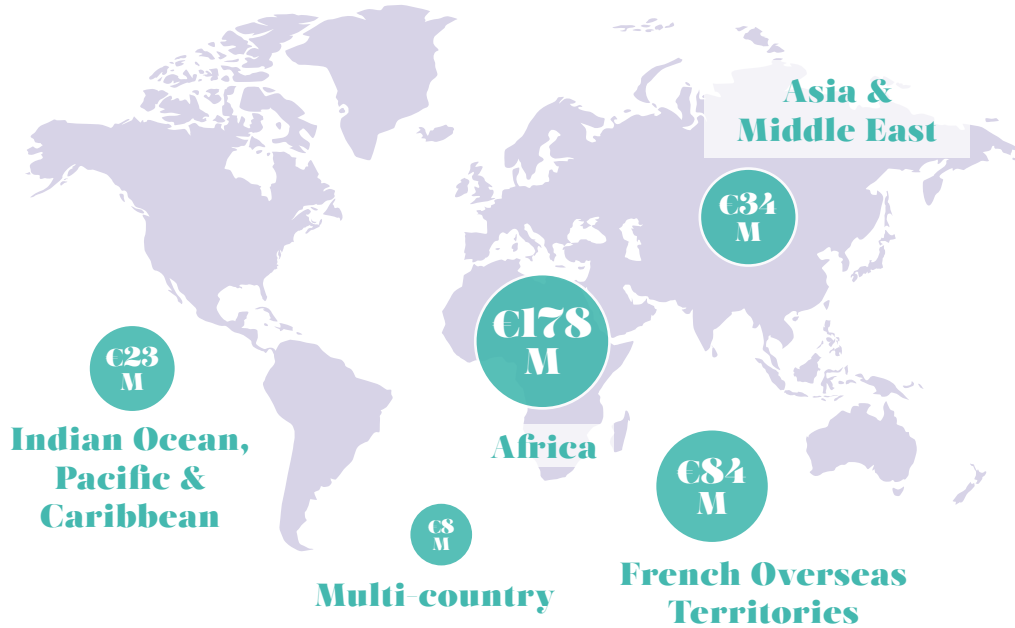
Firstly, population growth in African countries requires taking action on the determinants of fertility to control demographic trajectories and promote inclusive and sustainable development.

Secondly, the fight against gender inequality is a key issue for building an inclusive society. AFD assists countries by focusing on two complementary operational dynamics: promoting a multisectoral vision (health, education, gender) of the determinants of fertility and women's empowerment; supporting sexual and reproductive rights and health, and combating gender-based violence.

- In Chad, AFD is financing the International Rescue Committee in two regions to improve access to sexual and reproductive health services, protect against gender-based violence and develop the economic empowerment of women (€5 million grant).
- In the Central African Republic, AFD is working with the Pierre Fabre Foundation to set up a comprehensive care center for victims of sexual violence in Bangui, in partnership with the Denis Mukwege Foundation (€3 million grant).
- AFD is helping the French Red Cross improve the quality of sexual and reproductive health services and promote a rights-based approach in Mauritania, Mali and Niger, by providing training to caregivers on these issues (€8 million grant).

Strengthening health systems

Breakdown by region



€327 M

total commitments including
€243 M of grants



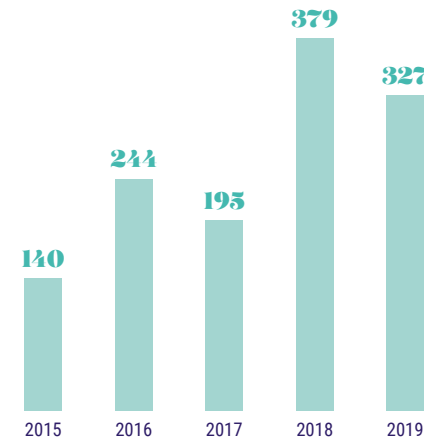
Strengthening health systems is the cornerstone of our action, with a focus on primary health care and issues related to the epidemiological transition (such as ageing and chronic diseases).

AFD-funded projects support the response to the impacts of climate change.

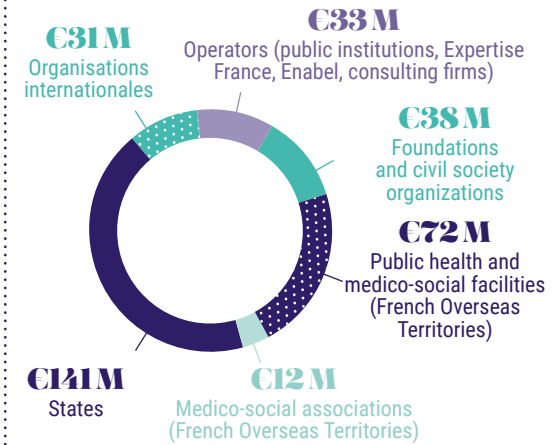
Mitigation: the increase in the energy efficiency of hospitals built with AFD financing is reducing the sector's environmental impact.

Adaptation: It is essential to strengthen health systems to ensure they have the capacity to cope with present and future climate shocks.

Trend in commitments since 2015 (en CM)



Breakdown by partners and counterparts



Addressing inequalities in access to health care

AFD works on all the components of a health system to ensure access to quality health care for all, especially at the primary health care level. That means functional hospitals, qualified staff, available drugs, affordable care, surveillance systems to prevent health crises and relevant health policies.

- AFD is working with the International Committee of the Red Cross to increase access to and the quality of health care for refugees in Beirut at Rafik Hariri University Hospital (€20 million grant).
- In partnership with the EHESP School of Public Health, AFD is financing the reorganization of training for hospital directors at Brazzaville's Inter-State Center for Higher Education in Public Health in Central Africa, to improve the management of health facilities (€3 million grant).

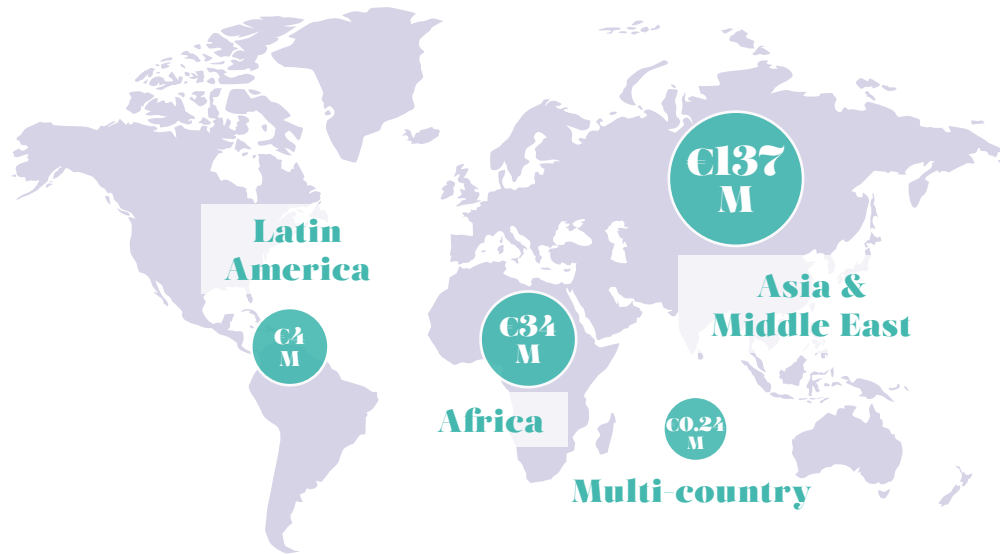
Ensuring access to health care and services in the French Overseas Territories

The level of hospital and medico-social services in the French Overseas Territories remains generally lower than in mainland France. AFD addresses the need for health care facilities and care for vulnerable populations (such as the elderly, people with disabilities and those on low incomes) to ensure access to quality health care and services in these territories.

- In Guadeloupe, AFD is financing the upgrading of Basse-Terre Hospital to improve patient care and accessibility (€8 million loan).
- In New Caledonia, AFD is financing the New Caledonian Association for the Disabled in the construction of a new building specially designed to receive children, adolescents and adults with multiple disabilities (€8.4 million loan).

Social protection

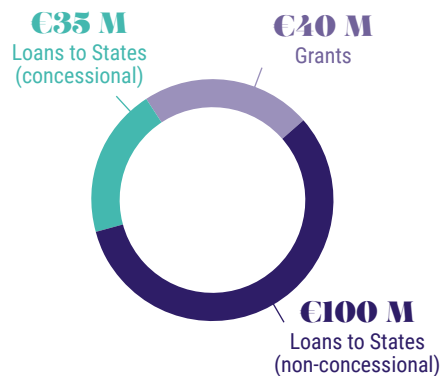
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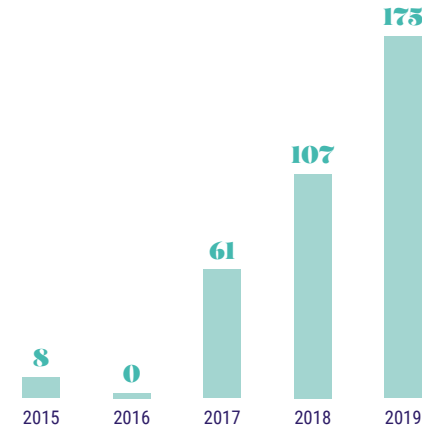
1.38 M
people

including **700,000 women** will benefit from better social protection thanks to projects financed by AFD in 2019

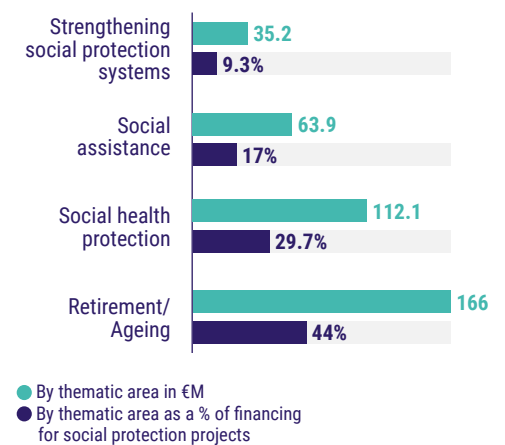
Breakdown by financial tool



Trend in commitments since 2015 (in €M)



Breakdown by thematic area 2015-2019



Climate change resilience, a key issue for social protection

By guaranteeing an income and access to basic services throughout a person's lifecycle, social protection systems are essential mechanisms for limiting the adverse impact of climate change on vulnerable people, promoting "Just Transitions" and increasing the capacity of societies to cope with climate change.

→ In Mali, together with the World Bank, AFD is cofinancing the Jigisemejiri safety nets project implemented by the Government. The objectif is to fight chronic poverty and increase the resilience of communities to shocks, especially climate related, through a cash transfer program for poor and vulnerable people (€10 million grant).

Coping with population ageing around the world

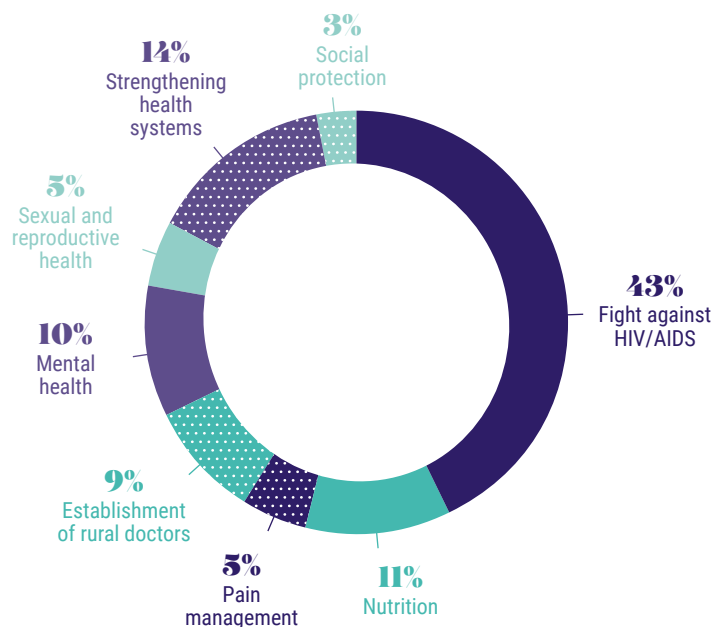
The accelerated ageing of the world population from now until 2050 poses many challenges. They include developing models of care and providing comprehensive services for dependent persons.

→ In partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank and Expertise France, AFD is strengthening the capacities of public administrations to develop an appropriate response to the multidimensional consequences of ageing in Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba and the Dominican Republic (€4 million grant).

Civil society initiatives

Alongside public authorities, civil society organizations (CSOs) play an essential role in improving access to quality health care for the most vulnerable populations. AFD supports them.

Thematic breakdown of the CSO initiatives financed



€14 M

for 11 initiatives



- **Three-year projects** led by French civil society organizations.
- **Capacity building** for local partner organizations.
- **Support** for patient associations, health professionals' associations and public or civil society actors in prevention and/or care, in association with local health authorities and ministries.
- **Enhanced dialogue** between French civil society, its partners and AFD.

Three projects



Strengthening health systems and services in West Africa

WHERE?

Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone

WHO?

Action Against Hunger, Solthis and four local NGOs

HOW?

Building on the skills of health workers, expanding knowledge of young people and women,

and developing advocacy activities to improve the quality of health care adapted to the specific needs of women, young people and children under five.

INDICATOR

550,000 beneficiaries, including 200,000 children under the age of five and 270,000 young people aged between 15 and 29

AMOUNT

€2 million



Setting up a health and social protection system for vulnerable families

WHERE?

Burkina Faso

WHO?

ATIA

HOW?

Developing health microinsurance, medico-social assistance and health prevention services for microentrepreneurs receiving funding from the microfinance institution YIKRI, which works with

people underserved by other institutions, and their families. Conducting advocacy activities for universal health insurance and action-research to evaluate the effectiveness of the system.

INDICATOR

80,000 health care treatments covered by the facility

AMOUNT

€445,000



Supporting research and advocacy for communities

WHERE?

Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco

WHO?

Coalition PLUS

HOW?

Training the community research team of Coalition PLUS to participate in research

projects, boosting the advocacy capacity of the Coalition, and increasing the influential role of associations. The objective is to strengthen the integration of community expertise into the fight against HIV/AIDS.

INDICATOR

70 beneficiary associations

AMOUNT

€3 million

AFD and the Global Fund: a strengthened partnership for resilient health systems

The signing of a partnership agreement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria symbolizes our partnership approach, which is essential in maximizing the impact of our action.

The hosting of the Sixth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Lyon on 10 October 2019 gave AFD the opportunity to forge closer ties with the Global Fund. The objective is to coordinate the Global Fund action against the three pandemics with AFD's work to strengthen health systems.

This work culminated in the signing of a global partnership agreement in Abidjan in December, in the presence of the French President. The aim of this agreement is to maximize the impact of our efforts to ameliorate health systems by enhancing coordination between AFD projects and Global Fund programs. It focuses on Africa and will be implemented in pilot countries in West and Central Africa in 2020.

AFD had already financed three multi-country projects in 2019 to contribute to leveraging Global Fund programs through partnerships with key stakeholders in their respective fields (total €21 million):

- Mériex Foundation: strengthening a laboratory network in West and Central Africa;
- International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease: technical assistance for national tuberculosis programs in eight West and Central Africa countries;
- Drugs Against Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi): provision of new pediatric HIV treatments.

2019 at a glance

€545 M
of commitments

46 projects



81%
of funded
projects

aim to improve
gender equality



18.5 M
people

with better access to health care
thanks to projects financed by AFD in 2019

1.38 M
people

will benefit from better social
protection thanks to projects
financed by AFD in 2019

Towards a world in common.

Agence Française de Développement Group (AFD Group) implements France's policy in the areas of development and international solidarity. It finances, supports and accelerates transitions towards a more coherent and resilient world.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people of the Global South. Our teams are active in more than 4,000 projects in the field – in overseas France, in some 115 countries and in crisis areas, working to promote the "common goods" that are climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality, education and health.

It's our way of contributing to the commitment France and the French people have made to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Towards a world in common.



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