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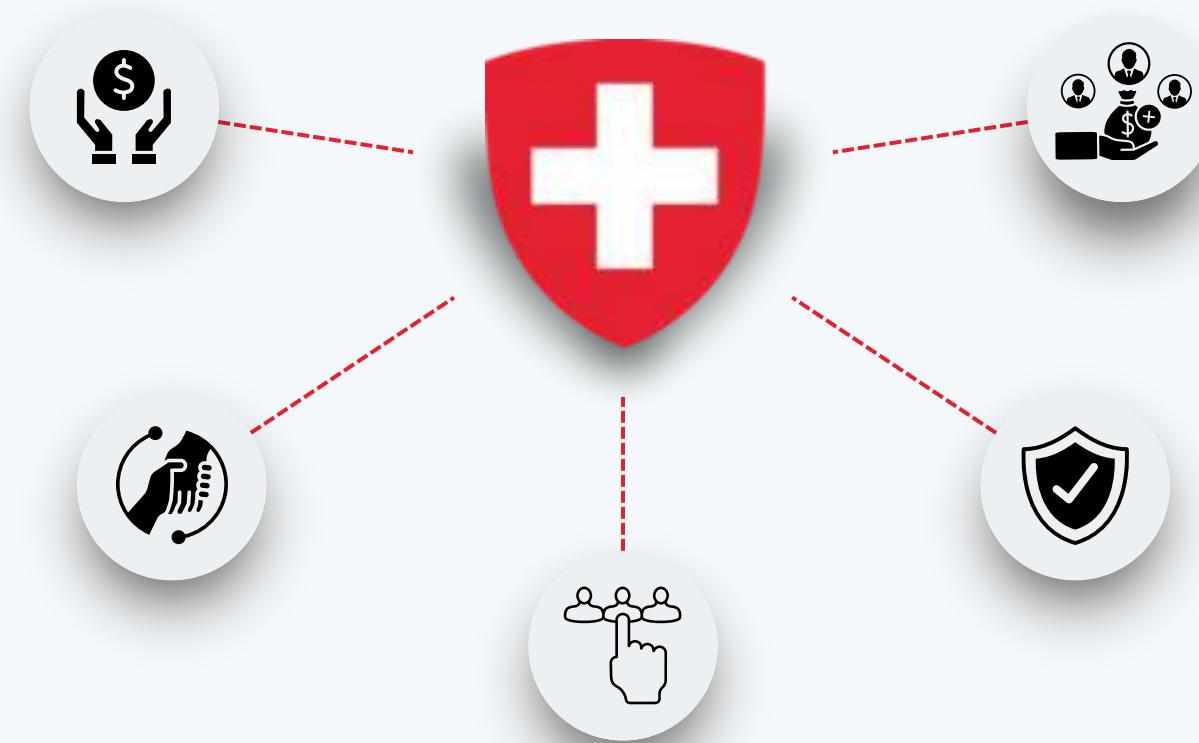
SWISS-SUPPORTED INITIATIVES FOR BUSINESSES IN PARTNER COUNTRIES

As part of Switzerland's international cooperation efforts, the SDC and SECO co-finance financial market-based vehicles that support SMEs, social enterprises and businesses aligned with Switzerland's development priorities. This document provides an overview of these initiatives and the types of support they provide.

SUPPORT CATEGORIES

Outcome payment schemes

A fund, facility, or special purpose vehicle that pools grants from multiple donors to finance measurable social or environmental outcomes delivered by social or impact enterprises.



Technical Assistance

Non-financial support aimed at strengthening businesses' internal capacities and enhancing their investment readiness. This is done through assistance in areas such as financial management, impact measurement and management, business development, and strategic planning.

Support Facilities

A dedicated structure in which impact-oriented projects and activities of private sector actors are selected according to a competitive procedure and supported with technical assistance or financing.

Structured funds & other financial vehicles or initiatives

A structured fund is an investment vehicle that pools different types of capital to invest in private enterprises based on a defined strategy. In developing countries, structured funds often blend capital with varying risk-return profiles from public donors, development finance institutions, and private investors. Other financial vehicles or initiatives also provide financing directly or indirectly to private enterprises, but not through a structured fund.

Guarantees

A specialized form of financial insurance in which a third party assumes the risk of default in a transaction. They can cover loan portfolios, individual loans by financial institutions, or loans sought by enterprises (known as 'portable guarantees').

Outcome Payment Schemes



Overview



Aceli Africa incentivizes financial institutions to lend to agricultural SMEs in East Africa by providing financial rewards and technical assistance.

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Impact-Linked Fund for Education

The Impact-Linked Fund for Education provides Impact-Linked Finance to education-focused enterprises serving vulnerable children and youth, aiming to improve learning outcomes, increase access to quality education, and support vocational skills development.

[SDC Economy and Education Section](#)



B-Briddhi strengthens impact enterprises in Bangladesh through targeted readiness support in impact investing, IMM, and Impact-Linked Finance, while selectively providing capital to scale solutions for underserved communities with gender and climate lenses.

[Embassy Dhaka](#)



Impact-Linked Fund for Gender-Inclusive FinTech

ILF for GIF supports fintechs serving women affected by migration through ecosystem partnerships, aiming to increase access to affordable financial services and promote inclusive innovation in digital finance ecosystems.

[SDC Migration and Forced Displacement Section](#)



CEI Africa provides debt financing and technical assistance to off-grid energy and e-mobility companies in Sub-Saharan Africa, aiming to increase energy access and support productive use technologies through blended finance structures.

[SDC Climate, DRR and Environment Section](#)



SIINC LatAm

SIINC Latam rewards social enterprises in Latin America for achieving outcomes aligned with poverty reduction, aiming to attract private investment and help companies scale impactful business models through performance-based payments.

[SDC Economy and Education Section](#)



Daraja provides capital and technical assistance to Tanzanian SMEs promoting economic inclusion, aiming to enhance business growth, create decent jobs, and empower women and youth in underserved communities across the country.

[Embassy Daressalaam](#)



Social Water Entrepreneurship

The Social Water Entrepreneurship Program incentivizes water and sanitation SMEs to scale services for low-income populations by rewarding impact, aiming to increase access to clean water through results-based financing and improved business sustainability.

[SDC Water Section](#)



Impact-Linked Fund for Eastern & Southern Africa (ILF ESA)

The Impact-Linked Fund for Eastern & Southern Africa (ILF ESA) offers catalytic funding to impact enterprises through Impact-Linked Finance, aiming to scale high-impact business models while rewarding measurable social and environmental outcomes in different sectors across the region.

[Embassy Nairobi](#)



Outcome Payment Schemes

Initiative

Theme/Sector

Target Geography

Target Investees

Partner/Investment Manager

ACELI Africa

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Food Security

East Africa (Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda)

Target Investees

Financial institutions lending to agri SMEs in Africa

Partner/Investment Manager

21 private and 6 public partners

B-BRIDDI Scaling Social & Impact Enterprises Bangladesh

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All Sectors

Bangladesh

Social and Impact Enterprises in Bangladesh

Roots of Impact

CEI Africa

[SDC Climate, DRR and Environment Section](#)

Climate Change

Africa

Productive use of energy (PUE) providers, for example providers of solar water pumps, mills, and cooling systems

Triple Jump; KfW

Daraja Impact Fund (Support to Innovations for Social Change) Tanzania

[Embassy Daressalaam](#)

All sectors

Tanzania

SMEs with a social and impact orientation in Tanzania

Alpha Mundi / SEAF

Impact-Linked Fund for Eastern and Southern Africa

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All sectors

Eastern & Southern Africa

Social and Impact Enterprises in Eastern and Southern Africa

Impact-Linked Finance Fund, iGravity; Medicor Foundation, FourFold Foundation, SwissRe Foundation

Impact-Linked Fund for Education

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Basic Education & Vocational Skills Development (VSD)

Global

Social and Impact Enterprises providing affordable access to products and services that increase learning outcomes of children and youth

Impact Linked Finance Fund, iGravity; Jacobs Foundation

Impact-Linked Fund for Gender-inclusive Fintech (ILF for GIF)

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Migration; Financial Inclusion; Gender

Global (Africa, Asia, and the Middle East); Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

Fintechs with a focus on Gender / Migration

Impact Linked Finance Fund (ILFF), Roots of Impact, iGravity as well as different Ecosystem Enablers and Investment partners

SIINC LatAm

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All Sectors

Latin America

Social and Impact Enterprises in LatAm

Roots of Impact, Inter-American development Bank (IADB)

Social Water Entrepreneurship

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Water

Africa and Asia

Social and Impact Enterprises in the water sector

Aqua for All



Technical Assistance and Support Facilities & Guarantees



Overview



EEP Africa finances early-stage clean energy companies with grants and technical support, aiming to promote innovation, increase access to renewable energy, and investment readiness across East and Southern Africa.

[Embassy Harare](#)



The SDG Impact Finance Initiative (SIFI) supports the design and scaling of innovative finance solutions that target the SDGs by providing grants, fostering collaboration, and de-risking investment, aiming to mobilize capital and strengthen the impact ecosystem.

[SECO WEIF](#) [SDC Economy and Education Section](#)

Smallholder Safety Net Up-scaling Program (SSNUP)

SSNUP supports agribusinesses and intermediaries with technical assistance and investment readiness support, aiming to improve services for smallholder farmers and enhance their resilience, productivity, and market access in developing countries.

[SDC Health and Food Section](#)

SIFEM Least Developed Countries (LDC) Risk Support

SIFEM is a fund of funds, investing in equity funds, as well as providing debt financing to financial institutions in emerging markets. Through its "SIFEM LDC Support" program, SDC provides guarantees to SIFEM to enable it to lend to financial institutions in least developed countries.

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The Swiss Capacity Building Facility (SCBF) provides blended funding and advisory support to financial institutions and enterprises, aiming to scale inclusive financial solutions for low-income populations and promote financial resilience through innovation and strategic partnerships.

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SIFEM Technical Assistance Facility

SIFEM's Technical Assistance Facility (TAF), funded by SECO and managed by responsAbility, provides targeted advisory support to SIFEM investees to enhance development impact beyond investment alone.

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Technical Assistance and Support Facilities

Initiative

Theme/Sector	Target Geography	Target Investees	Partner/Investment Manager	
Energy and Environment Partnership EEP Africa Trust Fund (Phase 1)  Embassy Harare	Renewable energy	Zambia and Zimbabwe	Innovative clean energy projects, technologies and business models implemented by private actors in Zambia and Zimbabwe	EEP Africa / Nordic Development Fund
Smallholder Safety Net Up-scaling Programme (SSNUP)  SDC Health and Food Section	Food Security	Global	Support small and medium agribusiness enterprises, farmer organisations and financial intermediaries	ADA as manager/ 8 impact fund managers as partners
Swiss Capacity Building Facility (SCBF)  SDC Economy and Education Section	Financial Inclusion	Global	Provide technical assistance to financial institutions that offer services and products centered on the financial inclusion of low-income women, vulnerable households, smallholder farmers and MSMEs in the Global South	SCBF as manager / 3 public and 27 private partners
SDG Impact Finance Initiative (SIFI)  SECO WEIF SDC Economy and Education Section	All Sectors	Global	Impact investors in developing countries	Credit Suisse Foundation, UBS Optimus Foundation, Government of Luxembourg
SIFEM Technical Assistance Facility  SECO WEIF	All Sectors	Global	Financial intermediaries and their portfolio companies in emerging markets that receive SIFEM funding, with technical assistance tailored to enhance their impact, capacity, and sustainability.	ResponsAbility
Guarantees	All Sectors	Global	Guarantees to SIFEM investments in Financial Institutions in SDC partner countries	ResponsAbility
Swiss Investment Fund for Emerging Markets (SIFEM) – Least Developed Countries (LDC) Risk Support  SECO WEIF SDC Economy and Education Section				



Structured Funds and other vehicles

OVERVIEW



As the Swiss development finance institution, SIFEM invests patient capital in businesses across developing countries through local fund managers, aiming to foster inclusive economic growth, support decent jobs, and enhance climate resilience in underserved regions.

[SECO WEIF](#)



SECO Start-up Fund (SSF)

The Seco Start-up Fund (SSF) is a debt financing vehicle that provides concessional loans to Swiss-led start-ups expanding into emerging economies, aiming to catalyze commercially viable ventures that meet ESG standards and support entrepreneurship, job creation, and inclusive private sector growth.

[SECO WEIF](#)



As a Multidonor facility, Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) mobilizes private capital and expertise to finance sustainable infrastructure in emerging markets, aiming to promote climate resilience, job creation, and inclusive economic growth for underserved and climate-vulnerable communities.

[SECO WEIF](#)



W2AF invests in water enterprises across Africa and Asia through blended finance, aiming to scale sustainable water access solutions and improve affordability, availability, and quality for underserved communities.

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The ABC Fund offers catalytic debt financing and technical assistance to agribusinesses and cooperatives, aiming to strengthen agricultural value chains, improve smallholder farmer livelihoods, and mobilize private investment in rural economies.

[SDC Health and Food Section](#)



N3F provides capital and technical assistance to African SMEs producing nutritious food, aiming to increase access to affordable, healthy products for low-income consumers and improve nutrition across underserved communities.

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Structured Funds & other financial vehicles or initiatives

Initiative

Theme/Sector

Target Geography

Target Investees

Partner/Investment Manager

ABC Fund

[SDC Health and Food Section](#)

Food Security

Africa

Agribusiness SMEs

Bamboo CP as manager/ IFAD

Nutritious Foods Financing Facility (N3F)

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Food Security

Africa

African SMEs within the nutritious food value chain

Incfin as manager

Water Access Acceleration Fund

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Water

Asia / Africa

Socially oriented water enterprises, mainly in Asia and Africa

Incfin

PIDG (Private Infrastructure Development Group)

[SECO WEIF](#)

Infrastructure; Climate

Africa and Asia

Long-term debt for inclusive infrastructure in Africa & Asia.

EAIF - Ninety One
GuarantCo - Cardano

SECO Start-up Fund (SSF)

[SECO WEIF](#)

All sectors

SECO and SDC partner countries

Start-ups in the seed, early-stage and commercialisation phase

Managed by iGravity and Seedstars

SIFEM (Swiss Investment Fund for Emerging Markets)

[SECO WEIF](#)

Diverse

Developing countries with a GNI per capita <\$7'895; 60% in IC priority countries

Equity (fund of funds) and Debt (fund of funds and FI); SDG oriented SMEs

ResponsAbility



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Outcome Payment Schemes



Impact-Linked Fund for Gender-Inclusive FinTech

Geography: Global (Africa, Asia, and the Middle East); Colombia, Ecuador, Peru

Target Investees: Fintechs with a focus on Gender / Migration

Partner/Manager: Impact Linked Finance Fund (ILFF), Roots of Impact, iGravity as well as different Ecosystem Enablers and Investment partners

SDC Migration and Forced Displacement Section



SIINC LatAm

Geography: Latin America

Target Investees: Social and Impact Enterprises in LatAm

Partner/Manager: Roots of Impact, Inter-American development Bank (IADB)

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Themes/Sectors

Multi-sector



Financial Inclusion

Migration



Gender

Water

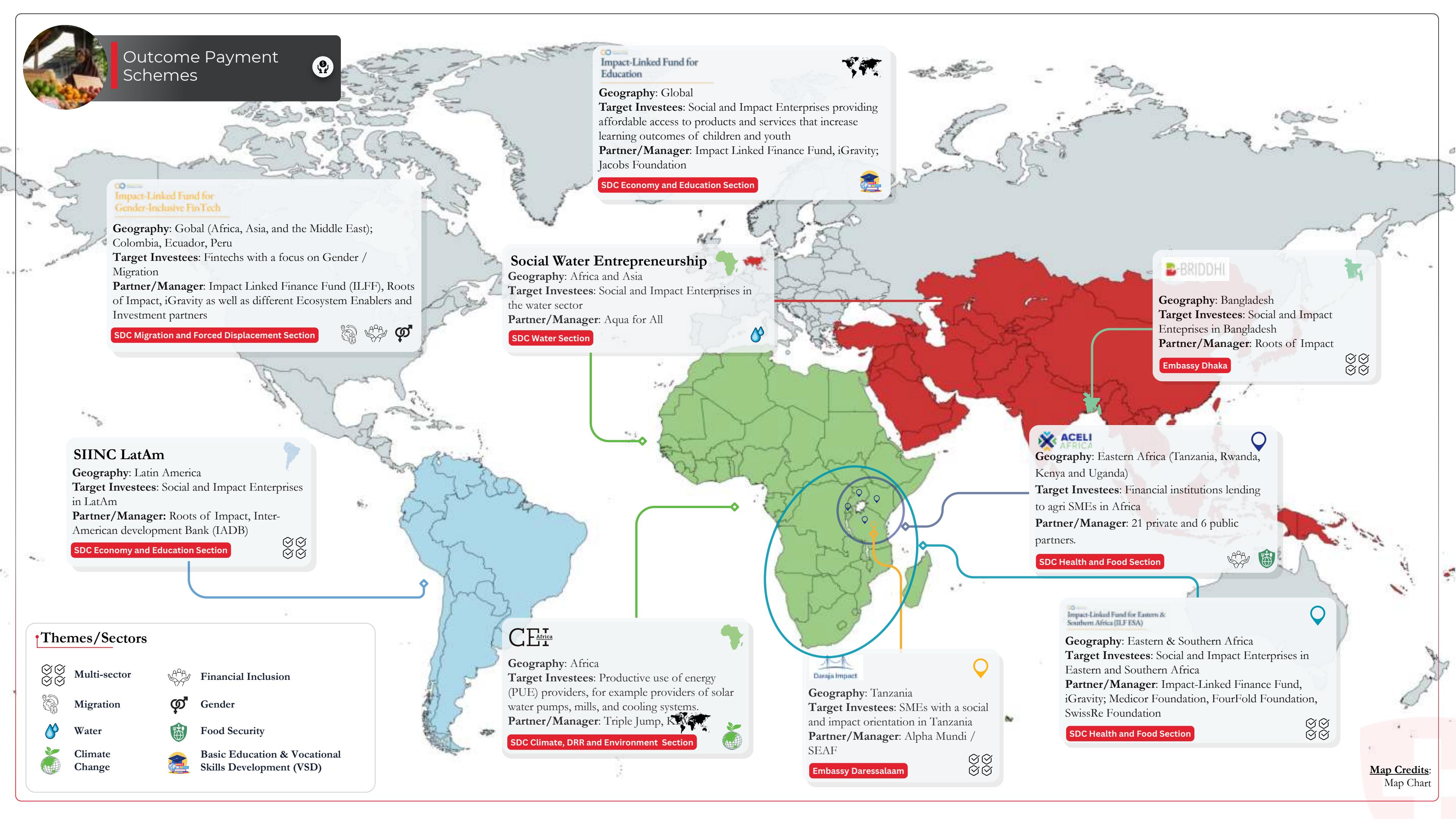


Food Security

Climate Change



Basic Education & Vocational Skills Development (VSD)





Technical Assistance,
Support Facilities &
Guarantees



**SC
BF**
Swiss
Capacity
Building Facility

Geography: Global
Target Investees: Provide technical assistance to financial institutions that offer services and products centered on the financial inclusion of low-income women, vulnerable households, smallholder farmers and MSMEs in the Global South.
Partner/Manager: SCBF, 3 public and 25 private partners

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SIFEM

Least Developed Countries
(LDC) Risk Support
+ Technical Assistance Facility

Geography: Global

Target Investees: Guarantees to SIFEM investments in Financial Institutions in SDC partner countries
Partner/Manager: responsAbility Investments

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Themes/Sectors

Multi-sector

Renewable Energy

Food Security

Financial Inclusion

Smallholder Safety Net Up-scaling Program (SSNUP)

Geography: Global

Target Investees: Support small and medium agribusiness enterprises, farmer organisations and financial intermediaries.

Partner/Manager: 3 public and 55 private partners

SDC Health and Food Section



Impact
 Finance
 Initiative

Geography: Global

Target Investees: Impact investors in developing countries.

Partner/Manager: Credit Suisse Foundation, UBS Optimus Foundation, Government of Luxembourg

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EEP
Africa

Geography: Zambia and Zimbabwe

Target Investees: Innovative clean energy projects, technologies and business models implemented by private actors in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Partner/Manager: EEP Africa, Nordic Development Fund

Embassy Harare





Structured Funds and other vehicles



SECO Start-up Fund (SSF)

Geography: SECO and SDC partner countries

Target Investees: Start-ups in the seed, early-stage and commercialisation phase

Partner/Manager: iGravity and seedstars

SECO WEIF



Geography: Asia / Africa

Target Investees: Socially oriented water enterprises, mainly in Asia and Africa

Partner/Manager: Incofin

SDC Economy and Education Section SDC Water Section



Geography: IC Priority Countries

Target Investees: Equity (fund of funds) and Debt (fund of funds and FI); SDG oriented SMEs

Partner/Manager: responsAbility Investments

SECO WEIF



Geography: Africa

Target Investees: African SMEs within the nutritious food value chain

Partner/Manager: Incofin

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Geography: Africa

Target Investees: Agribusiness SMEs

Partner/Manager: IFAD

SDC Health and Food Section



Geography: Africa and Asia

Target Investees: Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund provides long-term debt for inclusive infrastructure in Africa & Asia. GuarantCo mobilizes private capital for essential infrastructure via local currency credit solutions.

Partner/Manager: EAIF, Ninety One, GuarantCo, Cardano

SECO WEIF



Themes/Sectors



Multi-sector



Agribusiness



Renewable Energy



Renewable Energy



Food Security



Local Infrastructure



Financial Inclusion



Water



Climate Change