



Health and social protection

ACTIVITY REPORT

2022



Two years after the outbreak of the Covid-19 epidemic, the health emergency and the priorities to which it has given rise, have gradually given way to structural challenges faced by health and social protection systems. Addressing these challenges is essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In response to the growing number of crises, AFD Group continues to invest in building inclusive and adaptive health and social protection systems for the years to come. And it does so by addressing issues tied to environmental and social concerns. This forms a central plank in our strategy to adapt to the effects of climate change, thus ensuring the safety, health and well-being of populations.

Following two years of exceptionally intense activity in health and social protection in response to the pandemic, 2022 saw a decline in the level of commitment in these sectors, indicating a catching-up of other AFD Group sectors whose activity had been hindered by the crisis.

AFD Group's priorities in health and social protection

In a world of growing uncertainty, health crises – especially those related to climate change and biodiversity loss – threaten to multiply with increasingly serious economic and social consequences.

Preventing future crises and getting back on track to achieving the SDGs lie at the heart of AFD Group's actions, as it pursues its investments towards universal health coverage and works to strengthen health and social protection systems via three key priorities.

Our areas of activity



Common goods for health

AFD Group supports institutions that carry out crucial fundamental functions for health systems, from regulation and epidemiological surveillance to public health institutions. The roll-out of a One Health approach incorporating human, animal and environmental health forms the common thread of its actions.



Healthcare: human resources and resilient infrastructure

In light of the worldwide shortage of medical workers, AFD Group supports countries in their efforts to improve the quality and quantity of human resources in this sector. In order to provide higher quality health services, the Group combines its human resources oriented actions with investments in lower-emission and more sustainable infrastructure.



Social protection systems

AFD Group helps countries build the foundations for national social protection systems and support reforms that enable these systems to better protect individuals from life risks and external shocks (from climate change, economic shocks or epidemics, for example).

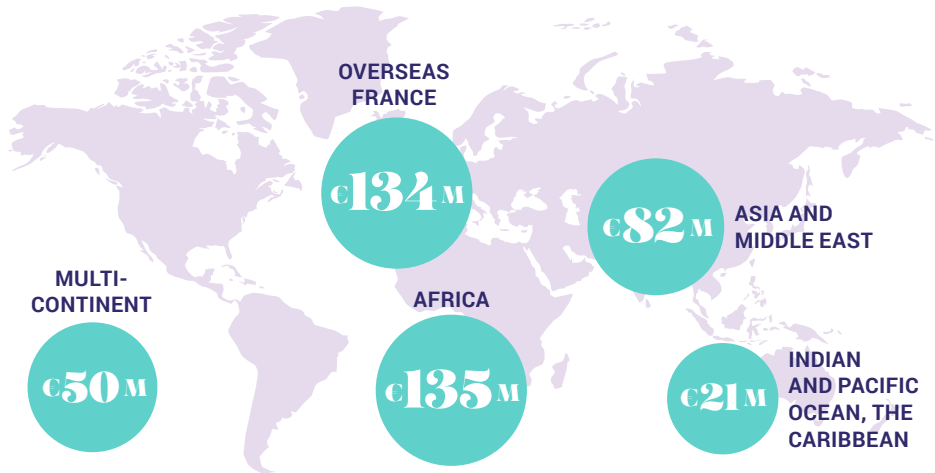


Promoting a common agenda for investment

The common agenda for investment, supported by the Coalition for Social Investment and presented at the Finance in Common summit in Abidjan in October 2022, develops these strategic priorities at the international level.

Our health and social protection commitments in 2022

Breakdown by region



€422M

committed in 2022 by AFD and Proparco



€399M

signed in 2022 by AFD and Proparco

Our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals



Target
2.2

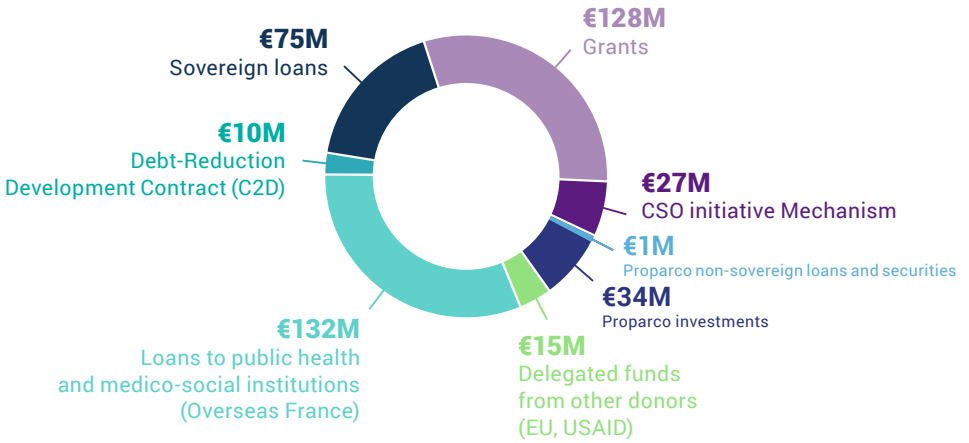
€48M committed to fight malnutrition



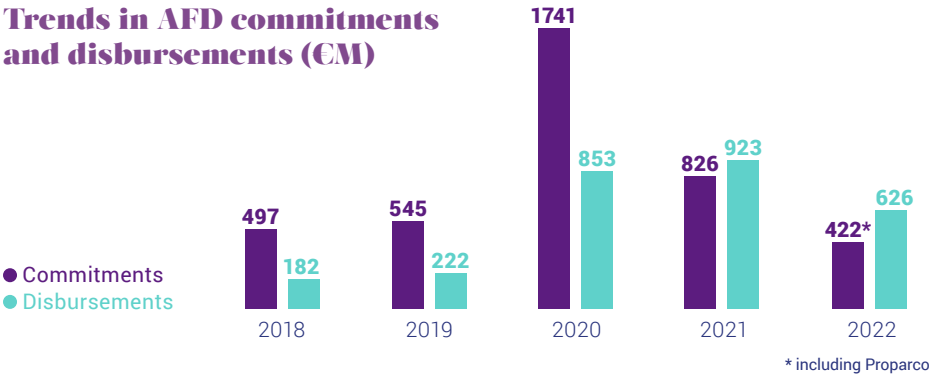
Target
3.8

28 million people will have better access to care thanks to AFD-financed projects in 2022

Breakdown by financial tool



Trends in AFD commitments and disbursements (€M)



Target 5.1

79% of commitments have a positive impact on gender equality



Target 13.2

22% of commitments contribute to climate change reduction and adaptation

Common goods for health

AFD Group is boosting its investments aimed at ensuring the fundamental functions of health systems. It focuses on four key goals.



Supporting local capacities to produce health products

Senegal's pharmaceutical sector

AFD lends its support to the Senegalese government in the roll-out of its pharmaceutical sector recovery plan, which aims to produce 50% of the health products needed in the country at local level by 2050.

€25M sovereign loan
+
€5M EU grant

Regional regulation

Expertise France implements AFD funding aimed at helping regional pharmaceutical regulatory bodies in West and Central Africa to strengthen and standardize the legal framework for health products, and thus guarantee their quality and safety.

€5M grant



“Governing pandemics: turning health products into global common goods”

In association with DNDi and Sorbonne Paris Nord University, AFD organized a conference in May 2022 to present a research study analyzing various governance models used around the world to produce Covid-19 vaccines, and thus expand our knowledge of the governance of common goods for health.



Intensify the European Union - African Union partnership

Africa CDC

AFD and Africa CDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding in November 2022 to strengthen their collaboration on pandemic preparedness and response. This partnership delivered support for vaccination campaigns led by Africa CDC in three African countries, and aid for its new health sector unit.

€2.4M grant

Team Europe Initiatives

The Group is involved in the structuring of regional Team Europe Initiatives for health, launched by the European Commission to coordinate Member States' actions. With regard to pharmaceutical manufacturing, Expertise France, in partnership with Enabel and GIZ, supports the African Union's Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing.



Bolstering laboratories and their networks

Laboh-Kin

As part of the France-Congo health road map, AFD continues to support medical and public health laboratories in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Implemented by Expertise France, this project aims to strengthen access to quality-assured laboratory services in six suburban areas of Kinshasa and to improve integration of reliable and timely laboratory data in the province's disease surveillance program.

€12M grant



Promoting a One Health approach

Train public health human resources

The increasing emergence of communicable diseases, their close link to zoonoses and the loss of biodiversity require an integrated approach to health. AFD called on Expertise France to bolster training based on this One Health approach for public health professionals in West Africa.

€4.5M grant

Service delivery

AFD Group continues to invest in the development of human resources, a key concern for health systems, and prioritizes funding for low-carbon infrastructure.



€**228M**

committed to improve health services in 2022



Burundi

A structuring approach to support human resources

In response to the health worker shortage and the quality concerns regarding existing professionals, AFD supports the French Red Cross in promoting a dual approach: to enhance the offer and quality of paramedical training, including in gender-based issues, and assist the Health Ministry in the implementation of a national management strategy for human resources for health. This second aspect thus ensures the sustainability of training interventions by improving recruitment, management and retaining policies for health professionals.

€10M grant



Iraq

Developing specialized care in crises

In the aftermath of the city's occupation by the so-called Islamic State, AFD called on Expertise France to rehabilitate and equip Mossul University's medical research center, and thus improve care in oncology, cardiology and other specialties. This funding is complemented by technical assistance to build both governance and economic models in partnership with French hospitals.

€10M grant



Providing French expertise

In Mexico, AFD called on AP-HP International to develop a tool kit for hospitals in order to enhance their capacities with regards to sustainable development, and in particular their resilience to climate change.



establishments supported in Overseas France



Reunion

Ensure sustainable access to health

AFD supports the modernization of the health and social-medical offer in the French Overseas Territories. These efforts aim to address demographic issues and the specific requirements of each region, in addition to ensuring access to high-quality services. In response to the climate emergency, AFD also invests in the sustainability of infrastructure to support the shift to more resilient and decarbonized health system models. Reunion represents an emblematic example of the approach advocated by AFD, at the intersection of environmental and social concerns.



FUNDING GREEN HOSPITALS

AFD is renewing its support to the West Reunion Hospital by funding its investment plan. AFD previously funded the building of this hospital, which opened in 2019, and is the second French hospital to obtain a HEQ (High Environmental Quality) certification.

€4.4M loan



IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH OFFER

AFD is assisting in the restructuring efforts of the Reunion's Public Mental Health Services. The project will modernize infrastructure and deliver all aspects of patient care at a single location and therefore minimize the number of patients lost to follow-up.

€25M loan



Contributing to the conversation

AFD participated in the Martinique forum for healthy aging, organized by the Martinique regional authority in September 2022 to contribute to the conversation on the challenges of aging in this region, and to promote its offer to tackle these challenges.

Social protection

COP27 underlined the key role of social protection in the climate agenda. AFD Group is pursuing its investments, with the dual aim of fostering social justice and adaptation to climate change.



€76M

committed to social protection systems in four countries in 2022

COP27

Social protection and climate event

During COP27, AFD Group and the International Labour Organization held an event devoted to social protection as a tool for the climate agenda. This provided an opportunity to discuss the key role of public development banks in promoting a fair transition to low-carbon development and adaptive social protection programs for fragile populations, who are particularly vulnerable to external shocks due to climate change.



Partnerships for social protection

59% of social protection funding allocated by AFD between 2020 and 2022 was co-financed by international donors. Setting up national social protection systems requires substantial funding and a coordinated approach by donors to support governmental reforms. Our main partners are the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the International Labour Organization and European partners. This partnership approach concerns our funding, in addition to research and joint capitalization actions.



2.2
million

people will benefit from **better social protection** thanks to AFD financed projects in 2022

Social protection systems contribute to:

Cameroon **Improving access to healthcare**



AFD is continuing its backing, initiated in 2008, of the “health voucher”, a pre-payment scheme covering pregnancy, birth and post-natal care for mothers and babies. This latest phase is aimed at supporting the Health Ministry in the geographical extension of this scheme, its institutionalization, and better integration of gender-based issues in care.

€10M via C2D

Mauritania **Addressing shocks and crises**



AFD is renewing its support for the development of an adaptive social protection system via co-funding with the World Bank and partners in the Sahel Alliance. Given the current crisis, this aid is geared specifically to the creation of a national funding scheme for food crises.

€15M grant

Georgia **Supporting the development of a new social model**



AFD is providing support for the governmental program to develop human capital, through joint financing with the World Bank. The aim of this program is to reform health, social welfare, and employment policies in order to attain European social model standards.

€50M loan

Sexual and reproductive rights and health

In keeping with France's commitments at the Generation Equality Forum, AFD is continuing its actions for sexual and reproductive rights and health, as well as for the empowerment of women and girls.



€58M

committed for sexual and reproductive rights and health in 2022



In December 2022, AFD signed a framework partnership agreement with the **Ouagadougou Partnership**, an organization created by nine French-speaking states in West Africa to accelerate the use of family planning services in these countries. This agreement serves to strengthen collaboration between the two organizations regarding a geographic area and a topic in line with AFD's priorities, with a focus on strategies for teenagers.



That's Life! Edutainment for health

In partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, AFD renewed its funding for the production of the Pan-African sitcom *That's Life!*, which portrays the daily lives of characters in a health center, and addresses themes related to sexual and reproductive health. The aim of the series, which AFD has been funding since 2018, is to provide viewers with the tools they need to make responsible decisions and promote healthy habits.

€5M grant

Guinea

Acting for women's and girls' empowerment



AFD called on Expertise France to implement a project promoting rights to health and sexual education for teenagers and young people in the Boké region. Through actions focused on youth education, awareness raising and sexual and reproductive health services, this project aims to contribute to the empowerment of women and girls, and to reduce gender inequality.

€10M grant

Civil society initiatives

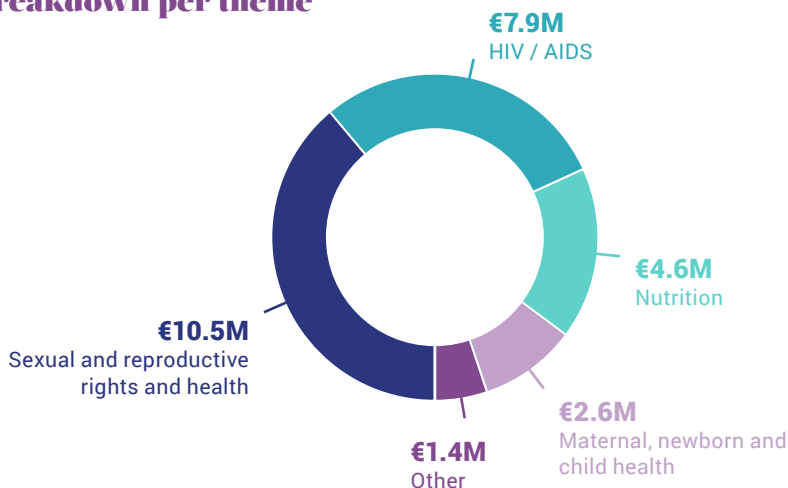
Via a dedicated mechanism, AFD funds and supports initiatives by French civil society organizations and their local partners, who are essential players in fulfilling the SDGs.



27 M€

committed via 13 French civil society initiatives
in the health and social protection sector

Breakdown per theme



Action against Hunger Acting for food safety



AFD signed a multi-annual partnership agreement with the NGO Action Against Hunger to foster food safety among vulnerable populations in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Mauritania and Chad. This project promotes an integrated approach to nutrition and health, by developing preventive actions and promoting adequate public policies. A capitalization process will bolster advocacy efforts at French and international levels for greater inclusion of food safety concerns in political decisions.

€9M grant

The private sector acting for health

Proparco, a subsidiary of AFD geared towards the private sector, supports companies worldwide seeking to contribute to better access to health.



€35M

committed by Proparco
in the health sector in 2022

Argentina

Supporting the production of biosimilar drugs



Biosimilar drugs are near identical copies of the original products, but are manufactured by a different company. Proparco renewed its support for Biosidus, an Argentinian family-run business which develops, produces and sells biosimilar drugs in Argentina and some 30 emerging and developing countries. This aid will strengthen local production capacity and enable greater access to these products.

€1M in equity stakes

PROJECT SIGNED IN 2022

East Africa

Improving access to healthcare with Aga Khan Health services



In February 2022, Proparco signed a funding agreement with the Kenyan branch of Aga Khan Health Services to improve access to health services in Kenya and Tanzania. The project aims to improve access to oxygen supplies and provide free care for the poorest patients.

€2.3M grant

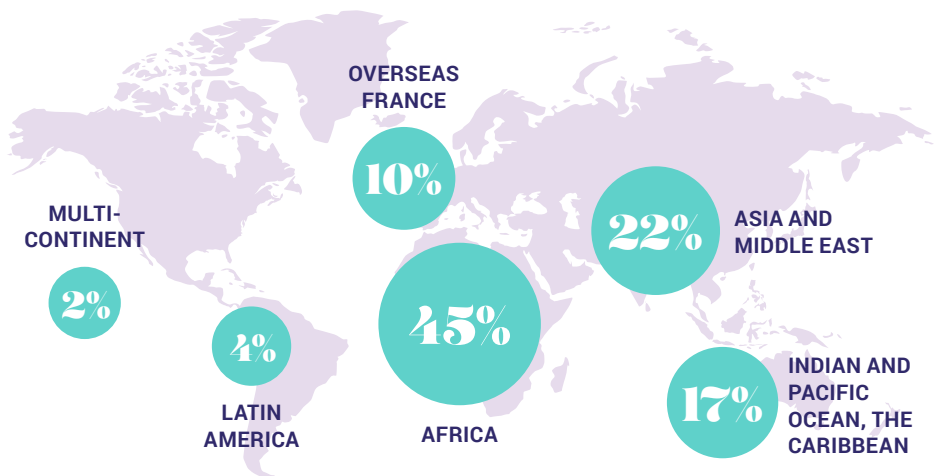
Portfolio of ongoing projects



413

ongoing projects for a total funding amount of €4.5BN, including €1.5BN in future disbursements

Breakdown by region



PROJECT COMPLETED IN 2022

West and Central Africa Support for the African response to the Covid 19 epidemic (ARIACOV)



Funded in April 2020 as part of the "Health in Common" initiative, the ARIACOV project was implemented for two years by the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD) in six West and Central African countries. The project rolled out research tools for public policy-making by producing epidemiological data on the Covid-19 epidemic in Africa, and sociological analyses of the experiences of health workers and the population with the pandemic. These research teams were among the first in the world to publish reliable data on the spread of the epidemic in major African cities.

Towards a world in common

AFD Group contributes to the implementation of France's policies for sustainable development and international solidarity. The Group includes Agence Française de Développement (AFD), which finances the public sector, NGOs, research and training; its subsidiary Proparco, which is dedicated to the private sector; and Expertise France, a technical cooperation agency. The Group finances, supports and accelerates the transitions needed for a fairer, more resilient world.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people in more than 150 countries, as well as in 11 French Overseas Departments and Territories. As part of the commitment of France and the French people to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, our teams are at work on 4,200 projects in the field. Our objective is to reconcile economic development with the preservation of common goods, from peace, the climate and biodiversity to health, education and gender equality. Towards a world in common.



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