



Supporting innovation against poverty and inequality

The Fund for Innovation in Development invests in solutions with high potential for impact that address the challenges affecting vulnerable populations.

FID's grants follow the different stages of development of each innovation, and aim to encourage, accelerate and deploy the most effective solutions across all sectors of the fight against poverty and inequality.



Measuring impact

FID aims to promote cooperation between innovation and research teams, public partners and policy makers to pilot new solutions, scientifically demonstrate their impact on the basis of rigorous evidence, scale them up and transform development policy.



Risking innovation

Innovation requires experimenting and exploring new fields. FID offers promising ideas the opportunity to materialize by encouraging experimentation and risk-taking, and providing funding adapted to the different stages of the innovations' development and evaluation.



Learning together

The outcomes and insights generated by the projects funded by FID will enrich existing knowledge and shape more effective policy-making to improve the lives of the most vulnerable populations.

FID's funding stages

Up to 50,000 euros, the **Preparatory Grant** enables teams with little access to international funding to consolidate their innovation and then qualify for a Stage 1 or Stage 2 grant.

Up to 200,000 euros, the **Stage 1 Grant** (Pilot) supports the piloting of innovations that are in their early stages of development in real-world conditions.

Up to 1.5 million euros, the **Stage 2 Grant** (Impact evaluation) enables to rigorously measure the impact of innovations that have already been piloted.

Up to 4 million euros, the **Stage 3 Grant** (Transition to scale) supports the transition of rigorously tested solutions to widespread scaling.

Up to 500,000 euros, the **Transforming Public Policy Grant** aims to strengthen public policy decision-making on the basis of evidence of impact.

Overview of FID 2021-2023



An attractive and responsive funding mechanism

Over **2,700** applications received since the call for projects was launched

An initial response from FID is received within an average of **1.5 months** upon receipt of the application

A final funding decision is received within an average of **4 months** after receipt of the application



FID facilitates the emergence of new actors in the development ecosystem

Nearly **90%** of the organizations that have benefited from FID's financing have never received funding from AFD before
1/3 of the projects with a research component financed by FID involve a partner who is conducting their first impact evaluation



FID has established its position as a hub of innovative ideas and a facilitator of experimentation

55% of projects in FID's portfolio support prototyping activities or innovation testing under real-life conditions (< €200,000)

70% of projects have a research partner on their team, regardless of what stage they are at in the funding process



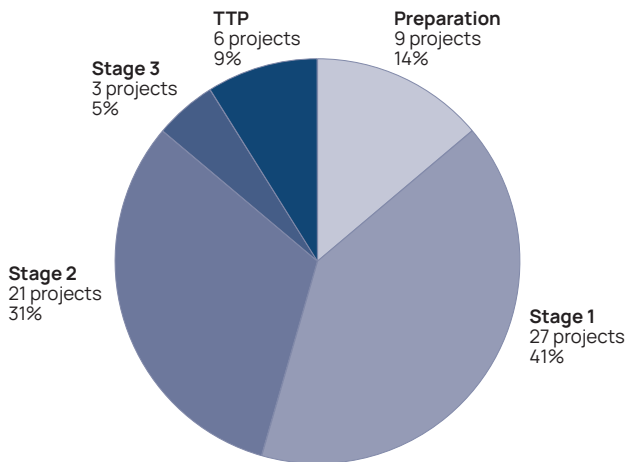
FID supports innovation and research led by organizations from developing countries

64% of the partner organizations of FID-supported projects are from countries eligible for development aid

2/3 of projects with a research component include at least one principal researcher who is from a developing country

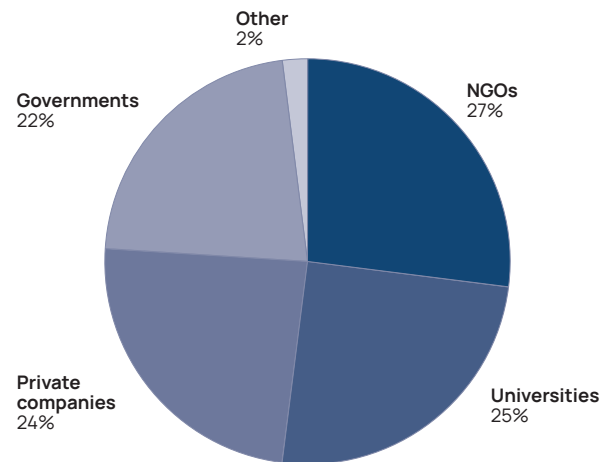
44% of projects have at least one government partner in their country of implementation

FID's portfolio for 2021-2023 according to financing stage



66 projects supported
€31M allocated across 25 countries

Project partner organizations according to entity type



213 project partner organizations

December 2020

Announcement of FID's inauguration at the Presidential Development Council

March 2021

Launch of the call for projects

July 2021

First projects selected

December 2021

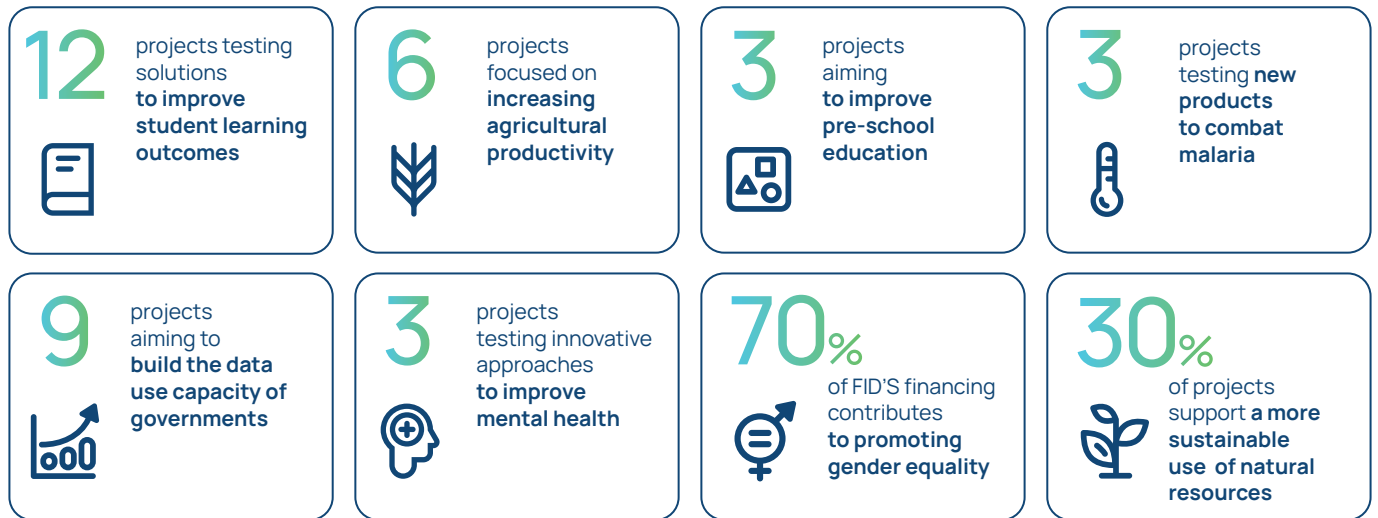
15 projects supported, €6M allocated

January 2022

Signing of the first financing agreements

FID grants are used by teams to test new approaches that meet major development challenges

In particular, FID's portfolio includes:



88% of the funding allocated is being used to support projects based in Africa

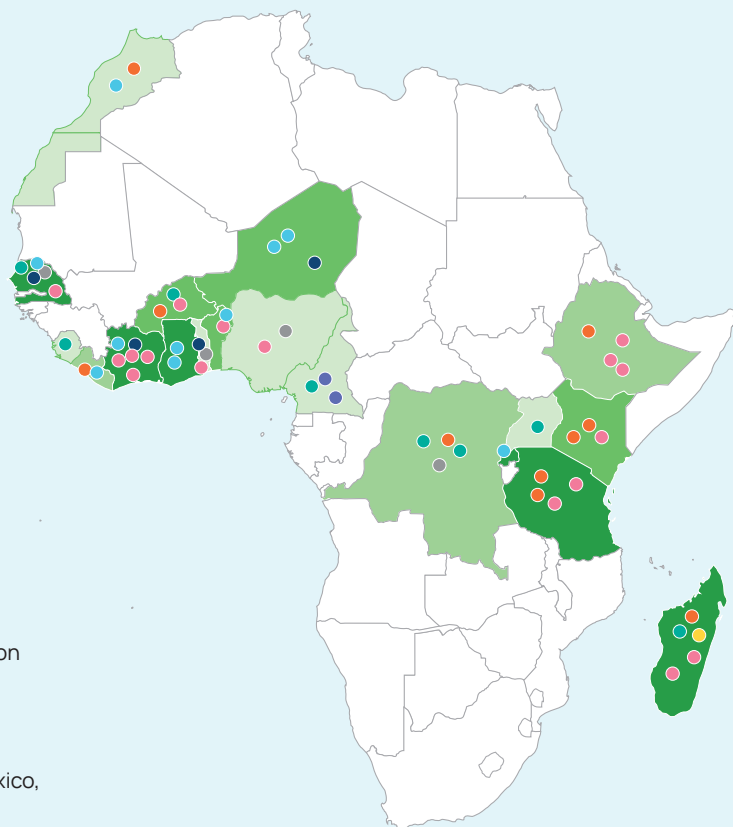
Funding amounts:

- from €0 to €500,000
- from €500,000 to €1M
- from €1M to €2M
- +€2M

Main project sectors

- Agriculture and food security
- Climate
- Education
- Employment
- Gender equality
- Governance
- Financial inclusion
- Health

FID also supports projects in India, Pakistan, Mexico, Laos and Cambodia.



Objective for 2027

Over 180 projects financed
Over €110M allocated

December 2022

42 projects supported,
Over €18M allocated

December 2023

66 projects supported,
€31M allocated.

An innovative mechanism

Launched in December 2020 following the Presidential Council on Development, the Fund for Innovation in Development embodies the French government's commitment to **the modernization of its international cooperation measures**. Hosted by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), FID is independent in its strategic and financing decisions, and is governed by an autonomous Board of Directors, chaired by Esther Duflot.

FID sees innovation as any new solution or approach – technological, social, organizational, financial – capable of meeting a specific development challenge more efficiently.

FID's grants, ranging from **50,000 euros to 4 million euros**, enable emerging innovations to be tested in real-life situations, to generate rigorous evidence of their effectiveness, and to deploy solutions with proven impact on a large scale.

Projects funded

Stage 1

Pilot

Stage 2

Impact Evaluation

Stage 3

Transition to Scale



Social Broker

Testing a re-insurance scheme in Cameroon

Due to the shortcomings of Cameroon's social welfare regime, several informal financial associations, also known as «tontines», have been established within communities to provide an embryonic insurance system for various incidents, such as loss of life or fires.

The Cameroonian association Social Broker received FID's Prepare grant to study the limitations of such small-scale emergency funds and design a collective reinsurance scheme to improve coverage and inclusiveness.

A Stage 1 grant will now allow to test this scheme among a sample of around 80 tontines in Douala.



Maïa Africa

Evaluating the impact of a mosquito-repellent ointment to fight malaria

MAÏA AFRICA, a social enterprise in Burkina Faso, has developed a mosquito-repellent ointment that is currently in the precertification phase of the World Health Organization.

Research teams from Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), the University of Paris Dauphine-PSL and the Institute for Research in Health Sciences of Burkina Faso (IRSS) are conducting an impact evaluation of the product to measure effects of the MAÏA® ointment on the prevention and control of malaria, particularly among children and mothers who are more vulnerable to the disease.

The study aims also to assess the willingness to pay for the ointment in order to ascertain the appropriate level of subsidy to maximize its adoption by the population.



Lively Minds

Scaling up an early childhood education programme to boost children's performance in primary school

The Lively Minds project aims to reduce barriers to early education by training Ghana Education Service agents and kindergarten teachers to lead educational playgroups for children of ages 4 to 6.

Teachers then train volunteer mothers to conduct these playgroups at school and to provide better care and stimulation for their children at home.

FID's funding enables this project to be fully implemented by the government in 62 districts in order to eventually scale it up at national level.