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# AFD Group offer FOR THE HEALTH SECTOR



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**62.7 M**

people will gain improved access to healthcare thanks to AFD-financed projects  
*between 2022 and 2024*

**€1.8 BN**

in financing agreements signed for social protection and health projects by AFD Group  
*between 2022 and 2024*

**36,420**

people in the health field trained thanks to AFD Group support  
*between 2023 and 2024*

*More than half of the world's population lack access to essential health services, and health inequalities among world regions remain very high. AFD Group supports the establishment of health and social protection systems that are equitable, resilient, and adapted to future challenges.*



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# AFD Group's Health and Social Protection offer

While progress has been made in health and social protection systems, the COVID-19 crisis revealed their weaknesses and deepened inequalities.

**It's against this backdrop that AFD Group works to consolidate health and social protection systems, to make them more equitable, sustainable, and better adapted.**

AFD Group – through its three entities AFD, Expertise France, and Proparco – provides an offer based on three priority actions. Special focus is placed on training for health human resources (a major issue identified by France's Global Health Strategy) and on capacity-building for social protection actors.

## OUR 3 ACTION PRIORITIES IN SOCIAL PROTECTION AND HEALTH

### Health

#### PROMOTING COMMON GOODS IN HEALTH

- Strengthen health security via an integrated "One Health" approach and support to fight pandemics.
- Support access to quality health products, from production and distribution up through their effective use.
- Provide guidance to institutions involved in public health and health regulations.
- Promote health education, particularly on sexual and reproductive rights and on malnutrition.

#### DEVELOPING ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY, AND SUSTAINABLE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

- Support a locally based, integrated, and patient-centered health service offer.
- Develop climate-resilient and sustainable healthcare infrastructure.
- Improve the availability and quality of health human resources.
- Provide governance guidance for our partners' healthcare-service and hospital-sector offer.

### Social protection

#### STRENGTHENING SOCIAL PROTECTION TO FIGHT POVERTY AND INEQUALITY

- Boost financing for universal health coverage.
- Transform social protection systems so that they act as drivers for adaptation to shocks, especially climate-related.
- Support the social dimension of ecological transitions.
- Respond to the growing needs stemming from aging, dependency, disabilities, early childhood, and gender inequalities, via inclusive policies on care work.

## OUR CROSS-CUTTING COMMITMENTS



### THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER INEQUALITY

Facilitate direct access for women to social protection and empower them to fight health inequalities.



### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Promote citizen participation to achieve more inclusive, transparent, and effective governance.

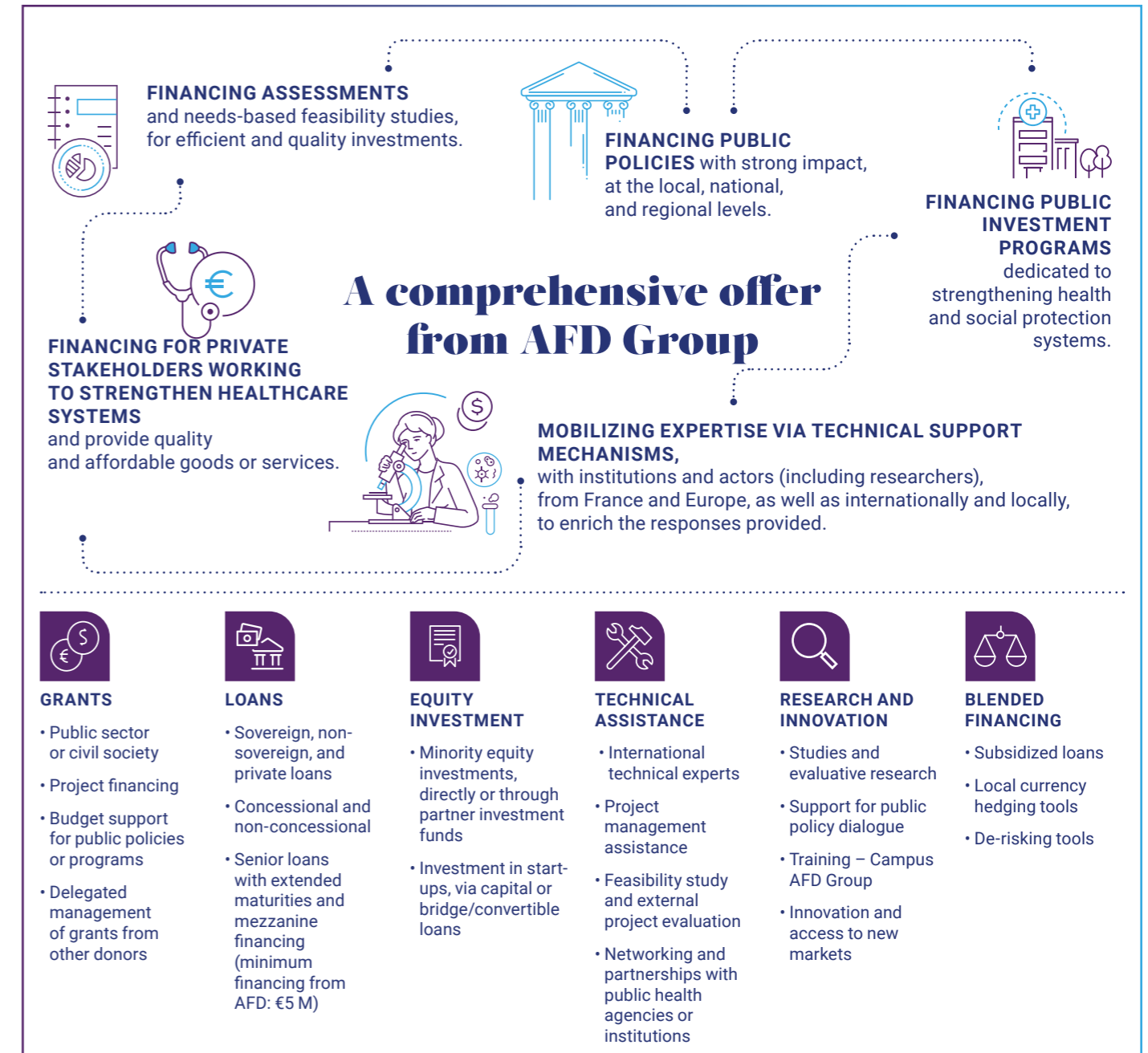


### CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY

Strengthen sector resilience to climate change in order to improve protection of vulnerable people and to mainstream human, animal, and environmental health approaches.

# A combined financial and technical offer

AFD Group offers a comprehensive range of actions and instruments. We mobilize our experts to support our partners at each stage of their projects.



### FIGHTING PANDEMICS THROUGH "L'INITIATIVE"

*L'Initiative* is a French facility designed to supplement the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. It helps countries improve access to quality care and supports – together with local stakeholders – game-changing programs to boost health practices and policies.



### SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

AFD Group finances and supports initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) in France and the Global South in the health and social-protection sector via a dedicated AFD mechanism or the Fund for Innovation in Development (FID).

# Promoting common goods in health

Common goods in health are crucial for strengthening healthcare systems and establishing universal health coverage. With health risks increasing due to climate change, AFD Group proposes a collective response based on a "One Health" approach.

## ACTION PRIORITIES

### STRONGER HEALTH SECURITY

- Support prevention, preparedness, and response to health emergencies, in particular by strengthening public health institutions and laboratories.
- Support the integration of information and monitoring systems on human, animal, and environmental health.
- Help address the HIV, TB, and malaria pandemics (via *L'Initiative*).

### HEALTH OVERSIGHT AND REGULATION

- Support regulatory authorities in charge of ensuring the quality of healthcare services (accreditation agencies) and health products (medicines agencies).
- Support the alignment of national and regional regulations with international standards.

#### PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH SECURITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Partnership with the Indian Ocean Commission, the Pacific Community, and the ECOMORE program, led by the Institut Pasteur in Southeast Asia

This partnership supports epidemic prevention, preparedness, and response via inter-network cooperation. Communities of practice are created and network capacities are strengthened for monitoring, laboratories, and integration of climate data into epidemiological alert systems.



### ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH PRODUCTS

- Support local manufacturers of medicines, vaccines, and other health products.
- Foster the development and reliability of public and private pharmaceutical distribution chains.
- Promote the proper use of medical products and contribute to the fight against antimicrobial resistance.

### HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION

- Promote health and prevent disease via a community-based approach.
- Support programs and initiatives to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- Strengthen capacities for the prevention of child malnutrition and education on healthy eating.

#### SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SUPPLY OF HEALTH PRODUCTS

REGPHARMA, IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA €5 M GRANT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (AFD AND EXPERTISE FRANCE)

##### Objective

Ensure access to effective, safe and quality medicines and vaccines.

##### Method

Strengthen pharmaceutical regulatory authorities and support the harmonization of the regional legal framework for medical products.

ASPEN, SOUTH AFRICA – TWO LOANS OF €156 M AND €140 M (PROPARCO, WITH IFC, DEG AND DFC)

##### Objective

Support local production of medicines and vaccines.

##### Method

Finance Aspen's "Manufacturing in Africa for Africa" strategy to improve the production and accessibility of vaccines and essential medicines in Africa.

# Investing to provide a resilient and sustainable healthcare offer

Strengthening health infrastructure and human resources is crucial in dealing with global climate and health challenges. More than half of health centers in low-income countries suffer from lack of water, electricity, or qualified personnel. The health sector generates 7% of global carbon emissions and, at the same time, is one of the sectors most exposed to the effects of climate change.

## ACTION PRIORITIES

### A LOCAL, INTEGRATED, AND PATIENT-FOCUSED CARE OFFER

- Provide guidance enabling the hospital model to transition from that of isolated cure-based centers to territorial public health operators that play a pivotal role.

### DECARBONIZED AND RESILIENT HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Accelerate the decarbonization of healthcare infrastructure by encouraging energy efficiency in projects and eco-design of healthcare services.
- Build infrastructure that is resilient to climate-change impact and inclusive for vulnerable and invisible social groups.

### A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF QUALIFIED HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES (HHR)

Expanding the health workforce and supporting the upgrading of professionals' skills:

- Support initial and continuing training to increase the number and quality of jobs in the sector: strengthen, diversify, and decentralize the training offer in the country; support innovative clinical and practical pedagogy (internships and residencies) by integrating new technologies.
- Help guide public policies for managing and regulating HHR: strengthening legal and legislative frameworks that encourage training and investment in HHR and stimulating HHR sector regulation (institution accreditation, management, and steering tools).

#### IN RWANDA, IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR ALL

Loans and grants (AFD, Expertise France - *L'Initiative*, European Union)

##### Objective

Improve access to quality healthcare services for all, by using a systemic approach and by integrating issues related to climate change.

##### Outcomes

This funding is helping to modernize and expand two referral hospitals and three health centers, develop specialized hospital services, support the national strategy to strengthen HHR, and invest in the local production of health products.



#### FACILITATING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN LEBANON

€11 M grant (AFD) to the NGO Première Urgence Internationale

##### Objective

Boost access to healthcare services for vulnerable people in Lebanon.

##### Outcomes

This project is helping more than 500,000 people, including displaced persons, refugees, and the economically vulnerable, to access equitable and affordable primary healthcare in about 20 partner health centers.



# Mobilizing partners to amplify impact

AFD Group mobilizes its network of partners to strengthen the impact of its investments in health and social protection. By combining public and private funding, we seek out the most appropriate financing methods to best meet the needs of our clients. In this way, we can guide the transition to more equitable and resilient health and social protection systems, especially to cope with the effects of climate change.



## PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT BANK NETWORK

Our investments and impact are amplified through our relations with the International Development Finance Club (IDFC) and Finance in Common (FICS) banking networks.



## EUROPEAN UNION



To increase project impacts and support implementation of the Global Gateway strategy, we mobilize Team Europe.



## PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS

We work with philanthropic organizations to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals for the health and well-being of all (SDG 3) and the eradication of poverty (SDG 1).



### WE MOBILIZE FRENCH EXPERTISE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION TO:

- Accelerate the transformation of health and social protection systems
- Train health personnel
- Strengthen the capacity of social protection actors

## Gates Foundation

### PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GATES FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION IN PAKISTAN

Sovereign loans of €70 M (AFD) combined with €35 M in grants provided by the Gates Foundation via an innovative financing mechanism

#### Objective

Help build the resilience of Pakistan's healthcare systems and people.

#### Method

This partnership promotes the sustainability of the national achievements of the country's polio program, in particular for surveillance of communicable diseases, vaccination, and women's involvement in health projects. It also reduces people's vulnerability to shocks, via a program that provides cash transfers and fights malnutrition.



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### TEAM EUROPE PARTNERSHIP: PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY IN SENEGAL

Sovereign loan of €25 M (AFD); technical assistance (Expertise France); and grants from Germany, Belgium, France and the EU – total of €218 M

#### Objective

Strengthen Senegalese sovereignty in the production of vaccines, medicines, and medical equipment in order to promote rapid response to future epidemics.

#### Method

AFD is providing budget support for public policy to back up the Senegalese pharmaceutical industry recovery plan, which was drawn up in the wake of the COVID-19 emergency. The strengthening of the pharmaceutical ecosystem is made possible by technical support provided by European agencies, including Expertise France, in the areas of training and R&D.

# AFD Group



AFD Group, through its three complementary entities (AFD, Proparco, and Expertise France), offers a comprehensive range of products and services designed for the public and private sectors, as well as civil society.



## PUBLIC SECTOR

Agence Française de Développement finances and supports its public partners and civil society organizations via:

- Sovereign loans
- Non-sovereign loans to public companies
- Financing for projects and public policies
- Partnerships and dialogue on public policies
- Loans, grants, and mobilization of delegated financing



## PRIVATE SECTOR

Proparco finances and supports the private sector through:

- Project financing
- Long-term senior debts
- Equity and quasi-equity capital
- Guarantees
- Donor syndication
- Expertise and advice



## TECHNICAL COOPERATION

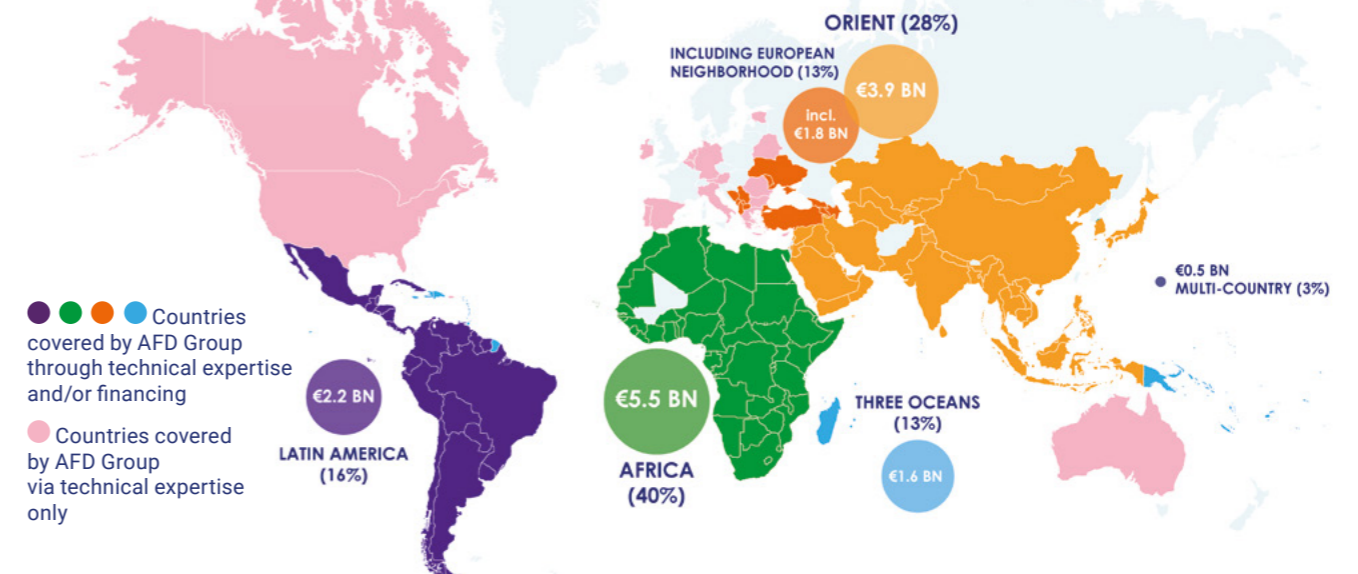
Expertise France designs and implements technical cooperation projects that strengthen the public policies of our partners over the long term, via:

- The provision of public expertise and capacity-building
- Advice and networking
- Design and management of technical assistance programs
- Product management through grants

## AFD GROUP AROUND THE WORLD

AFD Group supports, finances, and helps guide sustainable-development processes in more than 160 countries and 12 French overseas departments and territories.

### Geographic breakdown of AFD Group's new financing in 2024 (via AFD and Proparco)



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## For a world in common

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AFD Group finances and drives the transition to a fairer, safer and more resilient world, working with its partners to support communities all over the world. Drawing on the complementary strengths of its entities – Agence Française de Développement for public financing, Proparco for responsible private investment, and Expertise France for technical expertise – the Group is ideally positioned to meet all sustainable development challenges.

Working in over 160 countries, including France's Overseas Territories and Departments, the Group adapts its operations to the realities on the ground, actively supporting local initiatives. With over 4,000 projects, whose objectives are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), AFD Group works on behalf of the French people, together with all stakeholders committed to economic development and the preservation of common goods: climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality and global health.

**Working by your side, toward a world in common.**



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