



ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

***ENABLING DRYLAND
COMMUNITIES TO
REALIZE
THEIR POTENTIAL***

2025

VISION AND MISSION



Vision

Action For Development envisions Empowered, resilient, and thriving citizens leading a dignified life in an enabling and sustainable environment.



Mission

AFD is a learning organization, which in partnership with other development actors, complements the self-development initiatives of pastoral and other vulnerable communities in Ethiopia through undertaking programmes pertaining to resilient livelihoods, WASH and other basic services, natural resource management, social protection, DRM, and accountable governance, with the mainstreaming of such issues as gender transformation, CHS, capacity development, CCA, & youth involvement.

AIMS

The AFD programme, broadly, strives to contribute to the enhancement of:

- **Food and nutrition security, and resilient livelihoods at the grassroots level**
- **Voice, space, and influence of deprived communities for the realization of citizen responsive governance**



AFD'S VALUES

Learning



Social
justice



Passion for quality
service



Equity and
pluralism



Transparency



Partnership with
stakeholders



Gender
sensitivity



Respect for
indigenous
knowledge and
capacities



Accountability



People
centeredness



THE OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

- Exposure to multiple hazards
- Improvements in climatic conditions, but inadequate process of recovery from humanitarian crises.
- Conflict and fragile stability
- Volatile macro-economic context
- Market instability
- Emerging shifts in the global funding
- Unpredictable CSO operationa environment
- Improvements in access to rural financial services, digitalization, market, infrastructure etc



THE PROJECT AREAS

Oromia National Regional State

Borana Zone	East Borana Zone	Bale Zone	East Bale Zone
• Dillo, • Dirre, • Miyo, • Moyale, • Dubuluq	• Arero, • Dhaas, • Wachille • Gorodola	• Goro • Gurra dhamole	• Dawe Kachen, • Laga hidha • Rayitu • Sawena

South Ethiopia National Regional State

South Omo Zone	Ari Zone
• Benna Tsemay • Hammer • Nynagatom • Salamago • Dasenech	• Bakka Dawla Ari • Debub Ari • Semen Ari • Woba Ari



PROBLEMS ADDRESSED BY AFD'S PROGRAM

- Climate variability resulting in recurrent drought, flood, emerging diseases....
- Natural resource depletion & degradation, and resource alienation
- Insecure livelihoods
- Inadequate access to, and use of quality basic services
- Limited space for civic engagement for good governance
- Conflict and violence
- Challenges of inclusion (gender, minorities, youth, disability...)



WHAT WE DID



Resilient Livelihood

Realize resilient and sustainable community livelihoods



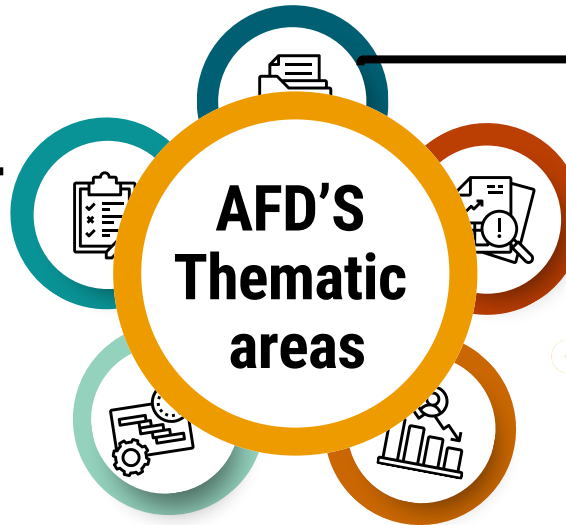
Management & governance of NR

Enhance the sustainable utilization of natural resources, and their fair governance



WASH and other basic services

Enhance access to, and use of quality basic social and economic services



Civic engagement for accountable governance

Empower grassroots communities for engagement in processes of transformation, and the realization of accountable governance



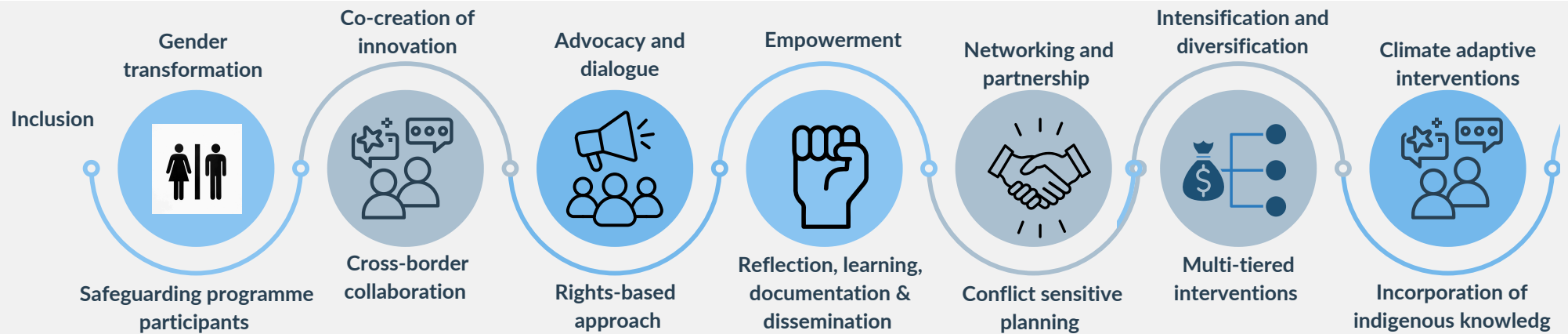
Social protection and disaster risk management

Enhance social protection, and capacity for disaster prevention and preparedness



DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES

Taking into account the specificities of the pastoral and agricultural systems of production that prevail in the project area, the operational modality/approach of AFD gives due consideration to the following:

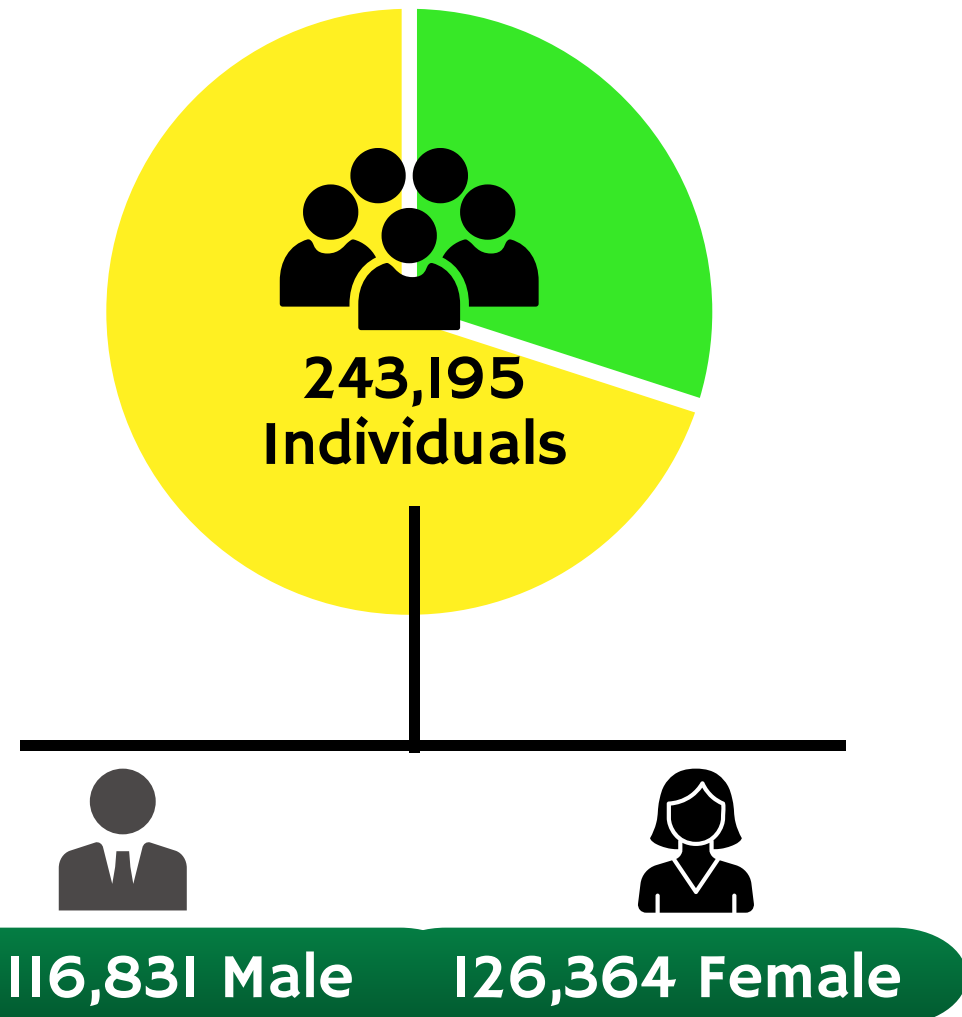


ACHIEVEMENTS-2025

In 2025 AFD contributed to the empowerment of 243,195 individuals (116,831 Male and 126,364 Female) in the Oromia and South Ethiopia Regions. By addressing the root causes of vulnerability, our multisectoral approach strengthened community resilience through targeted interventions in

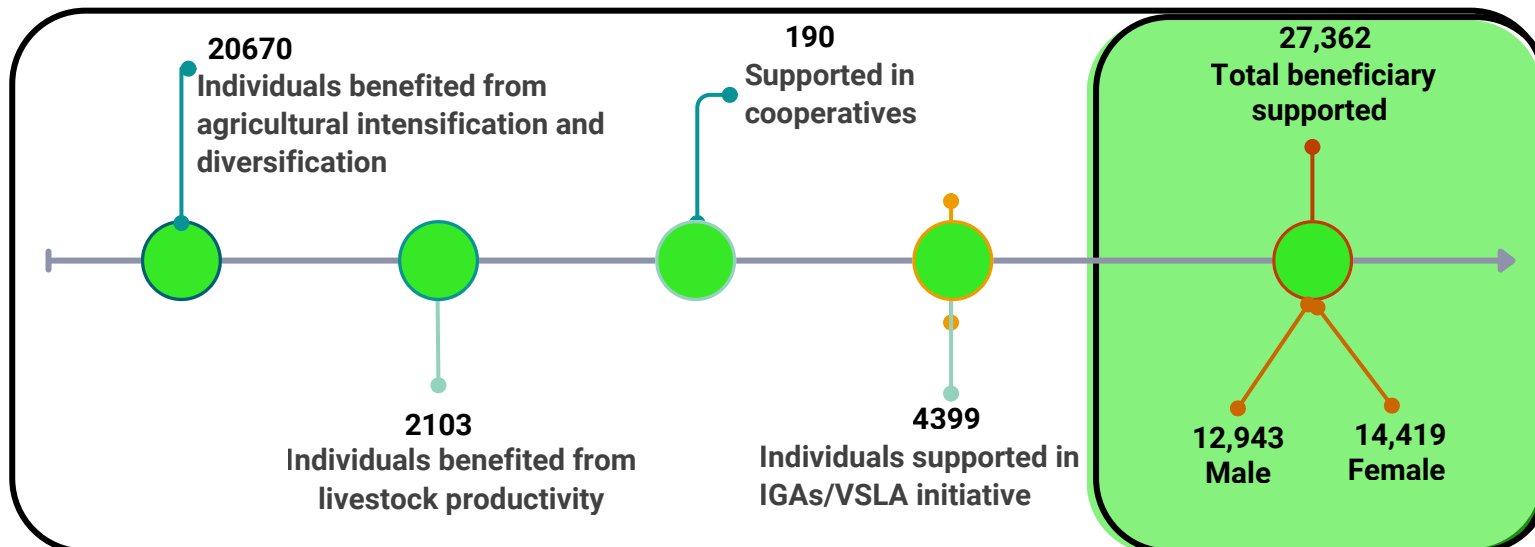
- livelihoods,
- WASH,
- DRR & Social protection,
- Natural Resource Management, and
- Civic engagement.

In so doing, Action For Development (AFD) remained dedicated to delivering integrated development and humanitarian initiatives designed to foster long-term sustainable impact. The following sections highlight AFD's key strategic achievements and milestones over the past year.



RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

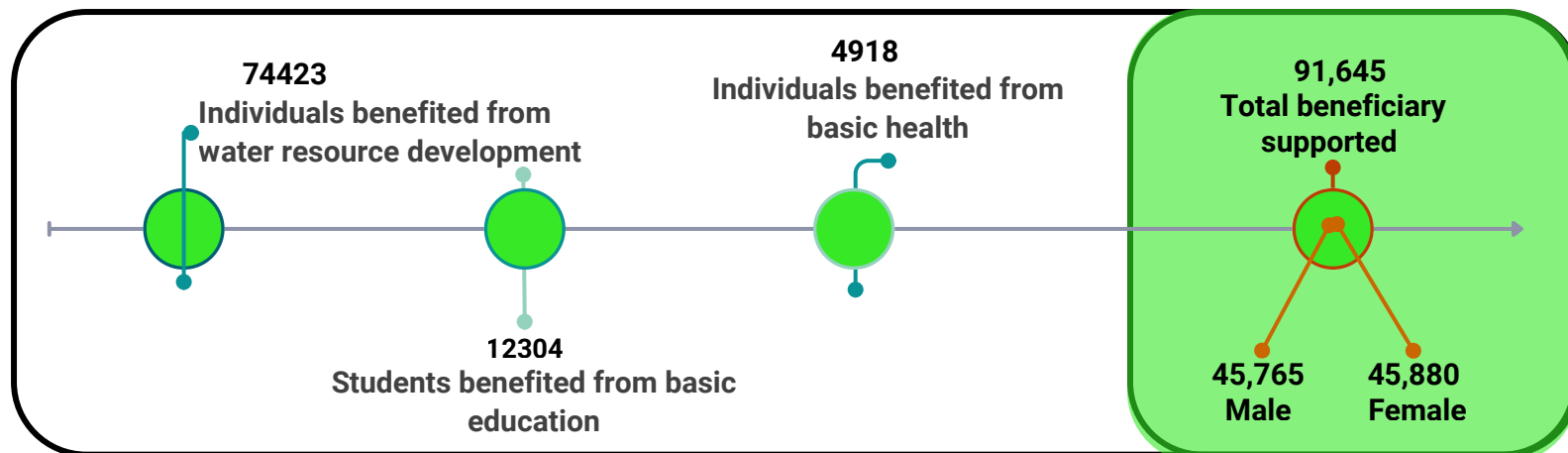
For the pastoralist and farming communities we work with, enhancing productivity and diversifying income are among the keys to breaking the cycle of vulnerability. In line with this, AFD's initiatives in such areas as supplying climate-smart inputs and seed fund, productive skill development, enhancing income generation opportunities and groups, livestock productivity enhancement, etc, have enabled communities to move from vulnerability to a more secure and sustainable livelihood, whereby contributing to household food and nutrition security .





WASH & OTHER BASIC SERVICES

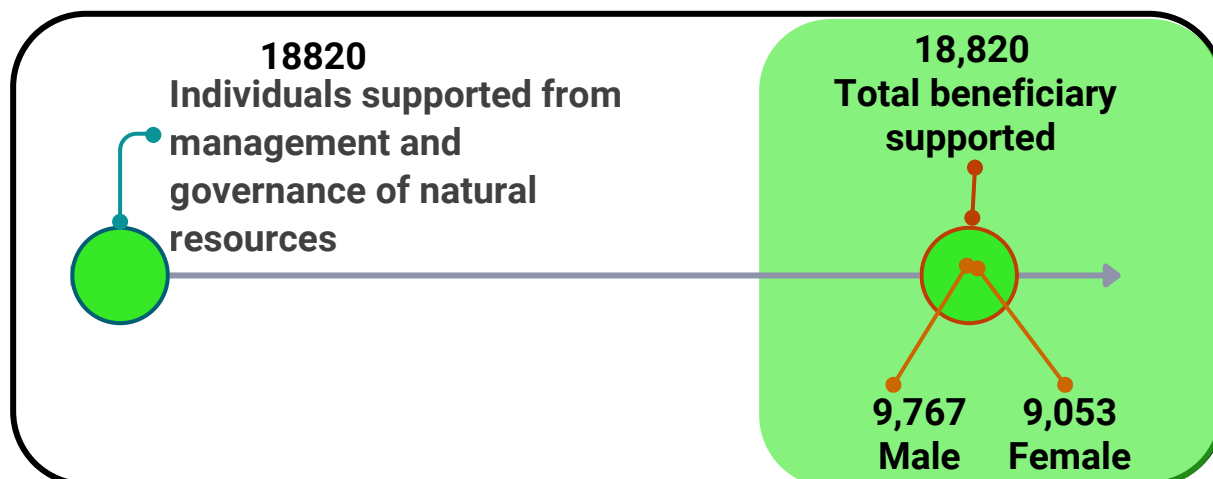
For the communities we serve, access to clean water is the foundation upon which all other progress is built. AFD's WASH initiatives have moved beyond simple infrastructure to create lasting systems of hygiene and sanitation. By establishing community-managed water points, we have reduced the long distances women and children once traveled for a basic necessity. This reliable access does more than quench thirst—it stabilizes households, allowing families to dedicate their time to education, income generation and social engagement, beyond daily chores. When a community secures its water source, it secures its future. Likewise, support provided to the enhancement of inclusive education and health services through the delivery of inputs and capacity development have gone some way in improving grassroots quality of life.





NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

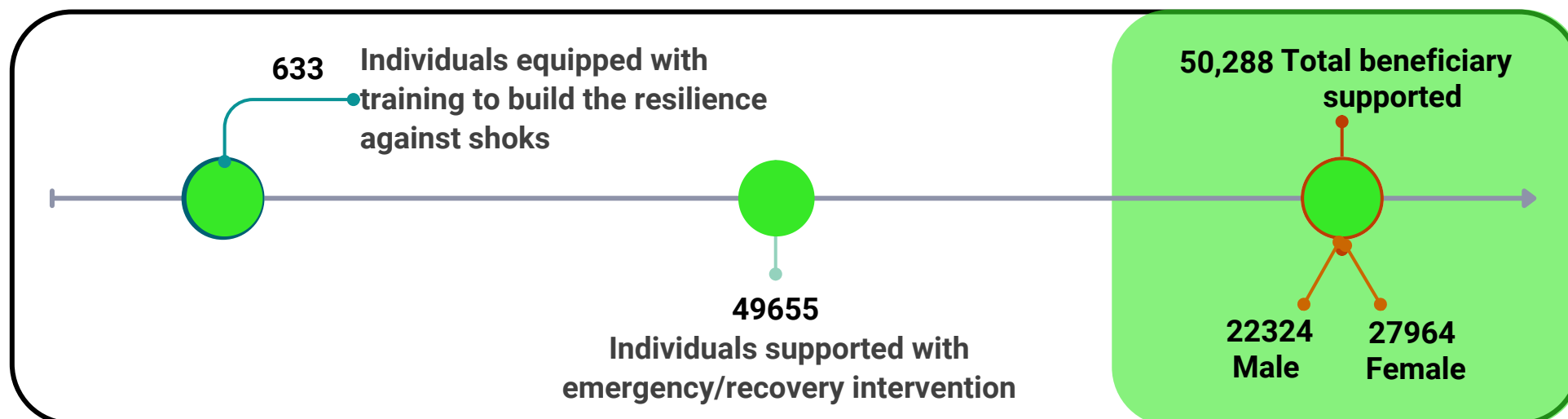
For the pastoralist and farming communities whose lives depend on the land, restoring the ecosystem is the ultimate form of resilience. AFD's Natural Resource Management initiatives such as skill development, supply of planting materials and other inputs, rangeland rehabilitation, physical conservation measures, promotion of green technology, community engagement in natural resource governance, etc, have helped turn the tide against land degradation. These measures, have contributed to the revival of the primary basis of life for livestock and livelihoods. Moreover, beyond being at the mercy of a degrading environment, our partner communities are enabled to become the primary stewards of their environment, ensuring a sustainable future for the next generation.





DRM AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

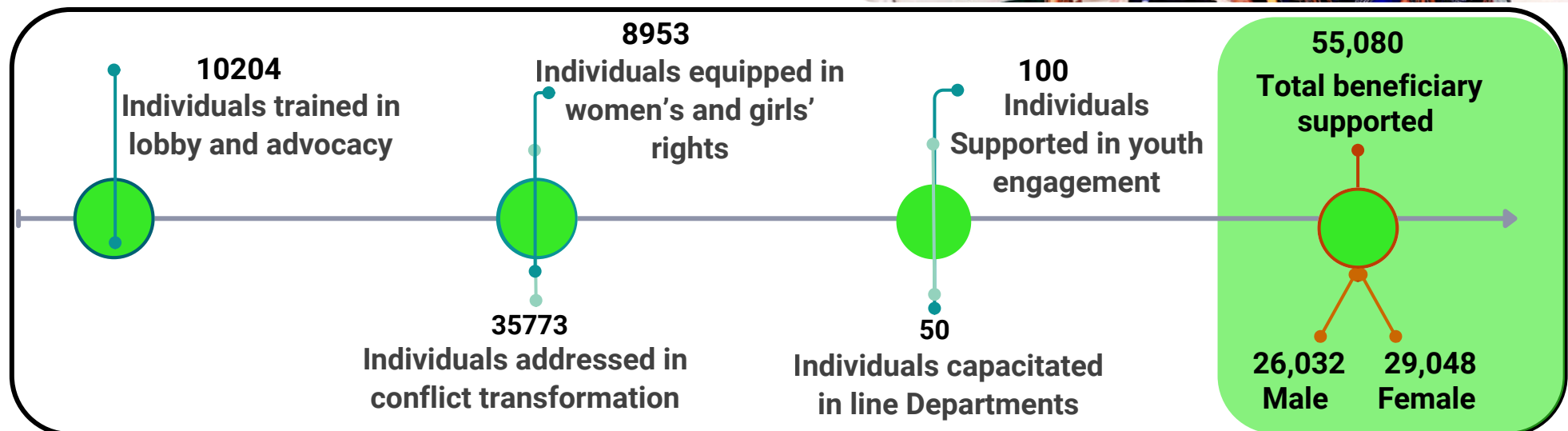
For the communities we serve, a climate shock can threaten years of progress. AFD's Disaster Risk Management program strives to bridge the gap between long-term resilience and immediate humanitarian response. Through such measures as awareness raising and training, community managed prevention and preparedness initiatives, we empower communities and relevant local stakeholders to anticipate hazards before they strike, whereby reducing their impact. Yet, when crises occur, we engage in various humanitarian initiatives such as human and animal health, provision and relief, animal feed, and NFIs, emergency WASH & education interventions, cash transfer, protection, and recovery initiatives, etc, we contribute to the alleviation of human suffering whereby saving lives and livelihoods.





CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

AFD's rights based Civic Engagement initiatives bridge the gap between citizens and decision-makers, ensuring that local voices shape local solutions. By strengthening community-based organizations to occupy their rightful space, we stimulate change from a top-down approach to a culture of active participation and citizen engagement. When women, youth, elders and other deprived segments of society are equipped with the tools to advocate for their needs, they aren't just beneficiaries—they rather become the architects of their own progress, holding institutions accountable and ensuring that resources reach those who need them most, whereby contributing to the prevalence of social justice.





ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- **Amendment of AFD's Memorandum of Association**
- **Establishment of AFD's social enterprise**
- **Development of strategic plan 2026-2030**
- **Diversification of project area**
- **Strengthening of capacity of the secretariat**
- **Continued efforts of partner diversification**
- **Strengthening relation with LDs**
- **Continued participation in networks**

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OFFICE AREA
• Flotel Entry

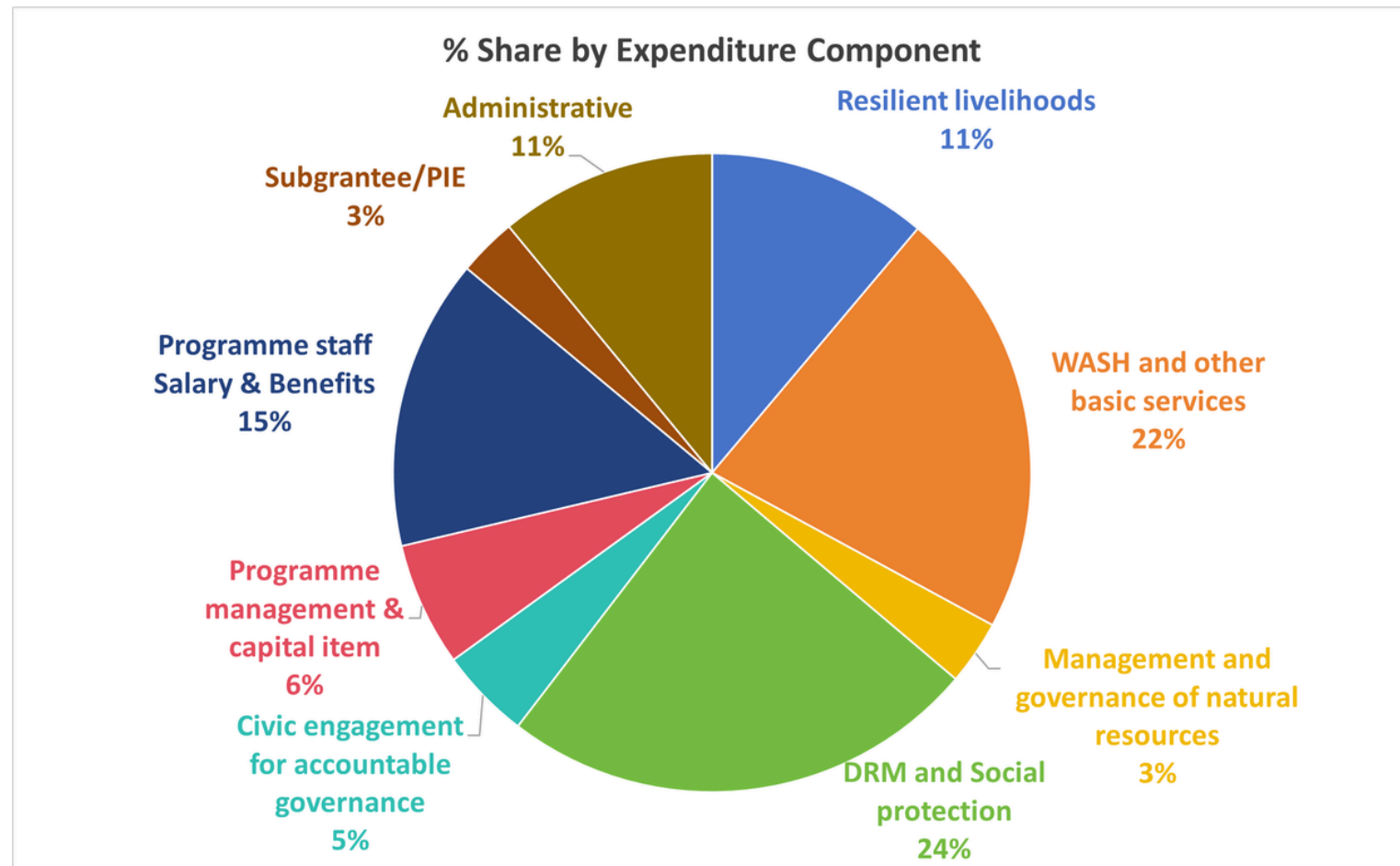
HOTEL LOBBY & DINING
• HOTEL PLEAR
• MEETING HALLS

GUESTROOM BLOCK
• 3 FLOORS / 30 ROOMS

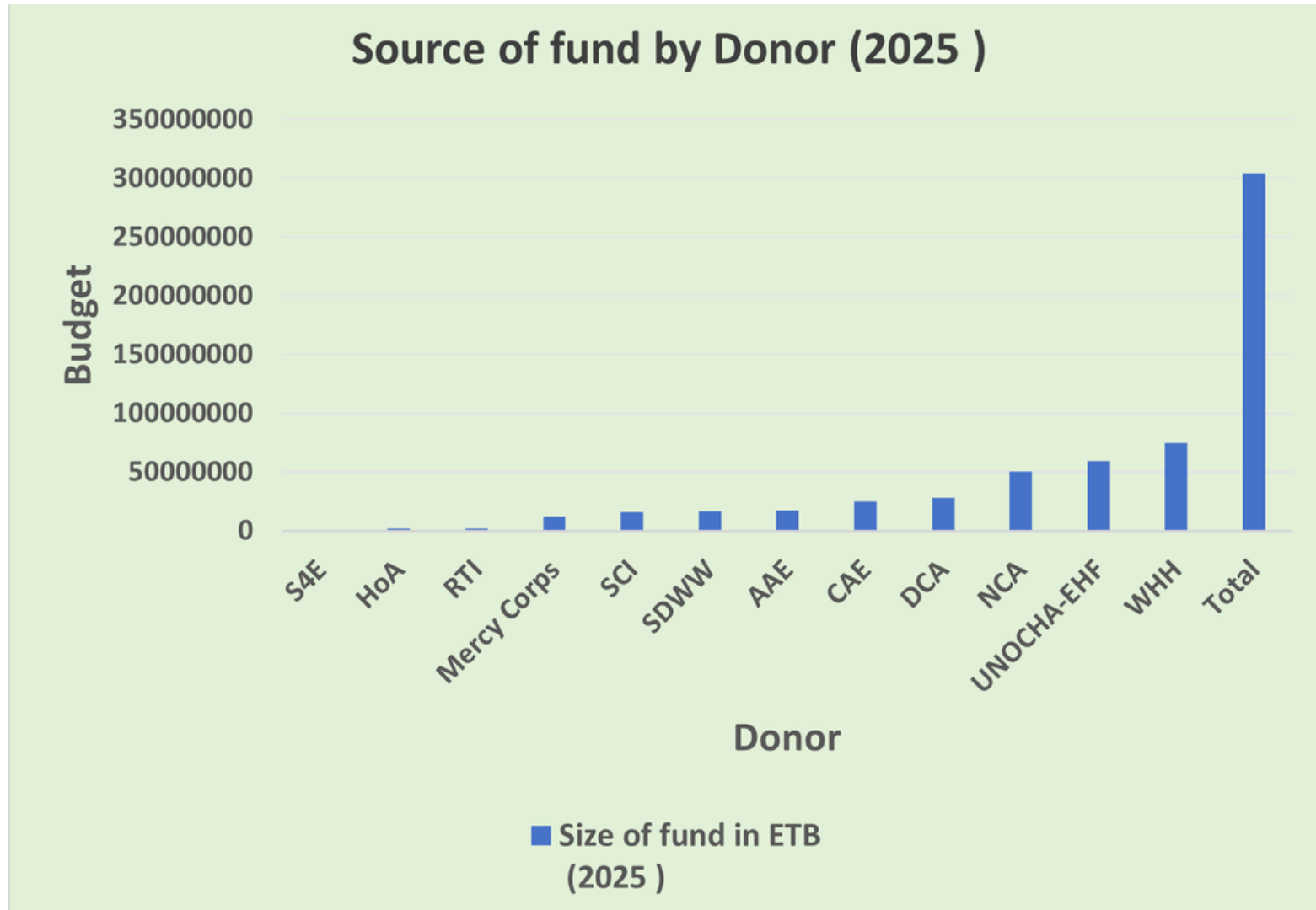


FINANCE 2025

- • BUDGET 304,456,048
- • EXPENDITURE 309,506,540 (102%)
- • OPERATIONAL COST 89%
- • ADMIN COST 11%



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OUR PARTNERS



Building resilience is a collective effort. We want to acknowledge our partners whose support fuels our work across such themes as WASH, Livelihoods, NRM, Humanitarian Response, and Civic Engagement. Your commitment is changing the lives & livelihoods of dryland communities. Thank you for being a vital part of our journey towards a brighter, thriving , and a more dignified future.



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