

MANDELA 100
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IMPACT REPORT



GLOBAL CITIZEN FESTIVAL: MANDELA 100 IN 2021

Today, 117.8 million lives across Africa and the world have been impacted since **Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100** three years ago. More than \$4.7 billion of the total \$7.2 billion in funding announced during the monumental event has been disbursed by commitment makers to communities and organizations on the front lines of extreme poverty.

On Dec. 2, 2018, over **70,000 Global Citizens**, artists, and global leaders came together in Johannesburg, South Africa, to honor the **life and legacy of Nelson Mandela** in his centenary year. Answering the call to be “the generation to end poverty”, Global Citizens rallied in support of the United Nations **Global Goals**, taking over 5.65 million actions, the campaign saw 60 commitments and announcements worth USD \$7.2 billion (ZAR 104 billion).

Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100 was an event to commemorate the legacy of a man whose extraordinary vision for peace and equality still today resonates with the hearts and minds of generations past and present. Ending poverty in all its forms is essential to achieving the Global Goals, including achieving **Global Citizen's goal** of ending extreme poverty by 2030. Global Citizen and its partners announced key pledges across Health, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH), Food Security, Agriculture, Environment, Education, Finance and Innovation.

In 2020, Global Citizen **reported that in the two years since Mandela 100**, many commitments made at the event were still on track to be met, despite COVID-19. In 2020, 105.4 million lives had been impacted by interventions aimed at mitigating the impacts of extreme poverty. That was more than 50 million new lives in 2020, and 14.6 million in South Africa alone. One year later, in 2021, 12.4 million new lives have been impacted. Through pledges made at Mandela 100, interventions have been vast, urgent, and critical for communities suffering the compounded effects of extreme poverty and COVID-19.

Pledges have resulted in accelerated action to end child marriage, the delivery of antiretroviral therapeutics to more than 5.1 million South Africans, efforts are underway to map the spread of river blindness in Guinea, Nigeria and Senegal, and computers and other educational equipment and facilities that enabled students to continue attending classes online during the COVID-19.

As COVID-19 continues, organizations and governments press on to respond and deliver on pledges made at the event, helping millions of the world's most vulnerable combat poverty daily, while mitigating the ongoing personal and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Research suggests that COVID-19 will likely accentuate the long-term concentration of poverty in countries that are resource-poor, fragile, and facing conflict. **By 2030, the nine countries with the largest numbers of extreme poor will be in Africa.** As the world celebrates the impact and progress of the commitments achieved three years ago, Global Citizen **continues to advocate** to bring Mandela's dream to reality by ending extreme poverty.

In accordance with Global Citizen's mission to end extreme poverty, the Mandela 100 figure (\$7.2B) includes commitments which Global Citizen played an active role in mobilizing as well as commitments announced by our partners on the Global Citizen platform, including the festival stage, Global Citizen-hosted events, or digital channels. These commitments and announcements align with Global Citizen's impact criteria and mandate to improve the lives of the world's poorest.



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2021 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

70,000+

GLOBAL CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE IN
JOHANNESBURG, S.A. ON DEC. 2, 2018

5.65M ACTIONS

117.8M LIVES

IMPACTED AROUND THE WORLD
SINCE MANDELA 100

12.4M NEW LIVES

AFFECTED IN 2021 ALONE

\$4.7B

OF THE TOTAL \$7.2 BILLION
DISBURSED SINCE 2018

\$438M

DISBURSED TO EQUITY AND
INNOVATION PROJECTS IN 2021

\$279M

DISBURSED TO HEALTH, SANITATION
AND HYGIENE PROJECTS IN 2021

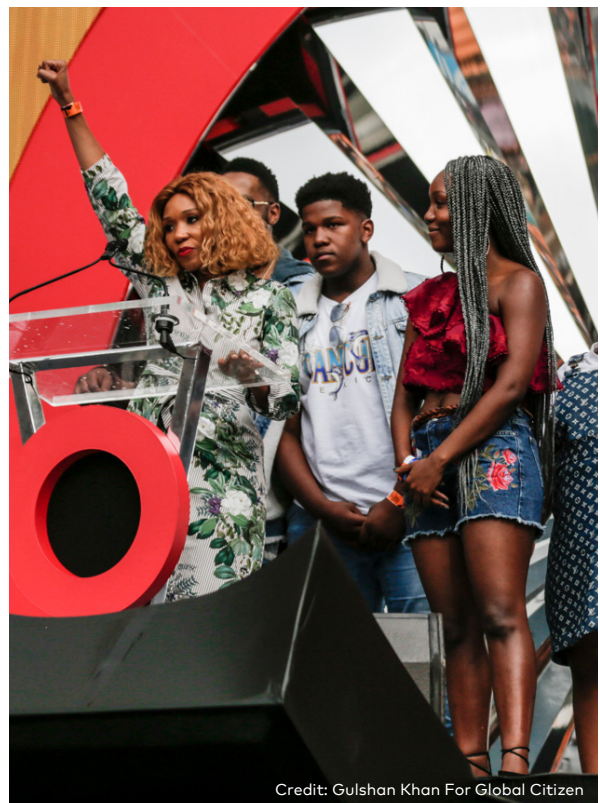
\$66M

DISBURSED TO AGRICULTURE,
FOOD SECURITY AND EDUCATION
PROJECTS IN 2021

WOMEN & GIRLS

**INTEL AND ACCENTURE PLEDGE US \$100M EACH
IN CORPORATE SPEND WITH WOMEN-OWNED
BUSINESSES, OVER TWO AND THREE YEARS
RESPECTIVELY**

Global Citizen, in collaboration with WEConnect International, has been calling on multinational corporations to adopt measurable commitments to increase their supply chain sourcing with women-owned businesses, especially in developing countries. Both Accenture and Intel began spending against this commitment in early 2019 and since then have far exceeded their commitments, dedicating over US \$428 million toward women-owned businesses. Building on this commitment's success, Intel is now looking at spending US \$500 million with women-owned businesses outside of the United States by 2025.



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WEConnect International's mission is to drive money into the hands of women business owners by enabling them to compete in the global marketplace. These businesses span all sectors, and include companies such as raw material suppliers, consulting firms, marketing & communication firms, media buyers, advertisers, travel services and more.

BELGIUM COMMITS €30.5M TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) AND FAMILY PLANNING

Belgium has projects underway on sexual and reproductive health and rights initiatives with Morocco, Burkina Faso, Benin, Guinea, and Senegal as a result of bilateral agreements in each country. These agreements constitute five year contracts starting in 2018, representing €28.55 million (US \$32.78 million) in allocated funding set to be disbursed by the end of the contracted period. Belgium will release an impact report at the end of the project.

In Palestine, discussions are underway and ongoing in an effort to establish the scope of the initiative to be undertaken. Delays in the launch of this bilateral agreement have stemmed from partners and Belgium's election cycle — namely, Belgium was under a caretaker government for 16 months following a parliamentary minority issue in late 2018. The new administration under Prime Minister Alexander De Croo is now working to implement the Palestinian portion of this commitment.

BELGIUM PLEDGES €9.2M (US \$10.5M) IN INCREASED 2018-19 CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNICEF'S AND UNFPA'S JOINT PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE ACTION TO END CHILD MARRIAGE, THE SHEDECIDES SUPPORT UNIT, AND UNFPA SUPPLIES

In Belgium, all disbursements have been completed. Belgium has disbursed the following funds in addition to the contributions reported in our **2019** and **2020** Impact and Accountability reports:

- €200,000 (approx. US \$223,939) to the **SheDecides Support Unit** (hosted by the International Planned Parenthood Federation) in 2019;
- €2 million to **UNFPA Supplies** in 2019 (or US \$2.23 million)
- €2 million every year between 2019 and 2021 to UNICEF and UNFPA's joint program to end child marriage (a total of approx. US \$6.9 million).

Belgium fulfilled its commitment at Mandela 100 as a result of these disbursements. Belgium has continued to support these initiatives in 2021 and discussions are underway to extend this support.

VODACOM COMMITS ZAR 500M (US \$34.8M) ON TACKLING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, TEACHER AND LEARNER DIGITAL LITERACY, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS

Vodacom has made significant strides in delivering on the commitment made in December 2018 at Mandela 100. Since 2018, Vodacom has disbursed ZAR 318 million, generating impact across key areas in gender, education and literacy. Highlights include:

- Gender Empowerment: ICT in Agriculture (Digital training for female farmers): More than 1,900 female farmers have been trained in relevant ICT skills to enable them to communicate with other farmers, access relevant products and services online and ultimately provide them with access to economic opportunities by connecting them to potential buyers. More than 700 female farmers have their farms registered and profiled on the Connected farmer app throughout Limpopo, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga, North West, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng, in South Africa.



Credit: Nyiwa Katalayi For Global Citizen

- The Gender-Based Violence Command Centre (GBVCC) and website has provided victims of violence in South Africa with a source of support, by providing counselling, service referrals and immediate response in the event of imminent danger, all free of charge. The training of survivors is the empowerment program which provides survivors with ICT skills that will enhance their employability. Since the inception of the program, Vodacom has trained 1,341 survivors of violence.

In addition to the above, Vodacom's Mandela 100 commitment has resulted in the following programs; 13 Schools of Excellence; Vodacom Mobile Education; Vodacom Youth Academy; Learnership (x100 learners) C2 General The Vodacom Youth Academy program providing IT Technical Support qualifications in partnership with the South African Department of Education.

HEALTH

THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB, AND MALARIA COMMITS US \$369M TO SOUTH AFRICAN INITIATIVES IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

In 2018, at the Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100, the Global Fund pledged to support programs for tuberculosis and HIV in South Africa. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Global Fund has increased its initial funding up from \$369 million to a total of \$421 million over three years. The original commitment's funding was in part redirected to jointly address COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, and tuberculosis, given the need for stronger health systems response in times of crisis. As of October 1 2021, over \$362 million has been disbursed. Overall, the Global Fund's work has reached numerous vulnerable groups. For instance, between the start of this cycle in 2019 and the end of March 2021, programs have reached over 200,000 adolescent girls and young women, 84,000 sex workers, 50,000 men who have sex with men, and 15,000 people who inject drugs with HIV prevention



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programs. Furthermore 80,000 tuberculosis cases were notified in the 9 districts provided with direct and indirect support by Global Fund resources; and a national buffer stock of antiretroviral therapeutics (ARV) was made available to more than 5.1 million South Africans that are currently on ARVs in public health facilities in South Africa.

BELGIUM COMMITS €5M (US \$5.7M) TO THE EXPANDED SPECIAL PROJECT FOR THE ELIMINATION OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (ESPEN) BY THE END OF 2020

On October 1, 2020, Alexander De Croo was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Belgium, ending a 16-month caretaker government. Belgium had been without a parliamentary majority since December 9, 2018, which impacted the delivery of this commitment. The new administration has decided not to honour this commitment, as it no longer considers Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) as a high priority.

BOTSWANA COMMITS TO FUND NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDs) PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE NTDs BY 2023

Botswana's program to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) by 2023 is in part dependent on a mapping project to identify the scale at which these diseases exist in the community, and therefore the resources required to treat and tackle them. Three NTDs are being targeted in scope of this program: schistosomiasis (also known as bilharzia), soil-transmitted helminths (or intestinal worms), and blinding trachoma. **2019 data** from Uniting to Combat NTDs identifies that Botswanans require treatment for these three diseases. Botswana reported in 2020 that lockdowns in response to COVID-19 and ensuing interference with the school calendar as well as international and local travel restrictions affected the delivery of this commitment, but that it remains committed to this issue and overcoming these challenges.

In a report to Global Citizen in November 2021, the government of Botswana provided the below updates;

- **Schistosomiasis** treatment that was due to take place in the first quarter of 2021 was impeded by COVID-19 restrictions on movement and gatherings, as well as inadequate local technical expertise. It had already experienced delays previously, with the mapping survey expected to be completed in 2019 delayed such that the government used existing data in a data validation exercise to determine 422,872 children were in need of treatment. The program has now requested technical expertise from the World Health Organization to support the treatment efforts in the first quarter of 2022.
- Botswana also reported it was continuing mass drug administration (MDA) for the prevention of **soil-transmitted helminths** in 8 moderate to high endemicity districts, with 122,126 children aged 5 to 14 years receiving treatment. Funding for the drug distributors' training and subsistence is provided by the government.
- A survey mapping the prevalence of **blinding trachoma** in the Okavango region of Botswana has been deferred to 2022, pending approvals of the survey protocol as well as a COVID-19 risk assessment in the district. Advanced preparations for this survey are underway, with a training of survey staff due in February 2022.
- Botswana conducted a mid-term review and sentinel site survey for **soil-transmitted helminths** and **schistosomiasis** in August 2021. 60 schools across 14 districts were surveyed. The data from the survey is under analysis, with a final report due by the end of 2021.

THE CHILDREN'S INVESTMENT FUND FOUNDATION (CIFF), THE ELMA FOUNDATION UK, UK AID, VIRGIN UNITE, AND THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION COMMIT US\$105M TO TACKLE NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDS) BY 2023

Supported by the funding announced at Mandela 100, Sightsavers' Accelerate program has addressed neglected tropical diseases such as trachoma in 14 African countries. In support of the program, an additional \$7.62M was disbursed between January and June 2021, contributing to a total of \$40.12M against this commitment. In the first half of 2021, surgery activities were underway in 95 of the program's targeted 180 districts for the year, which has allowed for the treatment of 5,100 cases of trachoma. In the same period, 23 districts in Guinea, Nigeria and Senegal have achieved trachoma elimination goals for trachomatous trichiasis equivalent to the number of districts with the same achievements during the whole year of 2020.

Household visits as part of the elimination program have shown a significantly lower number of trachoma cases that require surgery than expected, which may be an indicator for progress towards the elimination of the disease. At the same time, the program continues to provide treatments. In the first quarter of 2021 alone, it delivered 7.4 million treatments for river blindness, lymphatic filariasis, and schistosomiasis in almost 40 districts.

Finally, training for teachers enabled the start of behavior change activities to educate on prevention and treatment in 120 schools before June 2021.

Despite some delays and challenges due to the pandemic, insecurity, and conflict that reduced overall output numbers, Sightsavers work continues to achieve meaningful results. Notably in this regard are the achievements that final trachoma surgeries needed in Benin have been completed, and data from Guinea-Bissau indicated that the country could stop mass drug administration of trachoma treatments.

MOZAMBIQUE COMMITS US \$6M TO MAPPING RIVER BLINDNESS AND INCREASING COVERAGE OF ELEPHANTIASIS AND INTESTINAL WORMS

On multiple occasions, Global Citizen reached out to the Government of Mozambique for an update on the status of this pledge, but it has not received a response at the time of reporting. Global Citizen is still awaiting an official update on the disbursement of the US \$6 million. However, partners working to eliminate NTDs in Mozambique including Sightsavers and Uniting to Combat NTDs have shared valuable input on the progress of this effort, independently from the funding committed on the Global Citizen platform:

- **River blindness** (also known as onchocerciasis): efforts are underway to map the disease's transmission to determine treatment requirements. Since November 2019, an **Onchocerciasis Elimination Mapping Project** (OEM) is being carried out by Sightsavers, the World Health Organization including its Expanded Special Project for Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ESPEN), the Task Force for Global Health and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The OEM's results have been delayed by COVID-19 and are expected by the end of 2021.
- According to *Sightsavers*, the Government of Mozambique is an active, engaged, and essential partner in



the OEM. The program's *Principal Investigators* include a representative from the Mozambique Ministry of Health, in addition to the National NTD Coordinator.

- 2019 **data collected** from *Uniting to Combat NTDs* indicated a significant drop in **elephantiasis** treatment coverage, from 81% to 49%, in addition to an increase in treatment coverage for **intestinal worms** from 51% to 56% in the same year. It was estimated that 4.8 million pre-school and school-aged children were in need of treatment for elephantiasis, and 9.28 million people were in need of intestinal worm treatment.

Global Citizen is grateful for our partners' input in collecting the above updates, though notes that there are a number of other organizations working in Mozambique towards the elimination of NTDs, including **RTI International** and **Crown Agents**.

THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION COMMITS US \$17M TO THE EXPANDED SPECIAL PROJECT FOR ELIMINATION OF NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (ESPEN); THIS INCLUDES US \$6M IN DIRECT FUNDS, AND A FURTHER US \$11M IN CONDITIONAL FUNDING, DEPENDENT ON SECURING FURTHER COMMITMENTS

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has disbursed US \$13.1 million in grant funding to the Expanded Special Project for Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (ESPEN). This has enabled the provision of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) to treat Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) across Africa, as well as contributing to ESPEN's programs that include supporting governments to develop NTD strategies and conducting data support missions to optimize MDA delivery. An outstanding payment to ESPEN of US \$440,000 is due in early 2022, beyond which the Gates Foundation is working on a no-cost extension to this commitment upon agreement with ESPEN.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

SOUTH AFRICA COMMITS ZAR 2.8 BILLION (US \$198M) TO ERADICATING UNSAFE PIT LATRINES IN FY19/20 BUDGET

According to the Department of Basic Education, over **ZAR 300** million have been spent between August 2018 and August 2021 to eradicate pit toilets in schools as part of the Sanitation Appropriate for Education (SAFE) initiative. While the initiative had been officially launched in August 2018, the commitment at the Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100 was the first time that the government allocated a budget to the program. As part of the School Infrastructure Backlog Grant, the SAFE program is allocated to receive approx. **50%** of the Grant's total 2021/22 budget of around ZAR 2.3 billion. The national Department for Basic Education, jointly with its provincial equivalents, stated that the current number of schools included in its plan to provide safe sanitation facilities would be **2,753**. Among these, **178** in Eastern Cape, **75** in Free State, **379** in KwaZulu-Natal, **118** in Limpopo, **116** in Mpumalanga, and **37** in North West province have already progressed to practical completion.



Credit: Michael Tewelde For USAID

It's believed the two provinces of Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal have the most pit latrines, but various data sources within the country provide different estimates for the amount of pit toilets and the extent of the issue. According to the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), as of September 2021, pupils from over **3,000** schools still face the risk of pit toilets. The two local organizations Section 27 and Equal Education **are insisting** that the government has not fulfilled its obligation under a previous **court ruling** that required a rapid eradication of pit toilets across the country. **Reports** indicate that data inconsistencies might contribute to difficulties in measuring implementation of this commitment.

According to a recent news article, the Director-General of the Department of Basic Education described the SAFE initiative as a "flagship program" that will be carried out "until the last school has a proper toilet". Despite multiple efforts of outreach to the national project lead in South Africa's Department of Basic Education, a response was yet to be obtained directly from the Department in regards to the progress of this commitment.



Credit: Patricia Esteve For UN

NIGERIA'S CROSS RIVER STATE COMMITS US \$15M TO FIGHT OPEN DEFECATION OVER FIVE YEARS

Global Citizen understands that N200 million (approximately US \$490,000, or 3% of the total pledged amount) was recently released for the **Partnership for Expanded Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (PEWASH)**, for the purpose of working towards the total eradication of open defecation in the state of Cross River. This raises the disbursed amount to approximately US \$950,000 over the course of the past three years. This amount does not constitute an increase over disbursements **reported to Global Citizen as of 2020**.

Currently, six Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Cross River State are open defecation free (ODF), the last of which were declared ODF in 2019. There are 12 LGAs remaining in the effort to achieve an ODF state. Part of the funding disbursed in 2019 and 2020 also went towards water projects, including the drilling of 104 boreholes in rural areas as reported in previous years.

The Director General of Cross River State's Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency, Sir Ita W. Ikpeme, shared in a memo to Global Citizen that Cross River State remains committed to the fulfilment of this pledge. Cross River State mentions "limited funds" as a challenge, explaining this is why the remainder of the pledge is yet to be released. In other states in Nigeria in 2020, Global Citizen received reports of funding being released but eventually not available to be spent due to the COVID-19 response.



MADAGASCAR COMMITS US \$40M TO ACHIEVE OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS BY 2022

Editor's Note: Madagascar elected a new President in late 2018, shortly after Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100. While an ongoing effort to achieve ODF status has remained in place, the current Ntsay government is yet to provide an official update on the status of the pledge.

In October 2019, Madagascar published a **roadmap** to achieve Open Defecation Free (ODF) status by 2025 called Madagasikara Madio 2025 in partnership with stakeholders such as UNICEF. This roadmap, signed off by the new Ministry of Water, Energy and Hydrocarbons, outlined a plan for achieving ODF status in each region of the country in line with the vision to completely eradicate open defecation, which was practiced by more than 40% of the country's 25.7 million inhabitants at the time.

Most of Madagascar's WASH budget is directed towards water rather than sanitation. The Madagasikara Madio 2025 roadmap called for a financing strategy to fill the 2.585 billion Ariary (equivalent to US \$739 million) needed to achieve its objectives. The need for this financing strategy was never acted upon, and it is not clear whether the government has begun disbursement of the US \$40 million committed during the Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100 campaign in December 2018. While the government's commitment to achieving an ODF Madagascar continues in attitude, the ODF budget is in large part supported by external donors.

Two regions are expected to achieve 90% ODF by the end of 2021: Analanjirofo in the North and Androy in the South. This is behind schedule, but is encouraging given the obstacles presented by COVID-19. Stakeholders and advocacy partners including UNICEF remain essential to the implementation of, and continued commitment to, an ODF Madagascar. UNICEF is currently working with the government on a sustainability plan to ensure that ODF achievements are maintained. There are efforts to engage the private sector, given the potential to develop a market for sanitation (including toilets, loans, micro-financing, and so on) if the issue can be reframed from "dirty" to an opportunity.

With climate change a significant factor in the South, sanitation infrastructure planning and construction needs to be adjusted to withstand climate-related risks. Madagascar has experienced droughts and cyclones over the past few years, and these issues are unfortunately interconnected. Global Citizen has contacted the new Madagascar government led by Christian Ntsay multiple times for comments, but the government has not responded.



FOOD SECURITY, AGRICULTURE AND NUTRITION

MADAGASCAR COMMITS TO INCREASE ITS NUTRITION FUNDING UP TO 3% OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET IN THREE YEARS, EQUALING AN ADDITIONAL US \$40M

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Madagascar's Southern region is in a "critical situation" according to the **Integrated Food Security Phase Classification** (IPC). A three-year drought has resulted in high rates of acute malnutrition, putting the region of Ambovombe-Androy in danger of famine. Actions called for by the IPC include "immediate and urgent humanitarian action" as well as "urgent nutrition interventions... for acutely malnourished children under five, especially those severely malnourished."

The last available budgetary data indicates that as of **2020**, the budget for nutrition was at 1.4%, equivalent to 152.4 billion Ariary (or US \$39.8 billion) and only at half the level committed to. This is a marked increase in allocations to nutrition since 2018 levels at 49.4 billion Ariary (or US \$14.8 billion). The Global Nutrition Report **assesses** that while Madagascar's financial commitments to nutrition under the Milan 2017 agenda are off course, the National Office of Nutrition has been successful at reducing the rate of chronic malnutrition in children under five from 47% in 2017 to 38% in 2021. The World Food Programme (WFP) **country brief** on Madagascar from August 2021 indicates the COVID-19 pandemic's effects, including the country's recession, are still being felt on the state of nutrition in the country. The WFP is responsible for interventions in nutrition across the country, though it, too, is facing serious funding shortfalls.

The IPC also noted that WASH infrastructure should be improved, which is addressed in Madagascar's other commitment to the Mandela 100 campaign (see **MADAGASCAR COMMITS US \$40M TO ACHIEVE OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS BY 2022**). The new Madagascar government led by Christian Ntsay has been contacted multiple times by Global Citizen for comments, but no response has been received.



Credit: Catherine Kjerfve for UN

LESOTHO COMMITS US \$65M TO A FIVE-YEAR SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM TO FIGHT STUNTING

The Government of Lesotho committed to **gradually transition school feeding programs from the World Food Programme (WFP)** to the government. Global Citizen has not received a response from Lesotho relating to its funding levels for the school feeding program to assess its progress against the US \$65 million target over five years. The latest information that Global Citizen received indicated that only **US \$2.5 million had been disbursed as of late 2019.**

WFP continues to work in Lesotho and plays an essential role in the delivery of meals for learners. While COVID-19 led to school closures, which inevitably affected the delivery of school meals, in June 2021, WFP shared in its **country brief on Lesotho** that it was working with the Ministry of Education and Training to "ensure that pre-primary learners will receive nutritious meals when schools open." WFP continues to financially support the nutrition of 60,000 pre-school children as well as provide technical assistance to the Ministry relating to Lesotho's school feeding program.

School meals remain an important aspect of child development, especially in the context of Lesotho's food insecurity across the population. As of June, WFP estimated that 179,000 rural households were food insecure, with **"312,000 people from rural areas and 158,000 people from urban areas [expected to] be food insecure between October 2021 to March 2022."**

GERMANY COMMITS €63M (US \$72.4M) TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) OVER THREE YEARS

At **Mandela 100**, Germany committed \$72.4 million to support the International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD). In **February 2021**, the government completed the commitment with the payment of a last tranche of €22.1 million (approx. \$25.6 million). As in the previous two years, this funding has supported IFAD's core activities in the realm of IFAD's XI programming period. For IFAD's upcoming programming period XII, Germany

increased its commitment to **\$101.2 million** and is the third biggest non-borrowing member state contributor after the US and France.

During the ongoing programming period XI, from 2019 to 2021, 23.4 million people gained access to financial services, such as savings and credits, and almost 1.7 million hectares of land were brought under climate resilient practices. In 2020 alone, ongoing projects reached over **128 million**, surpassing the year's goal of 120 million people.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, IFAD has repurposed **\$179 million** in the form of 58 projects across 36 countries. Recently in **Eritrea**, for instance, \$1 million has been repurposed through the Fisheries Resources Management Programme to provide temporary cold storage to ensure those affected by COVID-19 were able to store their harvests.

Across all of its activities, IFAD has mobilized over \$28 billion in co-financing and funding for rural development that supported over 1,000 programs and projects in collaboration with 125 governments. **This work** has "empowered approximately 483 million people to grow more food, better manage their land and natural resources, learn new skills, start small businesses, build strong organizations and gain a voice in decisions that affect their lives."



THE UNITED STATES AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (USADF) COMMITS TO MATCH FUNDS FOR UP TO US \$5M IN EACH OF THE AGRICULTURE BUDGETS OF NIGERIA, KENYA, RWANDA, AND ZAMBIA

This matching commitment was contingent on each local government's budgetary allocations and agreements with national or subnational governments.

USADF grants to African-owned and -managed agribusinesses and agripreneurs have been extended to Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda, and Zambia as part of this commitment. In the three years from FY19 to FY21, USADF has in total spent US \$6,165,795 in grants specifically towards the agriculture and food security sector, with a further US \$2,063,451 towards agriculture-related projects within other sectors (namely, entrepreneurship and job creation and off-grid renewable energy) in the four countries.

- In Nigeria: USADF has multiple matching funds agreements with State governments. Specifically related to agriculture, USADF has received and matched funds from Kebbi State for rice, dairy, and groundnut production and processing and is awaiting funding from Niger and Ekiti States. USADF shared that Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nigeria often lack visibility, thereby impairing their access to market, training, capacity building, and funding opportunities. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these challenges. Starting in February 2021, USADF therefore awarded US \$250,000 to Nourishing Africa's **Entrepreneur Support Program (ESP)**, alongside additional funding from Mastercard Foundation, to train 2,000 youth agripreneurs and provide grants of up to US \$8,500 each to 125 MSMEs in 11 states in Nigeria. The ESP is assisting agripreneurs to improve their businesses' profitability and sustainability, as well as build their resilience and creditworthiness to attract additional capital.
- In Kenya: USADF continues to invest primarily

(though not exclusively) in Turkana County, a marginalized, arid, and cattle raid-prone region of Kenya. One **ongoing project** in Turkana is the Natogo Off-Grid Fish Market Expansion Project, which includes the use of off-grid energy for fish processing and production and the construction of a fish shop, processing room, and an ice production room. This is set to affect 299 people (87 male and 212 female) by June 2023. The Nasanyanait Irrigation Expansion Project that concluded in June 2021 positively impacted 93 smallholder farmers (10 male and 83 female) through the expansion of a sustainable farming cooperative, ensuring food security for its members. This project follows the success of a previous USADF capacity building grant.

- In Rwanda: one of USADF's grantees in 2020 was the **Rwanda Small Holder Specialty Coffee Company (RWASHOSCCO)**, which lacked sufficient roasting equipment to fulfill demand for its 100% women-grown specialty coffee brand, Angelique's Finest Coffee. USADF made a US \$168,000 investment in RWASHOSCCO to develop its packaging line, obtain an International Registration of Marks certification, and purchase a commercial coffee roaster to meet demand from export markets.
- In Zambia: in 2019, USADF awarded a US \$196,000 grant to the Mungaila Dairy Cooperative Society to construct the first-ever solar-powered milk collection center in Zambia supplied by a 20-kilowatt capacity solar powerhouse, develop a revolving fund for veterinary drugs and livestock feed, and roll out an artificial insemination program. Given the significant decline in milk collection during off-peak dry seasons, this project is expected to increase milk volumes collected by at least 30,000 liters/quarter during the off-peak season and improve smallholder cattle farmers' productivity and incomes **by 2024**.

Global Citizen appreciates the new leadership's commitment to USADF's accountability process and its responsiveness in providing this update following a leadership change in May 2021.



EDUCATION

THE MOTSEPE FOUNDATION COMMITS ZAR 1.4 BILLION (US \$100M) TO ADVANCE THE PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION AND REDUCED INEQUALITIES AMONG YOUTH

In 2021, Global Citizen was informed that USD \$40 million has been spent by the Motsepe Foundation towards the provision of quality education, an increase of USD \$20 million over the last 16 months.

This money was used to fund bursaries for students in South Africa and around the world, primarily those studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as agriculture, social science, and entrepreneurship. In addition, this funding was used to fund roughly 15,000 schools for sports development in football and netball competitions as well as arts and music development in choral and traditional music.

Moreover, this funding has provided computers and other educational equipment and facilities that enabled students to continue attending classes online during the COVID-19 lockdown. Finally, disbursements of this commitment have contributed to infrastructure development at various schools, colleges and universities. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Motsepe Foundation increased its efforts and focused its priorities to meet the urgent needs of COVID-19. In March 2020, the Motsepe family, in partnership with companies that it is associated with, made a commitment of approximately US\$57 million to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic and its related challenges that are confronting South Africa and the African continent.

SOUTH SUDAN COMMITS TO MAINTAINING 10% OF ITS DOMESTIC BUDGET FOR BASIC EDUCATION, AS WELL AS 5% TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND SPENDING AN ADDITIONAL 5% TO TRAIN CIVIL SERVANTS IN 2019

Editor's Note: In February 2021, South Sudan appointed a new Minister of Education, Awut Deng Acuil. Global Citizen appreciates former Minister Deng Deng Hoc Yai's support as well as the new administration's cooperation in this accountability process.

Information from Director-General George Mogga of South Sudan's Ministry of Education indicates that public projected expenditure has currently allocated 17.1% to education. Three governmental bodies contribute to this: 10% by the Ministry of General Education and Instruction (MoGEI); 6.87% by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE); and 0.25% by the National Examinations Council (NEC). The Director-General also reported that 92% of the MoGEI's funding is directed towards salaries, operation costs, capitation as well as top-up incentivisation for teachers, and the remaining 8% towards capital expenditure.

Budget allocations must be substantiated by actual spending, and this data is not yet available for the current financial year. In 2019, while Global Citizen reported that the committed budget allocation had been met — representing a **fourfold increase** on previous years — a large portion of the allocated funding had not been spent in practice. This discrepancy remained in FY 2019-20. UNICEF's latest **country brief** on South Sudan assesses previous years' allocations and expenditure in detail, including the significant drop in education budgetary allocations in FY 2019-20, at 5.5% of the national budget (down from 9.4% the previous year).

UNICEF also identified the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on South Sudan's children who are unable to access distance learning. This is particularly true of girls, and it needs to be addressed urgently to prevent the loss of gains made in previous years. The Ministry of Education's Director-General confirmed that enrollment has not yet reached pre-COVID-19 peak levels, and that efforts are underway to reach every school (whether closed or operational) with an education census.

Minister Awut Deng Acuil said, in an **interview** with the Education Cannot Wait fund, that "Only by planning for unforeseen conflicts and natural disasters, and by integrating disaster risk reduction, can the South Sudanese education system remain functional in the face of shocks."

Director-General Mogga also shared with Global Citizen that a US \$1.5 million exercise funded by the African Development Bank is developing tools to assess institutional capacity needs across the country. South Sudan's commitment was made in the context of an ambition to increase the annual budget allocation to education to 15% in the space of five years. Thus, Global Citizen will continue to report on this progress until 2023.



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ENVIRONMENT

COCA-COLA AFRICA COMMITS TO INVEST US \$38M IN RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROMOTING RECYCLING BEHAVIOR IN 14 COUNTRIES OVER THREE YEARS

Reacting to manifold impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on supply chains, recycling procedures, and changes in demand, Coca-Cola conducted COVID-19 specific interventions with ZAR 7 million in addition to previous collection and recycling commitments. In regards to its general programs, in spite of temporary interruptions of recycling due to the pandemic, regional programs, for instance in Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Malaysia, and Egypt, have resumed and continued throughout 2021. In 2020, Coca-Cola continued to increase global rPET consumption from 10% to 12%, strengthening the role of recycled content for a circular economy. In one pilot project with BanQu, Coca-Cola rolled out a blockchain-based system to record and enable transactions in informal economics such as recycling collectors. By early 2021, BanQu had over 300 waste pickers trading on the platform. This pilot will be expanded in the second half of 2021 and through 2022, aiming to reach 10,000 waste pickers and be operational in 100 buy-back centres.



FINANCE AND INNOVATION

VODACOM COMMITS ZAR 50 BILLION (US \$3.48B) OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO GO TOWARD DEPLOYING A FIBER NETWORK AND 4G AND 5G TECHNOLOGIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, HALF OF WHICH WILL BE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

In May 2020, Vodacom switched on South Africa's first live 5G mobile network in three cities — Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town. This network supports both mobile and fixed wireless services and is currently available in Free State, Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Limpopo, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal provinces.

In South Africa, capital expenditure was directed at improving capacity and resilience of the network and increasing 5G roll-out. Vodacom now has 97.7% 4G population coverage and has extended its 5G sites to 521.

CISCO COMMITS TO PREPARE 10M PEOPLE WORLDWIDE FOR JOBS IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY OVER FIVE YEARS

Since announcing the commitment at Global Citizen Festival: Mandela 100 in December 2018, Cisco has prepared 6.5 million people to work and thrive in the digital economy through the **Cisco Networking Academy** program. Nearly 96% of students enrolled in the program agree that the skills they're learning through the Networking Academy are important for their career overall, while 92% report that they regularly use these skills in their current role.

Cisco is on track to deliver this commitment in full, and the Networking Academy program is being offered in 1,025 learning institutions in 46 countries in Africa. Responding to the pandemic and recognizing the opportunity to reach even more learners, particularly digital natives and including those within underserved and under-resourced communities, Cisco launched Skills for All in 2021.

Skills for All is a mobile-first online learning platform offering a personalized pathway to entry-level technology jobs — no matter where a person is on their learning journey.

Designed by industry experts, Skills for All makes acquiring technology skills even more inclusive and accessible: it is free, self-paced, uses adaptive learning and gamification technology to drive learner outcomes, and provides learners opportunities to earn digital badges and micro-credentials sought after by employers. Initial courses on the platform are focused on the in-demand industry of cybersecurity, with many others in development. Skills for All also provides connections to early-career jobs and comprehensive career resources through Talent Bridge, including a job matching engine (available in 16 languages), an alumni network on LinkedIn, and connections to more than 700 employment partners.



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CITIZENSHIP

MOTSEPE FOUNDATION COMMITS ZAR 3.5 BILLION (US \$250M) TO AGRICULTURE, FARMING, AGROBUSINESS, AND THE LAND REFORM PROGRAM

As of 2021, USD \$50 million had been spent over the past three years, contributing to the development and growth of agriculture and farming projects in traditional communities and poor rural and urban communities in KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West, Free State and Northern Cape. The funding has been for tractors, farming equipment and implements, irrigation systems, the digging and construction of several hundreds of boreholes, the provision of water tanks and water storage facilities, as well as the provision of fertilisers, seeds and other agricultural and farming inputs.

Despite numerous meetings over the past 26 months with kings, queens, traditional leaders and other rural and urban stakeholders and several feasibility studies having been conducted by the Motsepe Foundation in partnership with AgriSA (the leading federation of agricultural organisations in South Africa), the agriculture and land reform sustainable development partnership program has experienced serious challenges relating to the acquisition of title deeds and other land security. This has complicated the process for banking and other financial institutions to partner, co-fund or provide finance to the agriculture and land reform projects in South Africa, which the Motsepe Foundation has been initiating for traditional communities and poor rural and urban communities.

Furthermore, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Motsepe Foundation increased its efforts and focused its priorities to meet the urgent needs of COVID-19. In March 2020, the Motsepe family, in partnership with companies that it is associated with, made a commitment of approximately US\$57 million to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic and its related challenges that are confronting South Africa and the African continent.

BEYGOOD AND TYLER PERRY COMMIT US \$1M TO PROVIDE 50 YOUNG AFRICANS FROM MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES A PAID YEARLONG FELLOWSHIP TO CULTIVATE AND ADVANCE THEIR DIGITAL AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SKILLS

Since its inception, the fellowship has aimed to provide opportunities for personal and professional growth and development for marginalized young Africans. The initial cohort started in January 2019 with 10 fellows in South Africa. The 2020-2021 cohort with 10 South African fellows was affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, such that the fellows worked predominantly remotely. In the current 2021-2022 period, 10 fellows from Nigeria and 5 from South Africa are participating in the fellowship in person. They are currently engaged in various activities such as the development of a "16 Days of Activism" campaign. The fellows are currently undergoing a learner-based



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curriculum that covers topics such as vision boarding, setting values through the use of an iceberg model, my anchor & purpose, ethics, boundary setting & understanding of ecosystems. In addition to this, they have been exposed to real-life lessons through masterclasses conducted by our newly appointed advisory council board members on the program.

By the end of the program in 2023, it is projected to have provided the opportunity for 50 fellows to gain important skills in using digital technology for storytelling and social change as well as experience in leadership, international development, and engagement with Global Citizen's advocacy model. As Charity, a recent graduate of the fellowship noted, the skills they acquired during the fellowship "make them happy and confident to do their best" and help them to further grow professionally during new endeavors.

"My experience in the fellowship has given me the unique opportunity to reach new heights and to constantly grow by challenging myself. It has also helped me to learn important values, skills and to have confidence in my abilities. I have acquired many things but the two that stand out are; you can only make a difference if you think differently, and to trust the magic of new beginnings because there is always something to gain and learn. The Fellowship has provided me with lessons that have been instrumental in shaping who I will be in the future." — Molebogeng Matsagopane, 2021/22 BeyGOOD Global Citizen Fellow

We appreciate the input of partners including Sightsavers, Uniting to Combat NTDs, UNICEF Madagascar and WEConnect International in securing the above updates. Their expertise as some of the key stakeholders working to achieve the elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases across the African continent, an Open Defecation Free Madagascar, and driving money into the hands of women business owners, is valued.

IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE.

In order to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030, the world must continue to stay on track to meet all 17 of the Global Goals, and protect the increasingly vulnerable and marginalized parts of the world's population. This virus knows no borders, threatening everyone, everywhere.

The world must work together to end extreme poverty by continuing vaccinations and health services for the most vulnerable in our societies; breaking the barriers that drive starvation and hunger across continents; striving to provide every child with education and schooling; accelerating action on climate change; and ensuring equality and dignity for all.

History has shown that progress is truly possible when we act as an international community — and global solidarity and cooperation is the fastest and most effective way to protect the world from climate change, and protect and rebuild vulnerable communities and economies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Nelson Mandela once said, "It always seems impossible until it's done."

As we look ahead to 2022, Global Citizens from South Africa and the world must continue to take action to protect the world's most marginalized — because we're the generation that must make Mandela's wish to end extreme poverty a reality.

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