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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER •



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• 2024: CONFRONTING CHALLENGES, ADAPTING, AND MOVING FORWARD

For LuxDev, 2024 will remain a pivotal year. In a rapidly changing world, marked by geopolitical instability, fragile democracies and growing climate challenges, our Agency has once again demonstrated its adaptability and resilience, true to its mission of implementing Luxembourg's bilateral development cooperation policy. Indeed, the gradual withdrawal of certain countries in the Sahel has been offset by programmes in new partner countries and an increase in projects to combat climate change.

• THE SITUATION IN THE SAHEL CONTINUES TO GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN

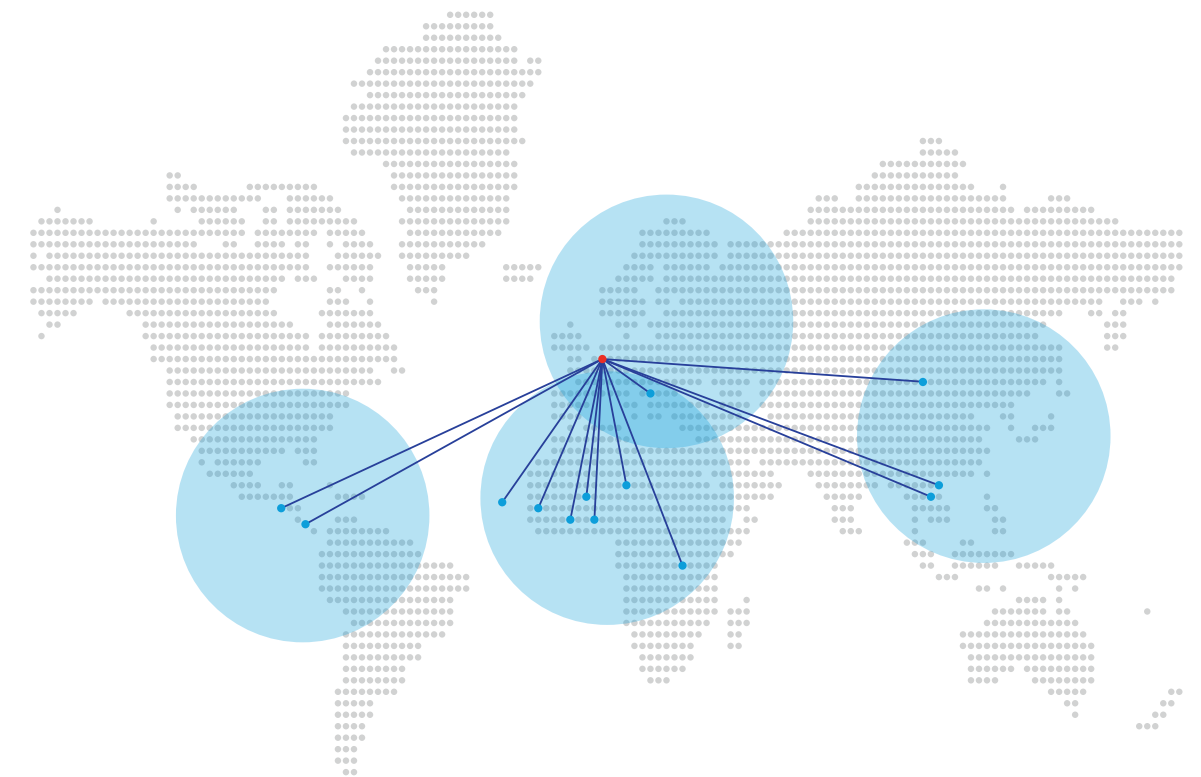
In the Sahel, the situation remained particularly worrying and led us to adapt our intervention frameworks. Following the suspension of programmes in Niger in 2023, and in line with government guidelines, bilateral cooperation was not renewed with the non-democratically elected regimes in Burkina Faso and Mali. Under sometimes complex conditions, our teams on site have continued to implement existing projects, as well as those entrusted by the European Commission. In Senegal, the Indicative Cooperation Programme (ICP) IV projects were extended, pending an agreement on the revision of the general cooperation agreement with the new government. These adjustments have had major human, budgetary and operational consequences in countries that have long been the pillars of our operations.

• PROVEN ABILITY TO ADAPT

Despite these constraints, 2024 was also a year of progress. It was a year in which we were able to break new ground and strengthen our presence in new countries, thanks to the mandates received from the Minister for Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Xavier BETTEL, and in close collaboration with the Cooperation Department and the Embassies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). New projects in Rwanda, Benin and Central America have made good progress. Major efforts have also been made to support reconstruction in Ukraine, and the first actions have been launched in Togo, a new country of intervention for Luxembourg Cooperation. We are working there through cooperation delegated to the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), with which links have been intensified.

In Cabo Verde, Laos and Mongolia, activities continued at a steady pace, within the framework of well-established projects and programmes. In Kosovo, development cooperation relations have been extended beyond 2025 - the initial end date of the third bilateral agreement signed in July 2022 - and new commitments have been established, notably as part of the renovation of the Gjilan regional hospital. Finally, in Vietnam, new activities have been initiated, again in the environment and climate change sector, through a mandate entrusted to us by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), to which our Agency is accredited.

In line with the fourth axis of continuous improvement of its Vision 2030, our Agency has acquired new expertise, strengthened its digital transformation and consolidated its internal governance. We were also able to welcome the representatives of the new staff delegation to our Board of Directors.



• ROBUST RESULTS

The figures reflect this commitment. In 2024, LuxDev disbursed EUR 144 million, almost EUR 10 million more than the previous year. More than 40% of these amounts were invested in our core business: education, training and employment. Although disbursements under the Development Cooperation Fund fell slightly due to the situation in the Sahel (EUR 122 million), disbursements on behalf of the Climate and Energy Fund more than doubled (EUR 8.27 million), particularly in Cabo Verde, Vietnam and Rwanda. Activities financed by third-party donors - the European Union (EU), Switzerland and the Netherlands - also rose sharply (EUR 14.10 million), confirming our ability to mobilise additional resources and our positioning as a reliable and effective implementation partner.

• A STRONGER PARTNERSHIP DYNAMIC

Beyond these results, 2024 was a year of strategic transition, in which we reaffirmed our commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In line with our Vision 2030, we strengthened our links and partnerships with a large number of stakeholders. Particular attention has been paid to cooperation with the private sector. Other partnerships with civil society and Luxembourg and international players working in the fields of innovation, digital technology, research and impact finance have also been strengthened. In the spirit of "Team Europe", our collaboration with other European bilateral development agencies - Enabel, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and GIZ in particular - has also intensified, with a view to joint effectiveness and complementary expertise. These partnerships bear witness to LuxDev's ability to co-construct integrated and innovative approaches, in the service of a more sustainable impact. We invite you to consult our special report dedicated to the Agency's partnership vision for more details (see pages 14 to 19).

• A COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT

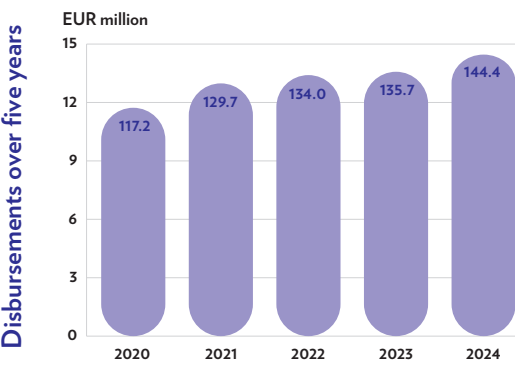
Throughout the year, we have been able to count on the unfailing commitment of our teams, both in the field and at head office, as well as the renewed confidence of our backers and partners. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of them. This annual report highlights the major achievements of 2024 and the impact of our actions. The year 2025 now begins, with its share of challenges, but also opportunities. Against an international backdrop of pressure on official development assistance, the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held in Seville at the end of June, will provide an opportunity to redouble our ambition and creativity to speed up the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and promote reform of the international financial architecture.

Thanks to the Luxembourg Government's commitment to allocating 1% of gross national income to development cooperation, and drawing on our experience, expertise, and collective commitment, we approach the year 2025 with clarity, ambition, and confidence.

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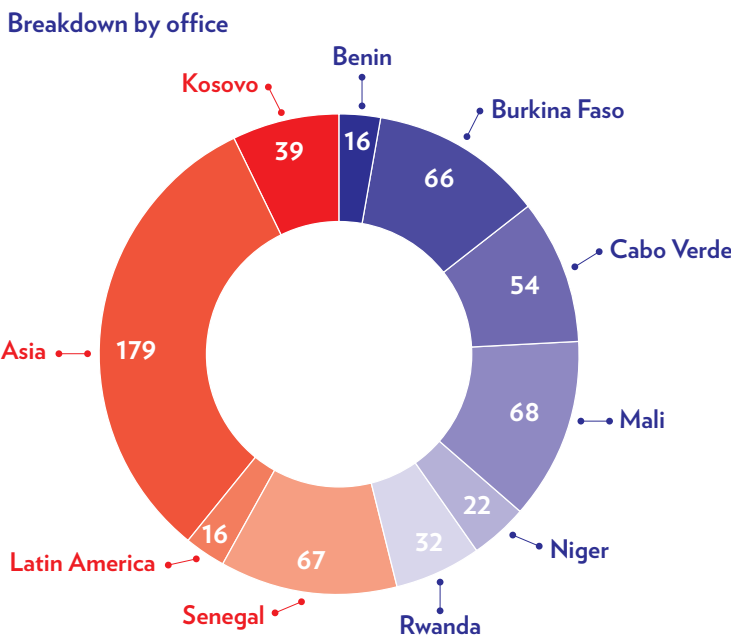


PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED **89**



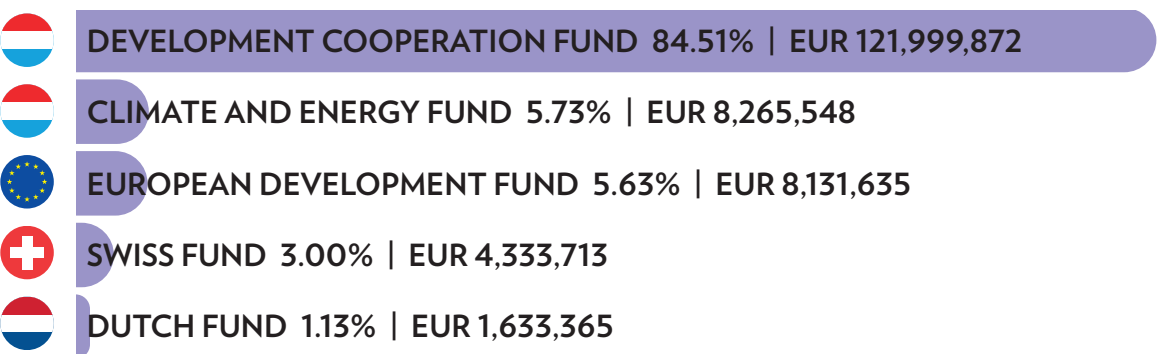
634 EMPLOYEES

- **85** AT HEADQUARTERS
- **549** IN THE FIELD

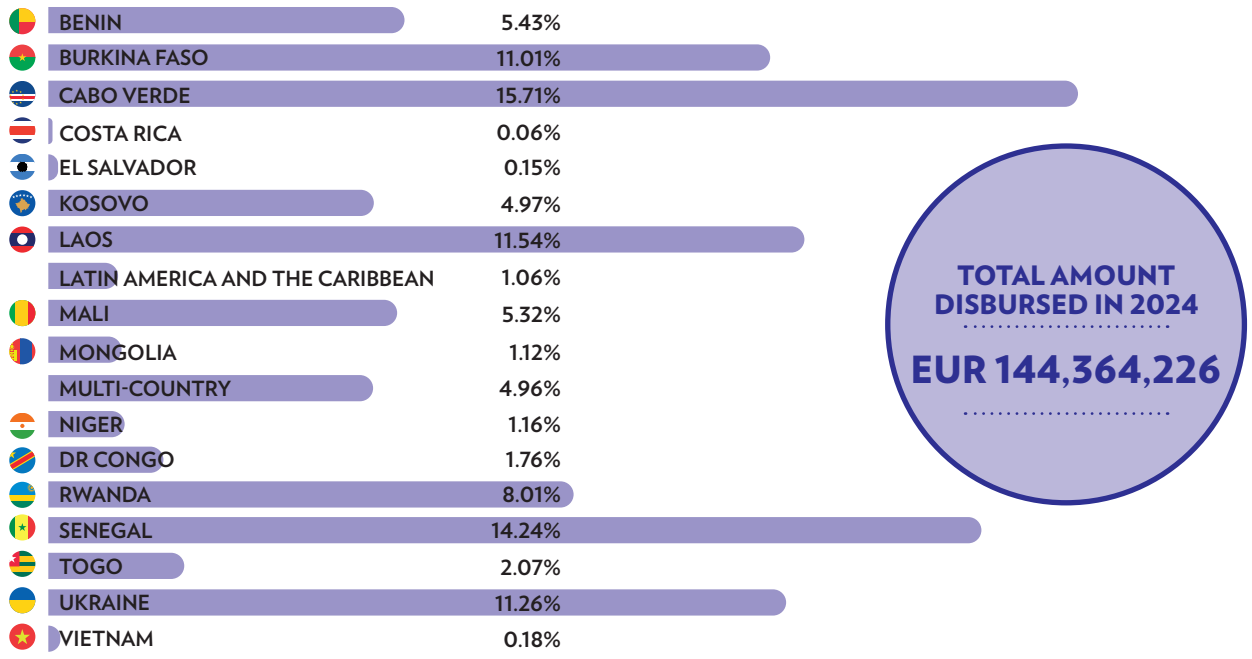


STUDIES CARRIED OUT **5** | COUNTRY/REGIONAL OFFICES **10** | PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES IN FORMULATION **11**

Breakdown by third-party

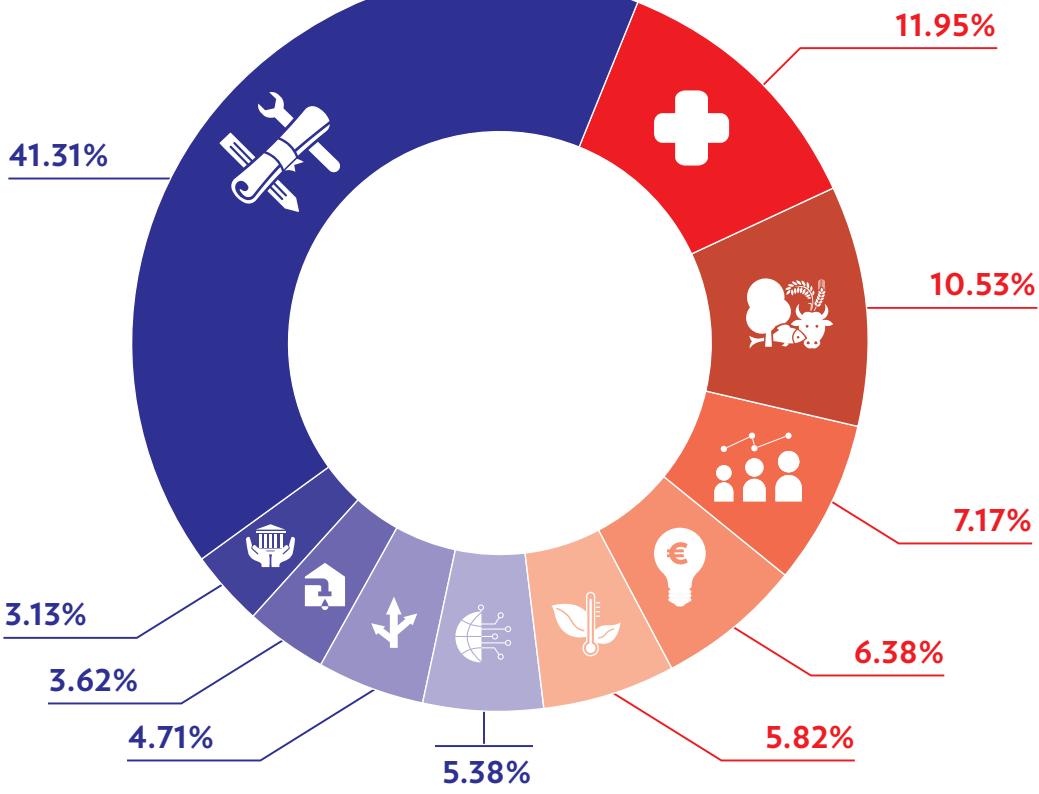


2024 disbursements per country



TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED IN 2024
EUR 144,364,226

2024 disbursements per sector



SECTORS **10**

SECTOR MAP •

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY
AND FISHERY



SOCIO-ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



DIGITALISATION
AND ICT



WATER AND SANITATION



EDUCATION,
VOCATIONAL TRAINING
AND EMPLOYMENT



ENVIRONMENT AND
CLIMATE CHANGE



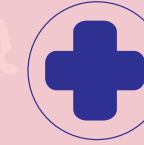
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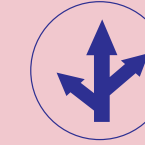
GOVERNANCE



HEALTH



OTHERS



GLOBAL PROGRAMMES MANAGED FROM HEADQUARTERS



UKRAINE



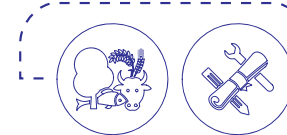
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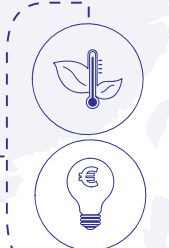
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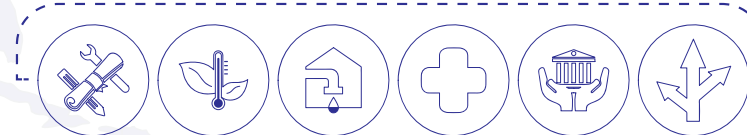
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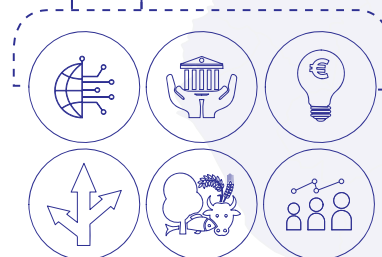


CABO VERDE



EL SALVADOR

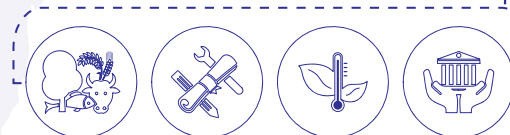
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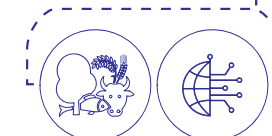
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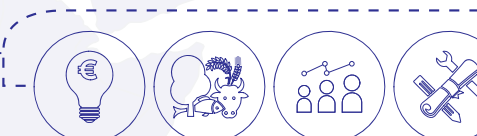
BURKINA FASO



TOGO



RWANDA



DR CONGO



BENIN



LAOS



KEY FACTS •

• NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE

A new agreement with the State was signed on 5 June 2024, replacing the previous agreement dating from 2017. As a reminder, this agreement defines the relationship between LuxDev, as Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency, and the State of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, particularly with regard to the division of responsibilities, cooperation methods and financial procedures.

One important new feature is that government bodies other than the MFA that mandate LuxDev to implement projects will also contribute to the Agency's operating costs. This is already the case for the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity (MECB), which has contributed to the Agency's operating budget since 2024. This new measure is intended to reflect the Agency's now more diversified portfolio, particularly in the fields of the environment and the fight against climate change, digital development, impact finance and cooperation with the private sector.■



The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of LuxDev, Nima AHMADZADEH; the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Xavier BETTEL; and the Director General of LuxDev, Manuel TONNAR

• A NEW LOGO FOR THE AGENCY

On 3 June 2024, LuxDev launched its new logo. This change is intended to reflect the Agency's dynamism, professionalism, expertise, global presence and spirit of partnership. The new graphic identity, linked to the brand image of the Luxembourg State, was developed by the Monogram agency, which also contributed to the design of the visual identity of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.■



• MAJOR SUPPORT IN UKRAINE

In 2023, the MFA commissioned LuxDev to identify the first reconstruction actions to be carried out in Ukraine. After contributing to the Ukrainian Business Development Fund in 2023, LuxDev was entrusted in 2024 with the implementation of a project in the district of Kryvyi Rih, a historic industrial zone whose economy, which is in the process of diversification, is essential to the smooth running of the country. With a budget of EUR 56 million over a period of five years, this project, carried out in collaboration with Proman, aims to support the education and vocational training sector - particularly in the field of mine clearance - as well as micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and local authorities in their efforts to revive the economy (see pages 26 and 27).

In addition, as the conflict has led to major disruptions in the country's energy infrastructure, putting a strain on its ability to maintain electricity supplies and provide essential services, the Ukraine Energy Support Fund was created in the context of an agreement between the European Commission and the Ukrainian Ministry of Energy. Since the end of 2024, the Luxembourg Cooperation has contributed EUR 2 million to this fund. These contributions are used to finance the most urgent needs of Ukrainian energy companies, such as equipment, spare parts and other technical items, as well as fuels and services needed to repair infrastructures and maintain the supply of energy and heat in Ukraine.■



• TOGO AS A NEW COUNTRY OF OPERATION

In 2024, Togo was added to the list of LuxDev intervention countries. A general cooperation agreement between Luxembourg and Togo was signed in September. Luxembourg Cooperation focuses mainly on the sectors of education, training and professional integration, digitisation, and the environment and climate change. The theme of good governance has been selected as a cross-cutting theme.

In December 2024, LuxDev signed two agreements with the GIZ for the EUR 3 million Forest4Future project (see page 22) and the EUR 8.8 million ProDigiT project (see page 25). Operations in Togo are currently managed from LuxDev's office in Benin.■



KEY FACTS •

• PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES



Frank WOLFF at COP 16

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 29) was held from 11 to 24 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The Luxembourg delegation was led by Serge WILMES, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity. On this occasion, LuxDev was involved in the co-organisation, with Cabo Verde, of an event on the mobilisation of climate financing in small island developing states, presenting the case of Cabo Verde.

LuxDev was also represented at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16), held in Cali, Colombia, from 14 to 24 November 2024. LuxDev's resident representative in Latin America, Frank WOLFF, presented the sustainable forest management project and took part in a panel on ecological offsets organised by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).■

• A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS

In March 2024, LuxDev submitted, and subsequently published, its report and declaration of political commitment to human rights. In the course of the Agency's interventions, six main human rights risks were identified:

- health and safety risks for the company's own workers, neighbouring communities, implementation partners and within the value chain;
- risks associated with fair and equitable working conditions;
- risks associated with discrimination, violence and harassment in the workplace;
- risks associated with child labour;
- risks associated with deteriorating working conditions;
- risks associated with economic insecurity, poverty and inadequate access to basic needs, which can compromise well-being and human dignity.

To meet these challenges, LuxDev is committed to putting in place adequate due diligence, appropriate training and awareness-raising, and an effective recourse and accountability mechanism.

As a reminder, LuxDev signed the National Business and Human Rights Pact on 20 September 2023, a voluntary commitment aimed at companies wishing to implement the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. Signing this pact demonstrates LuxDev's concrete commitment, as a company, to identifying risks and preventing human rights violations.■



• HIGH DISTINCTION FOR DR PATTE FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECTS IN MONGOLIA

On 11 October 2024, Dr Didier PATTE received the Order of the Polar Star from His Excellency Luvsanvandan BOLD, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. This is the highest civilian distinction that the Mongolian government can bestow on a foreign citizen. It recognises Dr PATTE's significant contribution, as an advisor, to the Luxembourg Cooperation's projects to strengthen the cardiovascular and cardiological health system implemented by LuxDev in Mongolia.■



From left to right: Mr Philippe CAHEN, Honorary Consul of Mongolia in Luxembourg, Dr Arnaud CHARPENTIER, then Director General of the National Institute of Cardiac Surgery and Interventional Cardiology in Luxembourg, Mr Georges TERNES, Director of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs at the MFA, His Excellency Luvsanvandan BOLD, Dr Didier PATTE, Mr Manuel TONNAR and Dr Mongo DAGVA, Senior Sector Adviser for the Cardiology, cardio-surgery and telemedicine project in Mongolia

• SIGNING OF THE FIRST PROJECT WITH THE GCF

On 16 July 2024, at the 39th GCF Board meeting in Songdo, South Korea, the GCF approved funding for the Climate Adaptation and Resilience project in Hue, Vietnam (CARE Hue) (read more on page 34).■



From left to right and top to bottom: Mr Baas BRIMER, environment and climate change expert at LuxDev, Mr Jacques FLIES, Ambassador of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to South Korea, Mr Thomas SCHOOS, Coordinator for General and International Affairs at the MECB, Ms Jinkyung JEONG, Project Manager at the GCF, Mr Manuel TONNAR and Mr Henry GONZALES, Deputy Executive Director of the GCF



SPECIAL REPORT • MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS AT THE HEART OF LUXDEV'S VISION



Partnerships have always played an important role in LuxDev's approach, but the year 2024 marked a decisive step forward in the development of suitable instruments to strengthen these collaborations. Through concrete examples, this special report highlights how these tools support the implementation of one of the major axes of the Agency's Vision 2030: strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships for successful sustainable development.



• MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS, A KEY LEVER FOR ACHIEVING THE SDGs

Strong and inclusive partnerships are essential to achieving the SDGs, whether at global, regional, national or local level. LuxDev pays particular attention to working closely with government partners. Public action is essential to meet the needs of vulnerable populations and to ensure a broad impact. However - and the current geopolitical context illustrates this in sometimes painful ways - public institutions have their limits when it comes to meeting the legitimate expectations of populations, particularly young people, and often require operational relays.

Business, academia and civil society are all sources of innovation capable of responding to societal challenges. Initiatives with a high societal impact often have complex business models and depend on various forms of funding to ensure their sustainability. In developing countries, which suffer from a structural funding deficit, this challenge is even more acute: impact initiatives can run out of steam even

before they reach critical mass. At the same time, impact finance is becoming more structured and is looking for viable projects. Local governments are counting on certain initiatives to complement their actions in sectors such as education, health, employment and waste management.

By structuring its partnership arrangements with these players, LuxDev plays a catalytic role in supporting these initiatives and learning lessons with a view to scaling them up. Thanks to its presence on the ground, the Agency is strategically positioned to accelerate these innovations at the heart of local ecosystems. In addition, Luxembourg, as a major hub for impact finance, offers a favourable environment for mobilising funding and strengthening the sustainability of these initiatives.



• DEVELOPING AND ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR

LuxDev actively supports the development of the private sector. In 2024, for example, the Agency supported the Kosovo Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade in organising a call for innovation projects, co-financing 34 small and medium-sized enterprise projects and 15 start-up projects, for a total of more than EUR 1.6 million, of which almost EUR 500,000 were provided by the Kosovo government and more than EUR 1.1 million by Luxembourg Cooperation. Among the projects funded, the start-up Advanced Systems and Technologies will develop "Sharefox", a software solution to simplify the rental of furnished property

and promote the sharing economy. This call for projects was designed in collaboration with the local ecosystem, including incubators and innovation centres, and included an incentive to encourage fund-raising from business angels.

An important innovation for 2024 was the introduction of direct engagement activities with the private sector and mobilisation instruments. New co-financing tools have been deployed to support innovative business-led solutions with the potential to accelerate progress towards the SDGs.

Thanks to the new instruments for mobilising the private sector, businesses are becoming genuine partners in contributing to the SDGs.

In Rwanda, for example, where population density poses a major challenge to food security and sovereignty in terms of protein intake, LuxDev, in collaboration with Enabel and the EU Delegation, is implementing the Kwiha project to support the transition to sustainable food systems (see page 23). To meet the challenges facing the livestock sector, the Agency has entered into a partnership with UKC, which is developing an innovative hydroponic fodder production solution that is more productive and uses less water than open-field production. This partnership benefits from the LuxAid Demonstration Fund, a new instrument for mobilising the private sector to support the scaling-up of innovative initiatives led by the private sector. Three companies have been involved in Rwanda for co-financing of EUR 1 million. Four companies have been selected in Senegal for co-financing of EUR 1.3 million, and one of them had already been committed in 2024.

The LuxAid Challenge Fund supports projects further upstream, with funding of up to EUR 120,000 for young innovative initiatives. In 2024, a first call for proposals was

launched in Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso on the themes of distance learning and food security. Ten of the 240 applications received co-financing totalling EUR 1 million. Ibriz, for example, provides integrated solutions for agricultural production using solar energy, pumping stations and storage solutions. The co-financed investment will provide irrigation solutions and storage services that will improve food security for almost 3,000 people, avoid the emission of 1,200 tonnes of CO₂ every year and increase the income of more than 230 farmers in Senegal by 230%.

The third instrument, the Business Partnership Facility (BPF), supports innovative and impactful collaborations between private sector entities based in the EU and entities based in developing countries. A total of six co-financing agreements were signed in 2024 for a total amount of EUR 950,000.

Thanks to this good practice of engagement with the private sector, bilateral cooperation projects can now exploit these instruments in their activities, maximising the impact and sustainability of initiatives.

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dedicated to instruments
for mobilising the private sector





TESTIMONIAL •



IBISA, a Luxembourg FinTech, has benefited from the support of the BPF to introduce its services in Africa. Maria MATEO, co-founder and CEO of IBISA, explains.

« Many small-scale farmers, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, suffer income losses due to the vagaries of the weather. In response to this challenge, IBISA has designed a weather-indexed insurance solution that is accessible to even the smallest producers. Thanks to our B2B platform and the analysis of satellite data, we can provide rapid and cost-effective compensation in the event of bad weather. The support of the BPF has been a key lever for our entry into the African continent. This tool enabled us to launch a partnership in Niger with the Réseau Billital Maroobé (an NGO representing livestock farmers in West Africa), to test our solution under real conditions. This pilot phase then paved the way for our regional expansion, first in Senegal, where since 2022, 1,000 livestock farmers have benefited from our insurance, then in Ghana, with 1,200 farmers covered by 2024.

At the same time, we worked with the NGO ADA - Appui au développement autonome (meaning Support for self-development) - and microfinance institutions to reach 10,000 smallholders by 2025. We are also working on an offer tailored to fisherpeople. A recently secured EUR 2.8 million loan will enable us to accelerate our impact in emerging markets.



• COLLABORATION WITH THE ACADEMIC WORLD, A DRIVING FORCE FOR INNOVATION

Partnerships are also established with the academic and research world. The academic perspective enriches the implementation of bilateral cooperation projects and programmes carried out by LuxDev, by generating new knowledge, transferring knowledge and technologies and training talents involved in development issues.

Given the growing interest of the Luxembourg research community in development cooperation issues, these initiatives are designed in collaboration with the national ecosystem. In 2024, a facility, LuxAid BRIDGES, was launched by the Fonds national de la recherche, the MFA and LuxDev. Its aim is to support research initiatives relevant to development cooperation and humanitarian action. Ten feasibility studies have been funded and three research projects have been

selected. Among these, the SENEWAT project, led by the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology and the Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar in the field of drinking water, received support.

Another flagship initiative is SnT4Dev, run by the interdisciplinary Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT) centre at the University of Luxembourg. The aim of this project is to train doctoral students on topics relevant to development cooperation, by adapting a partnership thesis model. Academic partners in Benin and Senegal will be involved in identifying relevant research topics in the local socio-economic context, supervising PhD students, and even awarding PhDs under joint supervision.

• STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH NGOS

In the field, LuxDev also works with international and local humanitarian NGOs to continue to help vulnerable populations in difficult political and security contexts. These partnerships provide complementary responses to immediate needs and help build resilience, as is the case in Burkina Faso in the field of education in emergency situations.

The combination of the humanitarian skills of NGOs and the Agency's expertise in implementing education programmes enabled a rapid response to the educational and food needs of the people of Burkina Faso in localities close to areas of

insecurity and hosting large numbers of displaced persons. It has also made it possible to put in place a more systemic response aimed at reducing the effects of the crisis on the education system. By 2024, more than 300 classrooms had been built and equipped to accommodate 1,400 displaced pupils, the majority of whom were girls. In addition, 11,695 girls had received menstrual hygiene kits, and 73,700 pupils benefited from school kits to study in better conditions. These actions are part of the national strategy for education in emergency situations and have involved the local authorities.



In 2024, LuxDev's partnership with an international NGO in Costa Rica directly benefited 2,325 people and indirectly more than 12,000 people.

In Costa Rica, LuxDev is working with an international NGO to support the socio-economic integration of Nicaraguan refugees. Costa Rica has more than 600,000 legally resident foreigners, accounting for more than 10% of its population. Between 100,000 and 200,000 more people are in an irregular situation, mainly Nicaraguans fleeing the violence in their country. The project implemented with the NGO focuses on regularising migration, improving employability profiles and developing entrepreneurial skills. In 2024, more than 150 people took technical training courses and obtained certification, while 300 others strengthened their entrepreneurial skills. In addition, 44 people validated professional diplomas, and more than 1,500 Nicaraguans were helped to regularise their migratory status. Complementary actions such as the broadcasting of radio programmes, humanitarian assistance and training for the staff of partner organisations also strengthened the impact of the intervention.

Faced with growing food insecurity in Luxembourg's partner countries, concrete actions have been implemented since 2022 in Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Cabo Verde, Senegal and Laos, in collaboration with UN agencies, international NGOs and local authorities. Examples include support for school feeding, food assistance for displaced households and support for vulnerable households during the lean season. In northern Laos, for example, in 2024, 2,619 families took part in training courses and received grants to develop vegetable gardens and livestock farming. In Senegal, an agreement with the Délégation générale à l'entrepreneuriat rapide des femmes et des jeunes (General Delegation for Rapid Entrepreneurship for Women and Young People) has made it possible to support 140 projects aimed at increasing food security in six departments, while creating jobs and decent incomes for women and young people.

• CAPITALISE ON THE LUXEMBOURG AND INTERNATIONAL ECOSYSTEM

In recent years, links with the Luxembourg and international ecosystem have also intensified, in line with LuxDev's Vision 2030. These partnerships have fostered the deployment

of strategic collaborations for the implementation of programmes run by the Agency.



Signing of a memorandum of understanding between LuxDev and GGGI



Signing of a letter of agreement between LuxDev and LuxInnovation

**SnT - Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust**

On 26 June 2024, LuxDev signed partnership agreements with the MFA and SnT. Two agreements were signed, one concerning the funding of scholarships to contribute to the development of research and academic excellence in Cabo Verde, and the other concerning the SnT4Dev initiative (see above).

**LUXEMBOURG
GREEN EXCHANGE**

This player in the Luxembourg financial ecosystem is involved in capacity-building initiatives for financial players in Rwanda as part of the project to support the development of the Kigali International Finance Centre, which contributes to the country's ambition to position itself as an international financial services centre (see page 40).



The Luxembourg House of Cybersecurity is involved in a number of LuxDev projects in the field of cybersecurity. For example, the LHC contributed to the formulation of the BeDigital programme in Benin, aimed at strengthening the country's digital transformation within a secure cyberspace. At the end of 2024, a partnership agreement was signed to improve the cybersecurity skills of Beninese professionals. As part of the AU-EU D4D Hub project, the LHC organised training courses in Cabo Verde on good practice in cybersecurity governance, and visits were made to the main cybersecurity players in the Luxembourg ecosystem. As part of the Sustainable and inclusive growth project in Kosovo, the LHC helped to assess the cybersecurity training needs of the country's civil servants and took part in the study analysing what a cybersecurity laboratory could be in Kosovo.

**ADA – Appui au développement autonome**

LuxDev benefits from the expertise of this inclusive finance NGO in several of its interventions in Benin, Mali, Rwanda, Senegal and Laos, in the employment and entrepreneurship sectors as well as in rural and local development.

**EHTL – École d'hôtellerie et du tourisme du Luxembourg**

EHTL, the Luxembourg Hotel and Tourism School, is providing technical expertise in vocational training in the tourism sector in Benin, as part of the programme to build the country's École des métiers du tourisme, de l'hôtellerie et de la restauration (School for tourism, hospitality and catering professions).



On 5 June 2024, LuxDev and Luxinnovation strengthened their collaboration by signing a letter of understanding. The two agencies undertook to continue their cooperation within the framework of the BPF - a co-financing tool for private sector involvement that supports high-impact commercial partnerships between European companies and players in developing countries (see page 15) - but also of any other co-financing mechanism managed by LuxDev involving private companies or Luxembourg public research bodies.



A letter of understanding has been signed between GGGI and LuxDev, aimed at supporting developing countries and emerging economies in achieving the SDGs and implementing the commitments of the Paris Climate Agreement. The collaboration draws on the complementary strengths of the two organisations in areas such as climate change adaptation, waste management, resilient agriculture and sustainable forestry. LuxDev and GGGI are also looking to develop initiatives that promote the mobilisation of climate finance, financial inclusion and the creation of green jobs.

• **STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS FOR A LASTING IMPACT**

LuxDev's panoply of instruments for developing multi-stakeholder partnerships is a formidable asset for increasing the Agency's flexibility, but also for strengthening its local partners in their partnership approaches. A number of projects have already benefited from these possibilities during the design phase. These include the project to support the development

of the Kigali International Finance Centre and the sustainable forestry and renewable energy project in Rwanda, the BeDigital programme in Benin, the project to promote decent jobs in Mali and the climate change adaptation and resilience projects in Vietnam.

TESTIMONIAL •

Hien Bui THI MAI, senior technical coordinator of the Finance for resilience project in Vietnam, describes the project's multi-partner approach and its impact. The project aims to strengthen the resilience and livelihoods of small-scale farmers, particularly women, in the Thua Thien Hue province (see page 41).



By identifying dysfunctions within agricultural value chains, we encourage targeted support based on the principles of market systems development. We encourage strategic multi-stakeholder partnerships, particularly with private sector players who have the resources and strategies to drive systemic change. Our collaboration with financial institutions focuses on developing tailored financial solutions that meet the specific needs of smallholder farmers. Through this approach, we seek to develop bankable projects that improve the quality and value of agricultural products, strengthen farmers' resilience and create significant investment opportunities in solutions to climate challenges. Ultimately, the links with the market are established, maintained and strengthened by the stakeholders themselves, with the project providing only the initial support needed to facilitate them.



In addition, specific projects dedicated to South-South and triangular cooperation are being developed, in line with SDG 17. One of these projects, formulated in 2024, aims to consolidate El Salvador's role in this cooperation. Building on the achievements of previous interventions by Luxembourg Cooperation - notably capacity building for national actors - El Salvador is now deploying technical cooperation initiatives abroad, through its South-South Cooperation Fund. The project takes account of the new institutional architecture for cooperation management, coordinated by ESCO, the Salvadorian Cooperation Agency, and is in line with the government's strategic priorities, which aim to position the country as a regional and international player. In that way, the project will help to build the capacity of the national institutions involved in implementing these initiatives. It will support the country's transition towards sustainable and innovative development, while consolidating its participation in international cooperation. A similar project was developed in 2024 in Costa Rica to strengthen the country's involvement in South-South and triangular cooperation, particularly in the exchange of knowledge and know-how with Latin American and Caribbean countries. This project will support the exchange of technology and good practice in key areas such as gender equality, climate resilience and environmental

sustainability. The aim is to foster sustainable partnerships, while consolidating the technical and institutional capacities of the countries involved to better respond to global development challenges.

In the future, one of the challenges will be to take systemic approaches into account in projects. Greater attention can be paid to the scale and sustainability of projects right from the design phase, based on this enrichment of partnership possibilities, which makes it easier to involve the right partner at the right time. Another of the main challenges will be to build effective bridges between accelerated entrepreneurial initiatives in the countries of intervention and the impact finance instruments supported by Luxembourg Cooperation. Tools such as the Fund for Women's Entrepreneurship in Latin America, the Financing Innovation Tool initiated by ADA and the MFA, as well as the Catapult programme of the Luxembourg House of Financial Technologies, embody Luxembourg's dynamic. The aim will be to expand these projects and fill any gaps through the deployment of complementary financial instruments, with the reinforced expertise of LuxDev, to further intensify the impact of initiatives aimed at achieving the SDGs.■

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

AGRICULTURE,
FORESTRY AND
FISHERY •



EUR 15,196,594

disbursed in 2024 in the countries
shown below



10

projects/programmes under execution

11%

of disbursements in 2024

LuxDev works in agriculture, forestry and fisheries to improve food security, preserve the environment and strengthen local economies.

• STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL SECTORS

Through its programmes in Mali, LuxDev is helping to strengthen agricultural sectors and food security, support rural entrepreneurship and improve the living conditions of vulnerable households by diversifying their income. In a complex socio-economic and security context, these interventions promote more productive, sustainable and inclusive agriculture, thanks to an approach that combines training, structuring of promising sectors and access to financing.

One of the Agency’s main areas of activity is the economic integration of young people into the agricultural sector. The programmes facilitate their access to training in management and agro-ecology, as well as to funding to develop innovative projects. In this respect, 5,900 potato growers have been trained in good agro-ecological practices, enabling them to significantly increase the productivity of their crops from 18 tonnes per hectare in 2022 to 21 tonnes in 2024. Training in water management and cultivation techniques, in which 349 market gardeners took part, also enabled them to better manage natural resources. Following the training, they organised themselves into rotation sub-groups to water their beds, with a view to better managing water. A review of cultivation techniques has also helped to alleviate the problem of water shortages in market garden areas. Finally, 1,791 projects by young people, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and producer organisations have been financed, with the aim of integrating 1,000 young people into the agricultural sector.

By supporting and professionalising farming organisations and local structures, the programmes also encourage sustainable autonomy. The agro-pastoral sector support programme, for example, is working with the Regional Council and the two local milk and potato umbrella organisations to offer more effective services to small farms. In particular, it has supported the production of potato seed by the Comité régional de l’interprofession de la pomme de terre de Sikasso (Sikasso Regional Potato Interprofessional Committee): 132 tonnes of seed and 2.6 tonnes of seedlings for the production of ware potatoes were produced in 2024, promoting local economic development.

SUCCESS

• MAHAMOUDOU’S FIELD OF POSSIBILITIES



Mahamoudou COULIBALY
Young producer aged 28 - Ségou, MALI

« AOPP’s advice has revolutionised my activities. My sesame harvests have jumped from 0.8 tonnes/hectare to 1.2 tonnes/hectare. I now have a clear vision of my agricultural future and optimised management of my farm. »

Just outside the town of Ségou in Mali, a sesame field tells an extraordinary story. Each seed sown reflects the passion and tenacity of Mahamoudou COULIBALY. His success is the result of a fruitful partnership with the Association des organisations professionnelles paysannes (Association of Professional Farmers’ Organisations - AOPP), as part of the Rural development and food security programme. Thanks to the production of more than 120 tonnes of organic

manure, Mahamoudou has been able to revitalise more than 50 hectares of land on his family farm, growing millet, rice, sorghum and other crops. He has also diversified his crops with sesame and fonio, covering more than five hectares. Thanks to his collaboration with AOPP, he has explored new horizons, expanding his business into cattle fattening, with around ten head per production cycle.■

INNOVATION

• TRANSFORMING AGRO-PASTORAL SYSTEMS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The research and innovation project for productive, resilient and healthy agro-pastoral systems in West Africa (PRISMA) aims to transform agro-pastoral systems in sub-Saharan Africa to make them more productive, resilient in the face of climate change and healthy for animals, humans and the environment. It is based on research, knowledge sharing and policy dialogue around natural resource management, livestock nutrition and animal health. Implemented jointly with Enabel and AECID, PRISMA supports the restoration of agro-pastoral land in Niger, as well as policies for the development and demarcation

of pastoral zones that are resilient to climate change in Burkina Faso and Mali. In 2024, PRISMA carried out an inventory of carbon credit initiatives in the intervention zone (land reclamation, reforestation, biogas and improved stoves projects) to learn from them and encourage their replication on a larger scale. In 2025, a remote sensing tool will be used to measure changes in biomass and the quantity of carbon sequestered. A study of the socio-economic impact of carbon credit initiatives in the project area will also be carried out.■

• PRESERVING FORESTS, SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Faced with the growing challenges of deforestation, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources and climate change, LuxDev is implementing sustainable forestry projects in Rwanda, Togo, Latin America and the Caribbean. Although located in different contexts, these interventions share a common vision: to restore forest landscapes, improve forest management and develop sustainable value chains, while ensuring economic and social benefits for local populations.

In Rwanda, the Sustainable forestry and efficient renewable energy for improved livelihoods (SFERE) project aims to increase the resilience of forest landscapes and local communities. It supports the restoration and responsible management of plantations in order to improve biomass production while limiting the pressure on forest ecosystems. The project also promotes the use of clean cooking solutions that consume little biomass. It also supports the diversification of sources of income and the improvement of living conditions for forest-dependent populations. Adopting a collaborative and innovative approach, the SFERE project relies on a network of 11 partners, including government agencies, international development agencies, academic and research institutions and private sector players. In 2024, the project reassessed the model for private forest management units and forestry cooperatives, incorporating gender and sustainability considerations. Strategic agreements have been reached with local authorities for effective forest restoration, using a community-based approach. In addition, preparations have been made to introduce clonal technology/tissue culture, in partnership with the University of Rwanda, the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board and private sector players. This initiative aims to establish a high-tech facility for the effective dissemination of improved tree varieties, enhancing seedling diversity and possibly incorporating indigenous species.

In Latin America, the project to support sustainable forest management, officially launched on 31 July 2024, is implementing an innovative approach focused on developing the private forestry sector as an engine of economic growth for populations dependent on forest resources, thereby helping to preserve them. To achieve this, the project supports the investments of the Forest and Climate Change Fund, providing technical assistance to increase the fund’s scope and profitability. The year 2024 marked the start of technical assistance operations for the fund’s beneficiaries, with 13 technical assistance contracts signed, executed or in progress. A range of issues are being addressed, including support for the creation of forest management plans, the upgrading of accounting practices, the development of marketing approaches, and the critical review of production processes. Structured technical support was provided to the Bio-Itzá indigenous association in Guatemala, for the creation of its first five-year forest management plan. This support enabled the association to comply with an essential obligation of the concession agreement and to have a solid basis and a clear perspective for forestry development over the next five years.

• DID YOU KNOW? •

The project to support sustainable forest management aims to bring 3,000 hectares of private forest in Costa Rica under forest management plans, in order to promote sustainable management that includes silvicultural treatments.

TESTIMONIAL •



Lucio López
Chairman of the Board of Directors of Conjunto Predial

In Mexico, thanks to support from the Forest and Climate Change Fund and the project to support sustainable forest management, Conjunto Predial - a company that received technical assistance from the project to support sustainable forest management in Latin America - has strengthened its forest planning and management within the Nuevo Becal ejido (community area), which operates under a collective land management system.

« The ejido has implemented a 50-year forest management plan, with a 200-year rotation cycle, ensuring forest regeneration and responsible use of resources over more than 25,000 hectares. The area is FSC-certified, positioning Conjunto Predial and the Nuevo Becal ejido as benchmarks in the region. The project's technical assistance has helped to improve decision making and strengthen our forest management capabilities, fostering closer relations with the ejido to ensure effective community forest management. The support of the cooperation is essential if we are to continue to strengthen our strategies. I think we have initiated a valuable collaboration. It's very motivating, because it allows me to see new perspectives that I didn't imagine before.

Although challenges remain, our organisation has begun to structure its economic model, which now benefits 34 members managing more than 7,000 hectares of forest. The involvement of women has taken on particular importance: four of them are actively involved in decision-making and productive activities. In addition, the integration of young people into the monitoring and forest restoration processes is a valuable guarantee of the long-term continuity of this model.

Each of these advances demonstrates that forest management can be a driving force for environmental protection, well-being and development for an entire community. »



NEW PROJECT IN TOGO

FORESTS4FUTURE

Since the end of 2024, Luxembourg has been making a key contribution to the Forests4Future project in Togo, where more than 50% of the forest cover has disappeared since 1990. Implemented with GIZ, this project contributes to the restoration of forest ecosystems and the economic development of rural populations. It focuses on building local

capacities, restoring gallery forests and supporting forestry value chains, with support for producers and entrepreneurs in the sector. Through an integrated approach, Forests4Future aims to generate sustainable income for local communities, while ensuring responsible management of natural resources.■

• RESTORED LAND, BETTER MANAGED FORESTS AND SUSTAINABLE JOBS

In Burkina Faso, where the economy is heavily dependent on natural resources, the support programme for the sustainable management of forest resources is involved in the recovery of degraded land and the sustainable management of forests in order to preserve or develop the incomes of local communities, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. A total of 7,000 hectares of forest are under management thanks to the development and validation of three forest management plans, reinforcing the sustainable conservation and securing of natural resources. In addition, 2,299 hectares of degraded land have been reclaimed. The programme also supports green initiatives in the private sector. In 2024, the programme subsidised business projects that create sustainable jobs, in partnership with AECF, an international organisation promoting photovoltaic energy. The aim of this activity is to make production processes greener, stabilise the supply of electricity in the face of grid instability and boost the economy of businesses. 42 companies have been selected to create 294 jobs. They will be subsidised to the tune of nearly EUR 1.7 million.■



• SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION

The Kwihaiza and Delta Mono projects, implemented in Rwanda and Benin respectively, both aim to develop sustainable and resilient food systems and strengthen fishing and aquaculture value chains in order to improve production, consumption and income from quality products, while integrating environmentally-friendly practices and promoting the empowerment of populations, farmers and fisherpeople. In both countries, LuxDev is helping to build the capacity of stakeholders, in particular by training young people and improving fish farming models. At the same time, access to finance is being facilitated by supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in the sector in their search for funding and by setting up mechanisms to encourage investment in aquaculture and the green economy.

Conducted as part of the Team Europe "Feeding Cities" initiative, the Kwihaiza project addresses the challenges of the aquaculture, fisheries and horticulture sector - high costs of fish feed, limited availability of quality fingerlings and inefficient business models for pond farming cooperatives - by improving access to markets and sustainable practices. Today, only 16% of Rwanda's pond farming cooperatives are operational. In 2024, following a study that assessed more than 100 fish farms, the project revitalised aquaculture by reactivating old infrastructures through better management and new operating models. Of these farms, 19 with high potential have been selected as models to demonstrate best practice and train other fisherpeople.

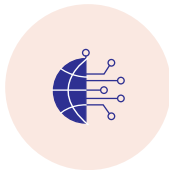
The Delta Mono project in Benin, which is also part of a Team Europe initiative, is part of a similar dynamic, with the aim of preserving the biodiversity of the Mono Biosphere Reserve and developing the Avlékété-Bouche du Roy Marine Protected Area, while ensuring the productivity of local farms. In 2024, 200 young people have been selected to follow a vocational training and integration programme in the agro-ecology, green economy and sustainable food systems sectors. Training and work experience centres have been identified to accommodate them, and around ten promising trades have been chosen for this integration programme. The young people will receive support throughout their career, right up to the end of the project.

Through these various initiatives, LuxDev is contributing to the structuring of a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable agricultural, forestry and aquaculture sector, promoting economic growth, food security and the preservation of ecosystems.■



• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

DIGITALISATION AND ICT •



EUR 7,763,462

disbursed in 2024 in the countries shown below



5

projects/programmes under execution

2

projects under formulation

5%

of disbursements in 2024

LuxDev is supporting the digital transformation of several countries through initiatives tailored to local contexts. This commitment is part of a strategic vision aimed at strengthening institutional capacities, promoting digital inclusion and stimulating technological innovation.

• SEVERAL ACTIVITIES IN WEST AFRICA

As part of the African Union-European Union Digital for Development Hub project, LuxDev has supported African institutions in their efforts to achieve an inclusive digital transformation. In March 2024, a delegation from Cabo Verde, made up of cybersecurity managers, made a study visit to Luxembourg. In partnership with the LHC, the delegation received training in risk and incident management while meeting key players in the sector. LuxDev also led a capacity-building mission to establish operational cybersecurity centres and an e-governance innovation laboratory in Cabo Verde. In Senegal, in collaboration with the Délégation générale à l'entrepreneuriat rapide des femmes et des jeunes (General delegation for rapid entrepreneurship for women and young people), the Agency mobilised experts to support 50 innovative agricultural enterprises. These entrepreneurs received training in digital marketing and sector-specific software. Among them, 10 start-ups received tailor-made support to optimise their business models and develop viable prototypes. LuxDev also helped organise the Digital Agriculture Forum in Dakar on 7 and 8 May 2024, bringing together the Senegalese AgriTech ecosystem and international digital companies. The start-ups supported were able to present their solutions and showcase the achievements of the programme.

Find out more about the activities carried out by LuxDev as part of the African Union - European Union Digital for Development Hub project.



Launched in July 2024 in close collaboration with the SnT at the University of Luxembourg, the SnT4Dev initiative strengthens cooperation with West African universities to develop skills in information and communication technologies (ICT) and research. The project aims to make up for the lack of scientists qualified to carry out research adapted to the contexts of the partner countries and to teach in local universities. It supports applied research linked to local industry and Digital for Development (D4D) initiatives. SnT4Dev will train 22 PhDs and 7 post-doctoral researchers who, after two years in Luxembourg, will return to their home universities. For example, a strategic partnership has been established with the Groupement interbancaire monétaire de la West African Economic and Monetary Union to strengthen the security of mobile money. Two thesis topics have been defined: one on the socio-technical dimensions of security, the other on the vulnerabilities of mobile applications. A platform is also collecting research topics from the field to ensure that the work is in line with the real needs of local people and players. In the medium term, the project aims to spread the research culture in the private sector and support higher education policies.

INNOVATION

• TWO PROJECTS IN LATIN AMERICA

In 2024, LuxDev also worked on the formulation of initiatives responding to the emerging challenges of digitalisation. The Youth employment and digitalisation project in El Salvador was designed to facilitate the integration of young people with digital skills via intermediation, incubation and acceleration schemes in all sectors of the Salvadoran economy. It also provides for the creation of a digital innovation laboratory and the strengthening of information management in the digital employment ecosystem. In Costa Rica, an e-governance and

spatial digitalisation project will support the development of digital services, improve the interoperability of systems and strengthen the production, collection and dissemination of spatial data. This data will support strategic decisions in key areas such as climate resilience and food security. In partnership with Luxembourg players, the project will encourage open data, artificial intelligence and innovation.■

NEW PROGRAMMES

• TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Aligned with the government's ambitions, the BeDigital programme in Benin began in May 2024 to strengthen the security of cyberspace, facilitate access to digital services, increase financial inclusion and encourage the digital innovation ecosystem. The programme targets government, women's entrepreneurship networks and technology start-ups as a priority. It focuses on the digital transformation of partner players in the sectors in which Luxembourg Cooperation in Benin is active, namely vocational training and inclusive finance.

In the same spirit, the ProDigiT programme is part of Togo's national digital transformation strategy, improving the digital

capabilities of public and private players, developing solid digital infrastructures and supporting technological innovation. The programme targets more than 20,000 people - including more than 7,000 women benefiting from digital skills training and certification - and supports the digitisation of 250 very small, small and medium-sized enterprises. Since the end of 2024, the Luxembourg Cooperation, through LuxDev, has been contributing to this project co-financed by the EU and Germany and implemented by GIZ.■



D4D Hub training in Cabo Verde



INTERVIEW •

Laurent GANGBÈS
General Director of the Agency for the Development
of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (ADPME)



ADPME supports Benin's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) through an integrated package of support, guidance and financing. Its General Director, Laurent GANGBÈS, tells us about the challenges of digital technology and the solutions put in place, particularly with the support of the BeDigital programme.

What are the challenges facing SMEs when it comes to adopting digital technologies?

Lack of finance is a major obstacle: acquiring technological tools, training staff and implementing digital solutions require investment that many SMEs struggle to mobilise. Poor command of digital tools and limited access to credit, subsidies and technological infrastructure, particularly in rural areas, are holding back the digital transition.

What actions are planned as part of the BeDigital programme?

The programme aims to strengthen their competitiveness through a number of actions: funding projects to digitise SMEs, developing digital skills, and supporting innovation to encourage them to develop solutions tailored to the local market. The programme also calls for an improvement in the regulatory framework so as to facilitate the digitalisation of SMEs. LuxDev and ADPME are working together to create a solid entrepreneurial ecosystem, focused on digitalisation, innovation and sustainable financing for SMEs, to support their long-term growth.

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT •



EUR 4,961,718

disbursed in 2024 in the countries shown below



23

projects/programmes under execution

2

projects under formulation

41%

of disbursements in 2024

LuxDev supports the implementation of actions across the entire education-training-employment continuum, helping the governments of the countries in which it operates to roll out their policies in this area. These actions converge around shared objectives: strengthening the education system, adapting training provision to market needs, improving accessibility for vulnerable groups and promoting sustainable models of professional integration.

• EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS: PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

In Burkina Faso, LuxDev is implementing a programme aimed at guaranteeing access to quality basic education for all. Since 2015, the security crisis in the country has exacerbated the difficulties facing the education system. The displacement of pupils due to the closure of schools in high-risk areas makes it crucial to support the government's efforts to ensure continuity in education. In its 2023-2025 phase, the 2017-2030 Education and Training Sector Plan Support Programme supports education in emergency situations to ensure safe, high-quality access. The main actions concern the construction of infrastructure, school equipment, food support, teacher training and the introduction of digital tools to improve school monitoring and access to training. In 2024, the programme enabled the construction of 190 temporary classrooms, 42 prefabricated and 79 semi-finished, equipped particularly with latrines and cabins for the hygienic management of menstruation, for the benefit of more than 102,000 pupils in areas high security risks. More than 160 schools received 14,700 table-benches. In addition, support for school canteens has enabled 144,711 pupils, as well as 6,177 internally displaced persons and host families, to enjoy a healthy and adequate diet.

TESTIMONIAL •



Mariétou SAWADO
Pupil moved to CE1 class

To ensure continuity in the education of children who have had to flee their homes, schools are taking in internally displaced pupils. Bassinko school, on the northern outskirts of Ouagadougou, is one of these host schools. The influx of internally displaced pupils has increased pressure on school infrastructure, making it necessary to build additional classrooms. Thanks to the support programme for the implementation of the Sectoral plan for education and training, new classrooms have been built, financed by the EU. Mariétou SAWADO, a displaced pupil in CE1 class, explains:

« When we arrived, the classroom was small, with four of us per table. Now that we have new classrooms, the classes are less crowded and there are now two of us per table. We manage to follow the lessons well. »

At the same time, the project implemented in the context of the conflict in Ukraine aims to support the reconstruction and development of the *raion* (district) of Kryvyi Rih, in particular by improving access to education for children and teenagers and bettering the quality thereof, and by promoting employment.



New classroom in Burkina Faso



The project focuses on modernising school infrastructure, developing digital technology and adapting curricula, particularly for children with special educational needs. The aim is to improve learning, whether online or face-to-face, and to ensure a safe education environment, in particular by rehabilitating air raid shelters and damaged schools. A survey carried out in 2024 highlighted the importance of restoring the quality of teaching and providing psycho-emotional support for pupils. In addition, the project launched a physical inspection of the shelters located inside the district's schools in order to draw up a rehabilitation plan: 38% of them are in need of improvement. The project has also identified possible locations for the installation of digital learning centres, spaces that offer schoolchildren the opportunity to participate in learning and extracurricular activities in complete safety. Finally, to meet the challenges of distance learning, two calls for tender have been launched for the purchase of more than 18,000 items of IT equipment (computers, interactive whiteboards, printers), together with teacher training in distance learning, with the aim of enhancing the quality of learning.

To promote employment, the project is helping to improve technical and vocational education and training and to support micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, incorporating a cross-cutting demining dimension. An in-depth analysis carried out in 2024 led to the design of a multi-purpose demining centre combining awareness-raising for young people with specialist training for humanitarian deminers and security focal points. Surveys of labour market needs and technical and vocational education and training establishments were also carried out to map the educational establishments and assess their situation. The project will focus on the refurbishment of four learning spaces that will offer training in welding, alternative energy supply, electronics and electrical technology and unmanned aerial vehicle maintenance, facilitating the training and retraining of more than 1,800 professionals. In parallel, a partnership has been established with the Business Development Fund to provide grants of up to EUR 10,000 and partial repayments of capital loans for projects of up to EUR 200,000.

• PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION IN A CONTEXT MARKED BY VULNERABILITY

In the Sahelian countries, the challenges linked to the socio-economic integration of young people are particularly acute. The rapid growth of the young population, security and political crises, territorial imbalances, as well as the mismatch between training and labour market needs, exacerbate the problem of decent employment. In response to these challenges, a number of projects and programmes supported by Luxembourg Cooperation and/or the EU are being deployed in Burkina Faso, Senegal, Cabo Verde and Mali, with approaches that are specific to each country but similar.



In Burkina Faso, where more than 70% of the population is under the age of 30 and the security situation is still very poor, youth employment is a national priority. The sectoral policy support programmes for technical and vocational education and training (APOSE) and the project BenkadiBaara - Tous ensemble pour l'emploi des jeunes ! (All together for youth employment) address this challenge by strengthening vocational training provision, supporting the economic integration of young people - including internally displaced persons - and promoting green jobs. They are focusing on the development of skills in growth sectors such as construction and public works, crafts, agri-food, the digital economy and renewable energies, in line with the transition to a more sustainable economy. The focus is on young people, through one-to-one support, investment in training centres and partnerships with the private sector.

Through the APOSE programme, more than 25,000 young people have benefited from training leading to qualifications and support towards professional integration and self-employment since 2021. 1,386 young people have acquired usable skills in the eco-construction, agri-food processing, digital and solar energy sectors. More than 50% of beneficiaries have found a job or set up their own business after completing their training. In 2024, a call for projects was launched for private operators to set up short training courses leading to qualifications in promising sectors. These courses, designed to promote rapid integration into the labour market, are aimed primarily at young people in vulnerable situations, particularly school dropouts, women and internally displaced persons. Delivered using a flexible, mobile approach, they cover a range of different job segments. A digital solution has also been developed to monitor apprenticeships and learners, ensuring responsiveness, interaction and accountability. Finally, a work placement is compulsory at the end of each course, reinforcing the employability of participants.

The BenkadiBaara project, which began in July 2024, plans to support 45,000 young people, with the aim of integrating 50% of them by 2028. In 2024, the project has already launched a number of activities, including working sessions with national and regional directorates and private sector players, and a study of young people's aspirations.

SUCCESS

• TRAINING AND INSPIRING: THE IMPACT OF THE APOSE PROGRAMME ON YOUNG PEOPLE IN BURKINA FASO



Isabelle ZABRE has benefitted from a qualifying training in eco-construction at the Zi Matériaux centre in Loumbila, as part of the APOSE programme's call for projects to promote the professional integration of young people.

"I was lucky enough to be one of the eco-construction learners. Thanks to this training, I learned how to set up a construction site and build using mud bricks", she explains. These skills enabled her to take part in the second Joseph KI-ZERBO University student entrepreneurship competition, where she won second prize in the "exhibition" category. This capacity-building has fuelled her ambition to go further in the construction of ecological and sustainable homes.

Today, Isabelle aspires to become an entrepreneur in the field of ecological architecture. She is convinced that the practice of eco-construction helps to raise awareness among local people of the importance of preserving their environment and making the most of local materials. "My ambition is to launch a project that I'd like to call 'Burkina-Dev', based around eco-construction, to promote the green economy and endogenous development based on local materials," she confides enthusiastically.



Jang Ban eco-construction training supported by VET Toolbox 2 in Senegal

In Senegal, where underemployment particularly affects young people and where territorial imbalances are marked, the projects and programmes implemented by LuxDev are part of a systemic approach, in line with national policies and strategies.

Vocational and technical training programme strengthens equitable access to training for young people, while supporting the professionalisation of courses in line with economic needs, the local anchoring of support systems for decent and sustainable employment, and the strengthening of governance in the sector. The programme encourages work-study training between training centres and companies, partnerships between schools and the private sector, and the development of rapid-impact training in promising sectors. One of the major achievements of 2024 was the drafting of a departmental economic development plan focusing on integration for Dagana, in the north of Senegal. This process identified agriculture and livestock farming as key sectors for the training and integration of young people in the region. A partnership was set up between the André PEYTAVIN technical college in Saint Louis and the *Société de cultures légumières*, which specialises in the production and export of fresh vegetables. 150 young people underwent a six-month training course in market gardening techniques, in line with the skills requirements expressed by the company. The technical partners were joined by the *Fonds de financement de la formation professionnelle et technique* (3FPT - Fund for financing vocational and technical training), a public body dedicated to financing training, at the end of which 90 young people were integrated into the workforce in Saint Louis and Dagana, while 60 young people are in the process of becoming self-entrepreneurs.

In conjunction with the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, the FIT! Senegal Initiative is also contributing to the challenges of vocational training and youth integration by strengthening public and private players in the guidance-training-integration-

employment continuum. The initiative aims to improve the image of vocational and technical training, through innovative activities and approaches (trade competitions, setting up sports facilities in 81 training establishments, developing dual training, introducing specific training offers in rural areas), while promoting gender equality, integrating young people into the project and making the sector greener. In 2024, 668 young people were enrolled in training and integration programmes. In partnership with Switzerland, a review has been carried out to capitalise on ten years of experimentation with dual training in Senegal. This analysis comes at a key time, when the "Senegal 2050" strategic reference framework recognises dual training as an essential means of meeting the challenge of providing young people with qualifications and helping them enter the workforce. Of the five million young people to be trained and integrated by 2050, one million should benefit from this type of training. To achieve this ambitious objective, a change of scale is needed, involving far-reaching reforms, particularly in terms of governance, funding and adapting the regulatory framework. The study provides a framework for this reflection, which is currently being conducted by the Ministry of Vocational and Technical Training with the support of the FIT! Senegal Initiative.

The Vocational Educational Training (VET) Toolbox 2 also aims to improve the effectiveness of vocational education and training systems by making them more opportunity-oriented. The project relies on public-private dialogue to adapt training to real market needs, by supporting training initiatives run jointly by vocational training establishments and businesses, in the fields of eco-construction, electronics and the driving and maintenance of heavy machinery. As a result, 910 young people have been, are being or have been trained under the four projects supported by VET Toolbox 2 in Senegal. The main aim of this experimental project is to create opportunities for direct exchanges between training establishments and businesses.

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

The content of the training courses is developed in consultation with the centres and the companies, so as to focus on recruitment and skills requirements. Companies contribute to the development of training courses by providing funding, equipment or expertise (training of trainers). Exchanges between schools and companies also serve to identify opportunities for integration and work placements. As part of the FIT! Senegal Initiative (see above), LuxDev and its partners are continuing the dynamics tested under VET Toolbox 2, by encouraging exchange sessions between vocational training centres and their economic environment.

TESTIMONIAL •



Supported by the Elementerre company, the Jang Ban project, backed by the VET Toolbox, aims to train young people in eco-construction techniques, enabling them to acquire new skills, strengthen their soft skills and facilitate their integration into the job market. Dieynaba NDIAYE, works supervisor, took part in this project.

« My name is Dieynaba NDIAYE, I'm 24 years old and I grew up in Dakar. I graduated from Kaolack with a degree in hydraulics, rural engineering, machinery and renewable energy. Before taking part in the Jang Ban project, I'd never come into contact with eco-construction techniques and construction companies weren't very interested in my profile. Thanks to the Jang Ban training, I discovered new techniques such as earth construction and masonry.

After the course, I got a three-month work placement with Origin's. First, I worked on a site for a private individual, then I was a works supervisor for the renovation of the ground floor of the Le Djoloff hotel. After these two experiences, Origin's offered me a contract as a works supervisor.

The State has a role to play in promoting earth construction, for example by using this technique to build schools in villages. It is important to show the entire population that this method of construction exists, that it is viable, feasible and sustainable.

On a day-to-day basis, I supervise a team of around ten people, most of whom are men. It's sometimes a challenge to get them to accept the authority of a woman. I've learnt how to deal with this kind of situation. If young girls want to go into the construction industry, I feel like saying to them: "Go for it! Go for it", but I also tell them that they need to develop a strong mindset and, above all, be motivated. It's not a job that requires any particular physical strength, but it's a job that calls on the brain, and in that respect, men and women are equal.

FOCUS

• THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING CONDITIONS

The project to support technical training and employability in Rwanda aims to improve learning conditions for the purpose of building the capacity of young people needed in the labour market. In 2024, the project focused on upgrading the infrastructure of two secondary schools and two higher education establishments, with a particular emphasis on creating sports facilities for the benefit of students and local communities.

Preparations for the construction of football pitches have advanced, while design work on new teaching spaces, student accommodation and administrative buildings began in the second half of 2024. This infrastructure improvement aims to relieve overcrowding, improve learning conditions and promote student well-being, while integrating environmental aspects and community involvement..

NEW

• MALIAN YOUTH: SKILLS FOR A SOLID FUTURE

In Mali, the Vocational training for youth project, which was formulated in 2024, aims to strengthen the training-integration continuum, by developing skills training tailored to the needs of economic operators, in particular through public-private synergies. It is particularly aimed at young women, young people with disabilities and returning migrants. By strengthening coordination between the various initiatives and developing complementary mechanisms between training operators and the private sector, the project is maximising the impact of its actions.

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Cabo Verde is also facing the challenges of unequal access to training, dependence on tourism and a lack of technological integration. In this context, the Employment and employability programme supports the socio-professional integration of young people and vulnerable groups by integrating digitalisation, developing skills for the green and blue economy, and supporting entrepreneurship. The year 2024 was marked by significant support for Pró Empresa, and more specifically for its Programme to promote young micro-entrepreneurship (FME), which facilitates access to finance for young people and women entrepreneurs. The FME provides support for business start-ups through training, technical assistance, access to credit and incubation. It enables beneficiaries to obtain loans ranging from EUR 1,300 to EUR 13,000 on advantageous terms, including a subsidised interest rate and a counter-guarantee from Pró Empresa. Since 2023, this support has benefited more than 300 young people, totalling a

• TRAINING FOR A SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT ECONOMY

Other projects and programmes focus on agricultural training. This is the case in Benin, Rwanda and Laos.

In Benin, the agricultural and rural training support project 2 (ProFAR 2) and the agricultural training and professional integration project in agricultural development pole no. 4, which was formulated in 2024, share a common vision: to offer young people high-quality technical training that is closely linked to market needs and rooted in local realities, to stimulate entrepreneurship in rural areas and to support the country's sustainable economic development. These projects support the strengthening of training and support systems for integration and entrepreneurship. As part of ProFAR2, for example, a review of agricultural vocational training was presented in September 2024, including new vocational training schools for farmers offering short pre-baccalaureate courses. A study on farmers' knowledge within agricultural development pole no. 2 has also been launched thanks to collaboration between the LASDEL laboratory, the Agence de développement de l'enseignement technique (Technical Education Development Agency) and AFD.

portfolio of around EUR 2 million. The programme has also strengthened Pró Empresa's internal capacity, improving management of the FME and integration with other technical assistance programmes.

In Mali, the Technical and vocational training programme targets the professional integration of young people in agricultural trades and high-potential sectors, particularly those identified as part of the Rural development and food security programme (see page 20). It is being rolled out in the regions of Ségou, Sikasso and Bamako, with a particular focus on self-employment, income-generating activities and strengthening governance in the sector. By 2024, 997 young people had been trained in entrepreneurship and supported in accessing finance to develop their business idea, create value and facilitate their sustainable integration into the supported agricultural sectors with a decent income.

Planned over a three-year period, this research will provide crucial elements to inform and guide agricultural vocational training policies, taking account of specific regional features. Its results will be invaluable for the project dedicated to agricultural training and professional integration in agricultural development pole no. 4, which will also aim to encourage the creation of sustainable agricultural businesses by incubating and supporting entrepreneurs, and strengthen governance in the sector and support climate financing for agriculture that is more resilient in the face of environmental challenges.

Finally, in Rwanda, the project to improve skills for holistic employment in modern agriculture is focusing on transforming centres of vocational excellence into specialised institutions providing targeted training in modern agricultural practices, in particular by setting up production units within the centres. These units will provide practical training, encourage entrepreneurship and strengthen the links between education and industry, contributing to a skilled agricultural workforce ready to contribute to the growth of the sector.■



• BOOSTING SKILLS IN THE TOURISM SECTOR

Other projects and programmes support the development or reinforcement of training systems in the tourism sector, which are particularly promising in certain countries.

In Laos, the tourism sector, affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, is on the road to recovery, while the agriculture and forestry sectors are potentially poised for export-led growth thanks to improved transport links. The Skills for tourism, agriculture and forestry programme therefore aims to equip people with the skills they need to take advantage of these opportunities. By tackling the main structural weaknesses in the vocational skills development sector and involving economic stakeholders, the programme encourages a more market-oriented approach. It also seeks to increase demand by raising awareness of training opportunities and job prospects. Finally, to improve the return on investment in this area, the programme proposes targeted funding, encourages the performance of providers and mobilises private sector resources through public-private partnerships. The first series of follow-up studies carried out among 104 students who obtained their Level 1 Certificate in Tourism and Hospitality (all from disadvantaged backgrounds) revealed that 91.3% of them have found a job or are continuing their studies. Of those who have found a job, 95.9% are earning an income (salary and benefits) above the minimum wage. In addition, one of the key achievements of 2024 was the successful implementation of a teacher training initiative aimed at improving vocational education in the tourism and hospitality sector. In partnership with Vietnam's Hue Tourism College, 64 Laotian teachers underwent intensive two-week training in Vietnamese cuisine, baking, the profession of barista and bartending. This targeted training responds directly to the increase in the number of Vietnamese tourists visiting Laos, by integrating relevant Vietnamese cooking and drinking skills into the vocational curriculum. This initiative not only illustrates the effectiveness of South-South cooperation, by drawing on the expertise of Hue Tourism College, a former beneficiary of Luxembourg Cooperation from 1999 to 2013, but also underlines the programme's commitment to providing vocational training tailored to market needs.

Also in the tourism sector, the programme to build the École des métiers du tourisme, de l'hôtellerie et de la restauration (School for tourism, hospitality and catering professions) in Benin is helping to boost the employability of young people, particularly women and people with disabilities. Part of a programme launched by the Beninese government to build eight benchmark trade schools throughout the country, this project is based on close collaboration between local institutions - the Agence de développement de l'enseignement technique (Technical Education Development Agency) - and renowned international partners, such as the École hôtelière de Lausanne (Lausanne Hotel School) and the École d'hôtellerie et du tourisme du Luxembourg (Luxembourg Hotel and Tourism School), to develop relevant training based on a skills-based approach. By putting in place a range of training courses leading to qualifications, focusing on the ecological and cultural tourism professions, it is responding to the demands of the market while at the same time promoting the country's tourist assets. The programme began with an analysis of the work situation in the sector, enabling a portrait to be drawn of the different professions and the conditions in which they are practised, as well as identifying the skills and behaviour they require. The participatory approach adopted, which involved teachers from the sector and inspectors and methodologists from the ministry concerned, reinforced the relevance of the school's future training programmes.

The aim is to strengthen training systems in sectors that are promising for the local economy, offering prospects and decent employment for young people.



The "NextGen Workforce" initiative run by Women in Tech Kosovo with the support of the Skills for sustainable jobs project, to enable young Kosovars to develop their skills in artificial intelligence, programming and emerging technologies

• DEVELOPING EMPLOYMENT IN INNOVATIVE FIELDS

In Kosovo, the Skills for sustainable jobs project is playing a crucial role in encouraging the participation of the private sector and strengthening collaboration between vocational education and training establishments and industrial partners. One of the main objectives is to strengthen the ICT and renewable energy/energy efficiency sectors within institutions. This means improving research skills and promoting lifelong learning opportunities in these areas. To this end, the project - in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, vocational education and training institutions and the private sector - developed qualifications in 2024 for four profiles: solar photovoltaic systems technician, energy efficiency in buildings technician, wind power technician, and biomass technician. This activity was carried out in line with Kosovo's development strategies and identified needs, as these profiles were absent from the Kosovar education system. Five schools were selected to offer these profiles. In addition, 64 teachers received training in ICT profiles to improve their teaching skills and adapt teaching to the rapidly changing requirements of the digital economy.

At the same time, the Digital skills in Rwanda project aims to improve the education and training system by integrating digital technologies and promoting blended learning,

in response to the challenges faced in the country, including the high cost of training, the limited digital skills of teachers and the need for a better match with the needs of the labour market. By modernising ICT infrastructure, training teachers and improving data management, it is improving the quality and accessibility of vocational education. By equipping students with digital and soft skills, it improves their employability and prepares them for a technology-driven labour market. In 2024, an important milestone was reached with the finalisation of a contract for the delivery of 200 computers and the creation of 10 computer laboratories in pilot schools. Each laboratory, equipped with 20 computers, will help more than 1,000 students and teachers to integrate ICT into education. In addition, the specific needs of each school have been clarified, to ensure that the technology provided meets their educational objectives and is effectively adapted to their needs. Finally, guidelines and a blended learning model have been developed to harmonise the integration of digital tools in education. Teachers now have a clear framework for enriching their lessons with digital resources, which helps to improve teaching quality. This initiative promotes student engagement, enhances digital skills and employability, while aligning education and vocational and technical training with Rwanda's vision of a knowledge-based economy.■

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENT
AND CLIMATE
CHANGE •



EUR 8,408,119

disbursed in 2024 in the countries
shown below



7

projects/programmes under execution

6%

of disbursements in 2024

In 2024, LuxDev continued to support its partner countries in the fight against climate change and the sustainable energy transition. Through various projects and programmes emanating from the MFA, the MECB and the Ministry of the Economy, as well as the GCF, the Agency contributed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to the effects of climate change and improving environmental governance.

• TOWARDS A GREENER KOSOVO

In Kosovo for example, the Energy transition and climate mitigation project aims to promote and facilitate energy efficiency and renewable energy to help the country move towards clean energy. The project supports regulatory reform in this area and capacity building for the relevant ministries, the Energy Efficiency Fund and other actors in the sector. Although laws on renewable energy and the energy performance of buildings have been passed, key elements of secondary legislation are still missing. The project is therefore providing technical assistance to draft these legislative acts and ensure their compliance with European obligations. To this end, the project has supported the establishment and operation of the government’s Renewable Energy Projects Implementation Unit within the Kosovar Ministry of Environment. Moreover, the project is also directly supporting the adoption of renewable energy sources, particularly through the auctioning of 330 megawatts (MW) of wind power and 300 MW of solar power, with the ultimate aim of reducing CO₂ emissions by more than a million tonnes a year. In December, with the support of the project, the renewable energy projects implementation unit also launched an international auction of 150 MW of renewable energy. It is also supporting a national building renovation strategy to reduce energy consumption by 20%, avoiding 600,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year. Finally, the project has developed a monitoring and evaluation system for the national energy strategy. To this end, 25 civil servants from 11 institutions have been trained to provide data and monitor 33 key indicators relating to energy and decarbonisation.



VIETNAM

• A NEW PROJECT ENTRUSTED BY THE GCF

In July 2024, LuxDev was awarded a new project in Vietnam by the GCF, to which it has been accredited since 2019 for the implementation of climate projects. The vision of the CARE Hue project is to strengthen the resilience of local communities and ecosystems to the effects of climate change, which is having a major impact on this vulnerable region. With funding of USD 10 million, including USD 8.65 million from the GCF, supplemented by co-financing from Luxembourg’s International Climate Finance and the Vietnamese government, the project will be implemented over a five-year period. Actions include improving early warning systems, sustainable management of

agricultural and forest land, and integrating climate adaptation into socio-economic planning. Particular attention is being paid to a participatory and inclusive approach, notably by involving women in decision-making. In order to deploy innovative and effective solutions, the project draws on the lessons learned from previous initiatives implemented by LuxDev in Vietnam, but also on the new Finance for resilience project with which it complements (see page 41). By helping more than 700,000 people, CARE Hue aims to make the province of Thua Thien Hue a model of climate resilience in Vietnam.■



In Cabo Verde, the Energy transition support programme is helping the country to improve its energy independence and access to clean energy.

• CLIMATE ACTION AND ENERGY TRANSITION

In Cabo Verde, climate change impacts all sectors. By adopting a cross-sectoral approach, the Climate action programme supports governance, capacity building, mobilisation of climate finance and public engagement to achieve the country’s climate goals by 2025. In May 2024, it established a Climate Governance Framework, an inclusive and coordinated system for climate action in Cabo Verde, to strengthen coordination between government, municipalities, the private sector, academia, civil society and international partners, while driving local adaptation actions. This framework has put in place key structures to strengthen the implementation of climate policies, the mobilisation of funding, public commitment and transparency. Thanks to the programme, four local climate action plans were approved in the municipalities of Boa Vista, Brava, Mosteiros and Ribeira Brava in 2024. Pilot actions have been implemented in these municipalities and in Praia, enabling vulnerability analyses to be carried out for the purpose of identifying the sectors most exposed to climate change and projects for the restoration of wetlands, sustainable fishing, electric mobility and the prevention of forest fires and flooding.

In addition, the Energy transition support programme is helping the country to improve its energy independence and access to clean, sustainable and affordable energy, while promoting social inclusion and preserving the environment. The programme supports the National Directorate of Industry, Commerce and Energy (DNICE) in implementing institutional reforms and professionalising energy services. It aims for more sustainable production and distribution, more efficient consumption and better governance of the sector. The technical assistance is strengthening the capacities of DNICE, particularly in negotiations and calls for tender. In 2024, several projects were launched: the installation of 30 solar kits in isolated communities, the extension and modernisation of micro-grids in Monte Trigo, Chã de Feijoa and Carriçal, and the launch of a 10 MWp solar project in Santiago. As a result, micro-production will increase by 50.26% between 2022 and 2024. The programme has also supported the implementation of the national energy labelling system, with the creation of the Energy Labelling System platform to ensure that imported electrical equipment complies with energy efficiency standards, offering consumers more energy-efficient products, while facilitating data management for long-term monitoring and strategic decision-making.■

• DID YOU KNOW?

The Climate action programme has supported the production of the *Ação Climática* podcast in Cabo Verde, a series of 21 episodes that decipher climate issues through dynamic discussions led by a young presenter. The objective is to make civil society a key player in climate solutions, by increasing its knowledge and encouraging it to take action through accessible and innovative formats. With 2,553 views and 16,897 impressions, the podcast fits in with modern consumption patterns: it is available on YouTube but can also be followed on television or radio. Powerful 30-second extracts are circulated on social networks to capture attention. Exploring a variety of themes - culture, politics, youth involvement, social activism - the series illustrates the cross-sectoral impact of climate change and the solutions that can be found. A creative initiative that demonstrates the power of the media to mobilise and raise awareness.



Discover the podcast

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

GOVERNANCE •



EUR 4,518,199

disbursed in 2024 in the countries shown below



9

projects/programmes under execution

3

projects under formulation

3%

of disbursements in 2024



LuxDev supports the strengthening of governance by promoting inclusion, the rule of law and citizen participation. These initiatives strive to ensure stronger institutions, greater respect for human rights and increased citizen participation in democratic life.

• IMPROVING ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND LEGAL SERVICES

In Laos, a programme aims to consolidate the rule of law and access to justice by improving legal education, the skills of legal professionals and legal services. LuxDev, the Institute for Legal Support and Technical Assistance and the University of Luxembourg are supporting Lao universities to develop relevant legal education and build the capacity of legal practitioners. In 2024, the programme renovated and equipped educational facilities at the Law Faculties of the National University of Laos and Champassak. More than 1,000 teachers and students benefit from these facilities. By creating more attractive and functional spaces, the programme seeks to improve the learning environment and encourage higher enrolment rates, thereby helping to lay a more solid foundation for the future of the legal profession. The programme also improves the efficiency of the judicial system by supporting prosecutors and courts, while ensuring that international standards are met in the treatment of prisoners. Furthermore, by widening access to local legal aid, and promoting good governance through support for control mechanisms, the programme seeks to create a fairer legal system, ensuring equal access to justice for all citizens. Legal aid providers have carried out awareness-raising and communication campaigns, particularly in rural and remote areas of Laos, to inform citizens about the laws relevant to their communities. At the same time, mobile legal clinics were set up: 413 legal aid awareness-raising sessions were organised, reaching more than 27,200 people, and 5,500 people benefited from legal aid services in the five partner provinces of the project.

NEW

• FACILITATING THE INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS IN COSTA RICA

Formulated in 2024, a new project supports the integration of migrants and asylum seekers in Costa Rica, one of the main host and transit countries in Central America. The project will encourage access to vocational training and study grants, improve access to employment, and facilitate the recognition of skills and

diplomas. Awareness-raising campaigns and training will be organised for host communities and immigration officials, to promote a welcome that respects human rights. The project will also strengthen the authorities' capacity to regularise the situation of the target population.■

SUCCESS

• KOSOVO SUPPORTED IN ITS EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Since 2018, a technical assistance project in the context of Kosovo's European integration has been helping Kosovo's ministries and institutions to comply with EU requirements. Focusing on nine chapters of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement, it has benefited nearly 1,000 people through more than 150 activities: training, study trips and technical assistance. For example, the Food and Veterinary Agency has been able to experiment with EU practices in this area: more than 40

inspectors have been trained in the rapid alert system, which is essential for guaranteeing the safety of food products. More than 200 public procurement officials have also been trained, and institutions have been supported in applying the criterion of the highest economic advantage in tendering procedures. Finally, this project has enabled the authorities to build their capacity to programme, manage and execute projects independently.■

• CIVIL SOCIETY, A KEY PLAYER IN INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

The Support to civil society project in Kosovo strengthens democratic participation by encouraging local ownership of national poverty reduction and development reforms and strategies. In 2024, five civil society organisations - Jahjaga Foundation, IPKO Foundation, Jakova Innovation Center, Democracy for Development and Kosovo 2.0 - were chosen as partners. The aim is to build their capacity to implement actions that will have a positive impact on the empowerment of women, social entrepreneurship and media excellence. In November, in partnership with the Jahjaga Foundation, the project supported the launch event of the Jahjaga Institute for Women, Peace and Security, a centre dedicated to cross-sector collaboration, capacity building, inclusive participation and policy advocacy. This initiative strengthens civil society and the Women, Peace and Security Agenda as essential frameworks for gender-sensitive security efforts and sustainable peace.

In Benin, the Support project for civil society organisations, which was formulated in 2024, also focuses on building the capacity of civil society organisations. These organisations play a key role in democracy and sustainable development, but face challenges such as a lack of structure, funding and influence over public policies. The aim of the project is to improve citizen engagement, dialogue between the State and civil society organisations, and the implementation of local projects with an impact.■



Ms Atifete JAHJAGA at the launch of the Jahjaga Institute



INTERVIEW •

Venera GASHI
Project Manager - Democracy for Development



The project to support civil society in Kosovo has joined forces with Democracy for Development and its "Critical Thinking for the Artificial Intelligence Generation: Media Literacy in the Public Interest" initiative. Venera GASHI, the organisation's project manager, talks to us about this initiative.

What is the democracy for development initiative?

Our mission at Democracy for Development is to develop public policies that promote economic and social development, improve governance and strengthen democracy in Kosovo. With the support of the Luxembourg Cooperation, we are seeking to integrate media education into schools, strengthen fact-checking standards in the media and support women leaders in the fight against misinformation and hate speech. This initiative will benefit several stakeholders: pupils will learn to critically evaluate information; families will be made aware of the importance of reliable sources and the media will improve their ethical standards.

Why is this project essential for good governance in Kosovo?

Kosovo is a developing multi-ethnic country where media stories play a crucial role in maintaining peace. By learning to identify misinformation and better understand the media, citizens will be better able to participate in public debate, thereby strengthening democracy.

What will be the main activities of this project?

We will develop an online platform for media education in schools, organise workshops to encourage critical thinking, and provide training in fact-checking. We will also strengthen media monitoring and links between the media and regulatory bodies. This effort aims to make young people and journalists, key players in transparency and critical thinking, contributing to a better-informed society that is more resilient in the face of disinformation.

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

HEALTH •



EUR 17,247,604

disbursed in 2024 in the countries shown below



7

projects/programmes under execution

1

project under formulation

12%

of disbursements in 2024

The projects and programmes implemented by LuxDev in the health sector in 2024 illustrate the diversity and impact of its interventions. Focused on strengthening infrastructures, improving access to healthcare and reducing disparities, they are in line with the priorities of partner countries and the SDGs. Adopting an integrated approach, LuxDev acts on several levers: training professionals, expanding services in rural areas and adopting innovations such as telemedicine. This commitment aims not only to achieve sustainable improvements in healthcare systems, but also to encourage local authorities and beneficiary communities to take ownership of the initiatives.

• **CONCRETE PROGRESS IN SENEGAL**

In Senegal, Luxembourg Cooperation has been supporting a major programme since 2018 aimed at strengthening the health and social protection system, particularly in emergency management, the prevention of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and certain cancers, and the expansion of mutual health insurance and social protection measures. In 2024, significant progress has once again been made. Four emergency call regulation centres were built and equipped in Saint Louis, Touba, Kaolack and Ziguinchor, while 22 medical ambulances were supplied to the emergency medical service (SAMU). The programme's substantial support for the emergency response chain has enabled 9,833 patients to be medically regulated and more than 47,000 people to be made aware of the 1515 emergency call number.

• **DID YOU KNOW?** •

In eastern Congo, Luxembourg Cooperation supports the Panzi hospital and Foundation, which treats and reintegrates victims of sexual violence and trauma. In 2024, 4,268 surgical operations were carried out there, testifying to its vital role for the population. In particular, the project supports two legal clinics, which offer free legal assistance. The increase in requests for support - from 469 to 718 in one year - illustrates both the deterioration of the situation in this region and the growing confidence of the population in these services.

TESTIMONIAL •



Ms Ndeye Bineta MBOW SANÉ, Director of the Departmental Health Insurance Unit (UDAM) in Foundiougne, Senegal, talks about the support her UDAM has received as part of the Health and social protection programme.



The support of the Luxembourg Cooperation came at a key moment in the life of UDAM - a mutualist structure aiming to improve access to care and strengthen social protection based on solidarity and community management - by providing funding for awareness-raising. Appropriate communication is essential to encourage people to take out health insurance, which is not compulsory. Thanks to this support, we have involved community relays, neighbourhood godmothers and branch presidents in raising awareness. This communication support has had a tangible impact on the growth of UDAM's membership: the penetration rate has risen from 26% in 2017 to 75% today.

Another development has been the opening of a counter on the island of Niodior, long requested by the local population. Before this, a collector travelled once a month to an island in the Saloum Delta, which limited access to services. The programme supported the setting up of the counter, which enabled the penetration rate to rise from less than 2% to almost 58% in a year and a half.

Finally, we signed an agreement with the SAMU to cover medical transfers, a first for a community health mutual. This is a major step forward for the social protection of the people of Foundiougne.



Catheterisation laboratory at Prizren hospital, Kosovo

• **STRENGTHENED HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS**

The Health and nutrition programme in Laos is taking a similar approach to widening access to quality, affordable health services for more than 1.4 million people in the provinces of Bolikhamxay, Khammouane, Vientiane and Bokeo. The programme also addresses persistent challenges such as infant and maternal mortality, as well as nutritional deficiencies, notably by strengthening healthcare infrastructures and developing a skilled workforce. In 2024, the programme awarded 169 scholarships to healthcare professionals to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to practise. In addition, advanced blood cold chain equipment, worth around EUR 2 million, was supplied to the Lao Red Cross by the Luxembourg company B-Medical. This investment has increased the storage capacity for blood products by 50% and considerably improved the safety and integrity of the cold chain throughout the country.



In Kosovo, the Health sector support programme - phase II also aims to improve the quality and accessibility of health services, by prioritising the development of professional skills, the modernisation of infrastructure and equipment, and the implementation of standardised health tools and practices. In 2024, notable activities included the re-accreditation of the family medicine residency programme and the complete installation of a catheterisation laboratory at Prizren Hospital, providing interventional cardiology services for the southern region of Kosovo and reducing reliance on expensive treatments abroad or in private clinics. In addition, maxillofacial care became available at the same hospital, benefiting more than 1,400 patients, while more than 1,100 women underwent Pap tests at the pathology laboratory at Gjilan hospital.

Finally, Luxembourg Cooperation has been supporting Mongolia since 2001 in the fight against cardiovascular disease, the main cause of mortality. In 2024, the Cardiology, cardio-surgery and telemedicine project strengthened prevention, surgical capacity and cardiac care with the help of Luxembourg's National Institute of Cardiac Surgery and Interventional Cardiology. The proportion of open-heart operations performed by trained Mongolian surgeons has risen from 64.4% in 2023 to 74.6% in 2024. Blood pressure measuring devices have been installed in seven shopping centres, enabling 3,520 measurements to be taken and encouraging people to seek medical advice in the event of high blood pressure. Finally, cooperation with Laos has been launched to share Mongolia's experience in telemedicine and interventional cardiology. ■

IMPACT FINANCE •



EUR 9,211,766

disbursed in 2024 in the countries shown below



9

projects/programmes under execution

6%

of disbursements in 2024

Impact finance is playing an increasingly important role in development cooperation. It facilitates access to financial services for marginalised populations and channels funds that generate social and environmental benefits in addition to financial returns. LuxDev's interventions in this sector strive to create economic opportunities for all, support the economic resilience of communities and stimulate innovation.

• MAKING RWANDA A HUB FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

In Rwanda, a project has been contributing since February 2024 to the development of the Kigali International Finance Center, so as to stimulate investment, support business growth and create quality jobs. By investing in skills, sustainable finance, support for small and medium-sized enterprises and innovation, the project aims to position Rwanda as a leading FinTech and sustainable finance hub in Africa. With the aim of monitoring the progress of financial inclusion in the country, a FinScope study has been conducted by Access to Finance Rwanda with the support of the project. This is a crucial tool for policy makers in designing effective policies, for development partners in designing targeted interventions, and for financial institutions in rolling out products that improve financial inclusion. In addition, the project partnered with the Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX), launched by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE) in 2016 to advance the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, to organise training with the Rwanda Stock Exchange. More than 70 financial sector players took part in the training, which paved the way for broader capacity building in 2025.

TESTIMONIAL •

Chiara CAPRIOLI
International Primary Markets at LuxSE

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« This project illustrates our impact on local market infrastructure through capacity building in the field of sustainable finance and the development of green stock exchanges. This partnership has enabled LuxSE to promote its global listing and sustainable finance expertise to issuers seeking to attract international investors. The local team's in-depth intermediation fosters trust and immediate engagement, establishing a strategic connection with Luxembourg's financial sector and highlighting win-win opportunities. »



Pierre CELESTIN
Rwabukumba, General Director of the Rwanda Stock Exchange

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« We are learning valuable lessons from LGX through this partnership. As Rwanda moves forward with its green finance roadmap, the Rwanda Stock Exchange plays a key role. It is essential that stakeholders - practitioners, issuers and policy makers - acquire knowledge from the best sources, and LGX is the global reference in this area. Ultimately, this will encourage the development of green financial products, and the skills needed to sustain them. Our aim is to create a green stock market platform tailored to Rwanda. LGX's expertise will help us to adopt international best practice in this area. »

DID YOU KNOW?

• A NEW PROJECT LAUNCHED IN VIETNAM

Thua Thien Hue province is vulnerable to climate change, threatening its agricultural sector. The Finance for resilience project helps farmers and small businesses, particularly women, to adapt and strengthen their livelihoods through sustainable and resilient farming practices, inclusive finance, access to markets and increased knowledge of climate finance. Complementary to CARE Hue (see page 28), this project relies on strategic partnerships with financial institutions and private sector players to develop appropriate financial solutions.



• SUPPORTING FINANCIAL EDUCATION

Benin, for its part, is making significant progress in terms of financial inclusion, confirming its leadership within the West African Economic and Monetary Union. Implemented since January 2024, the Inclusive and innovative finance programme is part of this dynamic. It seeks to broaden access to and use of financial and non-financial services, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations, players in agricultural value chains, women and young people. The initiative is based on strengthening the legal framework of the financial sector, setting up a national financial education programme and diversifying the range of products and services tailored to people's needs. The programme intends to improve the financial literacy of 531,000 Beninese consumers and 81,000 agricultural producers. With this in mind, 48 agricultural advisers, heads of professional organisations and supervisors benefited from capacity building in 2024, with the support of GIZ. The goal is to optimise the training of agricultural producers, by providing them with teaching tools specially designed for financial education applied to agriculture. A working group has also been set up to harmonise practices in this area.



• FINANCE FOR SMALL FARMERS

The Smallholder Safety Net Upscaling Programme's (SSNUP) objective is to strengthen the safety nets of 10 million smallholder households, particularly in Africa, through technical assistance projects supporting the development of investments in agricultural value chains. Drawing on the expertise of several technical assistance structures of impact investment funds, the programme selected 32 new projects in 2024 submitted by investors, with the support of the technical assistance committee of which LuxDev is a member. At the same time, several knowledge management documents have been published to share the lessons learned from the technical assistance projects. A study of an index insurance project in Senegal, supported by Oikocredit, highlighted concrete benefits: 90% of the farmers targeted gained access to agricultural insurance for the first time, boosting their confidence and investments. In addition, 80% of farmers compensated after a crop loss avoided selling their assets or reducing their food consumption. Coordinated by the NGO ADA, the first phase of the SSNUP, extended until April 2025, laid the foundations for a second phase incorporating new investment criteria and a diversification of funding.■

NEW

• A FUND TO SUPPORT WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS



Set up in 2024, the Female Entrepreneurship Fund (FEF) supports small and medium-sized enterprises run by women in the SICA region, improving their financial inclusion and changing the risk perception of financial institutions. The fund targets women facing social, cultural, legal and economic barriers that limit their potential. It indirectly supports women entrepreneurs facing difficulties in accessing loans, particularly in the missing middle segment (USD 10,000 to USD 100,000).

In this context, LuxDev is managing the MFA's EUR 4 million subscription commitment to the FEF. Launched in Luxembourg on 24 May and in San Salvador on 21 June 2024, the FEF is expected to have a life of 15 years. CENPROMYPE's first LuxDev subscriptions to the FEF were completed at the end of the year. The investment committee analysed an initial investment application, which received a favourable opinion.■

• FLAGSHIP ACTIVITIES

SOCIO-
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT •



EUR 10,352,160

disbursed in 2024 in the countries shown below



4

projects/programmes under execution

7%

of disbursements in 2024

Socio-economic development encompasses various actions aimed at improving people's living conditions, reducing poverty, creating jobs and promoting social inclusion. In this sector, LuxDev implements targeted actions, such as the deployment of basic infrastructure, the strengthening of human capital, support for entrepreneurship, the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and the promotion of financial inclusion. These initiatives aim to create economic opportunities and strengthen the resilience of local populations.

• COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In Rwanda, Basket Funding for Pro-Poor Development supports local economic development and poverty reduction by financing infrastructure and local economic development projects in 16 disadvantaged districts. The focus is on agriculture, public services (health, education, sanitation), gender equality and climate resilience. The projects are implemented by local district authorities, under the supervision of the Local Government Development Agency. The year 2024 was marked by two major achievements: the renovation of the Rutake health centre, which saw its capacity increase from 10,000 to 27,837 people, significantly improving access to care and sanitary conditions; and the rehabilitation of the Karama primary school, reducing school overcrowding and improving the school feeding programme, thereby providing a better learning environment for pupils. Since its launch in December 2023, the fund has financed 100 projects for a total of EUR 19.5 million, enabling the construction or renovation of 8 health centers, 110 classrooms, 10 bridges and 35 kilometers of drinking water network, thereby helping to improve living conditions in rural communities.

A similar approach is being implemented in Laos with the local development programme to improve the well-being of rural populations, particularly in the poorest districts and villages in the provinces of Bokeo, Vientiane, Bolikhamxay and Khammouane. The programme prioritises participatory planning and resource allocation at district and village level. In 2024, a major activity was the planning and approval of development plans in 226 villages. This process enabled local communities to identify and address their specific development needs, such as access to drinking water, improved water infrastructure, education, health, agricultural development and microfinance. Village development committees have received agreed budgets and training has been provided to ensure effective implementation and local ownership of the identified projects. Around 172,000 people are benefiting from this initiative.

TESTIMONIAL •



Sisouk KHOUNVITHONG
Deputy Director of the Planning and Investment Department and coordinator of the Local development programme in Bokeo



The village development planning process is an essential initiative that shapes the future of our villages. It's a commitment to empowering our communities and building sustainable development that meets the needs and realities of our people.

The process is based on the fundamental principle of inclusiveness. It encourages the active participation of all members of the community, ensuring that every voice is heard. This approach allows us to identify local priorities and challenges, strengthening the sense of ownership of the inhabitants. Through this collective effort, we can design solutions tailored to our specific cultural and social contexts. Because the priorities come from the communities themselves, we are confident that the interventions will have a real and lasting impact on their lives.



Rehabilitation of a pumping station for Rwanda's water supply system

• ENCOURAGING FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In Latin America, the Regional programme for the promotion of women's entrepreneurship, implemented in partnership with the Regional Centre for the Promotion of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (CENPROMYPE), aims to promote socio-economic development by focusing on the inclusion of women entrepreneurs in the Central American Integration System (SICA) region. The programme helps to create a more inclusive regional environment for women in the economy, empowering them and improving access to business development services. A major step forward in 2024 was the creation and launch of the Women's Entrepreneurship Fund. This fund offers lines of credit to women entrepreneurs and benefits from the first subscriptions from LuxDev and CENPROMYPE. A fundraising strategy has been launched to mobilise more resources from financial institutions and maximise the benefits for women entrepreneurs in the SICA region (see also page 41). In addition, technical assistance is planned to support businesses and financial institutions in the region. The official launch of the fund took place in Luxembourg and then in San Salvador, in the presence of CENPROMYPE and representatives of women entrepreneurs from the SICA region.



• INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Finally, in Kosovo, the Sustainable and inclusive growth project aims to contribute to sustainable economic growth by supporting innovation, inclusion and social development. It encourages local and foreign investment within a secure and transparent framework, with the aim of creating jobs and improving public finances. Several Kosovar institutions benefit from this support, including the Prime Minister's Office, the Investment and Enterprise Support Agency, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade and the Assembly of Kosovo. In 2024, the project took two major steps forward. The first innovation subsidy programme was launched, benefiting 34 small and medium-sized enterprises and 14 start-ups. This programme aims to stimulate entrepreneurship by helping companies to develop innovative projects, thereby boosting economic growth and exports. In addition, a new electronic voting system has been installed in the Kosovo Parliament, replacing a system that had been obsolete for a decade. This upgrade, which has been fully operational since September, improves political transparency by giving the public access to the votes cast by parliamentary representatives.■



WATER AND
SANITATION •



EUR 5,227,999

disbursed in 2024 in the countries
shown below



2

projects/programmes under execution

1

project under formulation

4%

of disbursements in 2024

Closely linked to health, food security, education and poverty reduction, the water and sanitation sector is an essential lever for preventing water-borne diseases, improving quality of life and promoting sustainable economic growth.

To improve access to water and sanitation, LuxDev is taking targeted action, mainly in Cabo Verde. This involves building and rehabilitating water supply systems and sanitation infrastructure, in particular latrines and wastewater management systems. Innovation and the sustainable management of resources are also at the heart of our actions, with the integration of renewable energies in water production and distribution, and the development of systems for recovering and reusing wastewater.

At the same time, LuxDev is helping operators in the sector to maintain infrastructures and optimise the management of their operations, in order to reduce technical and commercial losses. Support for waste management and treatment is also a priority, to limit health and environmental risks and guarantee a healthier living environment for the population.

• DESALINATING SEAWATER

In Cabo Verde, for example, LuxDev is implementing the Water and sanitation programme, which finances strategic investments and strengthens the capacity of operators and regulators in the sector. Although the country's indicators are improving and higher than those of other sub-Saharan African countries, the water and sanitation sector remains fragile. The gradual scarcity of freshwater resources is forcing massive recourse to the desalination of seawater, leading to an increase in production costs, notably due to energy consumption. This dynamic is putting pressure on the financial equilibrium of public operators, at a time when access to water remains economically restrictive for many households.

In response to these challenges, the programme is taking concrete action by improving infrastructure and strengthening the skills of the public players responsible for water supply. In addition, support for technical and economic regulators is promoting more transparent and effective governance of the sector. The ultimate aim is to guarantee a sustainable, high-quality public water and sanitation service that is accessible to the entire population.

A real technological and logistical challenge on a very remote island, the Brava desalination plant, costing EUR 7 million, went into service in February 2025.



INTERVIEW •

M. Rui EVORA
Director of Águabrava



• A REVOLUTION FOR ACCESS TO WATER ON THE ISLAND OF BRAVA

In 2024, the Water and sanitation programme supported the development of a 100% solar-powered desalination plant on the Cape Verde island of Brava, home to 6,000 people. Rui Evora, Director of Águabrava, the public water operator, explains the project.

How did the desalination plant project come about?

For several years now, the island of Brava has been facing a worrying decline in its drinking water resources. Until now, its supply has been based on a single source, the flow of which has fallen considerably due to increasingly frequent droughts. Faced with this emergency, the Water and sanitation programme helped us to identify, design and build this seawater desalination plant, which is 100% solar-powered.

What makes this project so innovative?

Desalination is an energy-intensive process. In Cabo Verde, the majority of energy is produced from imported oil, which represents a high cost. To reduce this impact, we have designed a unit that runs solely on solar energy. The installation has been designed to produce all the water needed for 24 hours of consumption (300 m³ per day) during the hours of sunlight. This choice not only reduces the carbon footprint but also ensures an affordable cost for consumers and the operator.

What concrete impact will this have on local residents?

This solar desalination unit is transforming the lives of the people of Brava. Thanks to it, they have reliable and continuous access to perfectly drinkable water, available 24 hours a day. What's more, by reducing dependence on fossil fuels and producing water at a controlled cost, this project is a model of sustainability for the country as a whole.

This initiative represents a major step forward for the island. It not only meets the sector's requirements in terms of access to drinking water, but also the country's objectives in terms of the environment, energy strategy and climate resilience.■



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• DID YOU KNOW? •

Thanks to the new desalination plant on the island of Brava, the population now has access to 90 litres of drinking water per person per day, compared with 45 litres before its implementation.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS IMPLEMENTED IN 2024 •

IN THE COUNTRIES OF OPERATION (EUR)

	Disbursed in 2023	Disbursed in 2024
BENIN OFFICE	6,878,390	7,845,386
BURKINA FASO OFFICE	17,298,152	15,899,128
CABO VERDE OFFICE	16,564,618	22,679,672
MALI OFFICE	12,462,721	7,682,948
NIGER OFFICE	10,990,280	1,680,829
RWANDA OFFICE	8,570,490	11,569,555
SENEGAL OFFICE	12,342,057	20,551,748
KOSOVO OFFICE	4,518,682	7,169,513
ASIA OFFICE	19,753,708	16,918,851
Laos	19,375,222	16,653,413
Vietnam	365,192	265,438
LATIN AMERICA OFFICE	5,747,030	1,819,469
Latin America and the Caribbean	5,479,426	1,536,462
Costa Rica	-	92,204
El Salvador	106,511	215,019
Nicaragua	161,093	-24,216
DELEGATED COOPERATION IN TOGO	-	2,993,900
GLOBAL PROGRAMMES	20,563,315	27,553,225
Europe	30,230	-
Mongolia	1,144,634	1,613,660
Multi-country	12,480,067	7,153,355
Democratic Republic of Congo	1,857,800	2,535,404
Ukraine	5,050,584	16,250,806
Total	135,689,442	144,364,226



SUMMARY OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES FORMULATED AND IMPLEMENTED BY LUXDEV IN 2024

PROJECT/PROGRAMME NAME	COUNTRY	DONOR(S)
• AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERY		
Forests4Future	Togo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Germany
Research and innovation project for productive, resilient and healthy agropastoral systems in West Africa (PRISMA)	Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger	European Union
Rural development and food security	Mali	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Strengthening the resilience of the rural communities in the Kita Circle and their access to the market system - phase III	Mali	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Caritas Switzerland
Support for the agroecological transition and the implementation of sustainable food systems in the Mono Biosphere Reserve (Delta Mono)	Benin	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and European Union
Support to agropastoral value chains - phase II	Mali	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Switzerland
Support to the sustainable management of the forest resources	Burkina Faso	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Sustainable forestry and efficient renewable energy for improved livelihood	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Sustainable management of forests	Latin America and the Caribbean	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Transformation towards sustainable food systems - Kwihaiza	Rwanda	European Union and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• DIGITALISATION AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES		
African Union-European Union D4D Hub	Multi-country	European Union, Germany, AFD, Estonia, Enabel and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Digital development (BeDigital)	Benin	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Digital transformation in Togo (ProDigiT)	Costa Rica	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
E-governance et spatial digitisation	El Salvador	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
SnT4Dev	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support to the African Union for the creation and deployment of a continental response team to deal with computer security incidents	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Youth employment and digitalisation	Togo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Germany
• EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT		
Agricultural training and professional integration in agricultural development pole no. 4	Benin	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
BenkadiBaara – All together for youth employment!	Burkina Faso	European Union and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Digital skills	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

École des métiers du tourisme, de l'hôtellerie et de la restauration	Benin	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Benin
Education and vocational training	Mali	European Union
Employment and employability sector support programme	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
European Union support to vocational education and training, professional requalification and occupation	Kosovo	European Union
FIT! Senegal Initiative	Senegal	European Union, Germany, France, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Italia, Netherlands and Switzerland
Improving skills for holistic employment in modern agriculture	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Sectoral budget support for employment and employability in Cabo Verde	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Skills for sustainable jobs in Kosovo	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Skills for tourism	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Switzerland
Skills for tourism, agriculture and forestry (STAF)	Laos	European Union, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Switzerland
Support for recovery of Kryvyi Rih Raion	Ukraine	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for the national vocational training and integration programme - phase II	Niger	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support programme to agricultural and rural training (ProFAR 2)	Benin	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and AFD
Support programme to implementation of the Education and Training Sector Plan (PSEF)	Burkina Faso	European Union, AFD, Canada, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Global Partnership for Education, Switzerland and UNICEF
Support project to technical training and employability in Rwanda (AFTER II)	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and AFD
Support to the education sector common fund	Niger	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support to the National Education and Technical and Vocational Training Policy in Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Austria, AFD, Burkina Faso, Monaco and Switzerland
Support to vocational education and training reform in Kosovo - phase II	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Kosovo
Technical and vocational training	Mali	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
VET Toolbox 2	Multi-country	European Union and Germany
Vocational and technical training	Senegal	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Vocational training, employability and integration	Senegal	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE		
CARe Hue - Climate change adaptation and resilience in Thua Thien Hue Province	Vietnam	Green Climate Fund and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Climate action programme	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Enabling direct access to the Green Climate Fund for climate finance for Cabo Verde Energy transition support programme	Cabo Verde	Green Climate Fund
Energy efficient lighting NAMA pilot in Hue City Project for land reclamation efforts towards pastoral usage and in conservation areas	Vietnam	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Energy transition and climate mitigation in Kosovo	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Energy transition support programme	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Project for land reclamation efforts towards pastoral usage and in conservation areas	Burkina Faso	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• GOVERNANCE		
Migration, social cohesion, economic integration and governance	Costa Rica	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Rule of law, access to justice and good governance	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Strategic governance and integrated monitoring of the ICP V	Senegal	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Strengthening the effectiveness of official development assistance management in LAO PDR	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support project for public financial management	Niger	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for the production, analysis and dissemination of quality statistics in Cabo Verde	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support project for civil society organisations in Benin	Benin	European Union and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support project for the joint Transfo'publique initiative in West Africa	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and AFD
Supporting the cadastre of Burkina Faso in the municipalities of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso	Burkina Faso	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support to civil society in Kosovo	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support to the National Household Income and Expenditure Survey in Cabo Verde	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Technical assistance in the context of European integration of Kosovo	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• HEALTH		
Cardiology, cardio-surgery and telemedicine	Mongolia	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Health and nutrition programme	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Health and social protection	Senegal	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Health and social protection	Senegal	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and United Nations Population Fund
Health sector support programme - phase II	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Sectoral budget support in the health sector	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for the health sector in Kosovo - phase II	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support to the hospital and Foundation Panzi	Congo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• IMPACT FINANCE		
Contribution to the Bloc Smart Africa Fund	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Switzerland
Contribution to the Female Entrepreneurship Fund	Latin America and the Caribbean	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Contribution to the Global Green Bond Initiative	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Finance for resilience	Vietnam	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

Inclusive and innovative finance	Benin	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Inclusive finance	Niger	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
INTEGO NDC Facility Rwanda	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Smallholder Safety Net Up-Scaling Programme	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Switzerland
Support to the development of Kigali International Finance Centre	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support to the triangular cooperation in the finance sector between Vietnam, Laos and Luxembourg	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support Vietnam's securities market consolidation and improve training capacities	Vietnam	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Basket Funding for Pro-Poor Development (PPD-Basket)	Rwanda	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau and AFD
Local development programme	Laos	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Switzerland
Regional programme for the promototion of women's entrepreneurship - phase II	Latin America and the Caribbean	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Sustainable and inclusive growth in Kosovo	Kosovo	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• WATER AND SANITATION		
Water and sanitation	Niger	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Water and sanitation	Senegal	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Water and sanitation sector support programme	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
• OTHERS		
Business Partnership Facility	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Cross-cutting support for the ICP 'Development - Climate - Energy'	Cabo Verde	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Junior Technical Advisers 2023	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Junior Technical Advisers 2024	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
LuxAid BRIDGES	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Private sector engagement funds	Multi-country	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Regional technical assistance fund	Latin America and the Caribbean	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support and monitoring of bilateral cooperation projects	El Salvador	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for reconstruction in Ukraine	Ukraine	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for South-South and triangular cooperation	Costa Rica	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for South-South and triangular cooperation	El Salvador	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Support for the common donor fund for the national food crisis prevention and management system	Niger	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Ukraine Energy Support Fund	Ukraine	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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