IMPACT REPORT 2025–2026

Building from the ground up

How we build partnerships that find, fund and scale solutions to the world’s social and environmental challenges.

136 Impact Hubs · 73 countries

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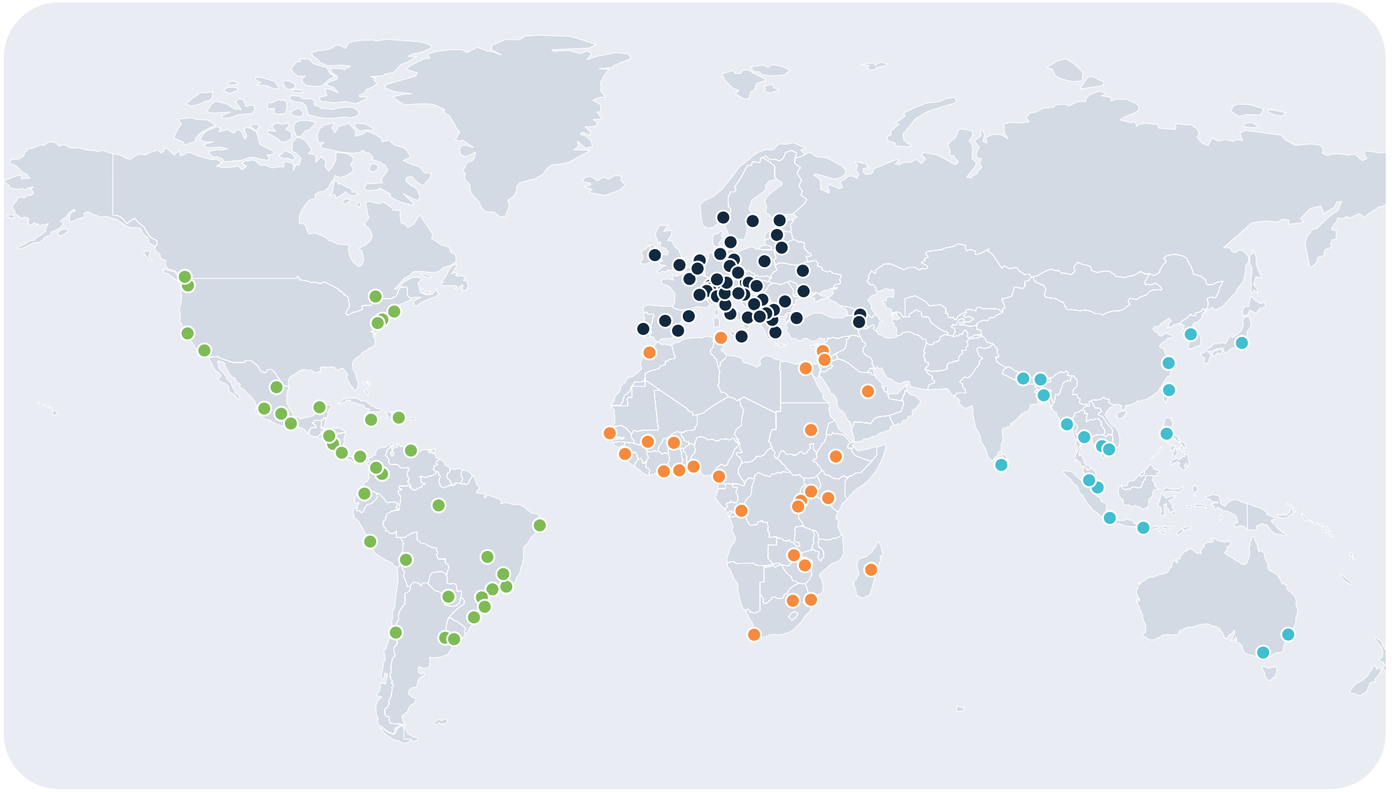
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Our Network

1.1 Global reach | 1.2 Impact numbers

OUR NETWORK · GLOBAL REACH

Local trust, global reach

We're 136 Impact Hubs in 73 countries, working with entrepreneurs, companies, donors and investors to turn shared ambition into measurable impact.



136
Impact Hubs

73
Countries

501
Programmes delivered

28,534
Programme participants

MOST TARGETED SDGS

- 8 **Decent Work and Economic Growth**
- 4 **Quality Education**
- 3 **Good Health and Well-being**

OUR NETWORK · GLOBAL REACH

Where the Network delivers.

Every Impact Hub has its own team, relationships and knowledge of its ecosystem. Here is how the Network's delivery breaks down by region.

REGION	IMPACT HUBS	COUNTRIES	PROGRAMMES	PARTICIPANTS
Africa & Middle East	24	21	42	2,356
Americas	40	16	122	11,395
Asia Pacific	15	12	80	2,000
Europe	57	24	213	11,160

Plus programmes run globally: 44 programmes · 1,623 participants

IMPACT NUMBERS · BUSINESSES

Impact entrepreneurship builds stronger businesses.

When more people can build and lead businesses, more ideas can grow and create opportunities. In 2025–2026, Impact Hubs supported entrepreneurs across the Network. These figures show the scale of that work.



€253.1M

Investment raised by impact enterprises

28,534

Impact entrepreneurs supported



53%

of enterprises are women-led

4,622

New impact ventures launched

501

Programmes delivered across the network



32%

of ventures reached double-digit revenue growth

116,279

Jobs created and sustained

(111 enterprises reporting)



ENVIRONMENT & CIRCULARITY

Protecting the resources we all need.

IMPACT NUMBERS · PEOPLE & PLANET

Stronger businesses create value for people and planet.

As impact enterprises grow, the value they create extends beyond the business itself. A snapshot from three of the many themes our enterprises work on.

745,000

tonnes of CO_2eq avoided or sequestered

Roughly the emissions of 162,000 cars driven continuously for one year

4.25B

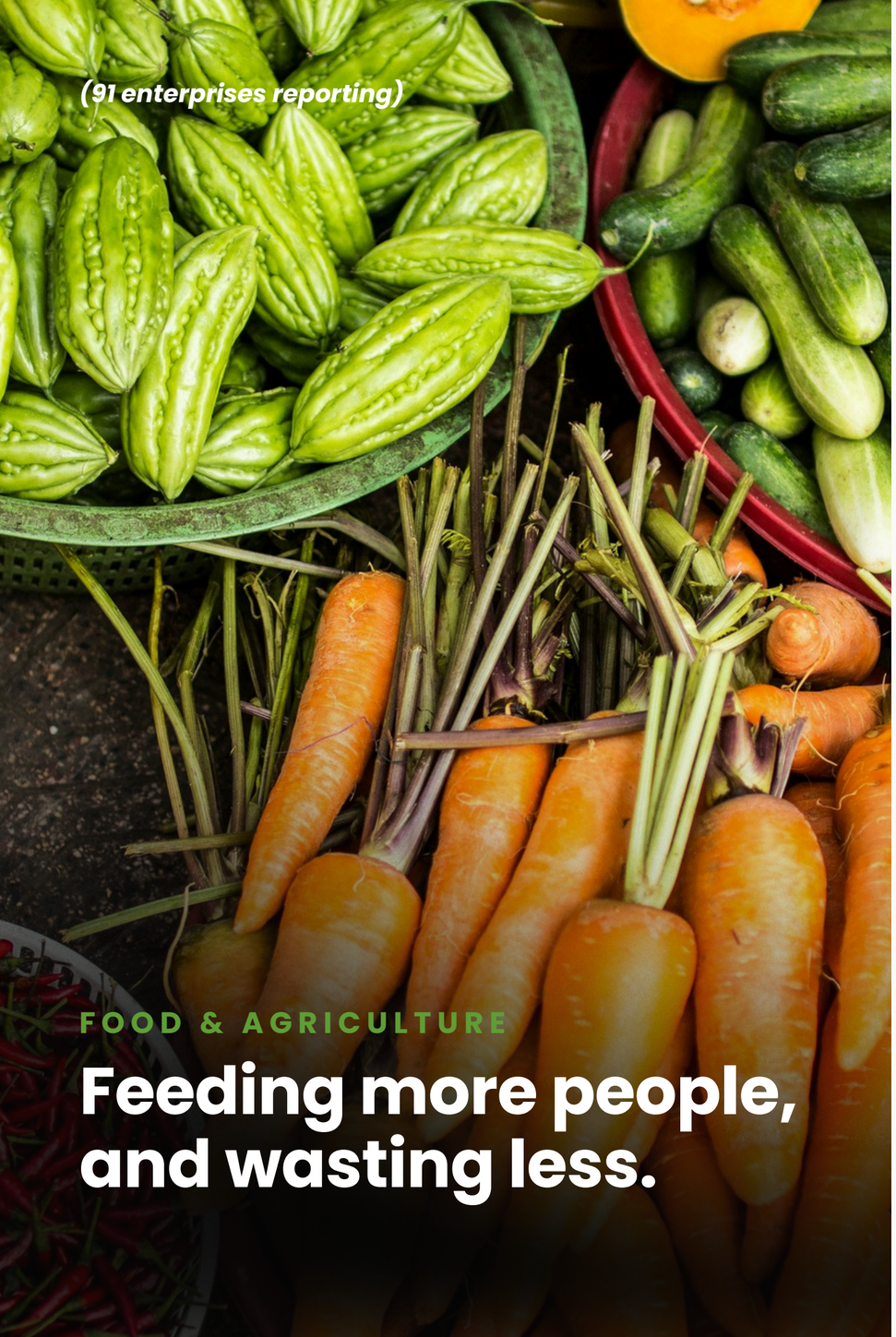
litres of water saved

Enough to fill 1,700 Olympic-sized swimming pools

37,000

hectares of land regenerated or conserved

Equivalent to nearly four times the size of Paris



(91 enterprises reporting)

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Feeding more people, and wasting less.

IMPACT NUMBERS · PEOPLE & PLANET

456,000

people gained access to nutritious food

This could feed about the entire population of Zurich

€10.9M

in additional smallholder farmer income

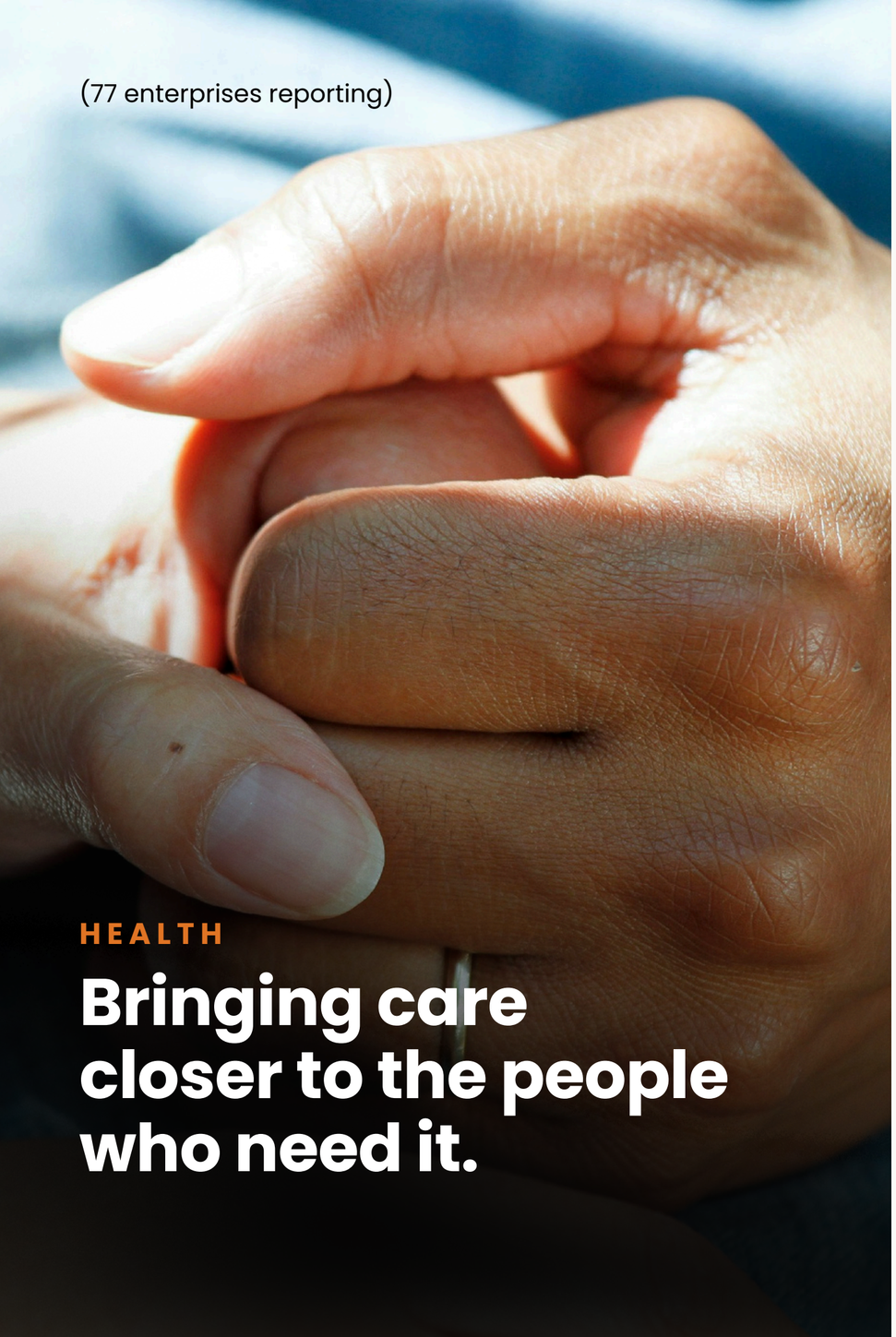
Equivalent to €100 extra a month for 9,000+ farmers, for a full year.

6.62M

tonnes of food rescued from landfill

Billions of meals kept from going to waste

IMPACT HUB



(77 enterprises reporting)

HEALTH

Bringing care closer to the people who need it.

IMPACT NUMBERS · PEOPLE & PLANET

834,000

people gained better access to healthcare

Nearly the entire population of Amsterdam

1,700

healthcare professionals and facilities supported

Strengthening the local health systems communities rely on.

6Million

people reached with preventative health awareness

Roughly the population of Denmark

IMPACT NUMBERS · COMMUNITY

Places where communities connect and innovate

Impact Hubs support place-based innovation by bringing entrepreneurs, partners and communities together in locally rooted spaces, where people meet, share knowledge and build trust.

85,091 m²

of physical space where entrepreneurs, partners and communities meet

Locally rooted spaces give people room to share ideas and build trust. These connections create the conditions for impact innovation.

SOCIAL CAPITAL INDEX

Members build relationships of trust that open doors to knowledge, support and opportunity.

4.3 / 5.0

Trust	4.5
Belonging	4.3
Knowledge access	4.3
Approachability	4.2

Average member score out of 5 · 2025 network community survey





02
Impact Partnerships

2.1 Trends | 2.2 Inclusive Entrepreneurship | 2.3 Sustainable Ecosystems | 2.4 Measuring Impact

IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS · FOUR SHIFTS, AND WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

01 SHARED ACTION

Resources are shrinking, but the challenges are not.

23.1% ↓

Official development assistance fell in 2025, the largest annual decline on record.

Source: OECD, preliminary 2025 ODA data, 2026

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

Shrinking budgets make coordination more important. Together, we can bring the right actors around one clear issue, align resources behind shared outcomes and build the capacity needed for progress to last.

02 LOCAL DELIVERY

Local organisations are closest to the challenge, but still receive too little funding.

8.7%

of reported humanitarian funding went to local and national actors in 2025, directly or through intermediaries.

Source: ALNAP, Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2026

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

Lasting change starts with the people closest to the challenge. Because every Impact Hub is locally owned, partnering with us keeps resources closer to local entrepreneurs and their communities. Together, we can put multi-year funding behind community-defined priorities and give teams on the ground the resources and space to lead.

03 SUPPLY-CHAIN CHANGE

Resilient businesses depend on people, not just products.

Nearly 1 in 5

major supply-chain disruptions are linked to social issues. That's 18% of more than 180,000 events tracked between January 2023 and October 2025.

Source: Schwab Foundation & World Economic Forum, State of Social Procurement 2026.

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

When suppliers and the communities around them are strong, supply chains are more stable. Together, we can work with companies, suppliers and entrepreneurs to strengthen local suppliers and open opportunities for inclusive sourcing, reducing risk while delivering on sustainability goals.

04 ACCESS TO FINANCE

Entrepreneurs need support to access the capital they need to grow.

55%

of social enterprises surveyed in Africa cite lack of access to finance as a barrier, more than any other challenge they face.

Schwab Foundation & World Economic Forum, State of Social Enterprise in Africa, 2025.

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

Many ventures have strong potential but aren't yet investment-ready, or can't reach the right funders. Through our Impact Hubs, we can work with partners to prepare entrepreneurs for investment, connect them with suitable funders and strengthen the networks and market access that help them grow.

IMPACT PARTNERSHIPS · OVERVIEW

What partnership with the Network looks like.

Five programmes across three themes, from 501 delivered in 2025–2026. Each is designed with partners, delivered through locally rooted Impact Hubs, and measured. The pages that follow cover one programme each.



Inclusive Entrepreneurship

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST, ASIA & LATIN AMERICA

Bayer Foundation Women Entrepreneurs Award

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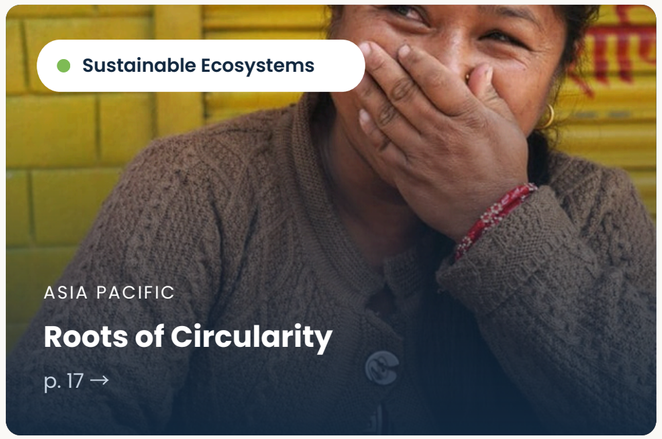


Sustainable Ecosystems

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AXES

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1 Inclusive Entrepreneurship

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST, ASIA & LATIN AMERICA

Bayer Foundation Women Entrepreneurs Award

> Backing women founders building health and food solutions across the Global South. When women-led ventures get capital, visibility and the right connections, their solutions reach millions of people.

30	€9.5M	€8.9M	5.4M
women-led enterprises supported in 2024 & 2025	investment raised since joining the programme	revenue growth since joining the programme	with better healthcare access and awareness

Since 2024, Impact Hub Network has delivered the Bayer Foundation Women Entrepreneurs Award, backing women founders building health and food security solutions across Africa and the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.

Impact Hubs in all three regions scout founders locally and help select the strongest applicants. Each year, 15 winners receive non-dilutive funding from Bayer Foundation and join a six-month accelerator run by Impact Hub, where they strengthen their investment readiness, gain visibility for their work and connect with investors and partners.

Global scouting | Investor readiness | Access to finance | PR & Media

Partner: Bayer Foundation



1 Inclusive Entrepreneurship

ASIA PACIFIC

ELEVATE

> Rebuilding pathways to entrepreneurship for people with disabilities across Southeast Asia. When ecosystems are designed with inclusion in mind, a wider pool of talent and ideas opens up for everyone.

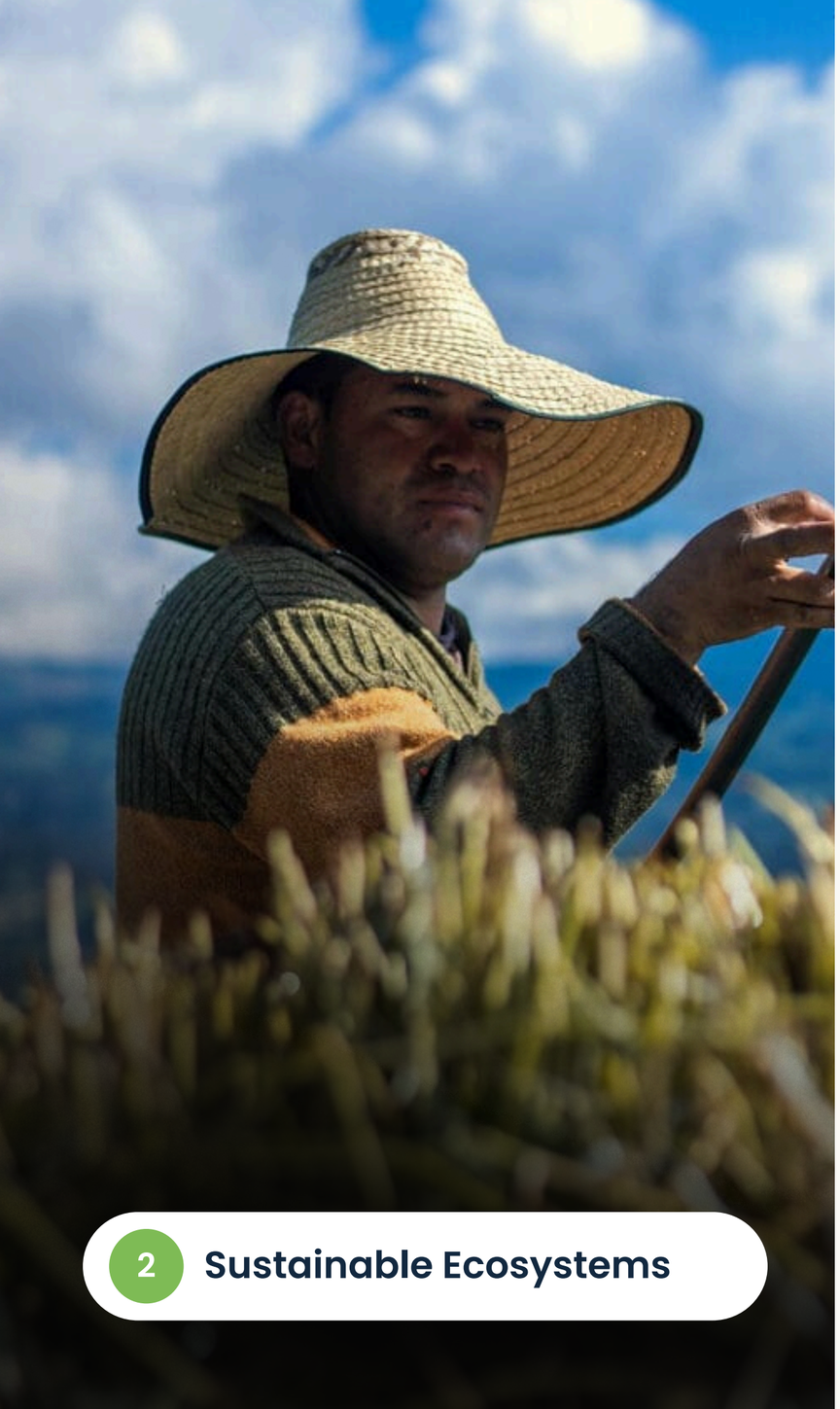
990	84	89%	95%
people with disabilities engaged	physical and digital accessibility upgrades	space accessibility satisfaction	reported a shift in personal agency

Many entrepreneurship ecosystems exclude people with disabilities through overlooked design in physical spaces, digital platforms and support programmes. ELEVATE exists to include people with disabilities to redesign these systems.

Building on Towards Inclusive Access and BEAM, ELEVATE works with local ecosystem partners across four cities in Southeast Asia to improve physical spaces, make digital tools accessible and redesign support programmes, connecting entrepreneurs with disabilities to innovators, partners and changemakers across Asia Pacific.

Inclusive entrepreneurship **Upgrading physical spaces** **Digital accessibility** **Community Engagement**

Partner: The Nippon Foundation



2 Sustainable Ecosystems

LATIN AMERICA

AXES

> Opening new markets for sustainable agrifood businesses in rural Colombia and Costa Rica. Every new buyer reached means more income for farms, families and communities.

170
agrifood SMEs supported

130
new jobs created

21
enterprises entered new markets

€117K
funding secured by three enterprises in Costa Rica

For smaller agrifood businesses, reaching new buyers takes more than a good product. AXES addresses these barriers in Colombia and Costa Rica, with a focus on rural businesses and sustainable, deforestation-free supply chains.

Implemented by Impact Hub Association with Impact Hub Medellín and Impact Hub San José, the programme combines tailored acceleration with practical bootcamp training. A market-access toolkit brings the programme's learning together for entrepreneurs and the organisations supporting them.

Issue-based ecosystem building | Codification & capacity building | Access to market | Supply chain development

Partner: AL-INVEST & Argidius



2 Sustainable Ecosystems

ASIA PACIFIC

Roots of Circularity

> Advancing circular economy practices across entrepreneurship, education, policy development and public awareness in Nepal. What used to end up in landfills is being turned into new products, jobs and income.

40
enterprises incubated in Bagmati & Lumbini provinces

480+
jobs supported, the majority held by women

€53K
external financing secured by six enterprises

9
organisations united under the Green Alliance Nepal

Running from 2023 to 2027, the programme supports startups and small businesses in Bagmati and Lumbini Provinces with training to develop circular business models. Its wider work brings circular economy principles into school and university curricula, connects organisations to advocate for supportive policy, and engages the media.

Impact Hub Kathmandu leads the entrepreneurship work, collaborating with Impact Hub Association and Wildlife Conservation Nepal across the programme.

Issue-based ecosystem building **Codification & capacity building** **Access to market** **Supply chain development**

Partner: European Union



3 Measuring Impact

ASIA PACIFIC

The future of impact measurement

> Turning real stories into evidence of change. Voices of Impact centres impact measurement on people's lived experiences, enabling organisations to understand what changes for participants and use those insights to improve their programmes.

Understanding impact starts with the people a programme is designed to serve. Their experiences reveal whether support is making a difference and where it needs to change.

Voices of Impact explores how AI can make this approach possible at scale. Developed by leonardo with the Technical University of Munich, Impact Hub Trento and Impact Hub Network, the EU-funded initiative analyses stakeholder feedback to identify patterns and outcomes across people's experiences.

These efforts make measurement more useful for learning, giving organisations and funders evidence to improve programmes and inform future decisions.

AI-powered analysis | Outcome measurement | Stakeholder insights | Evidence-based reporting

Partner: leonardo.



03

Impact News

3.1 Stories from across the Network

3.2 On the ground series

IMPACT NEWS

Explore stories across the Network here.

We're celebrating the Impact Hubs who shaped 2025–2026. Their stories show the people, ideas and relationships at the heart of our Network.



GLOBAL

Seven new communities join the Impact Hub Network



IMPACT HUB YANGON

Kitchen Hub's recipe for food entrepreneurship



IMPACT HUB MANAGUA

Opening financing pathways across Central America



IMPACT HUB KIGALI

Celebrating 10 years of impact



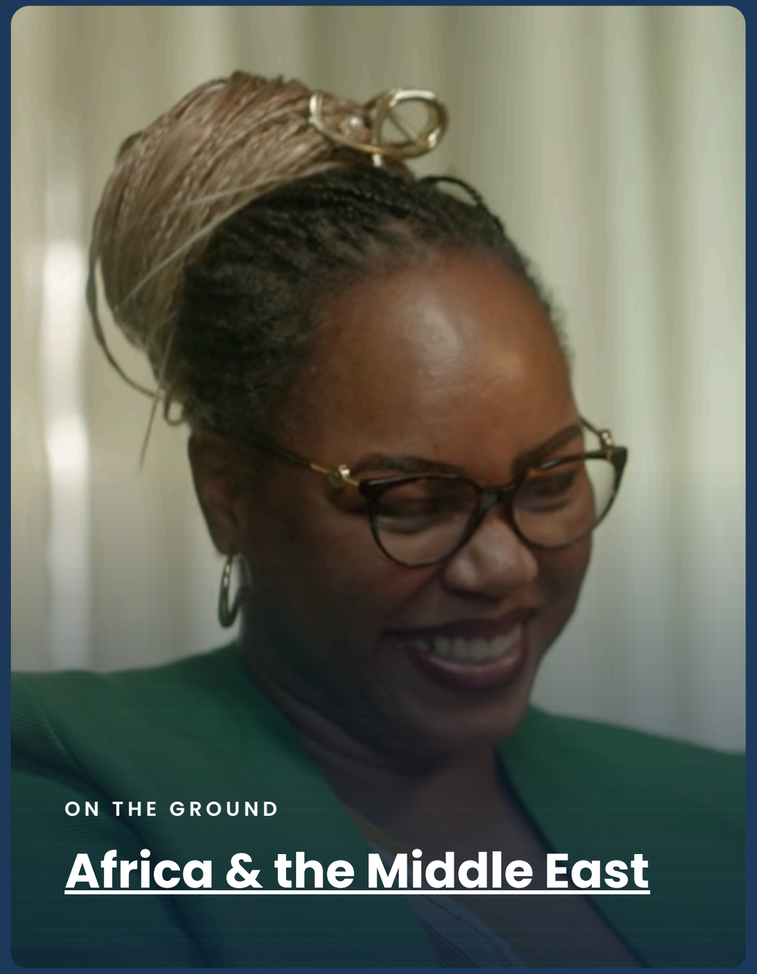
IMPACT HUB ODESA

Sustaining community through war: Green Theatre's evolving role

VIDEO SERIES · 3 EPISODES

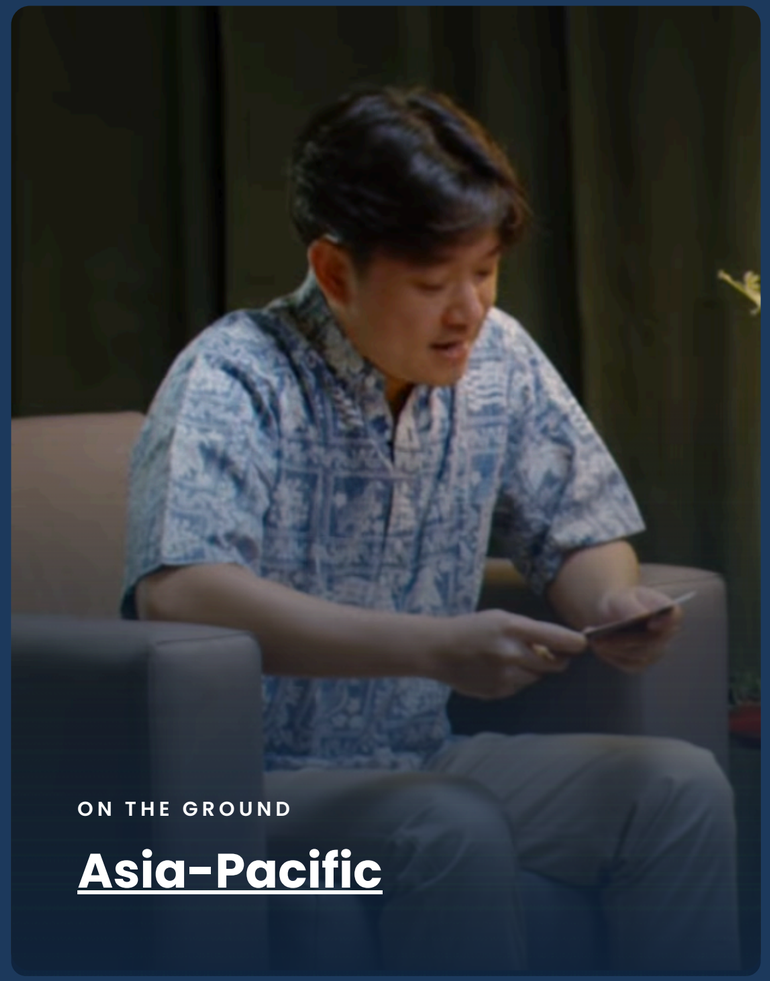
On the ground series

Bringing together Impact Hub founders from Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Africa and the Middle East to explore the future of impact business from their regional perspectives.



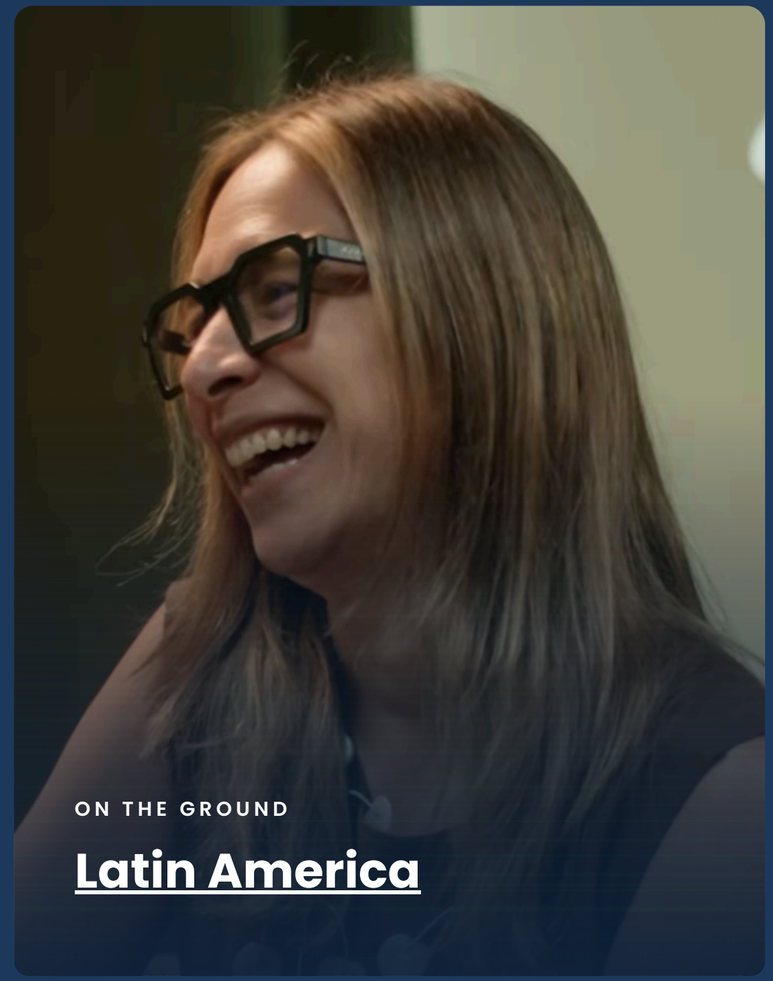
ON THE GROUND

Africa & the Middle East



ON THE GROUND

Asia-Pacific



ON THE GROUND

Latin America

PARTNER TODAY · THE ROLE WE ALL PLAY

Everyone has a role in change.

The results in this report came from people bringing different knowledge, resources and influence to the same challenge. No single actor could have produced them alone. These are the parts we each play.

01

CLOSEST TO THE PROBLEM

Entrepreneurs and communities

Identify what needs to change, shape relevant responses and put solutions into practice.

02

CONNECTIVE TISSUE

Impact Hubs

Bring contextual knowledge and trusted relationships, adapt the approach and coordinate delivery.

03

REACH AND RESOURCES

Ecosystem actors

Gain early access to innovation and the people driving it, while bringing the funding, expertise and support that help promising solutions go further.

04

WHERE IT SCALES

Corporations, investors & institutions

Help embed effective approaches in markets, value chains, policies and public services, so that what works can last and scale.

PARTNER TODAY

You've seen what's possible. Now let's build it together.

Every result in this report started with one partner and one clear challenge. Yours could be next.

01 Bring us a challenge

Name the issue you want to move and where. We'll bring the Impact Hubs closest to it.

02 Shape it together

Co-design a programme with local teams, entrepreneurs and partners, with clear outcomes from day one.

03 Scale what works

Measure what changes, then take proven approaches into markets, value chains and policy.

HOW TO READ THESE NUMBERS

How to read these numbers.

This report compiles data from several key sources within the Impact Hub Network. These sources collectively inform the network's performance metrics, programme impact, and community engagement on a global scale.

Extrapolations are based on GCS responses and scaled up to the wider community through outlier capping, estimation of the population represented by each question, extrapolation of observed responses to the non-respondent population, and conservative discounting of the extrapolated contribution.

2,137

Global Community Survey

Responses from community members across the network, offering a comprehensive view of member experiences and needs.

501

Programmes Directory

Programmes conducted within 102 Impact Hubs.

Questions or comments on the data? Contact our Impact Intelligence team at **connect@impacthub.net**.



The time in now.
The way is together.

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