

DDP 2.0 PROGRAM BRIEF

BACKGROUND

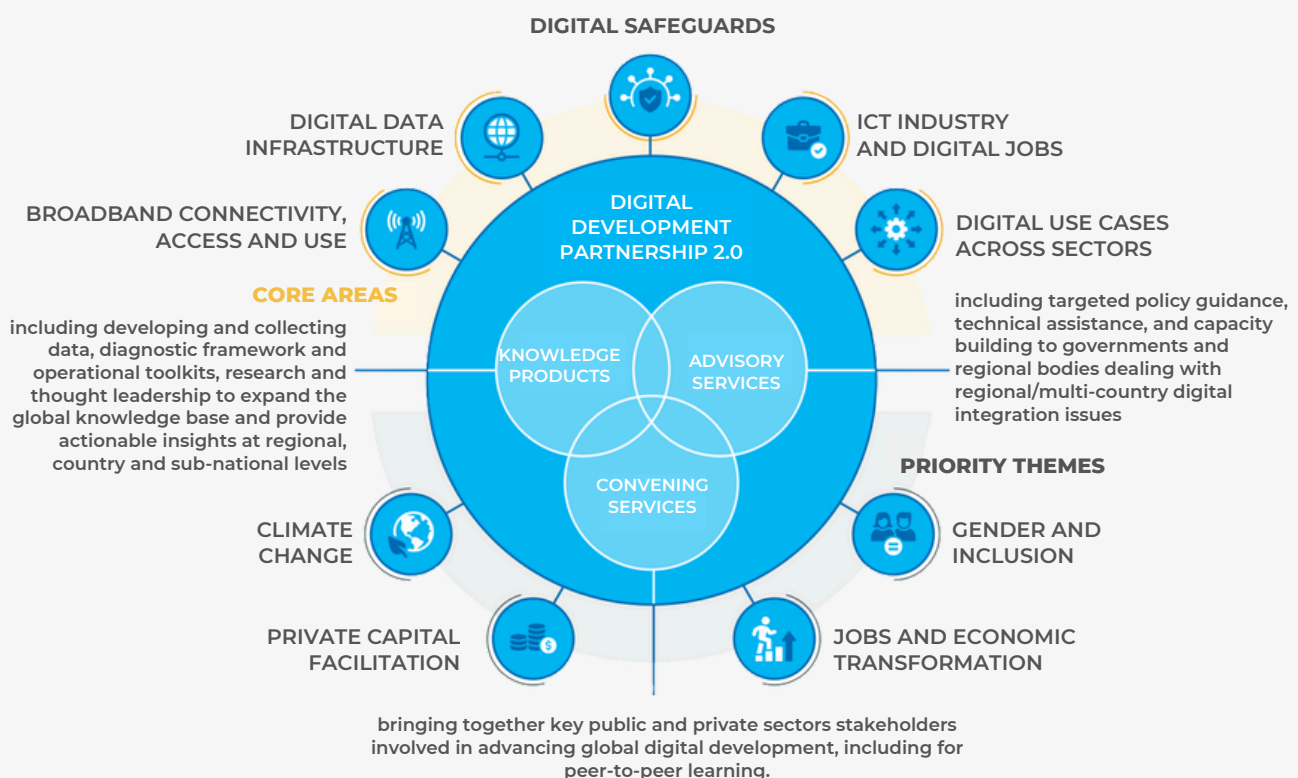
Digital technologies are essential for driving global economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction. Countries can leverage such technologies to foster innovation and enhance productivity and transparency in both public and private sectors. However, technological inequalities persist, highlighting the need for the development community to support the closing of the digital divide. Established in 2016, the Digital Development Partnership (DDP) brings together the World Bank and development partners to help developing countries accelerate digital development. Through analytical, advisory, and convening services funded by an umbrella multi-donor trust fund, DDP helps shape the global digital agenda and supports client countries in formulating and executing their digital transformation strategies, underpinned by World Bank development financing. During its first strategy cycle (Fiscal Years 2016-2023), the Partnership promoted global thought leadership and client-facing activities in over 80 countries, focusing on leveraging digital technologies and data to foster green, inclusive, and resilient social and economic development.

ABOUT DDP 2.0

In July 2023, the Partnership launched a new five-year strategy cycle, DDP 2.0, aiming to support low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in advancing digital transformation by building strong digital foundations and enablers while facilitating use cases for digital economies to thrive. The Partnership continues to enhance and inform the identification, design, and preparation of World Bank financing through knowledge sharing, technical assistance, and convening activities. Ultimately, DDP-funded activities contribute to the WBG's mission to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity on a livable planet as well as to the Global Digital Compact, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals.

WHAT WE DO

To achieve the development objective of advancing digital transformation, DDP 2.0 supports a range of grant-funded activities in the core areas and priority themes and through the main instruments summarized below:



PARTNERS

A total of eleven sovereign donor agencies and three private sector organizations participated in the first DDP strategy cycle. An additional eight partners contributed to and continue to support the associated Cybersecurity MDTF. As of December 31, 2024, six donor partners— the Gates Foundation, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Spain and Sweden—have joined DDP 2.0. As a global partnership platform, DDP 2.0 collaborates with and leverages the experiences, technical knowledge, and resources of partner institutions committed to shared goals in the digital space. The Digital Transformation Vice Presidency is grateful for this support, which provides essential resources to scale up this critical agenda at the World Bank.

DDP 2.0 ACHIEVEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

- **27 operational, knowledge, and convening grants** benefitting **38 countries**.
- **24 grants** facilitated cooperation with other **World Bank Global Departments** and/or **IFC and MIGA**.
- **14 grants** involved collaboration with **external partners**.
- DDP grants funded a total of **37 reports**, including flagship publications, diagnostics, policy notes, and research papers, which were disseminated through **34 events**.
- Activities supported by DDP grants engaged a total of **240 stakeholders**, and **21 trainings and workshops** were delivered to key counterparts.
- A total of **2,100+ individuals** participated in training events, workshops and dissemination events.
- Deliverables funded by DDP grants informed **10 policies, regulations, laws and strategies** as well as **12 key WBG strategy documents** including Country Economic Updates, Country Partnership Frameworks and Country Climate and Development Reports.
- Grants across the DDP portfolio supported the adoption of **eight reforms**, playing an instrumental role in enabling private capital.
- DDP grants informed a total of **seven World Bank projects** cumulatively worth **\$627 million**, and **mobilizing \$76 million in private capital**.
- These seven World Bank projects are expected **to connect 28.3 million people** - of which **12.2 million women** - and **create or improve 9k digital jobs**, of which **4.5k for women**.
- Thanks to DDP support, the share of World Bank digital financing dedicated to climate change adaptation or mitigation in World Bank projects reached **34 percent** of a 15-operation/\$2 billion portfolio, **cumulatively amounting to \$697 million**.

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