



STATISTICS

# D4D Fund

## Achievements and Delivery Plan

May 2022-October 2023

JUNE 29, 2022

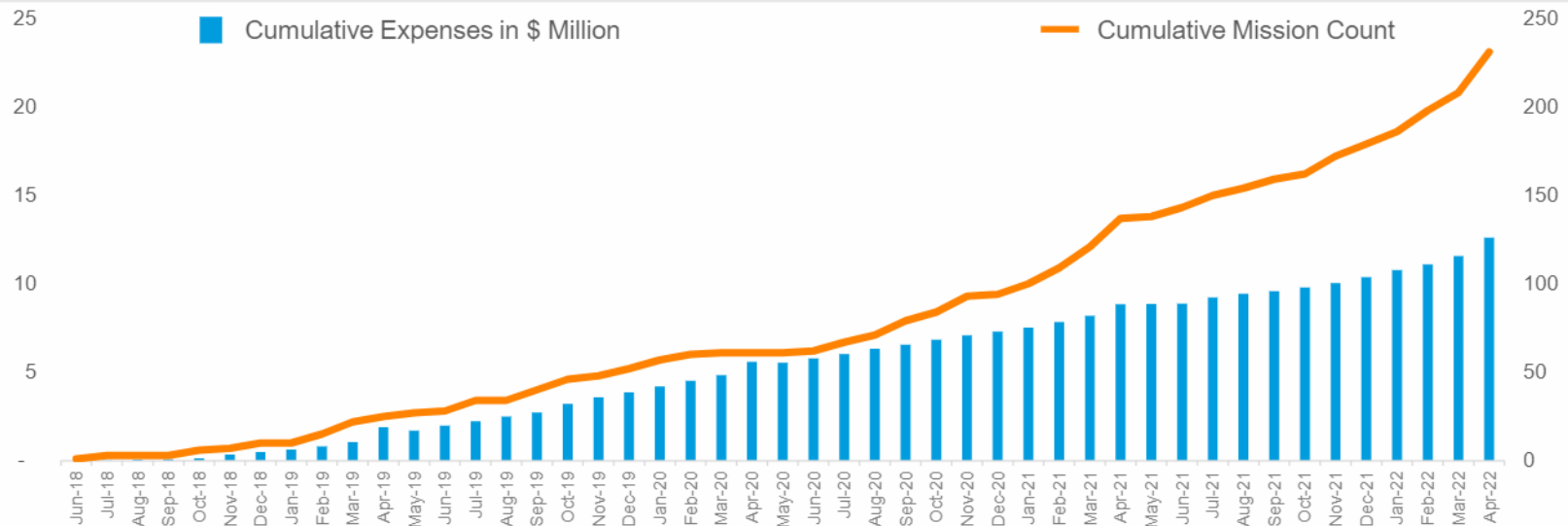
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# Robust Work Plan Implementation



SINCE THE PROGRAM STARTED, CD IMPLEMENTATION **ACCELERATES** BUT **SPENDING GREW MORE SLOWLY** DURING THE PANDEMIC



## DURING THE **LAST 18-MONTH WORK PLAN:**

- **Total spending: \$4.1m**
- **Mission count: 93** (47 percent of 18-month work plan) –against 77 missions in FY21
- **Fully remote CD delivery: Spending grew more slowly** – Shorter missions – Less medium-term objective
- **Ad hoc advisory services: 108** (doubled compared to 53 in FY21) –mainly on fiscal and debt statistics

# Africa, Asia, and Fragile and Conflict-Affected States Remained Focus of Delivery

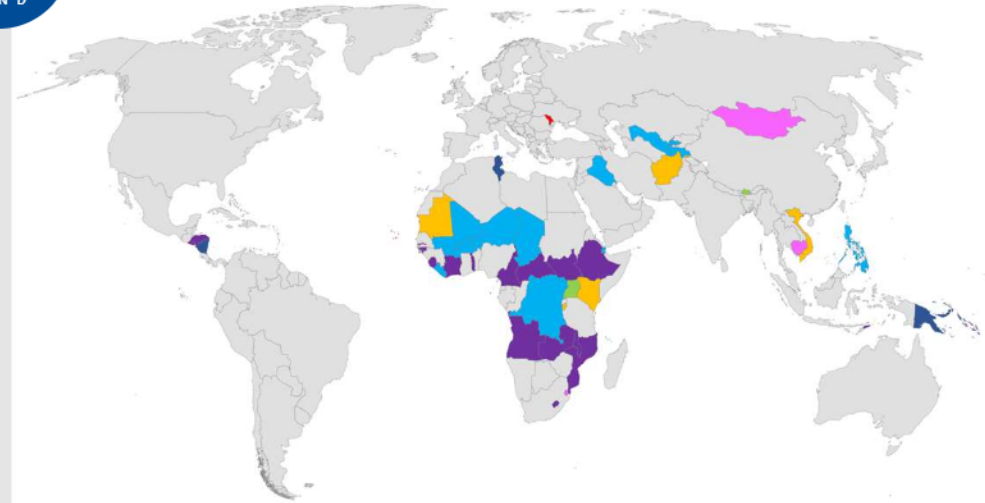
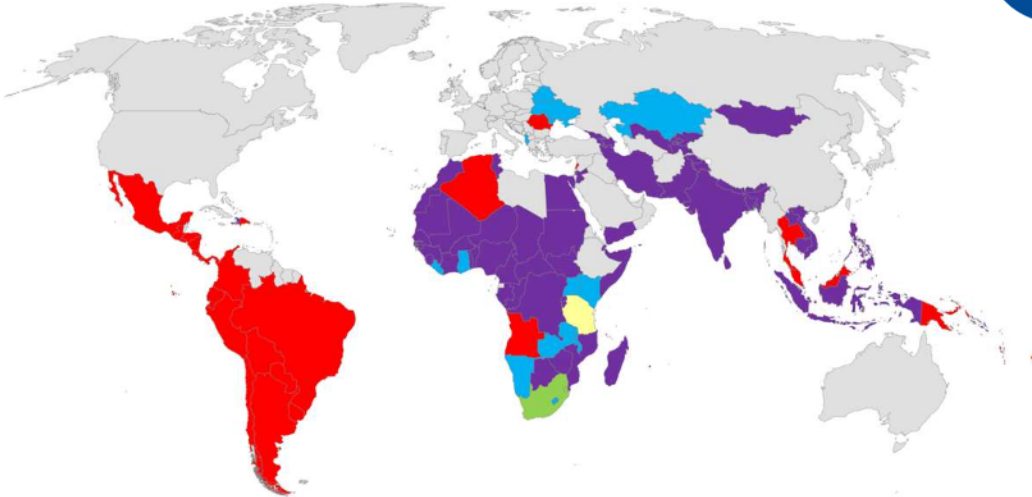
## REGIONAL TRAINING

19 virtual workshops/webinars/SPOCs benefitting 1,379 country representatives from 109 different countries



## TA MISSIONS

74 virtual TA missions benefitting 46 different countries



■ FAS ■ ESS ■ GFS ■ HFI ■ NAS ■ PSDS ■ RPPI ■ More Than One Theme

AFTER 12 OUT OF THE 18-MONTH WORK PLAN

**1/2** of work plan implemented - **1/3** of beneficiary countries were FCS

# Key Achievements and Challenges – Module 1

M1

## ADDRESSING DATA NEEDS AND QUALITY CONCERNS



ABILITY TO ADAPT TO CHALLENGES THANKS TO THE FLEXIBLE D4D FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

WORK STREAM	EXPECTED CD ACTIVITIES IN FY22	IMPLEMENTED CD ACTIVITIES IN FY22	CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED
NAS	22	18	<b>Solid implementation despite absorptive capacity challenges</b> in national statistics agencies. Focus on improving source data, but survey data remain unreliable and institutional obstacles to access administrative data persist. Use of Big Data started.
HFI	21	6	<b>Demand subdued</b> despite an approach to take over operational tasks in data compilation to address limited absorptive capacity in NSOs. Further outreach under way.
RPPI	9	5	<b>NSOs' absorptive capacity constraints</b> depressed demand substantially compared to intense interest from recipient countries before the pandemic.
ESS	38	33	The expected scaling up of CD to absorb bilateral donor projects materialized. <b>CD priorities identified in a country survey</b> included source data, external debt, remittances.
GFS/PSDS	37	28	Some progress in widening coverage, including SOEs, but the pandemic made it difficult for country authorities to take on complex CD projects, as <b>qualified, trained staff were reassigned from statistical functions to support crisis management tasks</b> in Ministries of Finance. High demand for training and <i>ad hoc</i> CD interventions.

# Online Learning – *The New Normal*

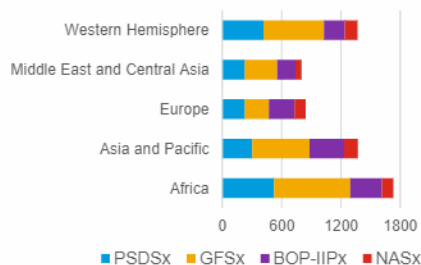


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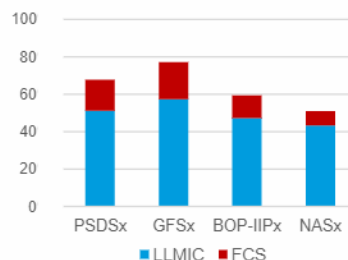
OVER **6,300** ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN **26** COURSE OFFERINGS BENEFITTED FROM ONLINE LEARNING CURRICULUM



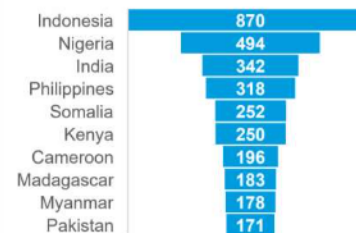
**Total Active Participants**  
(SPOCs & MOOCs)



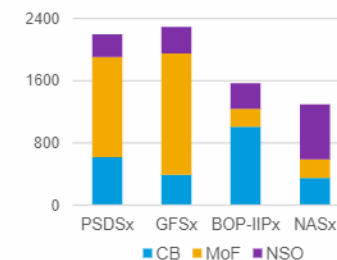
**Percentage of Active Participants from FCS and LLMICs**  
(SPOCs & MOOCs)



**Top 10 Participant Countries in SPOCs**  
(Number of Participants)



**Cumulative Number of Participants by Course (FY20-22, SPOCs only)**



## Recently Launched Online Courses



**GFSx and BOP-IIPx in French and Spanish | NASx | CPIx**

## BLENDED LEARNING

*Leveraging multilingual online learning courses allows a much greater reach of D4D-funded CD*

*For example: Debt and Fiscal Statistics*

**3** GFSx SPOCs

Total of **840** participants from **68** countries

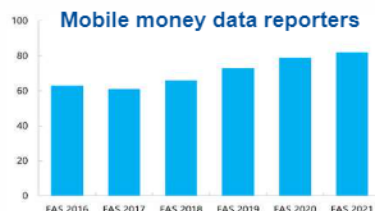
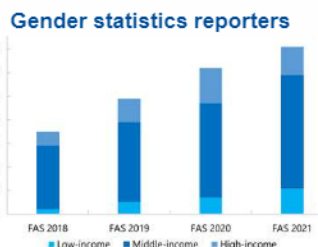
**French** (414 participants)  
**Spanish** (359 participants)  
**English** (67 participants)

# Module 2 – *On Track* / Module 4 – *Experimenting*

**M2**

## FINANCIAL ACCESS SURVEY (FAS)

### FAS REPORTING RECOVERED



**Financial Access COVID-19 Policy Tracker**  
4,000+ downloads as of end-FY21

### NEXT WORK PLAN

- **More workshops/webinars** to further improve data reporting;
- **Improved validation tools** for continuous FAS data quality improvement.

**M4**

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (SIM)

Enhancing statistics information management is a more **medium-term** reform objective.



**DEMAND FOR CD REMAINED LOW DURING THE PANDEMIC**



This small module will continue to advance innovative ways to integrate technological advances into statistics compilation and dissemination, with a focus on **SDMX**, in line with recommendations in the 10th Review of the Data Standards Initiatives.



# Transforming Challenges Into Opportunities



## Source data challenges

in real and external statistics  
as surveys have become  
increasingly expensive and  
unreliable with data collection  
constrained by the pandemic.



**STRENGTHENING ADMINISTRATIVE DATA USE**



**EXPLORATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR INNOVATION IN THE USE OF BIG DATA**



**COORDINATION WITH OTHER PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE WORLD BANK**

Work related to government finance and public debt statistics was confronted with **very high turnover** of staff in ministries as crisis management work was prioritized over statistics functions.

DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE  
**ONLINE CURRICULUM** AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF **BLENDED LEARNING** POST-PANDEMIC

# The New Work Plan – A Summary



The new work plan entails broad continuity with the old work plan, assuming that the pandemic eases and demand for CD recovers:

- Recovery of absorptive capacity in recipient countries;
- Gradual travel resumption will ease remote CD fatigue;
- Continuation of temporary expansion of eligibility to D4D.

**Fiscal and debt reporting** CD activity will remain a priority.

**External Sector Statistics** CD activity will stabilize while **Real Sector Statistics, FAS** and **SIM** number of CD activity will increase.

Mission count comparison			Previous Work Plan	New Work Plan
M1	Module 1	RPPI	13	20
		HFI	31	31
		NAS	33	35
		ESS	57	49
		PSDS/GFS	56	59
M2	Module 2	FAS	3	5
M4	Module 4	SIM	3	6
TOTAL			196	205

THE PROPOSED **MAY 2022 - OCTOBER 2023 WORK PLAN** IS BUDGETED AT **\$12.4** MILLION



# Delivery Plans – *May 2022 – October 2023*



## M1

### NAS

- As medium-term oriented, progress had slowed during the pandemic; expected to advance **faster post-pandemic**;
- Source data will continue to be a focus in this work plan cycle **to accelerate national accounts re-basing**;
- Rising interest in **CD on prices**.

### HFI

- To enable policy-makers to **quickly respond to crisis**, link to **nowcasting** is being advertised especially in Africa;
- War in Europe and subsequent **sharp rise in inflation and recession concerns** make HFIs more relevant than ever.

### RPPI

- Pre-pandemic level of demand expected, as real estate is households' biggest asset, thus **critical for financial stability analysis**;
- With global interest rates rising, a highly relevant indicator to **monitor risks to the financial sector**.

### ESS

- Crucial to assess current and prospective developments in exchange rates and **countries' vulnerability to external (including Term of Trade) shocks**;
- CD activity is expected to continue at a strong pace, with a **special focus on reserve assets and remittances**.

# Delivery Plans – *May 2022 – October 2023*



M1

**GFS  
PSDS**

- Diagnostic workshops shaped technical assistance roadmap. However **pandemic disrupted CD delivery**;
- **Remains a priority post-pandemic** as authorities are struggling with limited fiscal space at times of political pressure to ease rising poverty through fiscal policy interventions;
- **Training** to address the loss of skilled staff and addressing **data dissemination challenge** will be the focus in this work plan cycle.

M2

**FAS**

- Risk of **rising inequality post-pandemic** due to lasting effects of economic crisis fueled by the war in Europe;
- FAS work instrumental to meet **pressing economic policy challenge for financial inclusion** including by continued outreach.

M4

**SIM**

- A more **medium-term reform objective** in many institutions, demand for CD under this module was low during the pandemic;
- Focus on **SDMX** will allow smoother and coherent official data dissemination, with positive spillover effects on source data needs in other work streams or for surveillance and/or lending purposes.

# Online Learning – *Delivering on Promises*



## ONLINE COURSE CURRICULUM

**4** new courses will be launched

High-Frequency Indicators *(in Summer 2022)*  
External Debt Statistics  
Financial Soundness Indicators  
Institutional Sector Accounts

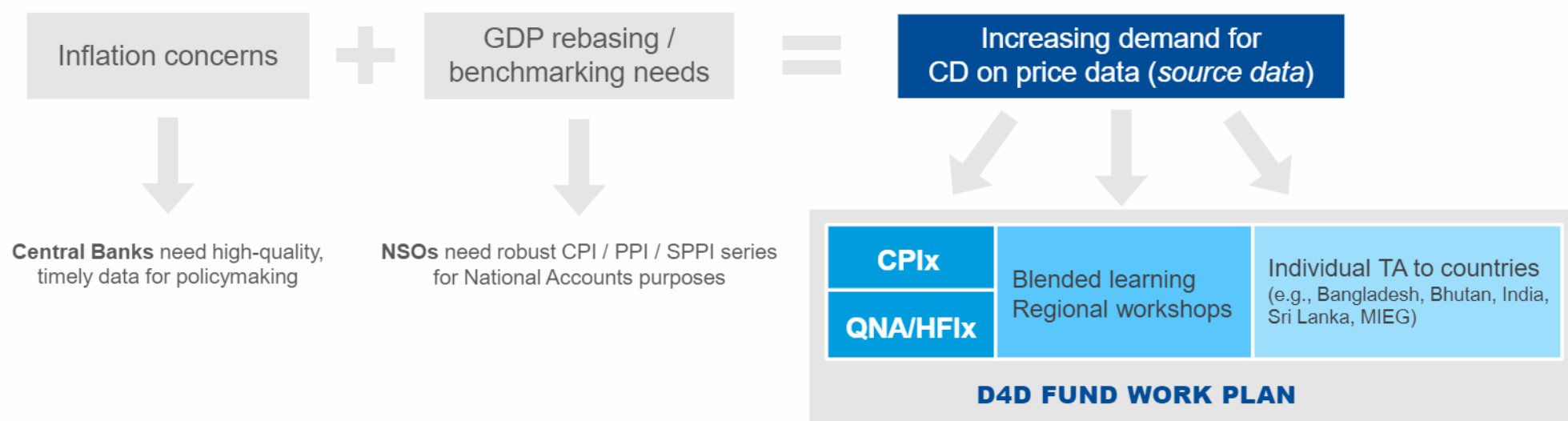
**3** final courses will start development phase

Monetary and Financial Statistics  
Producer Price Indices  
Residential Property Price Indices

**4** additional courses will be translated into **French and Spanish**

National Accounts  
Consumer Price Indices  
High-Frequency Indicators  
External Debt Statistics

# Price Data and Statistics – Addressing Rising Demand



## TO COMPLEMENT, PENDING STEERING COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT:

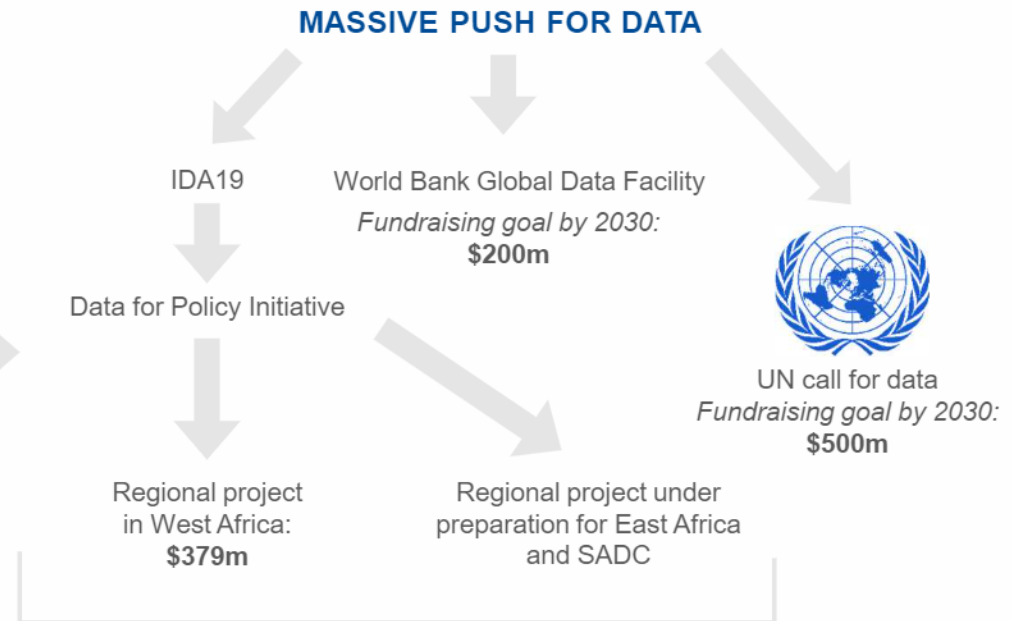
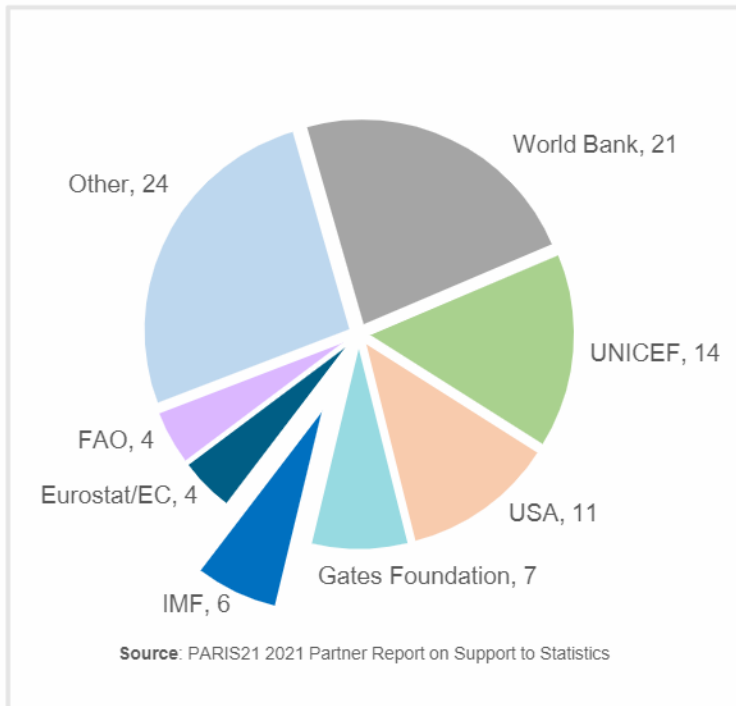
**PPix**

In high demand as useful to **monitor inflation** from the perspective of a country's producing establishments.

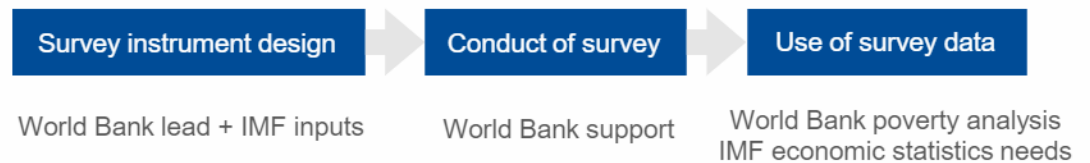
**RPPIx**

Critical for financial stability analysis as it helps authorities **monitor economic risks and vulnerabilities** from property prices and their impact on financial sector stability.

# Donor Coordination – Maximizing Synergies



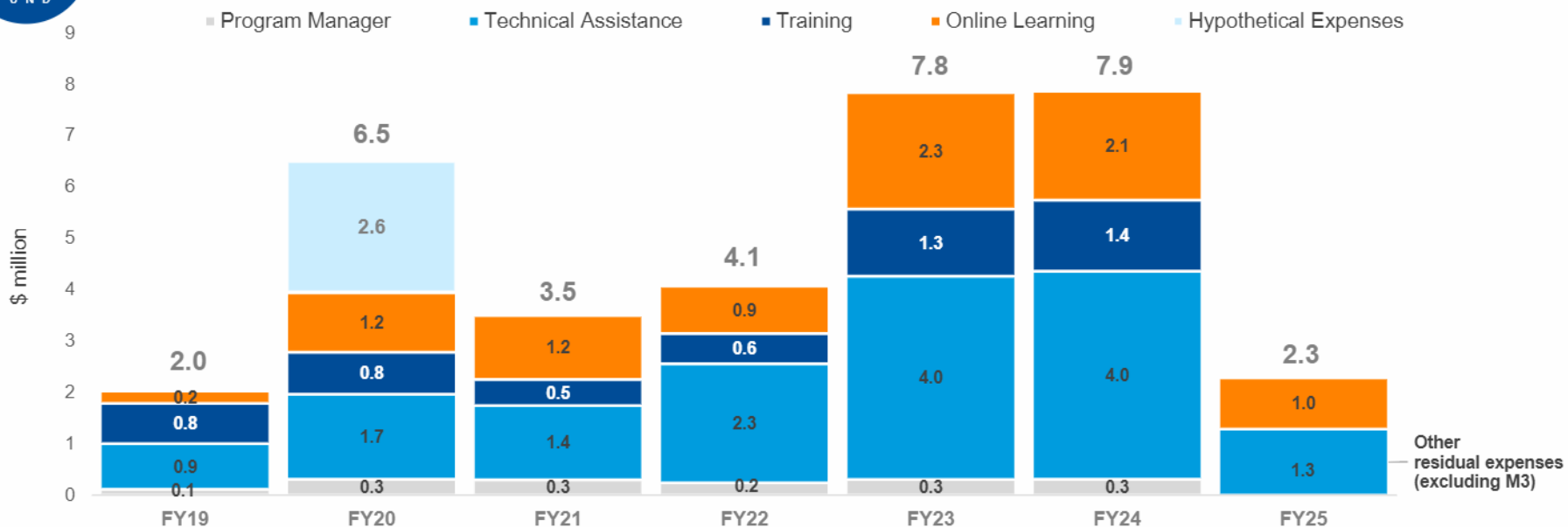
## INTERTWINING CD FOR GREATER RESULTS



# Proposed Two-Year Budget-Neutral Phase I Extension



**EXPENDITURE FORECAST\* FOR PHASE I, BY CATEGORIES (in \$ million)**



\*Assumes the in-person delivery of CD is 75% in FY23 and 80% in FY24

**Assumes:**

- Gradual absorption of bilateral projects
- Gradual travel resumption
- Addition of two online courses: PPIx and RPPIx
- Temporary expansion of D4D-eligible countries list

# Issues for Endorsement



1 BUDGET-NEUTRAL TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF PHASE I

2 AUGMENT THE ONLINE LEARNING CURRICULUM BY 2 COURSES  
PPIx and RPPIx

3 EXTEND TO FY23 THE TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY

**5/6** of Extended List of Beneficiary Countries received CD in FY22 (*Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Guatemala, Jordan*)

List of LLMICs expected to **grow** with full pandemic impact

New LLMIC list in **July 2022**

New extended list will be proposed in **next quarterly report** in October (*using same methodology*)

4 MAINTAIN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CHANGES TO THE WORK PLAN AT **5 BUSINESS DAYS ON A LAPSE-OF-TIME BASIS**

- Grants **flexibility to respond** to urgent operational CD requests;
- Temporary adjustment to be reassessed at next SC meeting in **June 2023**.



# Issues for Endorsement



No.	Description	Budget Implication	Reference
1.	Module 1, Sub Module Real Sector Statistics	\$5.15 million	Tables 4, 5, 6, & 7
2.	Module 1, Sub Module External Sector Statistics	\$3.61 million	Tables 4 & 8
3.	Module 1, Sub Module Fiscal and Debt Reporting	\$4.45 million	Tables 4 & 9
4.	Module 1, Ad Hoc Advisory Services	\$0.25 million	Table 4 & Section II
5.	Module 2: Financial Access Survey	\$2.70 million	Tables 4 & 10
6.	Module 3: Online Learning	\$7.13 million	Table 4 & Section IV-C
7.	Module 4: Statistical Information Management	\$0.33 million	Tables 4 & 11
8.	Program Manager	\$1.35 million	Table 4
9.	Lapse-of-Time Approval of Changes to Work Plan	-	Section V
10.	Country Eligibility Criteria	-	Section V
11.	Extension of Phase I	-	Section III
12.	Augmentation of Module 3: Online Learning Curriculum	-	Section III & IV-C





*Thank you*

