



World Health  
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# IMPACT REPORT

**2022–2023 Biennium**

EXTERNAL RELATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS  
AND GOVERNING BODIES



# Partnering for Impact

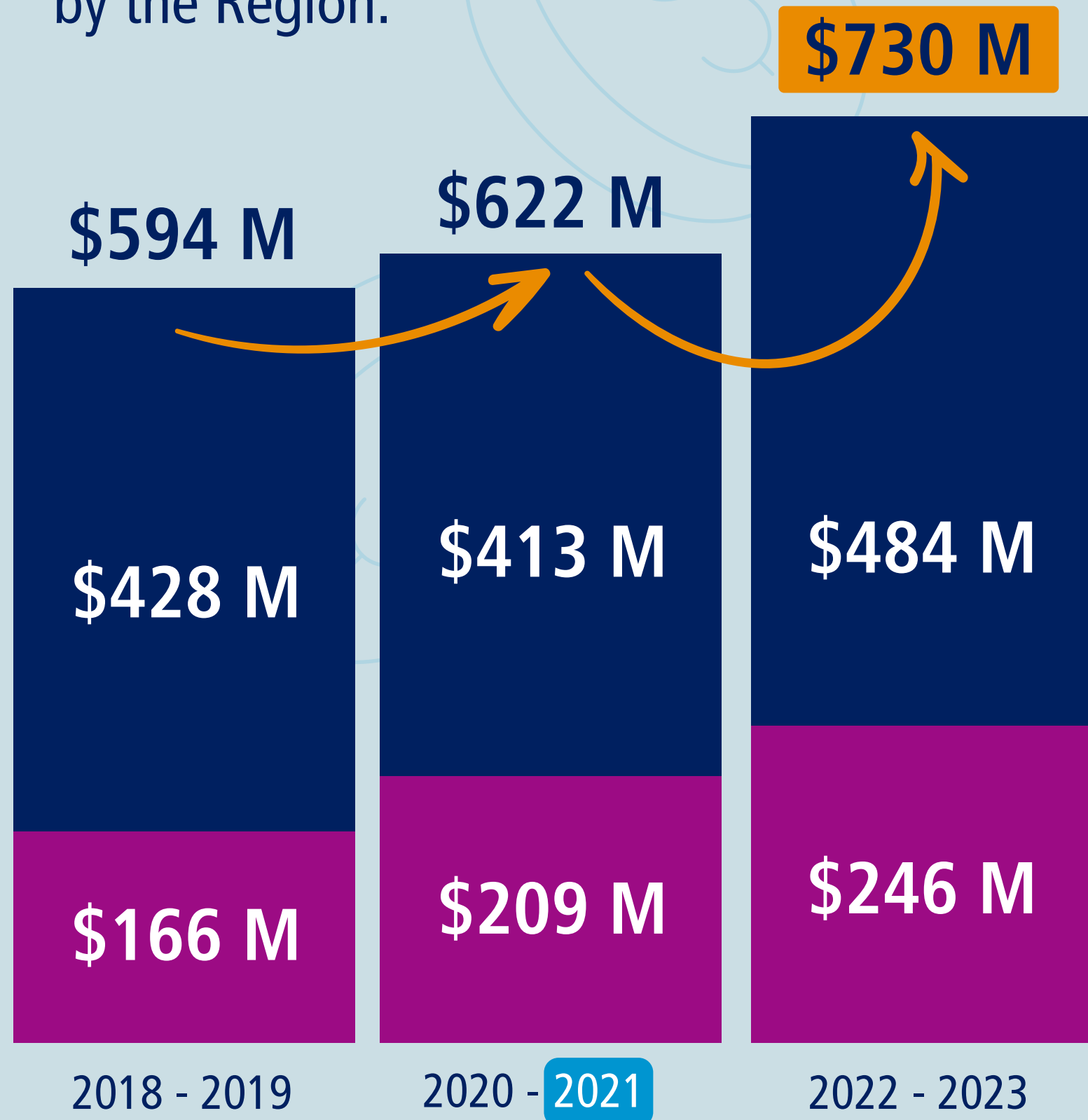
Since the implementation of the WHO Transformation Agenda, the External Relations, Partnerships and Governing Bodies (EPG) Unit has proven a crucial role towards successfully operationalizing WHO's mandate through the 13<sup>th</sup> General Programme of Work. The expectations of donors and partners have been realized and efforts to diversify strategic partnerships and enhance partner engagement have been amplified through:

- **Reinforcing AFRO country offices** with high-caliber international External Relations Officers (EROs) in majority of WHO/AFRO Member States.
- **Showcasing greater Return on Investment** whilst applying Value for Money and diversifying the partner base.
- **Demonstrating greater accountability** through quality and timely reporting.
- **Increasing participation** in UN joint programmes and Pooled Funds.
- **Strengthening relations** with the private sector and non-state actors.



# Resource Mobilization

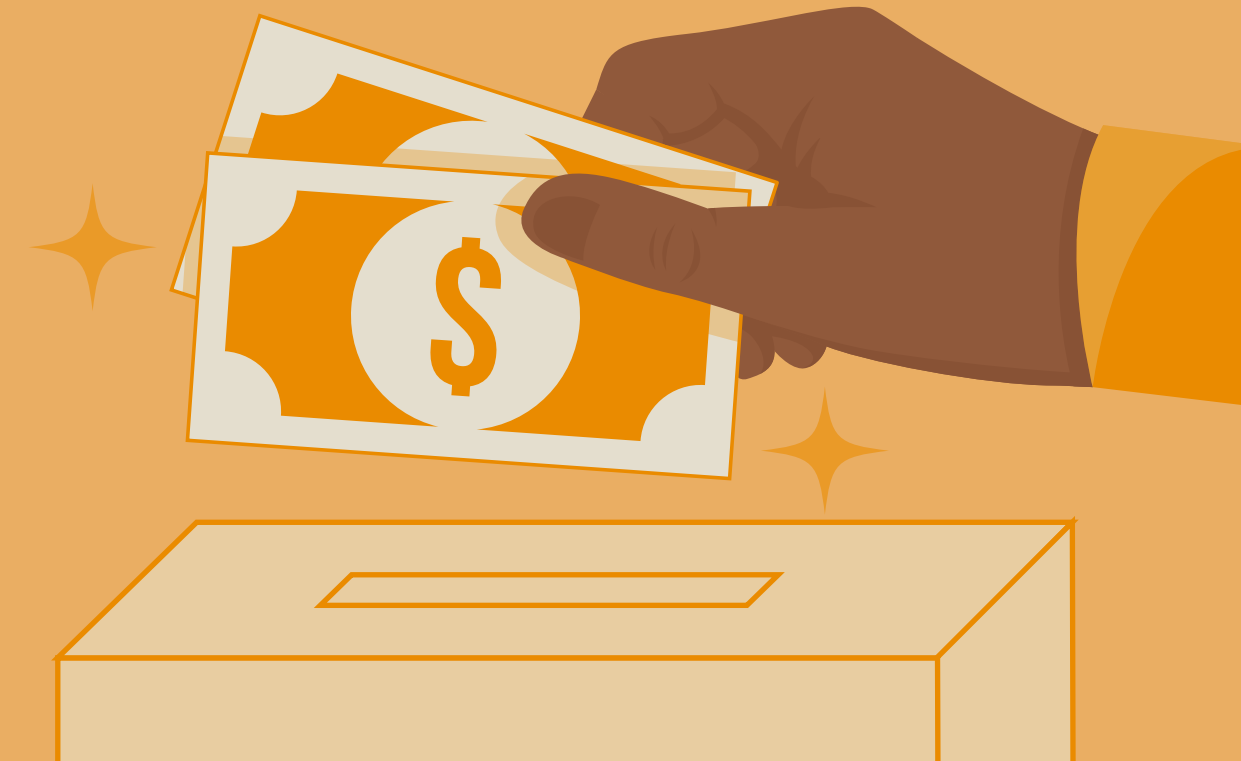
Contributions mobilized directly by the Region:



- Africa Regional Office (AFRO)
- Country Offices
- Total
- 1<sup>st</sup> cohort of ERO deployed in 2021 increased the funding in 2022-23

2022-2023 Biennium was record-breaking. Funding mobilized increased by

**18%** compared to 2020-2021

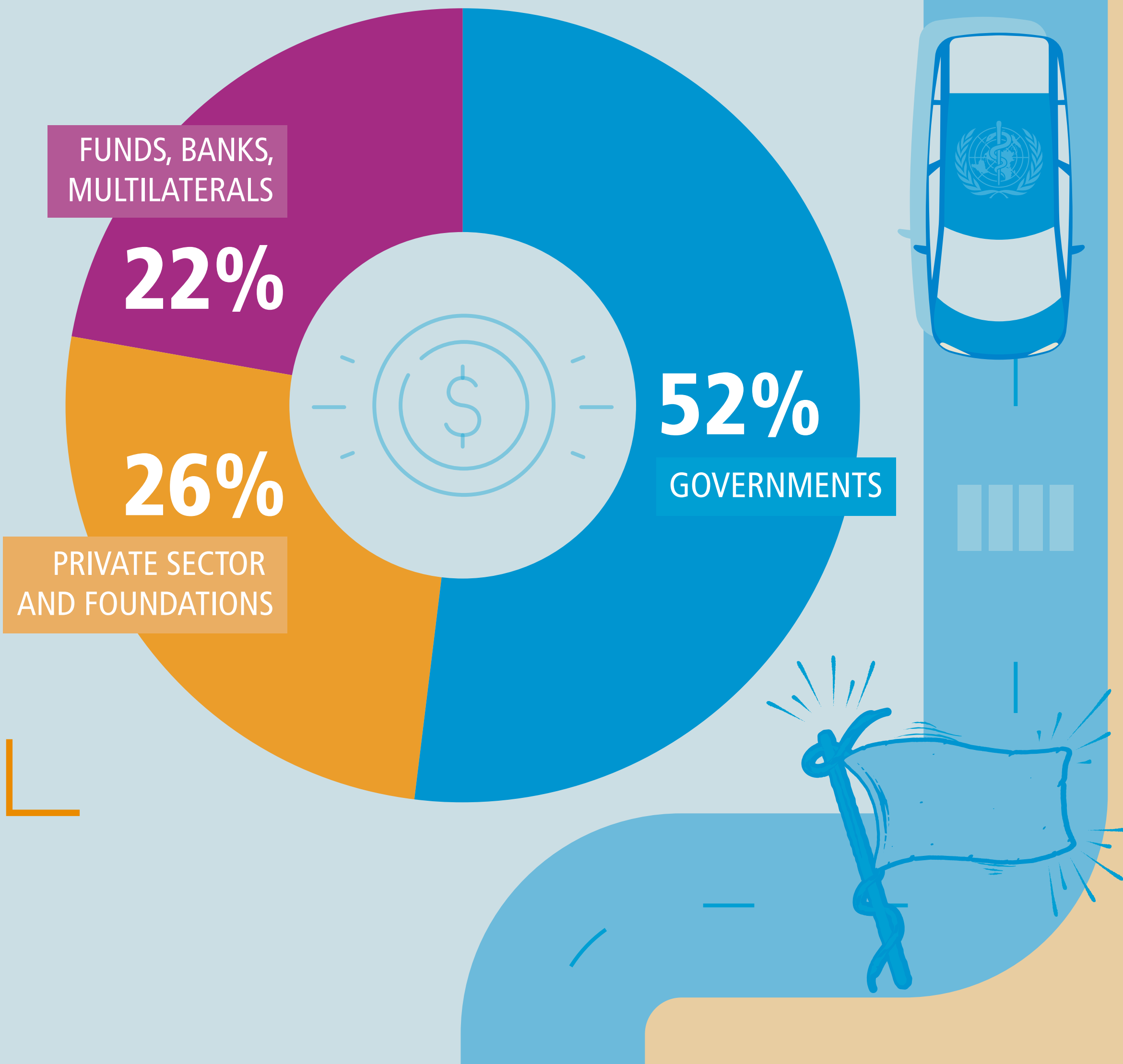


Increased efforts by the Region!

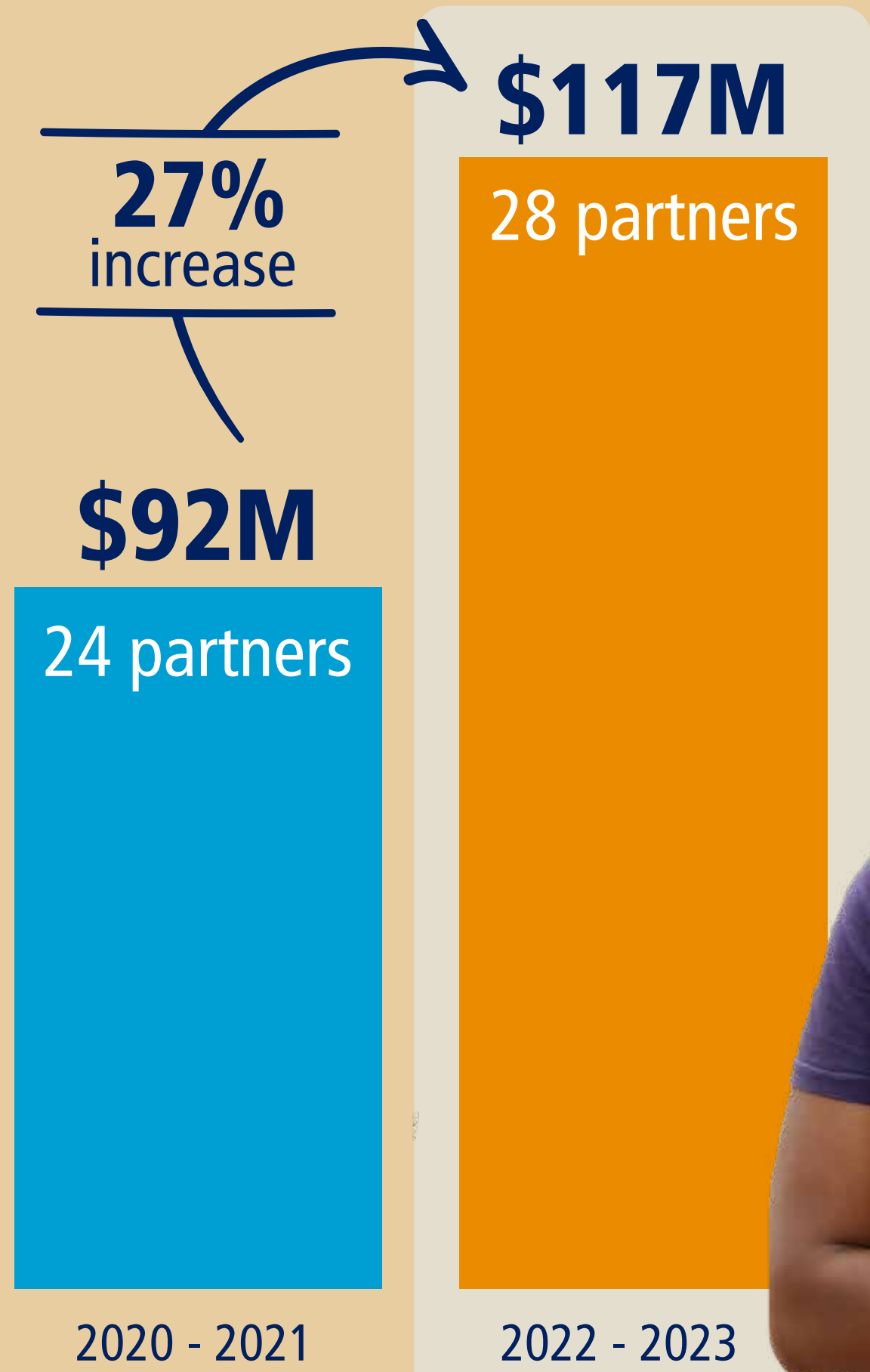
**539** OF FUNDING PROPOSALS developed & submitted

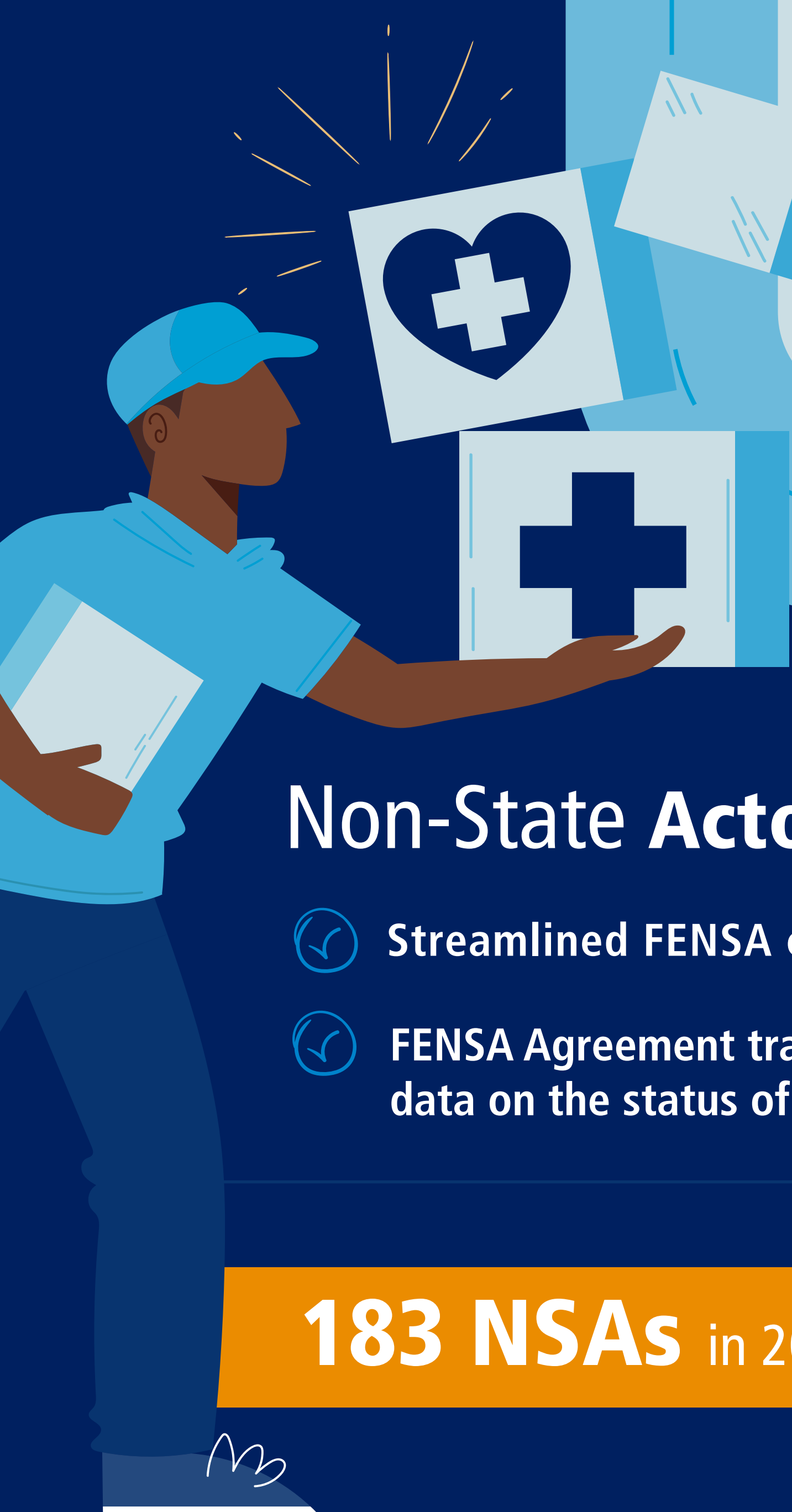
**176** UN-TO-UN PARTNERSHIPS & UN Joint Programmes signed

# Contributor Portfolio:



# Increased funding from **Private sector** and **Foundations**





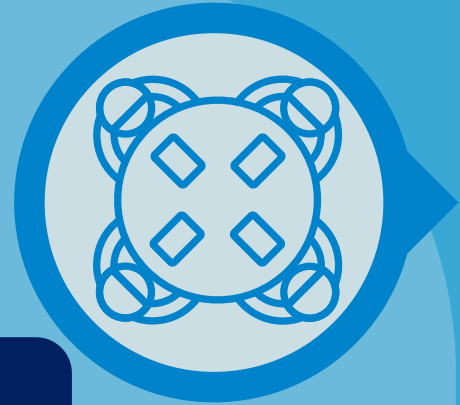
# Sustained Dialogues with Partners



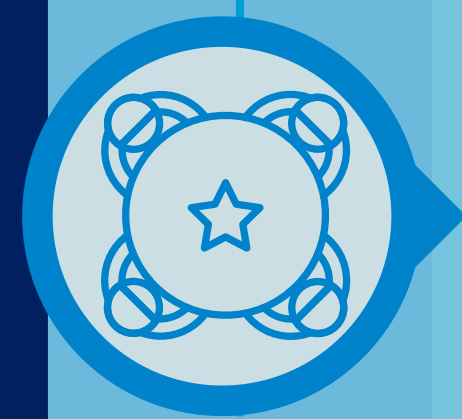
## Non-State Actors Engagement

- Streamlined FENSA clearance process
- FENSA Agreement tracking system with data on the status of reviews

**183 NSAs** in 2022-2023 **6% INCREASE**



**977 BILATERAL MEETINGS** held with partners at country and regional levels.



**61 HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS** during RD's Roadshow, World Health Assembly, Regional Committee, and UN General Assembly.



**404 PARTNERS BRIEFINGS** coordinated at country level.

# Partnerships

In comparison with 2020-2021 Biennium,  
The Region succeeded in engaging with  
**39 NEW PARTNERS**

Some outstanding partnerships:

## ICONS: Microscope, Pills, Bandage

### PANDEMIC FUND:

Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Ethiopia, Togo and Zambia selected as Lead implementing entity.

### ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION:

The Foundation provides support for the **Africa Misinformation Portal**.

### HEMSLEY CHARITABLE TRUST FOUNDATION:

Supports implementation of **PEN-Plus Regional Strategy** to address severe NCDs in Africa.

### EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK:

Supports resilient health system in Ethiopia, Rwanda and Angola.

### MTN FOUNDATION:

Contributes to building a Community Clinic in North-west region of Cameroon to **provide free basic medical care**.

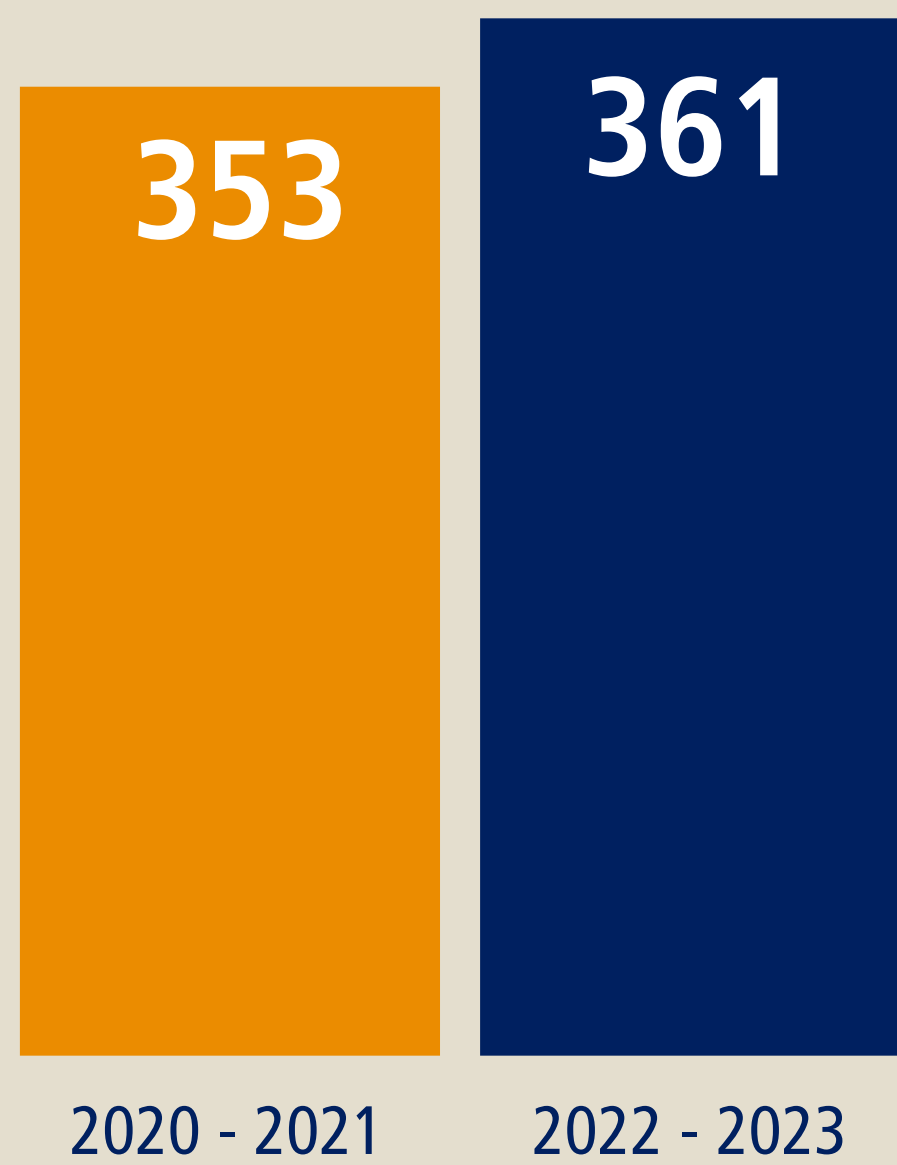
### HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (HSPH):

Supports policy lab on **Primary Health Care (PHC)**.



# Compliance and quality assurance

Donor Agreements Cleared:



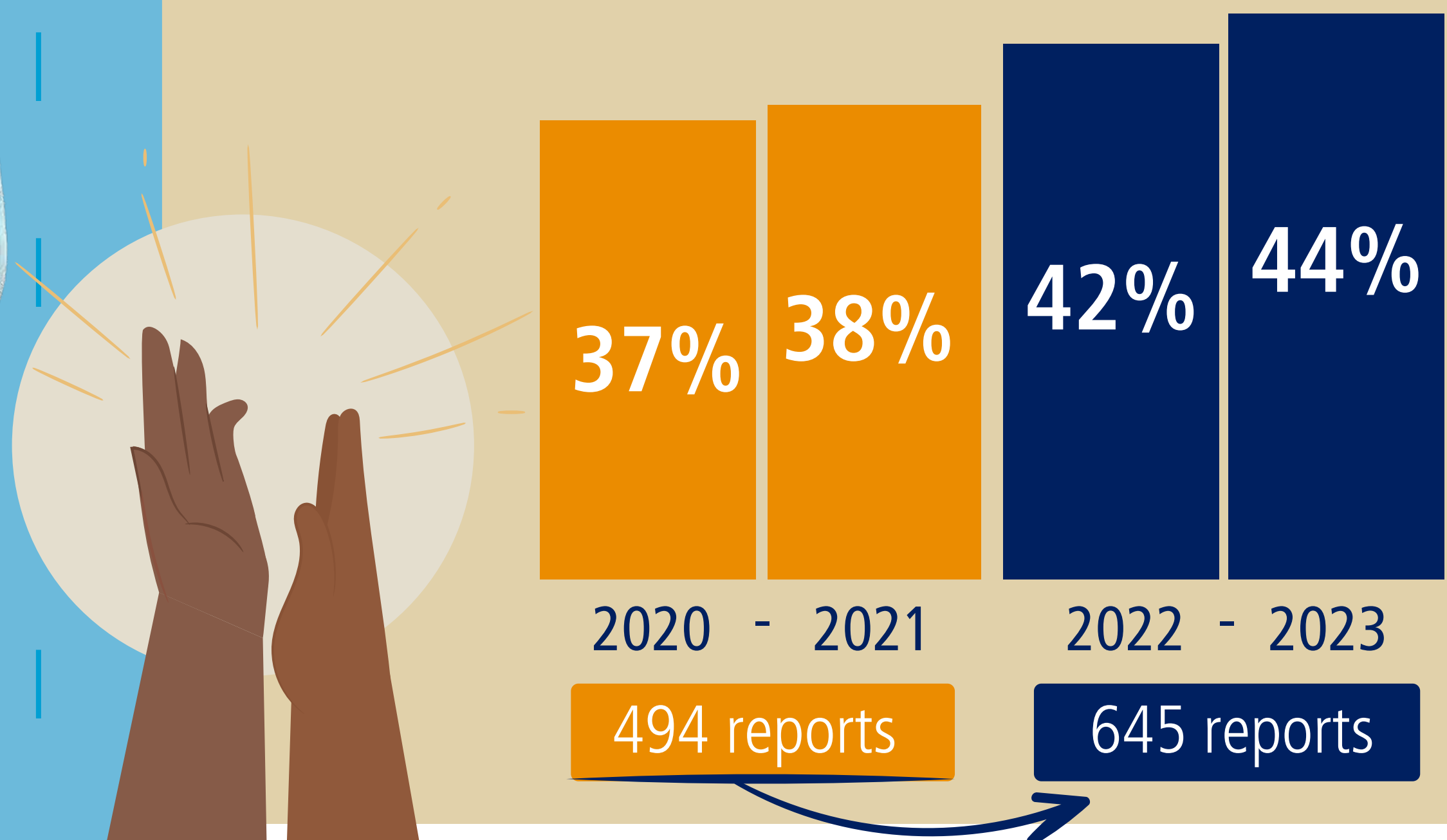
# Quality reporting



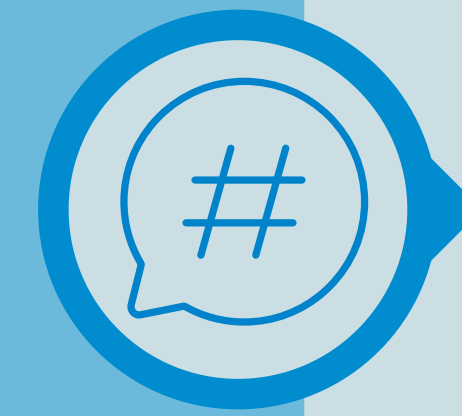
Increasing number of quality reports submitted



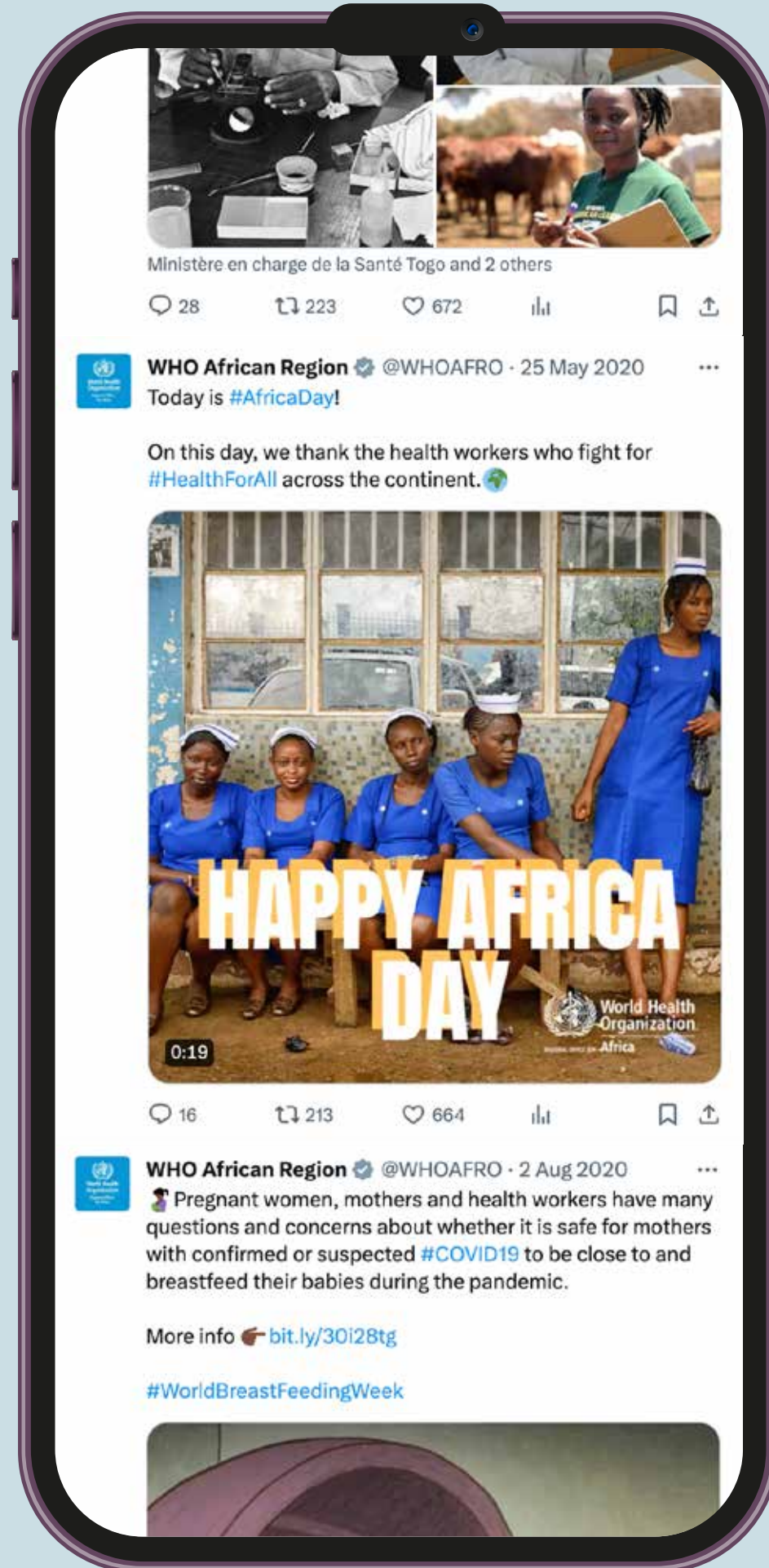
Improving reports submitted **on time**



# Partner Recognition and Visibility



**2,909** SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS recognizing partners



**246** PARTNER FIELD VISITS organized at country level



**727** PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES recognizing partners







# Developing Capacities



**69** CAPACITY BUILDING SESSIONS

- Resource Mobilization
- Reporting
- Contributor Engagement Management (CEM)
- FENSA
- Contributor-specific Trainings
- Partner Recognition



**2022**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort of ERO deployment



**2021**  
1<sup>st</sup> Cohort of ERO deployment



**2018**  
Functional review for *fit-for-purpose* Country Offices



**2015**  
Transformation Agenda



**2023**  
1<sup>st</sup> ERO Impact Lab Workshop



**2023**  
4 in-country missions in DRC, Comoros, Ethiopia and Nigeria

# External Relations Network



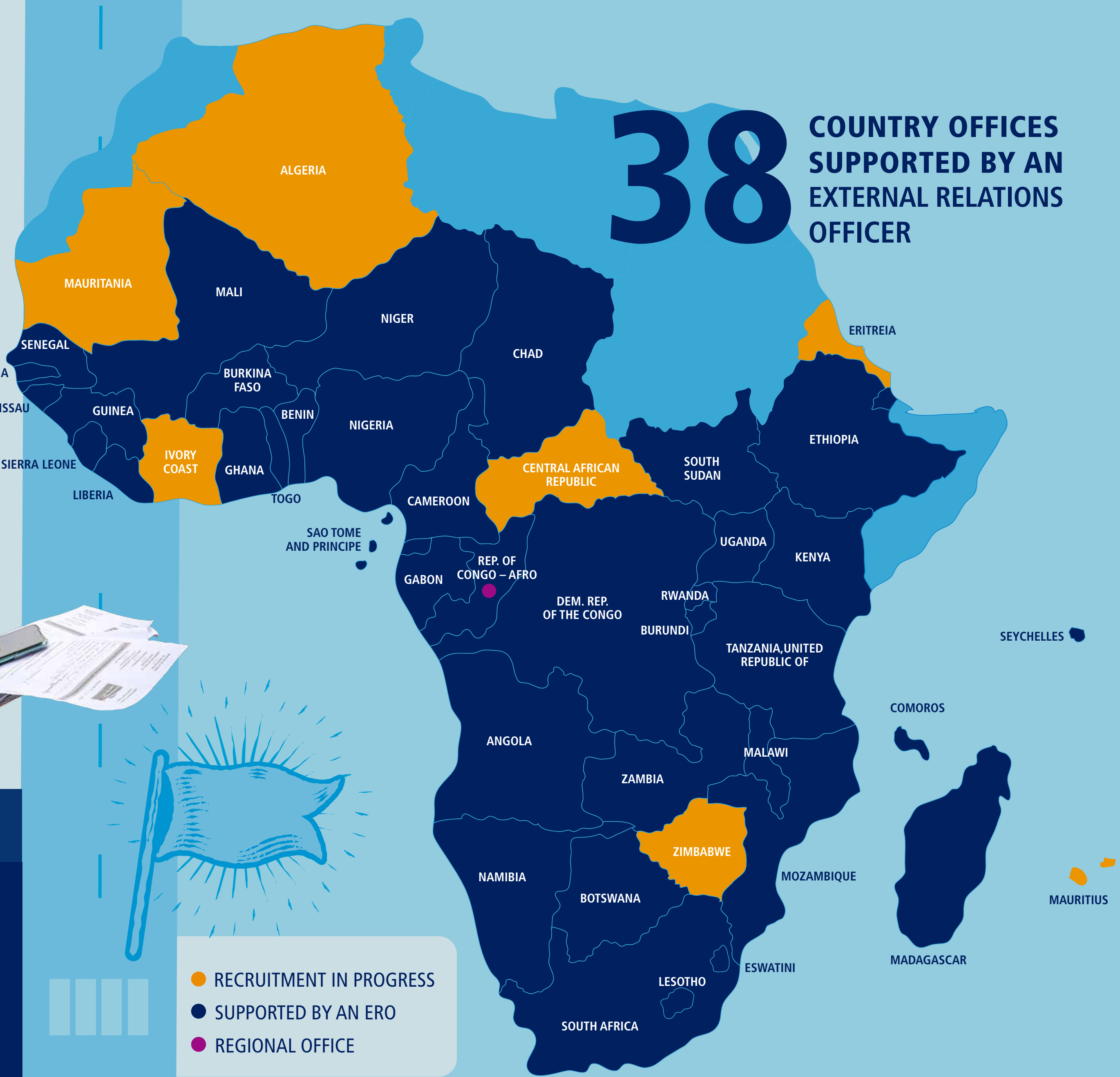
5 TO 3 RATIO



29 WOMEN (62%)



18 MEN (38%)



# Governing Bodies

OVER **20** BRIEFINGS PREPARED

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA



2022 FIRST EVER HYBRID SESSION (RC72)

OVER **500** PARTICIPANTS



for Member States active engagement at **both global and regional Governing Body meetings.**

2023 (RC73)



RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE!



**1,043** PARTICIPANTS

All documents posted on the website on time.

**Accreditation of NSAs**  
Starting with **5 accreditations in 2022**, the number expanded to **8 in 2023.**

CELEBRATED WHO 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



# Harmonization for Health in Africa

Bringing partners together around common health agendas

## CONVENED POLICY DIALOGUES ON:

**2022** HEALTH WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND PROTECTION IN AFRICA

**DIGITAL HEALTH**  
REINFORCING CAPACITIES  
in **15 COUNTRIES**

**2023** PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC) FINANCING IN AFRICA



## PARTNERS COORDINATION MECHANISM



1<sup>st</sup>

### SURVEY

Analyzed countries needs on **partner coordination**.



2<sup>nd</sup>

### SCORECARD

Scored **39 countries** by Country Coordination Status.



3<sup>rd</sup>

### ROADMAP

- ➔ **Actions to strengthen partner coordination** and alignment to national priorities.
- ➔ To harmonize **for better health outcomes in countries**.



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