

# ESG Roundtable Beyond planet: Investing in people

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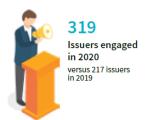
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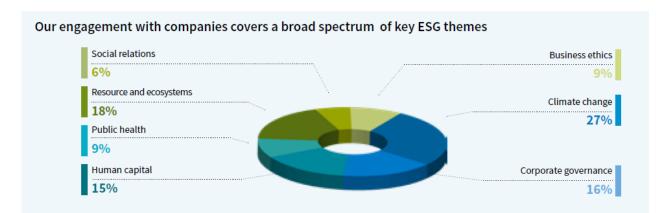
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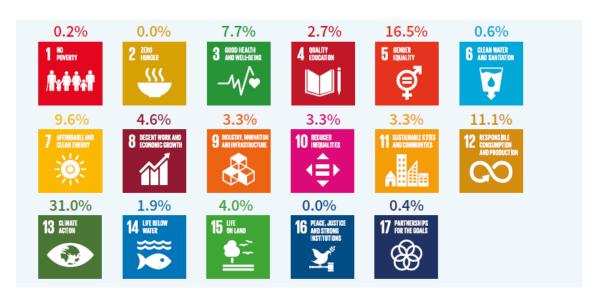
## Engagement - 2020

## Our engagement activity in a snapshot









More than 80% of our engagements in 2020 were linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGS).



# Voting statistics - 2020

## Notable voting activity increase vs 2019



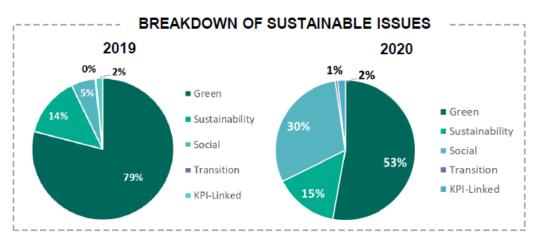




## Social impact across all asset classes (1/2)

## Social bonds – clear and defined social objective

Social bond issuances have boomed in 2020 both in volume and % of total sustainable supply

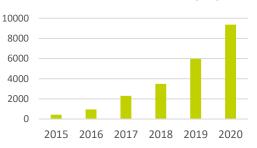


Source: BNP Paribas, Bloomberg

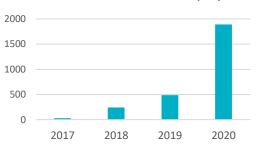
- 2020 Social Bonds issuance: \$140bn
- 2020 Sustainability Bonds issuance: \$65bn
- Forecasts for 2021:
  - \$310 \$360bn of green bonds
  - \$180 \$240bn of social bonds
  - \$60 \$100bn of sustainability bonds

#### **AXA IM investments**

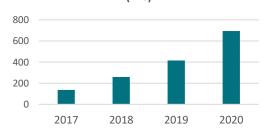




#### Investments in Social Bonds (m€)



# Investments in Sustainability Bonds (m€)





## Social impact across all asset classes (2/2)

#### Human capital research – help integrate impact considerations within investments









#### Our research

- Spots the most important social trends to watch
- Consistently approaches social issues from a financial and impact perspective through an innovative lens
- Provides engagement recommendation to positively influence corporate behaviors

Our focus for 2021







## Social cannot be overlooked anymore

Social awareness is a rising topic leading to huge changes in the society, with the ultimate objective of reducing the social cost through improved access and living conditions



## Medical progress

is drastically accelerating thanks to public health and safety topics being raised at the top of organization's agendas, with an increased importance around hygiene and prevention.

In **Q4 2020 alone**, in private markets, **\$14.7bn** were invested globally in Biotechnology, Medical Devices & Equipment and other healthcare-related industries<sup>1</sup>.



## Technology democratization

is bringing fast-pace change, transforming the way underserved parts of the population can access essential services. Entrepreneurs are flourishing thanks to enhanced tools, as well as the much lower barriers to global market entry.



## The rise of developing nations

is becoming clearer by the day, with huge swathe of the world population elevating their needs and aspirations. From 2009 to 2030, the World's middle-class growth is expected to be **84%** in Asia, 60% in Middle East/Africa and 42% in Latin America<sup>2</sup>.







Sources: 1. Healthcare MoneyTree Report Q4 2020, PwC, CB Insights, 4 January 2021. 2. AXA IM/OECD as at December 2018. 3. Why social progress is critical to thriving societies and businesses, IPSOS, 2020. For illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. No guarantee or representation is made that investment objectives stated will be achieved Each specific client or investor's experience may vary.



## Global challenges need Impact capital

The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

poverty line 793 million people are We have identified 10 key SDGs which undernourished globally 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 1 NO POVERTY directly or indirectly address people's **İ**z**İ**İ needs 15 LIFE ON LAND developed countries 14 LIFE BELOW WATER 4 QUALITY EDUCATION **SUSTAINABLE** 13 CLIMATE ACTION DEVELOPMENT ø 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION Ţ 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH Natural resource inputs are doubling due to material consumption

1 doctor and 2 nurses per 1,000 people in least

> Only 4 in 10 children participate in pre-primary and primary education in least developed countries

880 million urban residents live in slum conditions

767 million people live below the international

Source: The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2018.



## 3 key sub-themes aligned with primary UN SDGs

Social Progress strategy

## Access

#### **Affordable Housing**

#### **Essential Infrastructure**

**Financial & Digital inclusion** 

Improving access and providing services to increase inclusion will help create economic moats in large addressable markets

Tag Immobilien - Bank Rakyat - Helios Towers

Direct SDGs targeted across the portfolio

Indirect SDGs targeted across the portfolio

## **Protect**

Healthcare solutions

Safety

Getting the right protection will allow people to focus on other material aspects of their lives

Eurofins - Rentokill - Everbridge

## **Progress**

#### **Education**

#### **Entrepreneurship**

#### Wellbeing

People want to aspire to improving their conditions, and to thrive in their lives

Bright Horizons - IDP Education - Pagseguro





















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## **Equity Impact framework**

#### AXA IM's five pillars to impact investing

Five key pillars to characterize impact investing and differentiate it from other approaches to responsible investing



#### Intentionality

Investments should be made with an upfront objective of positive social or environmental outcomes. Companies can also demonstrate an intentional, strategic commitment to positive impact



#### **Materiality**

Invest in companies where the positive outcomes are of material significance to the beneficiaries, the company, or to both.



#### **Additionality**

The extent to which a company is making its 'needed' products and services more accessible or commercially viable, for example through innovative new solutions or lower pricing.



#### Negative Externalities

Company's corporate practices, or products and services, may significantly undermine the positive impact it is generating elsewhere.



#### Measurability

There needs to be a clear methodology and commitment to measuring and reporting the social and environmental performance of investments.

Scoring pillars from 1 to 5 (1 being the best score) to reach an overall score and qualify for an impact category

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## Stock examples

#### PT Bank Rakyat Indonesia – Impact Leader



Provides banking services to micro, SME, consumer and corporate customers with a focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

#### Intentionality

- Offers a sustainable model for financialization in Indonesia. BRI has a strong focus on financial inclusion, serving 10.6m micro borrowers.
- The company targets growth in underserved segments, aiming to increase MSME loans to 80% of loan book and increase micro loans to 40% by 2022.

#### **Materiality**

 BRI provides financial services and contributes to SDGs 8, 9 and 1 through increasing access to financial services, offering loans to MSMEs. The Indonesian context (populous with large proportion underbanked) means this is a highly material issue

#### **Additionality**

- BRI's focus on growth in the micro segment demonstrates a focus on the underserved
- BRILink is a branchless banking channel aimed at increasing financial inclusion by working with customers so they can become agents, encouraging financial literacy in un-bankable communities

#### **Negative consideration**

- BRI finances environmentally harmful activities, including palm oil.
- However, 50% of palm oil financing was for RSPO certified sources, 30% to ISPO certified (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil Certification System) and 20% to suppliers in the process of gaining ISPO certification

#### Measurability

• The impact is measured through the proportion of micro-lending and the number of BRILink agents that help increase access to services for the underbanked

#### A BRILink agency



**SDG Alignment** 



#### **KPIs monitored**

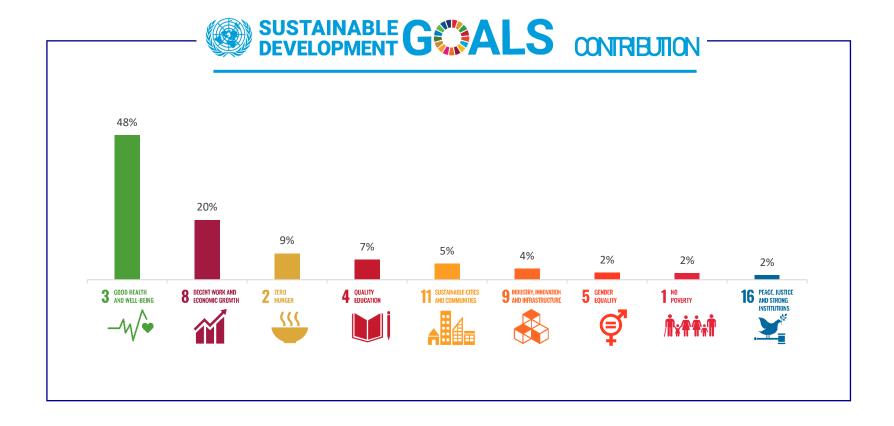
	2017	2018	2019
Micro Borrowers (in millions)	9.4	10.0	10.6
Number of BRILink Agents	279,750	401,550	422,160

Source: AXA IM, Bank Rakyat Indonesia Annual Report as of September 2020. Stock shown for illustrative purposes only and should not be considered as advice or a recommendation for an investment strategy.



## **AXA WF Framlington Social Progress**

## **Primary SDG Contributions**



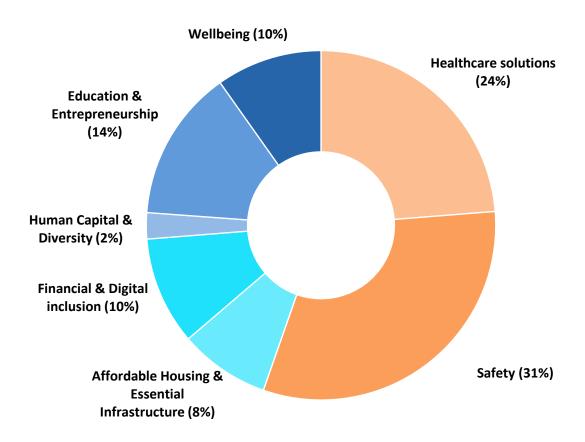
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#### Portfolio structure

#### Themes breakdown



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## Framlington Social Progress Strategy

## **Social Impact Report**

## **Stock** level impact examples

#### **Financial inclusion**

Provided access to micro loans for at least

10.6 million people in Indonesia

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Eq. to the entire population of Jakarta
In Indonesia

#### **Healthcare solutions**



#### People safety - Hygiene



#### **Education**



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