



Academic & institutional vision on present trends to support, improve and evaluate guarantee actors

Charlotte Beck, Task Team Leader, AFD
Pierrick Baraton, Investment officer, Proparco

4th International MENA Guarantee Forum, Beirut

#WorldInCommon

AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT | FRENCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

01. AFD GROUP OVERVIEW



2,500 staff



3,600 projects
supported



85 agencies
(including 13 regional office for
PROPARCO)



109 countries of operation

Commitments
(Bn EUR)
Including for
PROPARCO



0.8

2011



1.1

2015



1.3

2016



1.4

2017

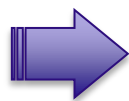
X 1,5

X 1,75

02. AFD GROUP'S STRATEGY

BUILDING A WORLD IN COMMON

AFD Group
will assist 6
transitions



Demographic and social

AFD Group will finance basic social services, such as education and healthcare, while bolstering social cohesion.

Energy

AFD Group will work to ensure universal access to reliable, sustainable, affordable, and decarbonized energy to keep global warming 1.5° to 2° Celsius below pre-industrial levels.

Territorial and ecological

AFD Group will promote sustainable development of urban and rural territories, addressing ecological and social challenges.

Digital and technological

AFD Group will leverage digital technologies, knowledge transfers, and joint innovations to accelerate development pathways towards attaining the SDGs.

Political and civic

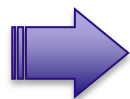
AFD Group will help reinvent governance models to increase inclusiveness and citizen participation.

Economic and financial

AFD Group will promote diversified economic models and financial systems, orienting resources toward sustainable development.

1

And focus on
2 priorities



100% Paris Agreement

The Paris Agreement now stands at the heart of the AFD Group mandate. The Agency will draw on public and private resources to fund capital investments that protect the Earth from climate change and biodiversity loss: all project funding will finance resilient low-carbon development in keeping with the Paris Agreement.

2

100% social link

AFD Group will base its actions on their capacity to reinforce social cohesion within populations and between territories, reducing inequalities — particularly gender inequality — and increasing access to education.

02. AFD GROUP'S STRATEGY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

Transforming financial systems to transform development pathways

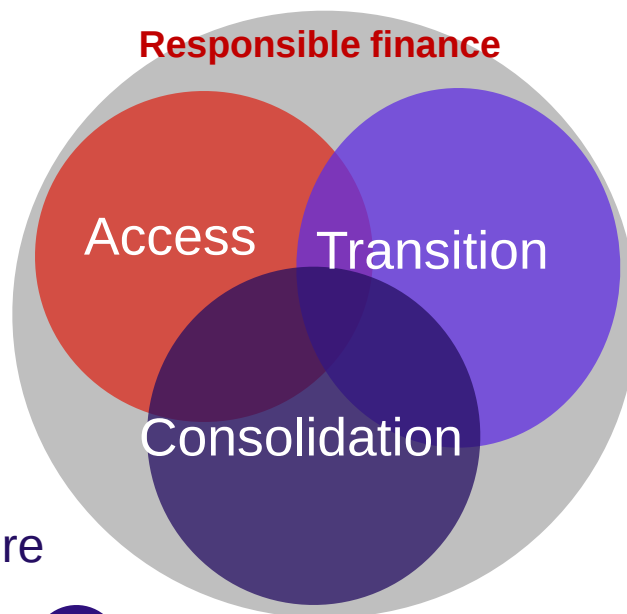
Access



Promote access to an adapted and diversified financial offer

Consolidation

Strengthen the architecture of the financial system to ensure its stability



Transition

Support transformation in financial actors' practices to promote a sustainable finance model

3 priority objectives

02.

7 operational objectives

Change financing practices by combining financial support and technical assistance (new markets, risk analysis, communication)

Build strategic partnerships with public development banks

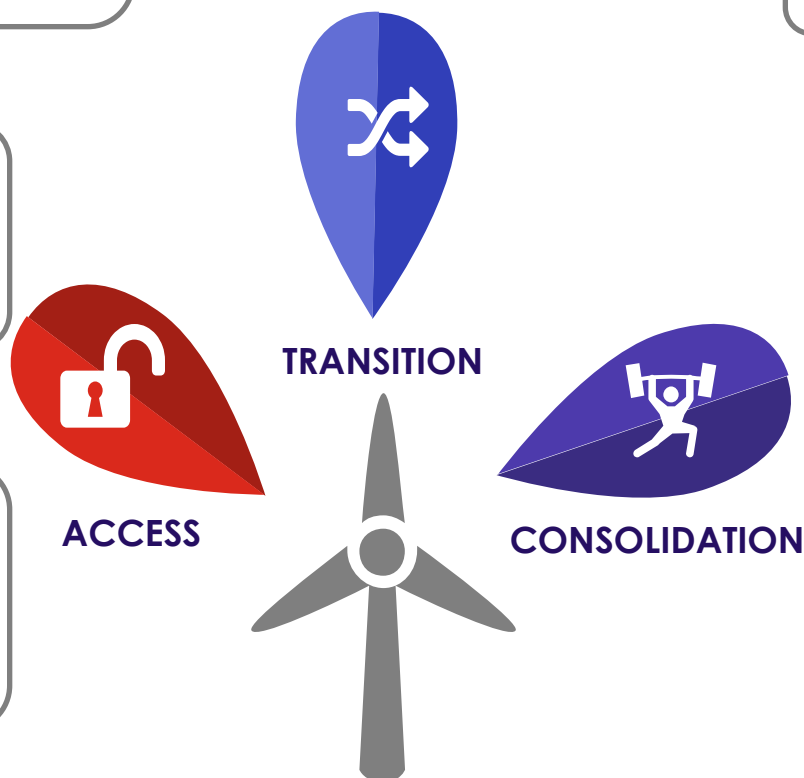
Provide financial actors with appropriate funding

Support MSMEs financing by diversifying the AFD Group's range of instruments

Strengthen regulation of financial systems

Serve populations excluded from financial systems (rural areas, women, young people)

Support innovative financing models (digital finance, thematic bonds, crowdfunding)

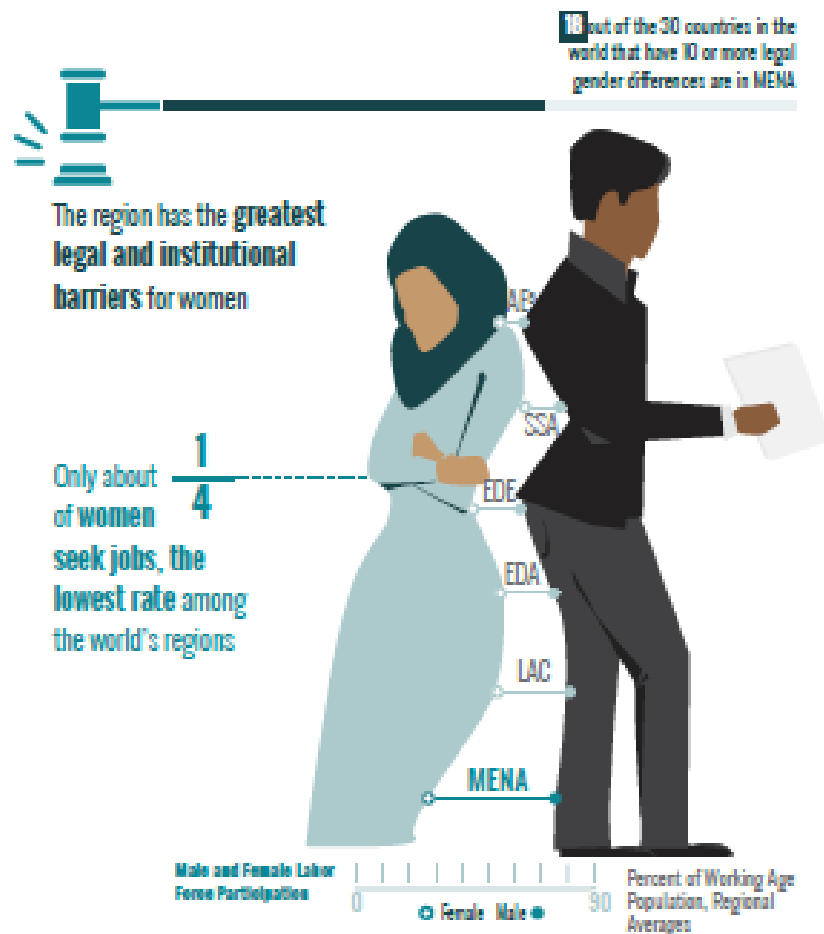
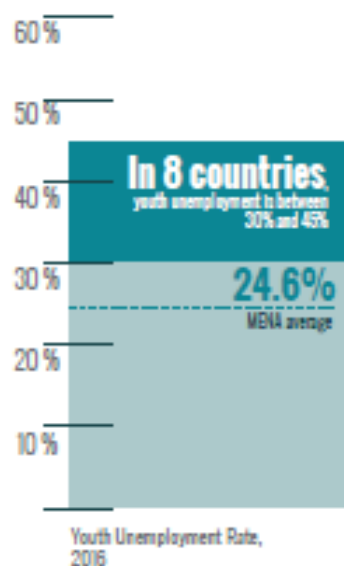


Our strategy in the MENA region

02. AFD GROUP'S STRATEGY REGIONAL SPECIFICITIES



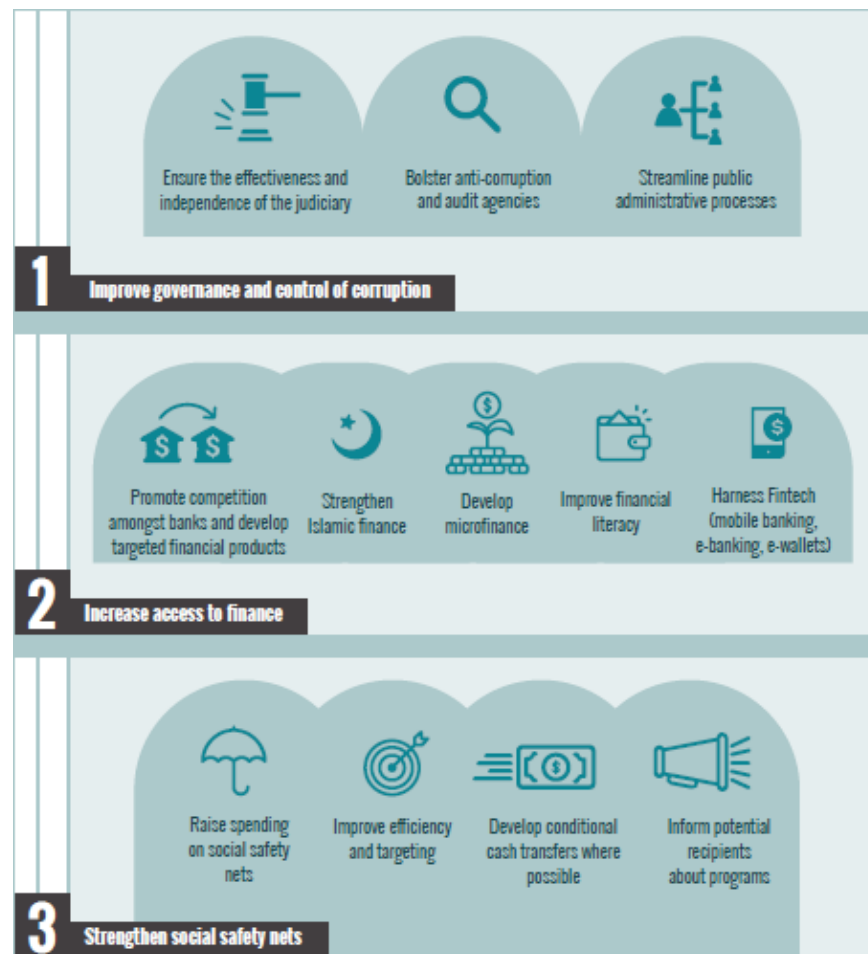
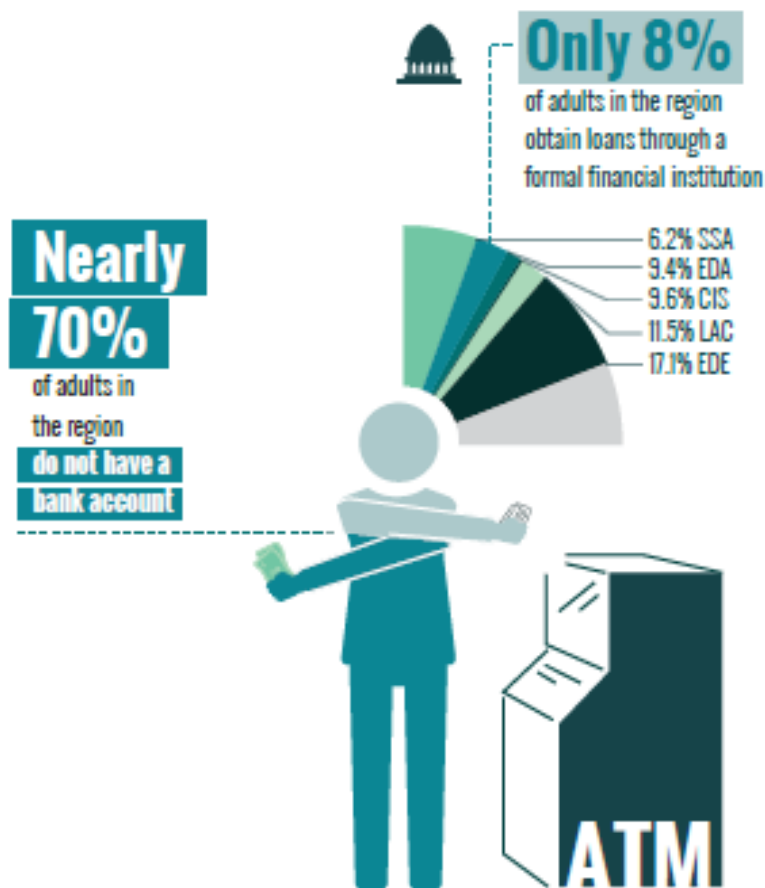
The youth unemployment rate is between **30%-45%** in eight regional countries which are home to **40 million** youth



Data compiled by Gallup, ILO, IMF, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and World Bank

02. AFD GROUP'S STRATEGY

REGIONAL CHALLENGES IN ACCESS TO FINANCE



02. AFD GROUP'S STRATEGY

REGIONAL FOCUS

Improve access to financial services for SMEs

Support the development of a modern and competitive private sector

Reduce regional inequalities

Promote formalization of the SME sector

Improve living conditions, respond to basic needs

Sound job creation and employability of young people

Increase access to credit in rural areas

Reinforce the public banking system

03. HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

EGYPT



SASME – RSM with the Egyptian CGC (10M\$ EU Delegated)

- An integrated EU backed approach to support agricultural SMEs : establishment of an **agricultural credit guarantee scheme** to facilitate access to finance for underserved borrowers in the agricultural sector
- **Cash reserve to be used as collateral** to extend guarantees to the benefit of eligible lenders (up to 80% of the loan for Fls ;100% for NGOs)
 - **531 projects** guaranteed
 - **396 MEGP/23M\$** outstanding guarantee portfolio
 - **650 MEGP/37M\$** outstanding credit
 - Current leverage of **2.1**
 - Current default rate **0**
 - **9** eligible Fls & **1** NGO
 - **18%** female end beneficiaries
 - Benefiting mainly to **individuals** (90% no ; 68% amount)
 - Mostly **short-term** loans (59% no ; 73% volume)

03. HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

• TUNISIA

Fonds de garantie jeunes primo créateurs - SOTUGAR(1,12M\$)

- Following an initial phase carried out since 2010 to design and capitalize the fund as well as structurally reinforce SOTUGAR
- Encourage access to finance (microcredit, seed funding, “prêt d'honneur” etc.) for **young and new business-starters** through a **dedicated guarantee scheme** covering up to 75% of the loan amount
 - Implementation 2014 - 2017
 - **43 projects** guaranteed
 - investments of up to **500,000 TND** (<170k\$)
 - Leverage of **2**
 - **3 MTND/990k\$** amount guaranteed
 - **6** partner FIs, mostly implemented with BFPME
 - Strongly deployed outside Tunis including underserved regions
 - Mostly medium term loans
 - **2 claims** since the creation of the fund(agribusiness and IT services)

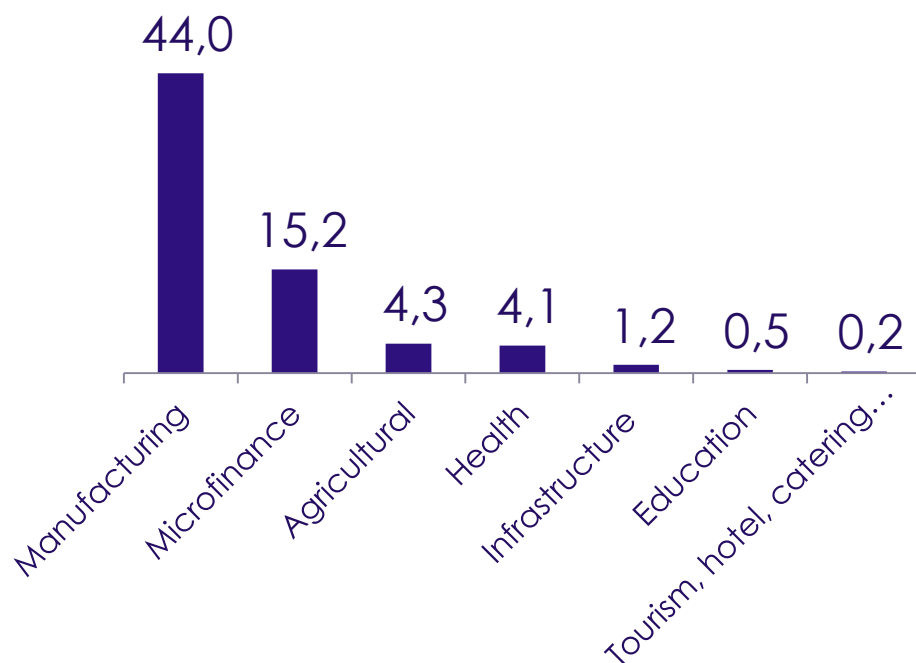
03. HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

ARIZ PANORAMA

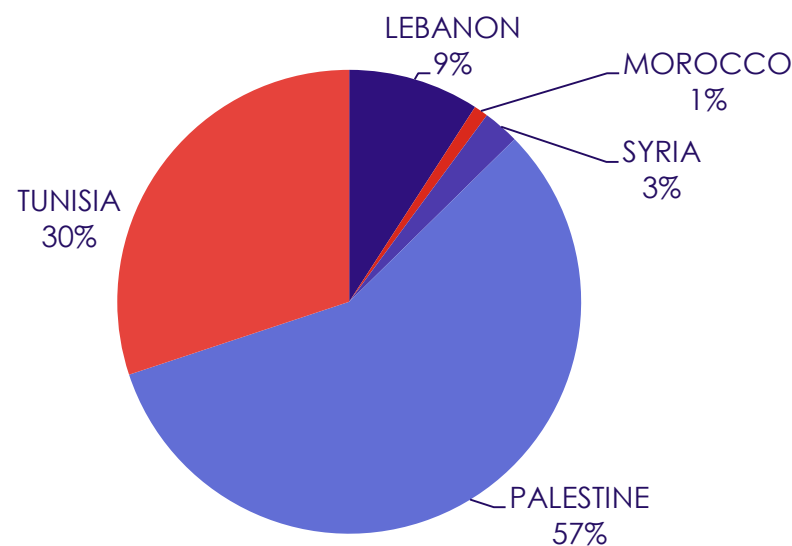


Since 2010 : **125 guarantees granted** (including 8 portfolio guarantees), amounting to more than **€ 70 million**

**Granted guarantees sector-wise
(2010-2018)**



**Guarantee granted country-wise
(2010-2018)**



Focus on the MENA Facility

04. THE MENA FACILITY IN A NUTSHELL



- Multi-donor approach, led by AFD Group (AFD + Proparco) in partnership with IFC and backed by the European Commission
- Initially established in 2013 to respond to market failures in MENA countries, restructured in 2018 to best meet market needs
- 7 targeted countries in the MENA region : Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Algeria
- For private financing institutions : private sector financial institution: bank, guarantee fund, leasing company, microfinance institution
- A strong focus on SMEs, especially underserved segments in high-impact sectors

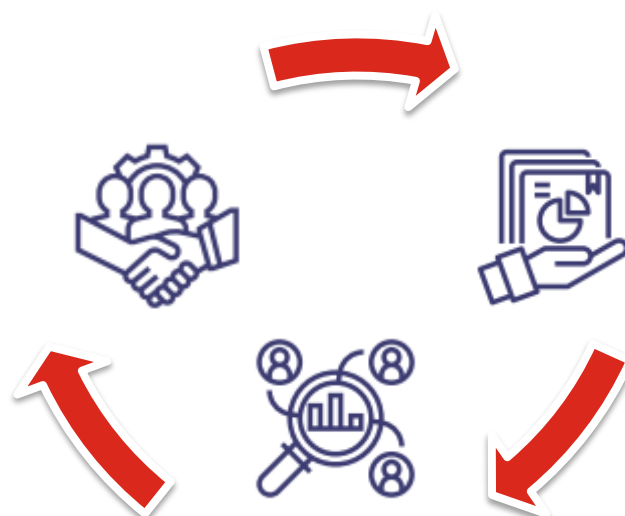
The MENA Facility

Risk-sharing mechanisms and credit lines in local currency, in order to increase SMEs' access to funding



Why ?

- SMEs lack productivity and growth
- Credit rationing : Demand side, supply side and Institution side causes



What ?

- In the short and medium term, provide adapted financial services

How ?

Portfolio guarantee

- Up to 50% of the outstanding capital
- For loans from 1 to 7 years
- + Technical Assistance

Credit line

- in local or foreign currency
- With a maturity up to 7 years

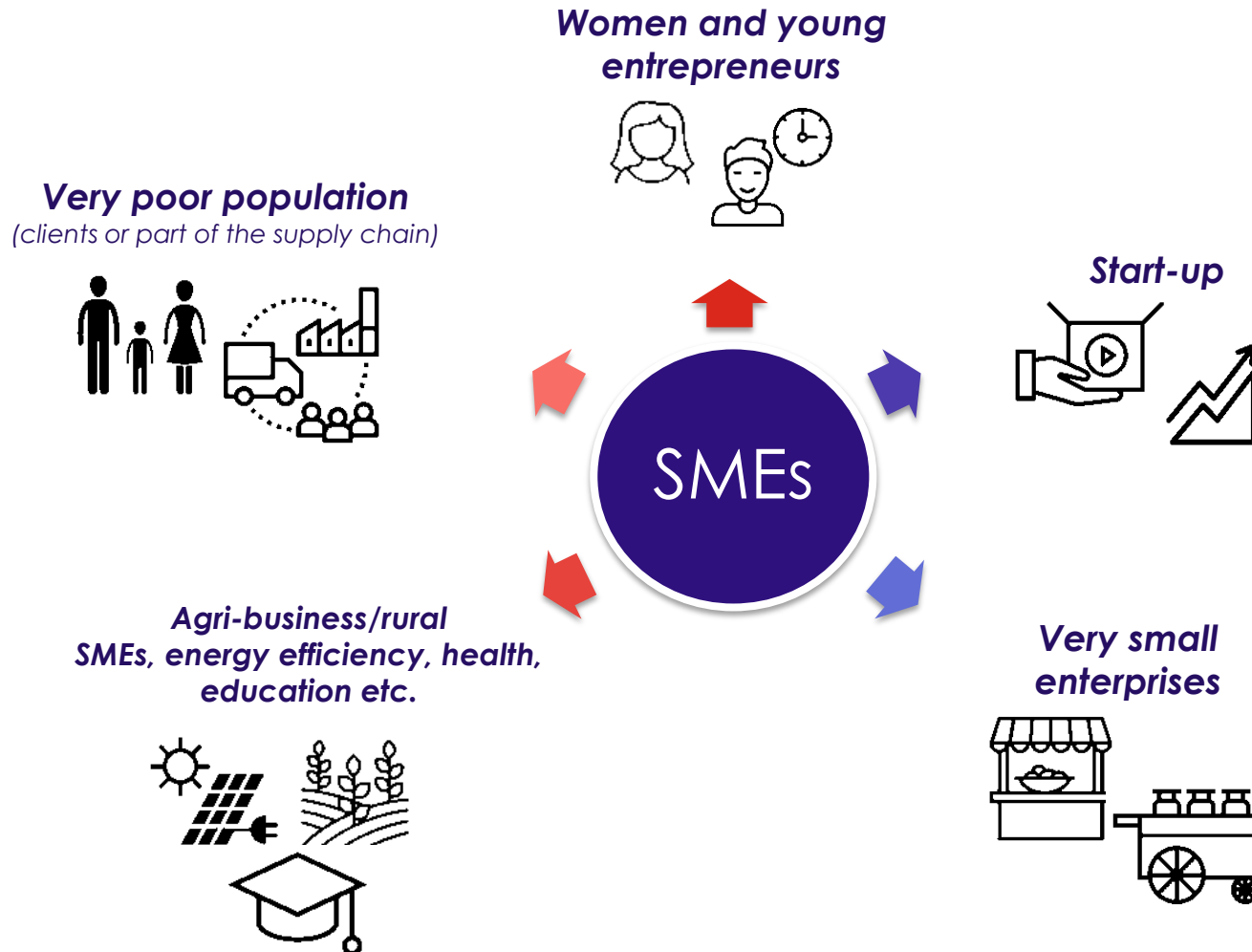
Both instruments associated with performance incentives

- Based on impact objectives reached by Financial Institutions

04.

THE MENA FACILITY

All sectors but with a strong focus on under-served segments



Reflecting on our interventions

05. REFLECTING ON OUR INTERVENTIONS

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM CGS EVALUATION

1. **Be transformational by** ensuring a alignment in interests between the bank and the guarantor
2. **Be clear (and realistic) about the desired outcomes**
3. **Understand tradeoffs in guarantee design** : between access to finance and the cost of finance
4. **Aim for higher impacts** : beyond the SME segment, target other underserved segments, for instance by offering appropriate incentive mechanisms
5. **Do not overlook short term needs** such as working capital
6. **Consider the complementary role of capacity building** : both for at SME and at Financial institution level
7. **Regulation remains overlooked** and should be addressed to ensure sustainability



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Charlotte BECK
Task Team Leader
Financial Systems
beckc@afd.fr



afd.fr

Pierrick BARATON
Investment officer
Guarantees for Development
baratonp@proparco.fr

#WorldInCommon

AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT | FRENCH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY