

The Power of Impact Investing

Aligning Faith & Finance

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The Power of Impact Investing



**As the scope of Impact grows,
so does the opportunity to
help make real change and
potentially grow your returns.**



**Every dollar invested is a vote
for the future we envision -
for innovation and
transformation.**

Food Co-Investment

Protecting against food waste



71 tonnes reduced waste

Infrastructure Primary

Increasing electricity generation of existing renewable sites and building new capacity



2,047 tCO2e avoided emissions

24,899 Renewable energy generated

Health Secondary

Healthcare education platform for minorities



2,061 students enrolled, 82% pass rates
(family income below 50,000 USD)

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Why this matters now?

The world is changing

Rising energy demand & emissions

Food Security & Water Scarcity

The Aging Population & Healthcare Demands

Urbanization & Infrastructure Needs



The History of Impact Investing: Faith-Based Financial Principals

Impact Investing

Pursue strong
returns while
achieving
meaningful
positive impact

Intentionality

Financial Return

Measurement

The Ethical Foundation: Mensuram Bonan



Engage



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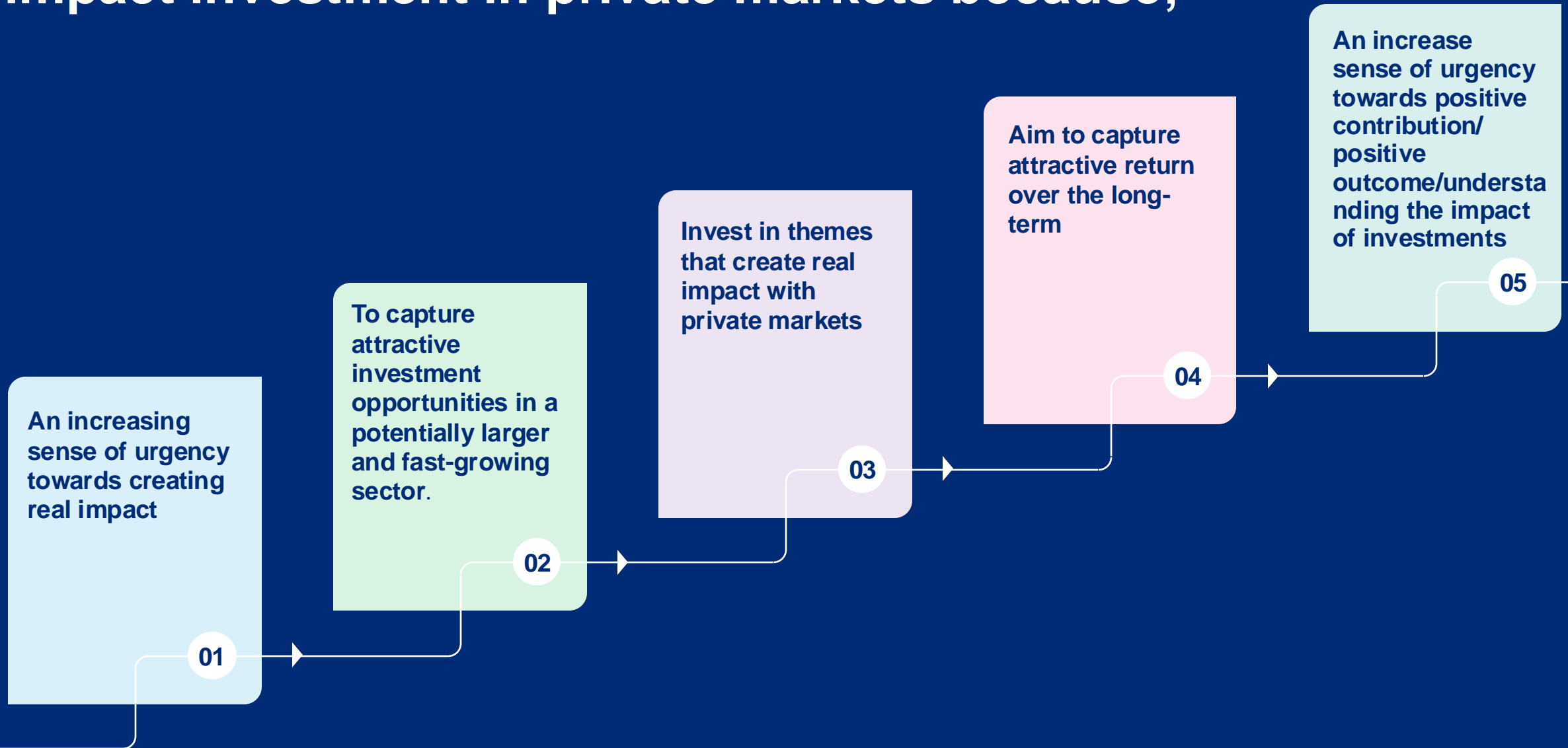


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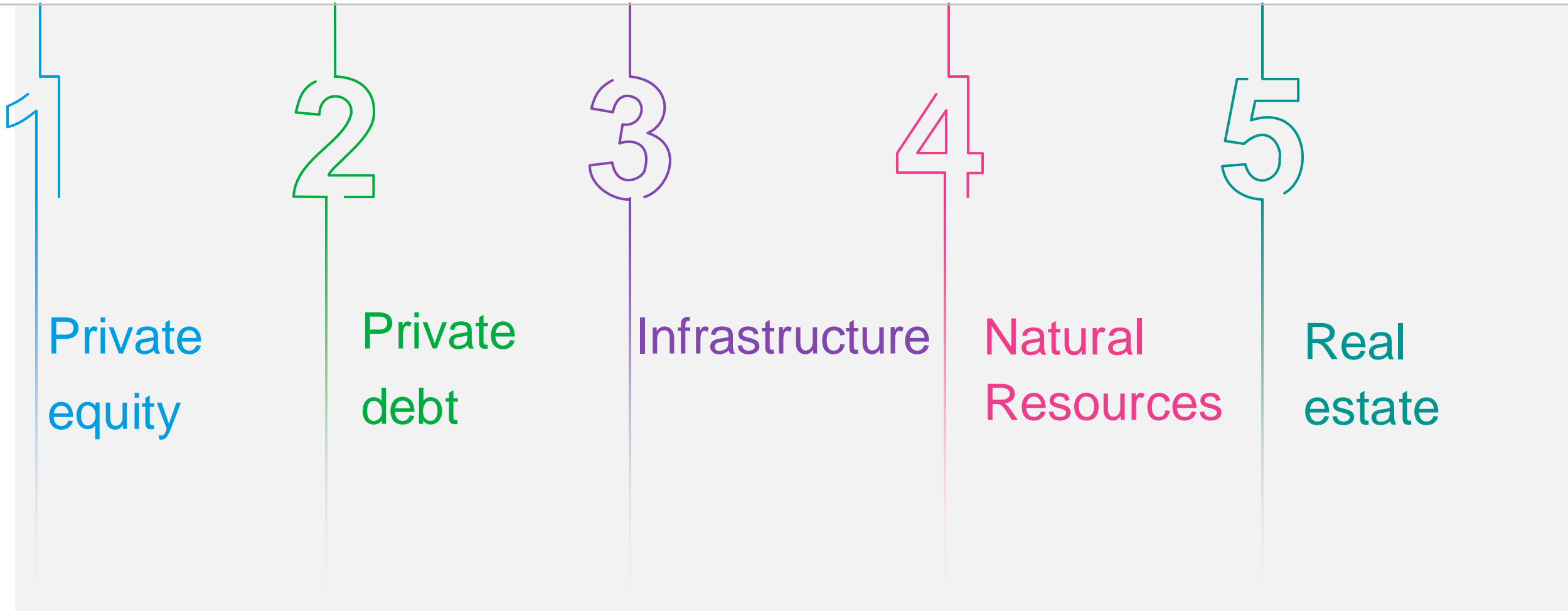
Private Markets and Impact



We are seeing more investors creating dedicated allocation to impact investment in private markets because;



Mercer supports clients across the entire private market assets spectrum



Sustainability/Impact focus and liquid capabilities

Developing an Impact Portfolio



Set the Objectives

Key impact focus areas, faith-based values, level of risk/return.



Theory of Change

Problem? Change? Outcome?



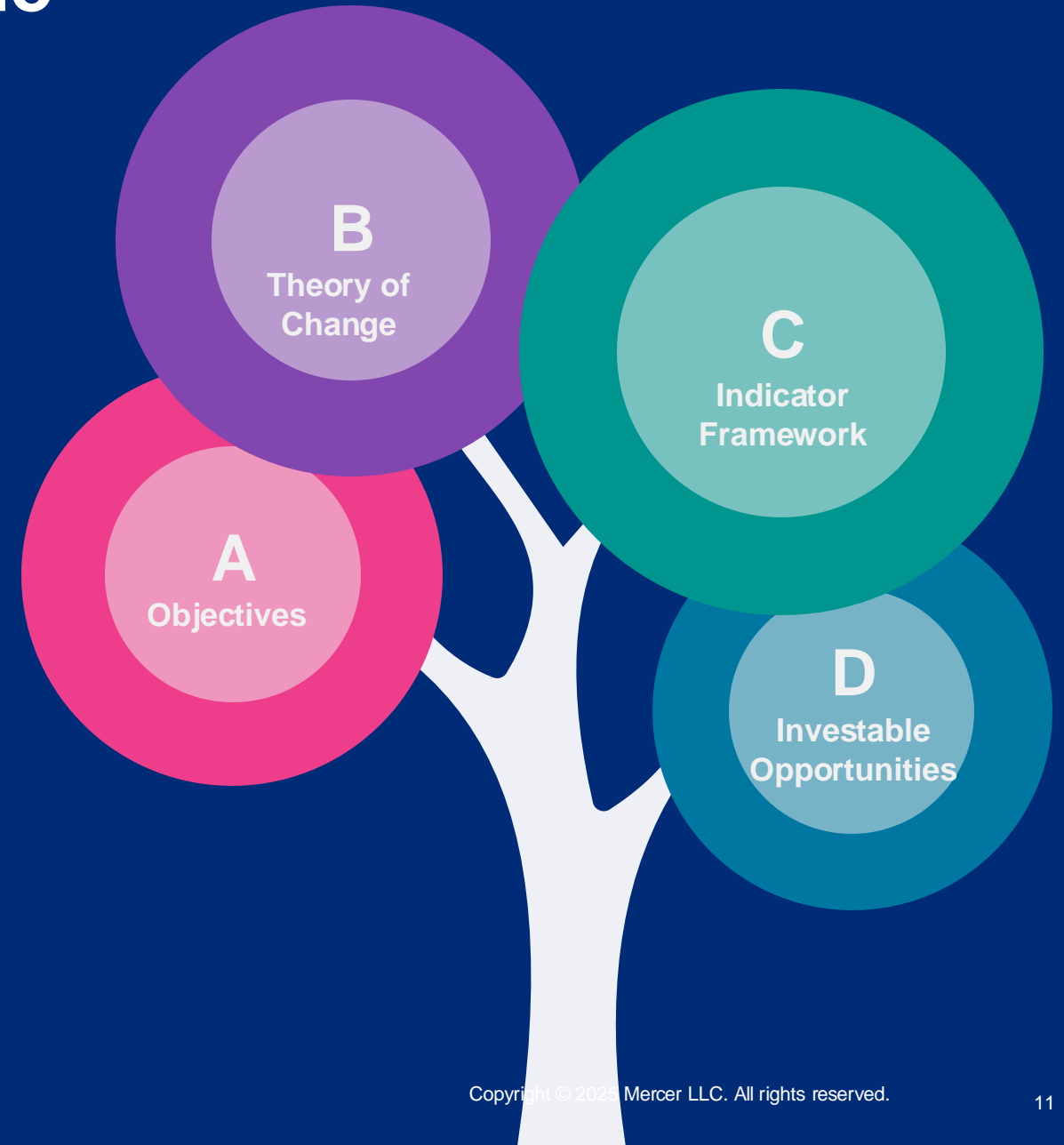
Indicator Framework

Impact KPIs and frameworks (e.g. IRIS+, SDGs, ..)



Investable Opportunities

Private Equity, Infrastructure, Nature



Climate

Renewable Energy

Energy efficiency & smart grids

Green buildings

Sustainable Transport

Nature & Water

Regenerative Agriculture

Water Management

Access to Water

Forestry

Healthcare & Education

Access to healthcare services

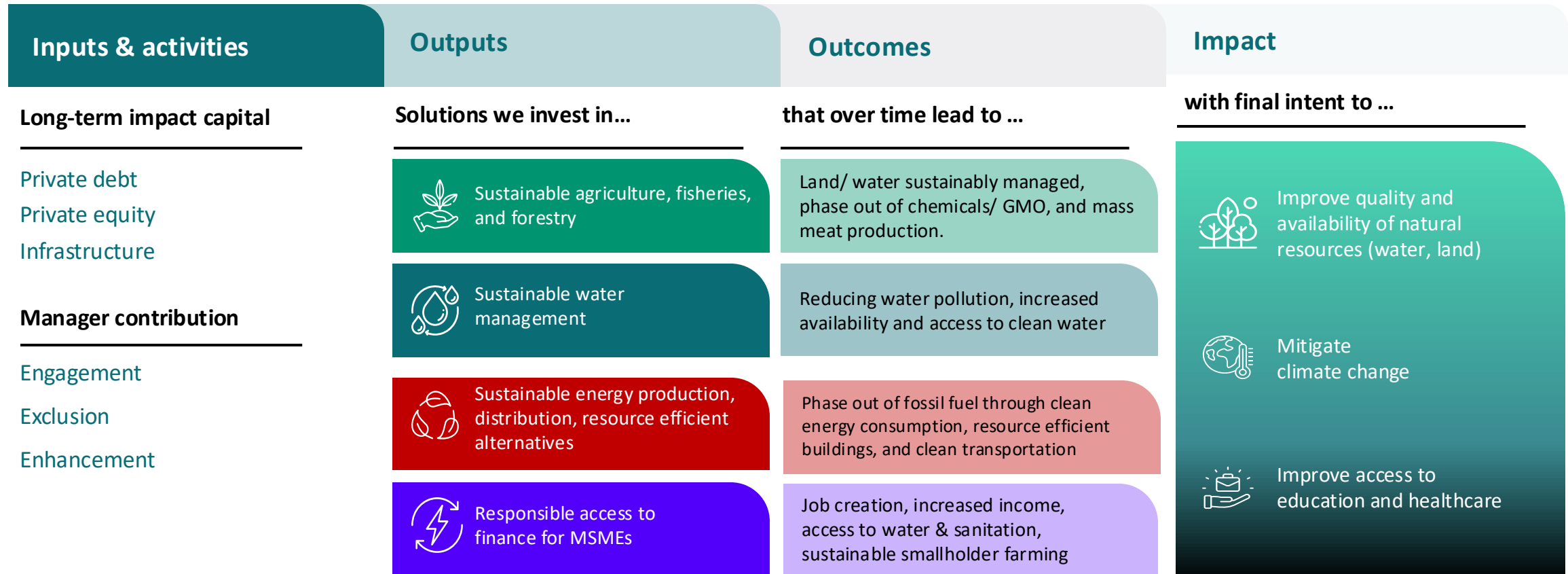
Education & skills

Financial Inclusion

Technology

Theory of Change

Tool to translate the long-term impact objectives into short-term investment activities



Tracking **Impact KPIs** linked to specific themes

With reference to independent recognised standard setters

Key impact metrics (sample)



Impact themes	Impact metrics	IRIS+ (1)	SDGs (2)
Climate change	Renewable energy installed (GW)	PI9448	SDG 7.2 (Renewable energy share in global energy mix)
	Renewable energy generated for sale (GWh)	PI5842 (Energy Generated for Sale: Renewable)	SDG 7.2 (Renewable energy share in global energy mix)
	Greenhouse gas emissions avoided (tCO ₂ e)	PI2764 (GHG Emissions Avoided)	SDG 13 (Climate action)
	Energy savings (MWh)	OI6697 (Energy Conserved)	SDG 7.3 (Improvement in energy efficiency)
Nature and resource stewardship	Waste treated, diverted from landfill (tonnes)	OI2535 (Waste Disposed: Recycled/Reused)	SDG 12.5 (Reducing waste via prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse)
	Sustainable land practices in place (number portfolio companies / assets)	OI1047 (Soil Health Practices)	SDG 2.4. (Sustainable food production systems)
	Water saved (m ³)	OI4015 (Water Conserved)	SDG 6.4. (Increase water-use efficiency across sectors)
	Recycled materials used or material disposed through recycling (tonnes)	PI8177 (Non-hazardous Waste Avoided)	SDG 12.5 (Reducing waste via prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse)

Sources: (1) [IRIS Catalog of Metrics | IRIS+ System \(thegiin.org\)](#) (2) [Take Action for the Sustainable Development Goals - United Nations Sustainable Development](#) - Reference for locating the SDG KPI in the list of 170 metrics – the sustainable development goal number, followed, if available, by the metric number in the list for that goal.

Mitigate climate change, protect nature & advance social equity through faith-aligned investments

Climate change

- Efficient Energy
- Renewable & Alternative Energy
- Green buildings
- Sustainable Transport
- Physical resilience/ adaptation solutions

- ✓ Avoided emissions (tCO2e)
- ✓ Renewable energy Generation (MWh)
- ✓ Capacity installed (MW)
- ✓ MWh saved/ reduced
- ✓ Storage capacity installed (MW)



Water & Nature

- Biodiversity & Natural Capital
- Circular economy
- Water
- Environmental support
- Resource efficiency & waste management
- Pollution prevention & control

- ✓ Water safely managed (m3)
- ✓ Water savings (m3)
- ✓ Wastewater treated (m3)
- ✓ Land reforested/ rewilded (m2)
- ✓ Sustainably managed land (m2)



Education & Healthcare

- Education & skills
- Health & Wellbeing
- Digital Inclusion
- Water & sanitation
- Accessible Finance

- ✓ People/ MSMEs previously underserved (%)
- ✓ Number of people with access to quality water
- ✓ Number of people provided access to education



Sample of impact investments

For illustration purpose only



Sustainable Food
Sustainable food supply chains and combatting food waste



Water sustainability
Decrease micropollutants, hormones, and PFAS in water for industry and municipal customers



Sustainable forestry and conservation
Impact forestry in Paraguay



Circular economy
Circular economy player, resource efficiency



Renewable Energy
Small-scale renewable energy production and storage



Energy Transition
Energy transition assets diversified across Europe



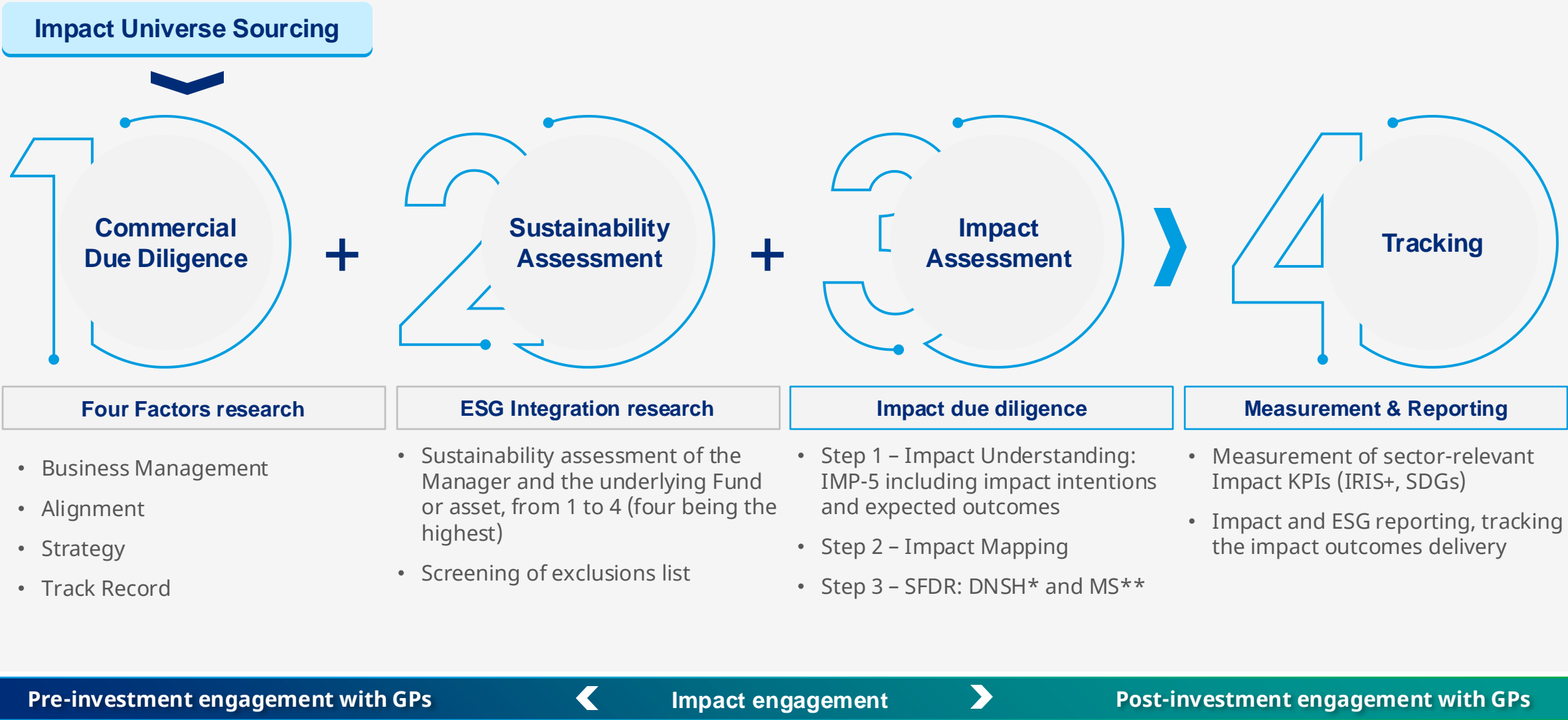
Financial inclusion
Empower low and middle-income consumers and MSMEs

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Zoom into the process



Impact Manager Selection Process



*DNSH: Do No Significant Harm.
**MS: Minimum Safeguards.

Sustainability assessment

The sustainability assessment measures ESG integration through three key drivers

ESG integration and
SDFR alignment



01

Manager Level

Deep Dive on Governance, Framework, and Policy

02

Strategy Level

Alignment pre- and post investment
Transparency

03

SFDR

Alignment with regulatory needs

Impact Assessment

Available for every impact investment



Impact Understanding

Deep Dive with the Impact Frontier 5-Dimensions and 18 sub-dimensions

What is the outcome, is it intended?

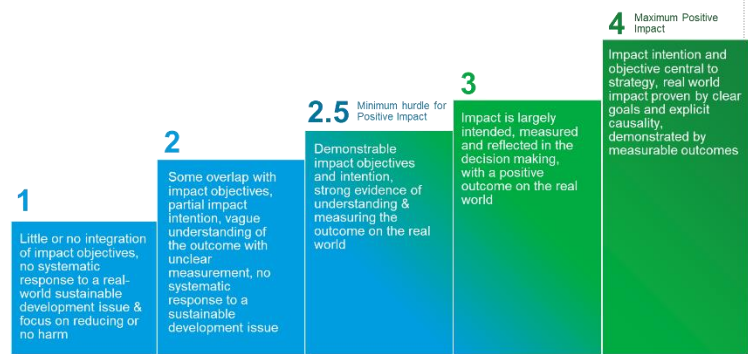
Who is impacted and were they previously underserved?

How much impact is there, is the outcome deep and lasting?

Contribution to the impact.

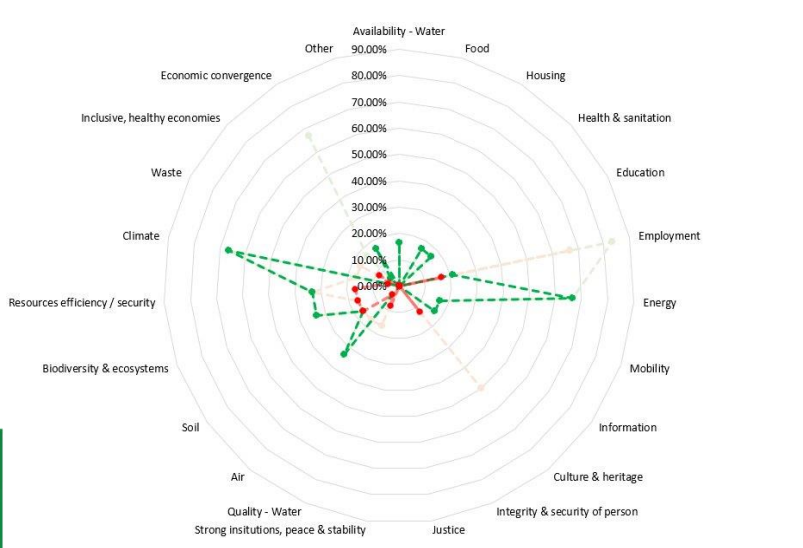
Risk if the impact does not occur as planned.

Impact scoring overview



Impact Mapping

For an in-depth analysis of sectors and assets based on the UNEP-FI Impact Radar tool¹



SDG Contributions



Engagement, DNSH & MS

Understanding DNSH & MS, developing with engagement

SFDR : Do No Significant Harm and Minimum Safeguards assessments

DNSH – Environmental indicators Summary				
#	Mandatory PAI indicators	Relevance to investment strategy	Monitoring consideration	Indicators (to be) reported, confirmed by manager
1	GHG Emissions – Scope 1	Yes	Initial Due Diligence & Ongoing Monitoring	Yes
1	GHG Emissions – Scope 2	Yes	Initial Due Diligence & Ongoing Monitoring	Yes
1	GHG Emissions – Scope 3	No		No
2	Carbon Footprint	Yes	Initial Due Diligence & Ongoing Monitoring	Yes
3	GHG Intensity	Yes	Initial Due Diligence & Ongoing Monitoring	Yes
4	Exposure to fossil fuel			
Minimum Safeguards/Good governance Assessment Summary				
		Topic	Outcome summary	
5	Non-renewable energy consumption			
6	Non-renewable energy production	Integration of MS in pre-investment	Yes, the managers conduct an ESG/EHS diligence pre acquisition. Its due diligence approach addresses the ESG/EHS issues that could have a potentially significant impact on the transaction or pose a potential business risk to the Company.	
6	Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector	Integration of MS in ongoing monitoring/holding period	Yes, the Manager will use commercially reasonable efforts to monitor material ESG issues and incorporate any such material issues identified during the due diligence process into our strategic plan post-close, as appropriate.	
7	Activities negatively affecting biodiversity-sensitive area			
8	Emissions to water	Scope of rules – rules/laws considered	During ESG due diligence, the Manager confirms no company has been found in violation of UNGC principles or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The Manager also mentions it is considering following scopes of rules: Bill of human rights / ILO / Rules relevant for specific focus group / FPIC	
9	Hazardous waste	Topics considered in Due Diligence	The following topics are covered in the due diligence (pre-investment and during holding phase): Human Rights / Corruption / Taxation / Fair Competition	

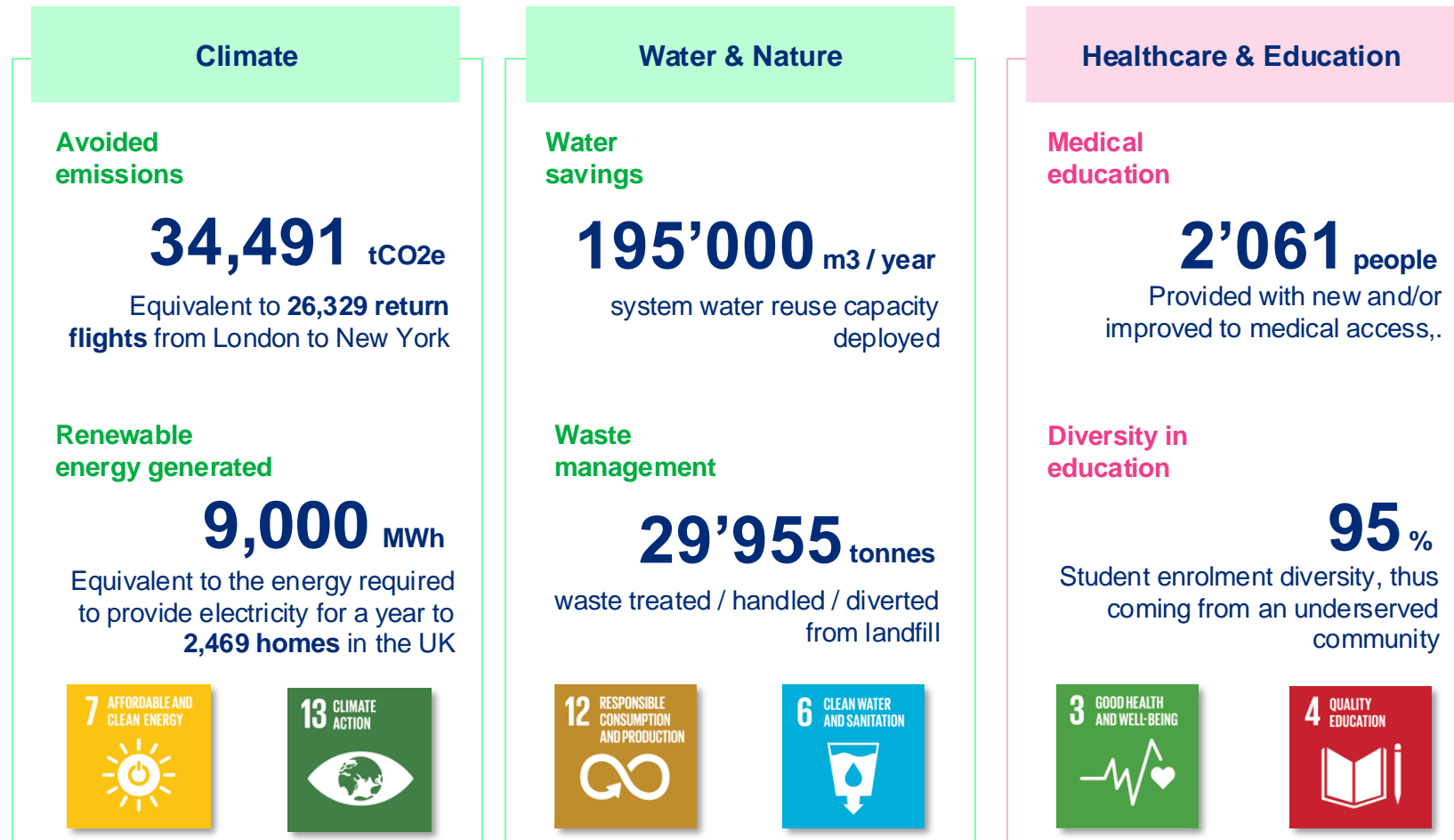
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Impact themes and prioritized impact outcomes

Impact outcomes attributed to the fund



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How to move forward



“There is a need to protect those common areas, visual landmarks and urban landscapes which increase our sense of belonging, of rootedness, of ‘feeling at home’ within a city which includes us and brings us together[...].”

(Pope Francis, Enzyklika Laudato Si)



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