

## THE FUTURE TRENDS OF IMPACT INVESTING IN ASIA

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## **LET'S GET STARTED**

#### Which describes you best?

- A. I invest other people's money (asset owner, portfolio manager, financial adviser etc.)
- B. I create or sell financial products (fund manager, asset manager)
- C. I invest my own money (individual investor)
- D. Other financial professional
- E. Non-financial professional (accountant, lawyer, etc.)
- F. NGO, development organization, entity that taps into funds from impact investments
- G. Academic researcher
- H. Student



### **POLLING 2**

What are you looking for from this session:

- A. I want to learn about impact investing, its risks and opportunities in general
- B. I want to learn how my money can generate positive impact
- C. I want to learn how my clients can invest with impact
- D. I want to know what are the newest trends in impact investing
- E. I want to find career opportunities in impact investing
- F. I want to learn how to tap into funds from impact investors for my organization, as an investee



### PRESENTATION

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# The Future of impact investment in Asia

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## Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)

The GIIN is the global champion of impact investing, dedicated to increasing the scale and effectiveness of impact investing around the world.

- Builds a community of practice among 300+ investors and impact investing services providers across 49 countries.
- Provides tools, guidance, and resources to help investors identify metrics and integrate impact considerations into investment management.
- Publishes actionable, high-quality data, evidence, and insights that enable investors to make more informed decisions related to impact investing.
- Reaches a broad network of 30,000 individuals located on six continents



## **GIIN** Vision

### We aspire to create a world

## in which all investments consider social and

### environmental impact alongside risk and return.



## Membership

Joining the largest global community of impact investing organizations, members are able to:

#### Participate in In-depth Workstreams

- Listed Equities Working Group
- Knowledge hubs
- Product Structure Workshops
- Thursday-Get-Together

#### Learn and Network

- Invitations to member-only in-person and virtual events
- GIIN IRIS & Impact Measurement and Management team office hours
- Access Industry Tools
  - First look at groundbreaking research and Impact Measurement and Management tools and resources

# What is impact investing?... And what it is not



## Impact investments...

Impact investments are investments made with the intention to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return.

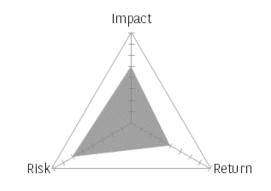
- Made in both emerging and developed markets
- Made across asset classes
- Target a range of financial returns



# Intention to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact

**Core Characteristics of Impact Investing** 

- 1. Intentionality
- 2. Use Evidence and Impact Data in Investment Design
- 3. Manage Impact Performance
- 4. Contribute to the Growth of the Industry



"The challenges the world is facing are too urgent for impact capital to underperform."



## The full impact investing market size is estimated at

. . .

# USD 715 bn

estimated AUM from over 1,720 organizations ...

Source : GIIN annual impact investor survey, 2020



# Respondents represent a wide range of characteristics...



organizations...



67% seek risk-adjusted market rate returns



Headquartered in 46 countries



40% make diversified investments while 60% only impact investments

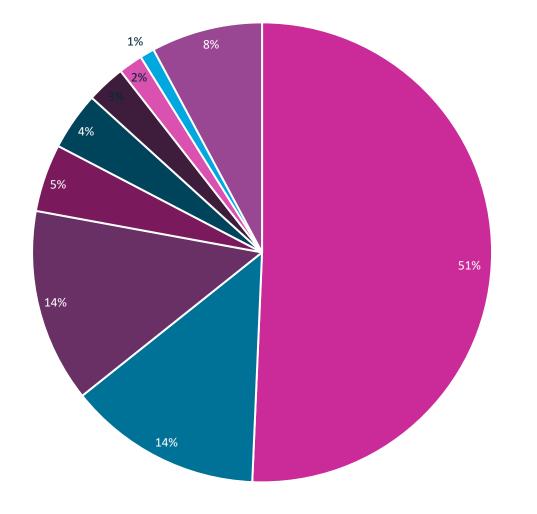
- HQ'ed in SEA ("SEA HQ")= 10
- HQ'ed in Oceania ("Oceania HQ") = 9
- Any allocation to SEA ("SEA Allocation")= 77



Majority entered the industry during the last decade (52%)



## ...and diverse organization types



- Asset managers: for-profit
- Asset managers: not-for-profit
- Foundations
- DFI
- Family offices
- Diversified financial institutions
- Pension funds

Other

Insurance companies

Source: 2020 GIIN Annual Impact Investor Survey; n= 294

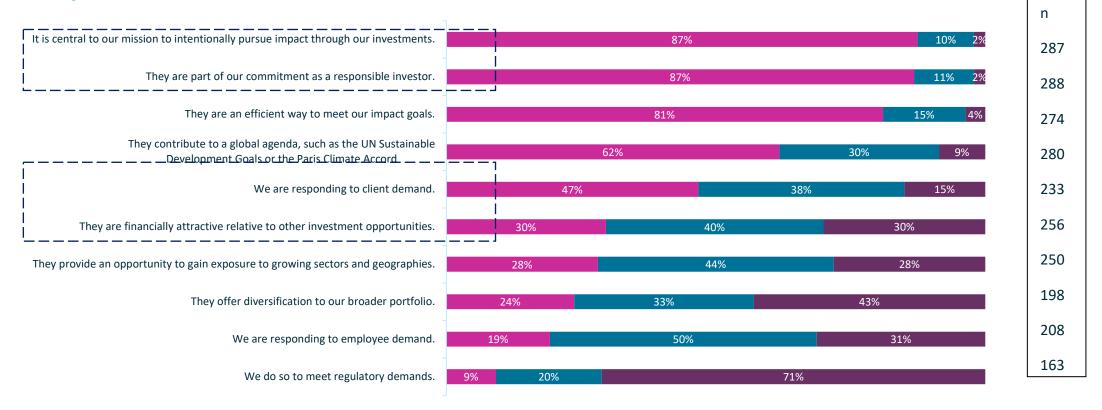


### Many leading financial institutions are pursuing impact investments





# Impact investors are driven by financial and impact motivations

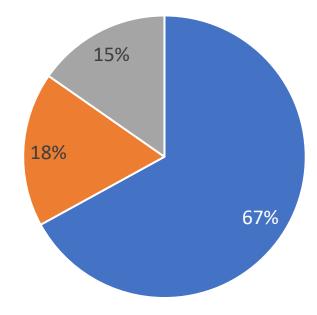


Very Important Somewhat Important Not Important



### Impact investments target a range of financial returns

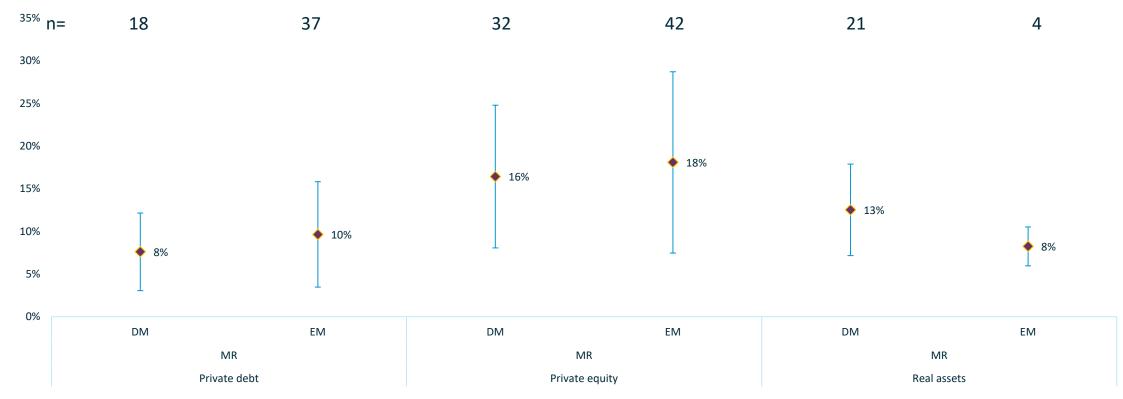
#### Target financial returns primarily sought



- Risk-adjusted, market rate returns
- Below-market-rate returns: closer to market rate
- Below-market-rate returns: closer to capital preservation



# Realized returns vary by asset class, geography, and target returns

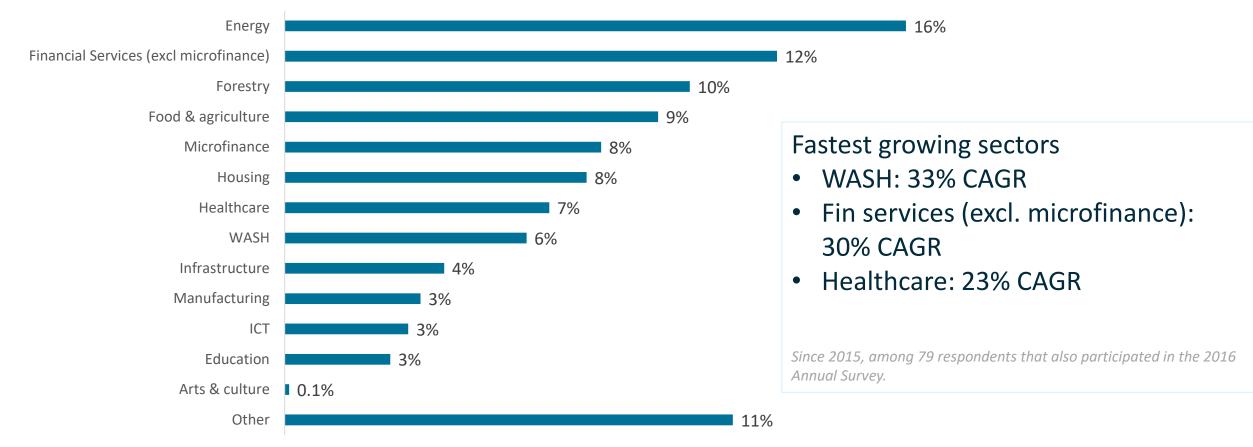


Average realized gross returns since inception for private markets investments

Number of respondents shown above each bar; year of first impact investment ranges from 1956 – 2019, with 2011 as the median year. Averages shown beside each diamond; error bars show +/- one standard deviation. Source : GIIN, 2020 Annual Impact Investor Survey

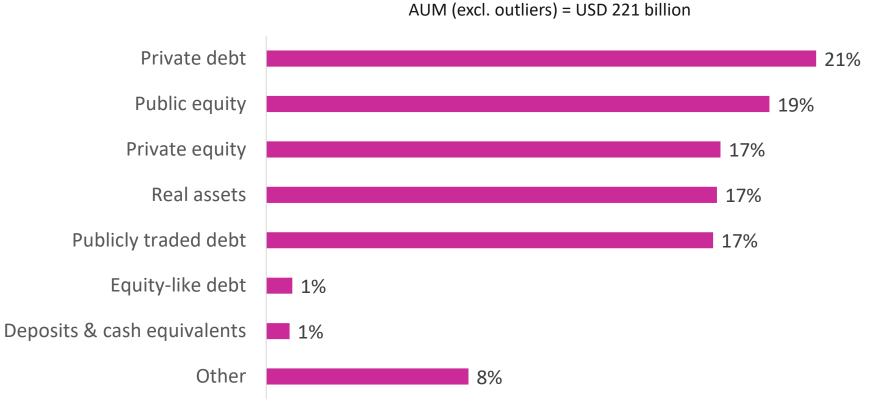


# Impact investors allocate AUM to basic services, such as energy, food & ag, and fin. services





### Impact investments are deployed across asset classes



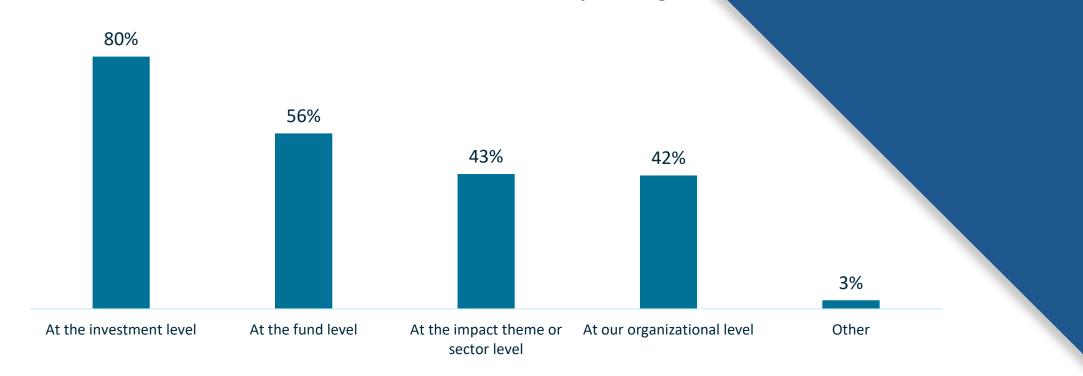


## Debunking myths about impact investing

- Impact investing is not philanthropy.
- Impact investing does not mean you have to trade financial return for impact.
- Impact investing is not limited to small investments.

# Investors set targets at a variety of levels

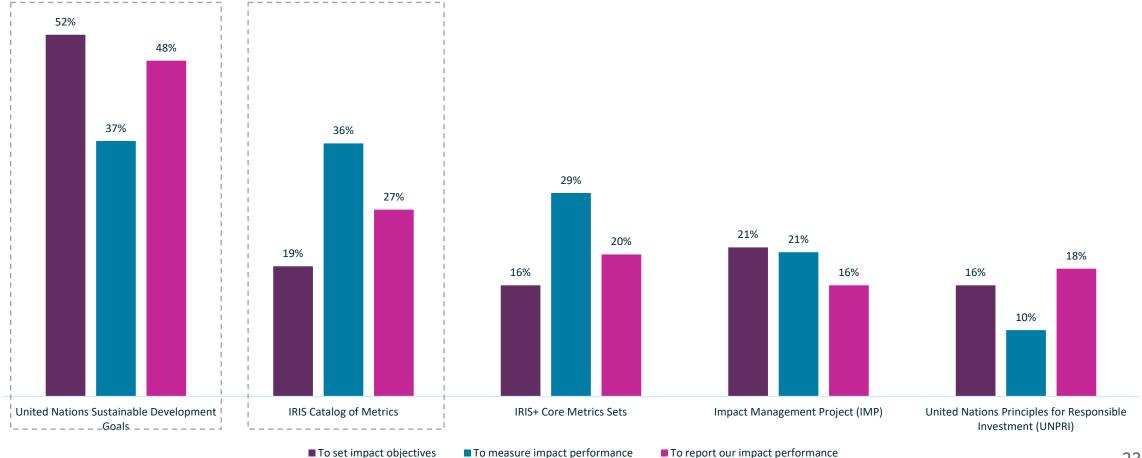
#### Levels at which investors set impact targets





# Over half use the SDGs to set impact objectives, while IRIS and IRIS+ are used to report on impact performance

#### Use of tools, frameworks, and systems by purpose



n = 294; respondents could select multiple answer options; Source: GIIN, 2020 Annual Impact Investor Survey



## IRIS+

IRIS+ is a system to measure, manage, and optimize impact – helping investors to translate **impact goals into real results**.





## IRIS+ | In Alignment with 50+ Standards and Frameworks

IRIS+ is framework-agnostic, and can be used with any standard or proprietary IMM framework



## What comes next?



# Pipeline for Content Development & Launch

Ongoing development of IRIS+ themes

In IRIS+		In Development		In Pipeline	
Financial Inclusion	Quality Healthcare	Quality Jobs	Waste	Oceans & Coastal Zones	
Energy Access	Smallholder Agriculture	WASH	Clean Energy	Biodiversity & Ecosystem	
Education	Sustainable Forestry	Climate Change Mitigation	Racial Equity	Infrastructure	
Affordable Housing	Gender Lens	Sustainable Ag	Pollution	Air	

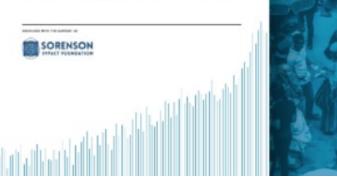


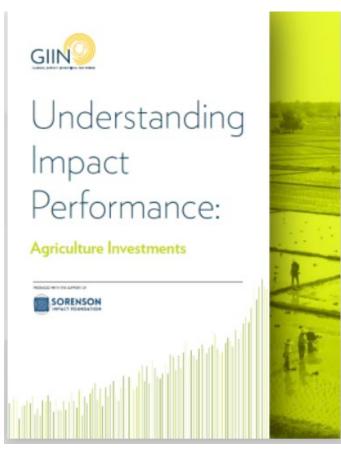
# Understanding impact performance



Understanding Impact Performance:

Financial Inclusion Investments





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### **Incofin Investment Management**

Introduction on Impact Investing

February 2021

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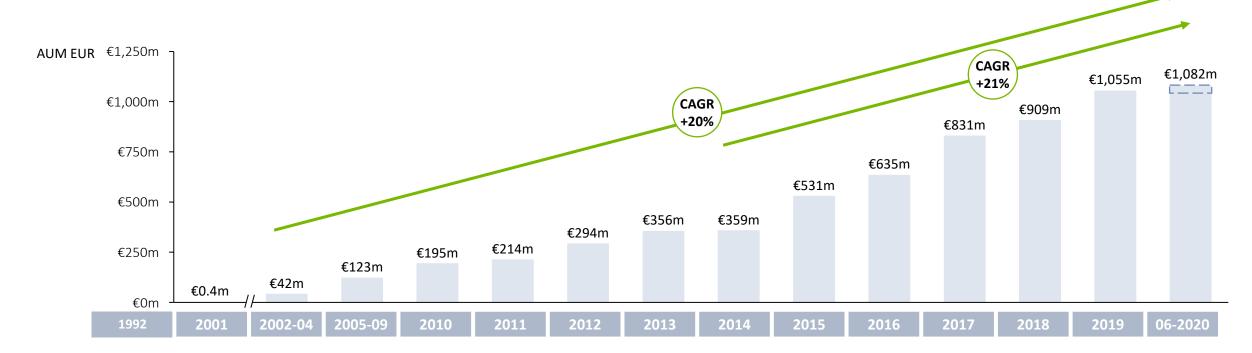
Committed beyond investment

We want to support business solutions that promote **inclusive progress**, with the aim to **improve the lives** of the **more vulnerable** or **less privileged people** of this world.

By doing so, we are committed to deliver **attractive returns** to our investors.



#### **Extensive experience as a fund manager**





- AIFM licensed,
- Private debt and equity
- Technical Assistance
- Financial Inclusion Agriculture and Nutrition
- Drinking Water

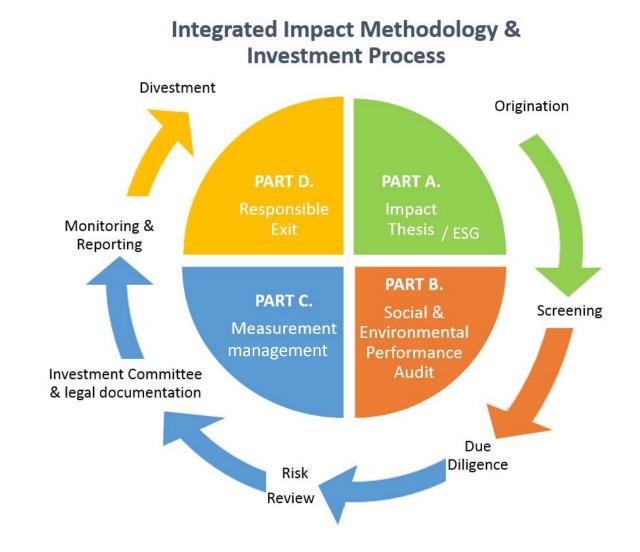


Incofin

#### Impact throughout Incofin's investment process



Impact methodology: 4 steps embedded in all investment decisions



#### Part A: Impact Thesis & ESG Risks Assessment

#### Validating the Impact "match"

- During **origination**, we only select investees that have a social mission which meets the fund's social goals. We conduct a preliminary ESG Risks assessment.
- Example: the impact thesis of a decentralized pipe water, East Asia

#### Impact Thesis

Expanding access to affordable safe drinking water in rural Cambodia





 Impact Methodology

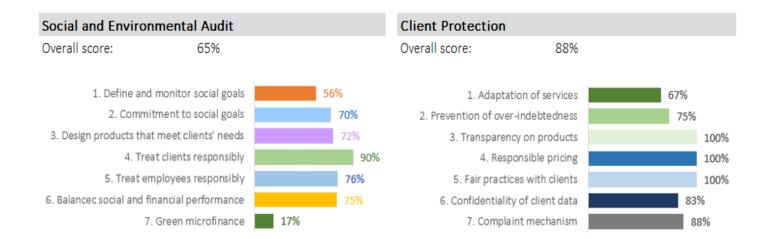
 Part A
 Part B
 Part C

Part D

#### Part B: Social and Environmental audit

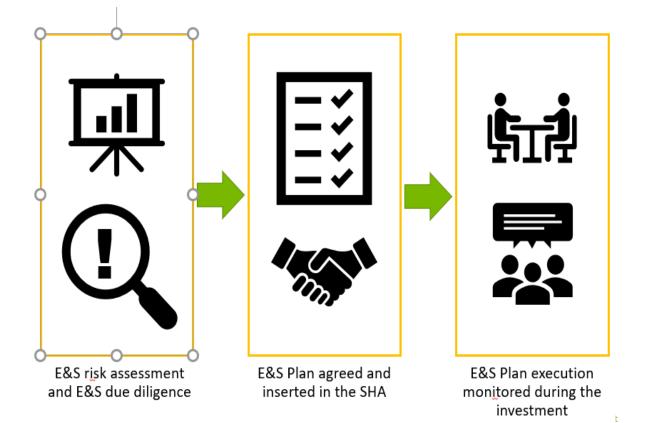
• During **due diligence**, we assess the operational performance of an investee through a comprehensive Social & Environmental Audit

Example: Microfinance institution South Asia





#### **Part C: Environmental & Social Value Creation**





### **Part D: Responsible Exit**

At the time of exit, potential purchasers are evaluated against a Fitness and Compatibility Review Matrix to ensure the new shareholder is committed to the investee's social mission and has the capacity to take it to the next level while ensuring continuity in operations strategy and social goals.

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- 1 Reputation (external)
- 2 Reputation (with regulator)
- 3 Financial Stability/Performance
- 4 Regional and Local Knowledge
- 5 Financial Inclusion Knowledge
- 6 Social Performance
- 7 Clear Rationale for Acquisition
- 8 Corporate Culture
- 9 Funding Availability
- 10 Management Stability (at parent level)
- 11 Management Development (for acquired organizations)
- 12 Innovation/Technology







**Committed Beyond Investment** 

## **POLLING 3**

# If you were an impact investor, in which areas would you want your money to make a difference? (Choose two)

- A. Education
- B. Energy
- C. Food and agriculture
- D. Forestry
- E. Healthcare

- F. Housing
- G. Information and communication technologies
- H. Infrastructure and Manufacturing
- . Microfinance and other financial services
- J. Water, sanitation and hygiene ("WASH")



### **POLLING 4**

#### What obstacles do you see to a broader adoption of impact investing?

- A. Investors' lack of awareness of the needs and the opportunities for impact
- B. Unwillingness to potentially sacrifice financial returns to generate impact
- C. Low interest of financial professionals in promoting impact investment
- D. Lack of easily available impact investment vehicles
- E. Lack of clear understanding of the impact the investments generate
- F. Risks of impact-washing





## PANEL DISCUSSION THE FUTURE TRENDS OF IMPACT INVESTING IN ASIA



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