



Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative

Financial Report

Prepared by the Trustee

As of March 31, 2023



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Introduction

The We-Fi Trust Fund was established by the World Bank in September 2017 as a Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF). This report covers the financial status of the We-Fi Trust Fund, and is produced by the World Bank as Trustee in accordance with its role in the We-Fi Governance Framework, as set forth under Section 21, which states:

“The Trustee will provide to the Governing Committee regular reports on the financial status of the We-Fi Trust Fund.”

In addition, Section 5 of the Standard Provisions in the Contribution Agreement/Arrangement states, as follows:

“The Trustee shall maintain separate records and ledger accounts in respect of the funds deposited in the Trust Fund and transfers made therefrom. Unless otherwise agreed between the Governing Committee and the Trustee, The Trustee shall annually furnish to the Governing Committee a report on the receipts on, transfers from and fund balance of the Trust Fund in the Holding Currency.”

This report covers the financial status of the We-Fi Trust Fund as of March 31, 2023.



We-Fi Trust Fund Financial Summary as of March 31, 2023

Pledges and Contributions:

A pledge represents a contributor's expression of intent to make a contribution. Pledges are formalized as Contributions by way of a countersigned Contribution Agreement/Arrangement.

As of March 31, 2023, 14 contributors have pledged USDeq. 375.08 million to the We-Fi Trust Fund and formalized their Contributions by executing contribution agreements/arrangements. Resources not yet received amounted to USDeq. 5.43 million in outstanding contributions under the signed agreements/arrangements.

USD 369.65 million has been deposited into the We-Fi Trust Fund as of March 31, 2023.

Investment Income:

As of March 31, 2023, the We-Fi Trust Fund earned investment income of approximately USD 18.55 million on the liquid balances of the Trust Fund and investment income received from Implementing Partners.

Funding Approvals:

As of March 31, 2023, the We-Fi Governing Committee had approved funding from the We-Fi Trust Fund totaling USD 368.45 million, with USD 330.61 million to finance project activities, USD 22.61 million for IP fees, and USD 15.23 million, net of returned unused funds, for administrative budgets to support the activities of the We-Fi Secretariat and Trustee.

Cash Transfers:

The Trustee has transferred a total of USD 229.84 million as of March 31, 2023, including USD 198.55 million related to project activities.

Funds Held in Trust:

Funds Held in Trust¹ reflect contributions paid-in from contributors and investment income earned, less cash transfers. Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions amounted to USD 156.36 million as of March 31, 2023.

Funds Available for We-Fi Governing Committee Funding Decisions:

As of March 31, 2023, funds available to support We-Fi Governing Committee funding decisions amounted to USD 17.74 million net of USD 2 million Operational Reserve.

¹ Funds Held in Trust represents balance of cash, investments and unencashed promissory notes (if any) as of the reporting date.



1. We-Fi Trust Fund Summary – Inception through March 31, 2023

In USD millions

	Total	% of Total
<u>Donor Pledges and Contributions</u>		
Contributions	375.08	100.0%
Pledges	-	0.0%
Total Pledges and Contributions	375.08	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Resources</u>		
<u>Resources received</u>		
Cash Receipts	369.65	93.9%
Investment Income earned a/	18.55	4.7%
Total Resources Received	388.19	98.6%
<u>Resources not yet received</u>		
Contributions not yet received	5.43	1.4%
Pledges	-	0.0%
Total resources not yet received	5.43	1.4%
Total Potential Resources (A) (in USD millions)	393.63	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Funding Decisions</u>		
Projects	330.61	89.7%
Fees	22.61	6.1%
Administrative Budget b/	15.23	4.1%
Total Funding Decisions Net of Cancellations (B)	368.45	100.0%
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions (A) - (B)	25.18	
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions and Operational Reserve	23.18	
<u>Funds Available</u>		
Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions c/	156.36	
Approved Amounts Pending Cash Transfers	138.61	
Total Funds Available to Support Governing Committee Decisions	17.74	

a/ Represents investment income earned on the liquid balances of the We-Fi Trust Fund and investment income received from IPs

b/ Net of unused funds which are returned to the Trust Fund

c/ Net of reserve to cover operational costs of the We-Fi Secretariat and Trustee

Note: Sub-totals may not add up to due to rounding



2. Pledges and Contributions as of March 31, 2023

In millions

Contributor	Curr	Pledge in Currency of Contribution	Effective (or signed) Contribution	Receipts in Currency of Contribution	Total Outstanding Contributions in USDeq. a/	Total Receipts in USD b/
Australia	USD	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	10.00
Canada	CAD	20.00	20.00	20.00	-	15.55
China	USD	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	10.00
Denmark	DKK	69.00	69.00	69.00	-	10.43
Germany	EUR	75.00	75.00	70.00	5.43	78.19
Japan	USD	50.00	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
Korea	USD	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	10.00
Netherlands	USD	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	10.00
Norway	NOK	90.00	90.00	90.00	-	10.69
Russia	USD	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	10.00
Saudi Arabia	USD	50.00	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
United Arab Emirates	USD	50.00	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
United Kingdom	GBP	3.70	3.70	3.70	-	4.79
United States	USD	50.00	50.00	50.00	-	50.00
Total					5.43	369.65

a/ Valued on the basis of exchange rates as of March 31, 2023

b/ Represents actual USD receipts

Note: totals may not add up due to rounding

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023:

- Germany made an instalment payment of EUR 10 million to We-Fi. This was the first instalment paid-in following the 2022 decision to extend We-Fi's End Approval Date by five years to October 31, 2027.

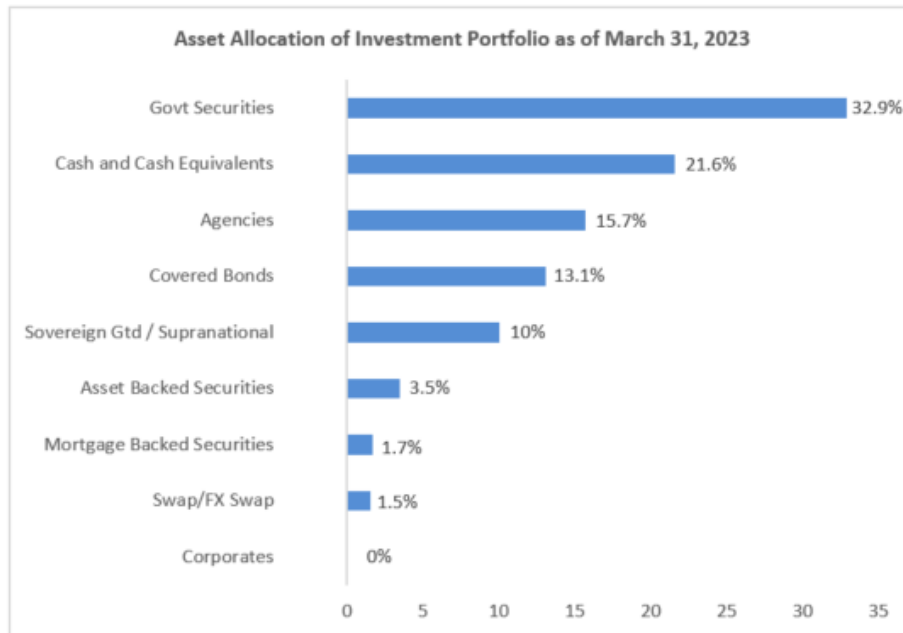


3. Asset Mix and Investment Income

ASSET MIX

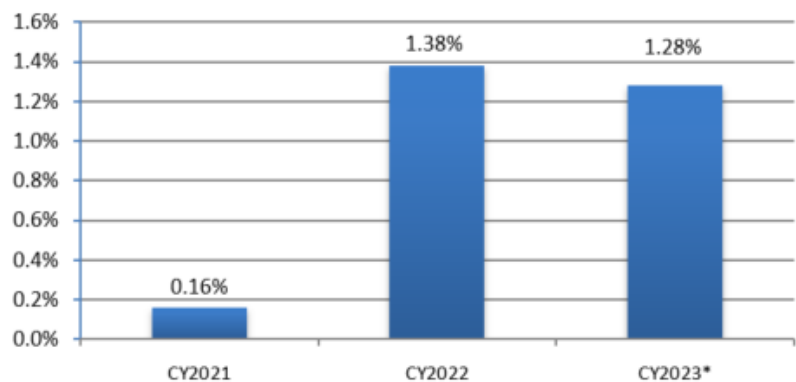
The undisbursed cash balance of the We-Fi Trust Fund is maintained in a commingled investment portfolio (“Pool”) for all trust funds managed by IBRD. Funds are managed such that the expected maximum loss, as measured by the CVaR, in the worst 1% of cases will not exceed 0.25% at the portfolio’s investment horizon.

The portfolio allocation by asset class has the largest allocations to government securities and money market instruments.



INVESTMENT RETURNS

The We-Fi Trust Fund liquid portfolio earned USD 18.55 million² in investment income since inception. The portfolio returns during the first quarter of calendar year 2023 was 1.28%, non-annualized.



*non-annualized

² Includes investment income received from IPs



ESG SUMMARY REPORT – We-Fi INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

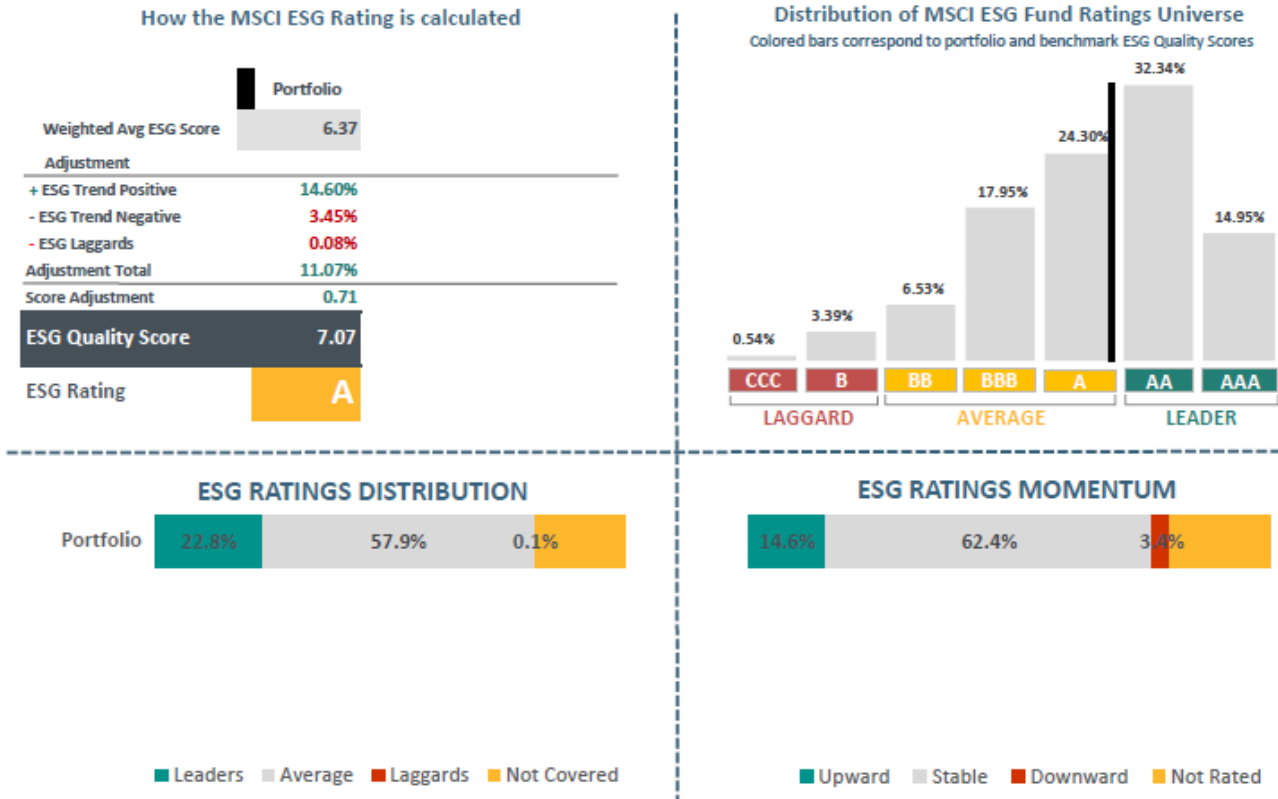
As per the investment management strategy implemented by the World Bank, the funds held in trust benefit from the approach to Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI), which considers and incorporates Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors into Trustee’s investment processes. The implementation of ESG Integration falls within the purview of existing authorizations by the World Bank Board. Based on the endorsement by the World Bank management, starting from July 2019, the Trustee has applied ESG Integration as the default SRI approach for all portfolios managed by the World Bank, including for the We-Fi Trust Fund assets.

Considering and incorporating ESG factors into investment processes should, all things being equal, lead to portfolios that have stronger ESG profiles compared to portfolios that do not explicitly consider these ESG issues. ESG Integration has become part of the existing investment processes and is intended to help fulfil the existing investment objectives. The application of ESG Integration as part of the investment process would not involve any changes in the current investment objectives or risk limits for the We-Fi Trust Fund portfolio.

The We-Fi investment portfolio is primarily comprised of short-term high-grade fixed-income securities (sovereign, supranational and agency securities and bank deposits), and as of March 31, 2023, the portfolio has an ESG Quality Score* of 7.07 and an ESG Rating* of A. Based on its ESG positioning in the MSCI ESG Fund Ratings Universe (upper right of Figure 1), which is deemed to be the more consistent reference indicator, We-Fi’s investment portfolio falls in the average decile of the ratings universe. This reflects high capability of We-Fi portfolio’s holdings in terms of managing key medium to long term risks and opportunities arising from Environmental, Social and Governance factors.



Figure 1: MSCI ESG Portfolio Summary – Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative



* *Note:* ESG Quality Score is based on MSCI ESG Ratings and measured on a scale of 0 to 10 (worst to best) following a rule-based methodology. ESG Ratings Momentum represents the percentage of a portfolio’s market value coming from holdings that have had an ESG Ratings upgrade, and those with a downgrade, since their previous ESG Rating assessment. The ESG Quality Score is calculated as a weighted average of ESG scores of individual holdings adjusted by ESG Ratings Momentum and ESG laggards (if any). The weight applied to the individual ESG scores is determined by the portfolio weight of individual holdings as of the reporting date. Based on the above, the ESG Quality Score, which is subject to potential skewing effect from any factor in the calculation, could slightly vary between different reporting dates along with changes in individual holdings and their portfolio weights as well as changes in ESG Ratings Momentum. Please see details on MSCI ESG Ratings Methodology [here](#).



4. Cumulative Funding Decisions

In USD millions

Projects		as of March 31, 2023
Africa	AfDB	71.71
Central Asia	EBRD	21.80
East Asia and Pacific	ADB	18.87
Latin America	IDB	41.01
Multi Regional	ISDB	30.23
Multi Regional	IBRD	42.48
	IFC	64.28
Multi Regional	EBRD	7.01
South Asia	ISDB	5.83
Sri Lanka	ADB	11.74
Western Africa	ISDB	10.46
Yemen	ISDB	5.18
		330.61
<u>Fees</u>		
ADB		2.13
AfDB		5.09
EBRD		1.45
IBRD		2.78
IDB		2.86
IFC		4.84
ISDB		3.46
		22.61
<u>Administrative Budget</u> a/		
Secretariat		12.48
Trustee		2.75
		15.23
Total Funding Decisions		368.45
a/ Net of unused funds which are returned to the Trust Fund		

Note: sub-totals may not add up due to rounding



5. Funds Available

In USD millions

	As of March 31, 2023 (a)	As of December 31, 2022 (b)	Change since last report (a) - (b)
1. Cumulative Receipts	388.19	375.24	12.96
a. Cash receipts from Contributors	369.65	359.07	10.58
b. Investment Income earned a/	18.55	16.16	2.38
2. Cumulative Cash Transfers	229.84	225.60	4.23
a. Projects	198.55	194.32	4.23
b. Fees	16.06	16.06	-
c. Administrative Budget b/	15.23	15.23	-
3. Funds Held in Trust (3 = 1 - 2)	158.36	149.63	8.72
4. Operational Reserve c/	2.00	2.00	-
5. Funding Decisions Pending Cash Transfer	138.61	142.84	(4.23)
6. Funds available to support Governing Committee decisions (6 = 3 - 4 - 5)	<u>17.74</u>	<u>4.79</u>	<u>12.96</u>

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b/ net of unused funds which are returned to the Trust Fund
c/ reserve to cover operational costs of the We-Fi Secretariat and Trustee

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023:

- **Funding Availability** increased by USD 12.96 million over the prior reporting period due to:
 - Cash receipts from contributors of USD 10.58 million and additional investment income of approximately USD 2.38 million during the first quarter of calendar year 2023
- **Funds Held in Trust** represent cumulative receipts less cumulative cash transfers, and amount to USD 158.36 million as of March 31, 2023. Funds Held in Trust increased by USD 8.72 million due to:
 - Cash receipts from contributors and additional investment income totaling USD 12.96 million during the first quarter of calendar year 2023;
 - Offset by cash transfers of USD 4.23 million

Glossary

Term	Definition
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank
Cash and Investments	The Trust Fund's share in the co-mingled cash and investment pool.
Cash Contribution	Contribution or Installment provided in the form of cash, including promissory note encashments
Cash Transfer	Cash payment made to an Implementing Partner under a Financial Procedures Agreement
Contribution	The funds provided and to be provided by a Contributor to a Trust Fund, as specified in the Contribution Agreement/Arrangement, or in the Instrument of Commitment
Contribution Agreement/Arrangement	An agreement or arrangement between a World Bank entity, as Trustee, and a Contributor, setting forth specific terms for the receipt and use of a specific Contribution for a specific Trust Fund
Contribution Paid-In	Contribution or Installment provided in the form of cash, Promissory Note or other instruments acceptable to the Trustee
Contribution Receivable	Any portion of a Contribution that is not a Qualified Contribution to be received in the form of Cash or Promissory Note
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Financial Intermediary Fund (FIF)	Financial arrangements that leverage a variety of public and private resources in support of global development initiatives and partnership. These Funds involve financial engineering or complex finance schemes, or where the Bank provides a specified set of administrative, financial or operational services
Financial Procedures Agreement	An agreement or arrangement between a World Bank entity, as Trustee, and Partner Entity for the commitment and transfer of funds by the Trustee to the Partner Entity under terms that do not involve Bank responsibility post-transfer
Funding Availability	Assets available to support funding decisions, as calculated under a specific basis of commitment.
Funds Held in Trust	Cash and Investments plus unencashed Promissory Note balance
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IFC	International Finance Corporation
Implementing Partner (IP)	Any agency receiving funds from a FIF, which is responsible for managing those funds for project activities as approved by the governing body
Investment Income	Returns (realized and unrealized) on cash and investments, allocated to individual Trust Funds
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
Pledge	A Contributor's expression of its intention to make a Contribution
Promissory Note (if applicable)	A document consisting of a promise to pay that is non-interest bearing and payable on demand