



Impact Clusters

Preferred private sectors and themes per country | 2025

Below, you can find the sectors and themes we are working on in each Private Sector Development (PSD) country. Find out which project countries and sectors are eligible for an Impact Clusters subsidy.

Country	Priority sectors and themes
Algeria	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renewable energy (green hydrogen and solar energy) and water management• Agriculture: greenhouse horticulture, dairy, potatoes, tomato processing industry <p>Cross-cutting themes: Environment/circular economy, (youth) entrepreneurship</p>
Angola	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture, food and processing• Logistics• Water, energy and waste management
Bangladesh	<p>Sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable horticulture focused on outdoor and protected cultivation of vegetables, reduction of water and pesticide use, and better quality and higher yields (combitrack), including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Low/mid-tech greenhouses including solar integration (no new Impact Clusters projects)◦ Inputs (seeds, water, fertiliser and (bio)pesticides) (Impact Clusters)◦ Agri logistics, including farm to fork supply chain, processing (value addition), packaging and cold chain, combined with renewable energy (Impact Clusters)◦ Vegetable processing (Impact Clusters)◦ Enabling business environment with compliances, regulations and rules such as seed policy and phytosanitary• Livestock and fisheries: Dairy, poultry and aquaculture with a focus on sustainability, circularity and animal welfare (Impact Clusters)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Sustainable floriculture (Impact Clusters)◦ Ready-made garment sector focusing on circularity and clean production (combitrack), including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Recycling of (post-production) textile waste and circular design (Impact Clusters)▪ Circular production: Renewable energy, less chemical and water use (Impact Clusters)◦ Traceability and EU legislation (Impact Clusters)• Maritime sector ((Impact Clusters) focusing on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Sustainable maritime technologies, shipbuilding and recycling◦ Sustainable port development◦ Renewable energy• ICT sector (Impact Clusters)• Healthcare and pharmaceuticals (Impact Clusters) <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation, gender equality, and youth/women entrepreneurship</p>

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Benin	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture • Poultry • Agri, food and local processing of food products • Smart agriculture and water
Burkina Faso	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable horticulture: Vegetable production (including potatoes), storage, logistics • Improved agricultural production processes, including adapted techniques and mechanisation • Livestock, dairy (milk production), poultry and fisheries • Climate-smart agriculture, irrigation and soil management (pesticides, bio input) • (Integrated) water management, Sanitation/WASH (market development) <p>Cross-cutting theme: Youth (agri) entrepreneurship</p>
Burundi	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Nutrition • Renewable energy supply • Waste recycling <p>Cross-cutting theme: Job generation for young people and regional trade</p>
Chad	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mango • Horticulture
Colombia	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avocado and coffee (combitrack) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ More sustainable, climate-resilient agri-food systems, chains and forests ◦ Reduction of deforestation and water use • Water sector Cartagena (combitrack): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Water monitoring solutions, among others, to improve flood management ◦ Wastewater treatment technologies, including UV-C technologies ◦ Advanced water purification technologies to address water scarcity in remote areas (for example, air-to-water technology) ◦ Debris clean-up technologies ◦ Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for climate adaptation
Côte d'Ivoire	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable horticulture (combitrack): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Setting up horticultural training and incubation centres (HORTICs) in the north to build young horticultural entrepreneurs' capacities and showcase Dutch technology ◦ Agri-ecological horticulture practices and demonstrations • Developing in-country cocoa processing opportunities (combitrack): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Supporting local and circular (valorisation of the whole cocoa fruit) business models using Dutch knowledge and machinery • The maritime sector • Circular poultry sector

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Democratic Republic of the Congo	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable agriculture, including climate-smart agriculture, access to finance and (poultry) feed production – Poultry value chain development • Logistics, including inland shipping transport • Energy <p>Cross-cutting themes: Diversification and self-sufficiency of DRC economy by bringing Dutch expertise, including energy, digitalisation and simplifying business procedures</p>
Egypt	<p>Sectors (no new Impact Clusters):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate- and water-smart agriculture, open field and protected, including seed production (combitrack) <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation (agri- and water-tech) and the role of women and youth</p>
Ethiopia	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture: Horticulture, notably fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, poultry, cacao, coffee • Water • Health Care <p>Cross-cutting themes: (Agri)logistics, nature and biodiversity, waste management, digitalisation and renewable energy</p>
Ghana	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable horticulture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Showcasing Dutch seed, biological compost and capacity building on regenerative agriculture, including soil fertility ◦ Promoting Dutch solutions in agri-logistics, storage and irrigation • The transition to a sustainable and profitable cocoa value chain, free of child labour and deforestation, in cooperation with the Netherlands cocoa sector (combitrack)

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India	<p>Sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable and productive protected horticulture for the production of high-quality vegetables and fruits (combitrack), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ High-tech protected cultivation ◦ Low and mid-tech protected cultivation (shade houses and polyhouses), including substrates, climate management, water irrigation technologies and integrated pest management (IPM) (Impact Clusters) ◦ Quality seeds and inputs (water, fertiliser and biopesticides) (Impact Cluster) • Sustainable waste management (combitrack), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Creating an enabling environment and integrating informal waste workers (with a focus on improved governance frameworks, behaviour change, citizen science, women and youth) ◦ Introducing sustainable solutions related to solid waste management such as sorting and recycling technologies (focus: plastics) (Impact Cluster) ◦ Waste to energy (Impact Cluster) ◦ Capacity building for digitalisation, monitoring and data • Sustainable agriculture, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Outdoor cultivation focusing on vegetables and potatoes (Impact Clusters) ◦ Dairy sector (Impact Clusters) ◦ Poultry sector (Impact Clusters) • Maritime sector, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Green port development (Impact Clusters) • Water (Impact Clusters) • MedTech, more specifically labour saving technologies (in the patient journey from prevention to early diagnostics, treatment and telemonitoring) (Impact Clusters) • Pharma and sustainable healthcare (Impact Clusters), more specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Energy efficiency, renewable energy sources in the medical domain ◦ Waste management, especially in hospitals ◦ Circularity of medical products in particular <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation, gender equality and youth</p>
Indonesia	<p>(Impact Clusters) sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable local food systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Contributing to the development of 'food estates', with a focus on professionalising the horticulture sector and creating an enabling environment ◦ Open field cultivation and the opening of a horticulture centre of excellence in North Sumatra ◦ Protected horticulture in Kalimantan, among other regions (combitrack)
Iraq	<p>(Impact Clusters) sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and water-smart agriculture <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth entrepreneurship and access to finance, focusing on the ecosystem for entrepreneurship and the connection between education and the labour market</p>
Jordan	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water including water-smart agriculture • ICT • Food processing • Logistics • Health • Waste recycling • Renewable energy <p>Cross-cutting themes: Responsible production and digitalisation</p>

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Kenya	<p>Sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agri logistics (combitrack): Stimulating Dutch solutions and investments in cocreation with Kenyan partners for creating sustainable pathways for export in Kenya, using sea freight as an alternative gateway for export. Focus on business models for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Scaling of sustainable horticulture production (Impact Clusters) ◦ Effective handling and processing (Impact Clusters) ◦ (Cool) logistics (Impact Clusters) ◦ (Green) port development (no Impact Clusters) • Life sciences and health (combitrack): Stimulating Dutch solutions and investments in cocreation with Kenyan partners for improving Universal Health Coverage in Kenya. Geographical focus on Homa Bay and Kisumu county. Focus on business models for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Improving access, quality, financing and responsiveness of the health system (Impact Clusters) ◦ Solving public health challenges related to primary health care, referral system, human resources (Impact Clusters) ◦ Innovative solutions for health challenges through eHealth or digital health (Impact Cluster) ◦ Innovative medical devices (no new Impact Clusters) • Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Business models for innovative renewable energy solutions, preferably linked to other priority sectors (Impact Clusters) • Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Business models for innovative technologies to address water challenges in scarcity and abundance mainly in remote areas (Impact Clusters) <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation, youth participation, access to finance and circular economy</p>
Lebanon	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable agriculture, including horticulture, dairy and agri-food
Libya	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy transition: Solar energy, microgrids, greening of fossil energy sector • Green economy: Sustainable agriculture (water saving irrigation), waste management and recycling, green construction materials • Digitalisation: E-governance, E-health • Water management: Reuse of waste water, water infrastructure (including dams), ground water management <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation, strengthened primary economic institutes and improved enabling environments for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), sustainable green initiatives</p>
Mali	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture: livestock, potato and vegetable seeds • Water • Health <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth employment, entrepreneurship</p>
Morocco	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable water management with a focus on horticulture (combitrack) • Sustainable water management through innovative Dutch solutions • Implementation of climate-smart agriculture and horticulture <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation, gender equality, youth and women entrepreneurship</p>

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Moldova	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture (horticulture, dairy) • Industry (agri-processing, construction, logistics) <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth and women employment and entrepreneurship, climate-resilience, digitalisation, responsible production, access to finance</p>
Mozambique	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agri-food: nutrition security • Water <p>Cross-cutting themes: CSR, climate adaptation and mitigation, youth and women</p>
Namibia	Hydrogen (combitrack)
Niger	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture: Tiger nuts production, processing and export; in-country onion and potato production, sustainable horticulture • Livestock, poultry sector • Integrated water management • Waste management • Production, processing and export of moringa <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth employment and entrepreneurship</p>
Nigeria	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture (combitrack): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Horticulture in Southwestern Nigeria and Northern Nigeria (Kano, Kaduna, Plateau): Production (outdoor and covered) and supply chain infrastructure, digital support infrastructure, and capacity building and education ◦ Starting materials: Vegetables and potatoes, including seedlings and nurseries • Energy transition and circular economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Solar: Integrated off-grid solar solutions for agriculture and LSH (combitrack) ◦ Circular economy: Waste management, waste-to-energy and bio-economy • Life science and health (LSH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Focus on OEM equipment, capacity building and education <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth and women entrepreneurship and employment</p>
Palestinian Territories	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information technology (IT) • Agriculture with a focus on access to finance and entrepreneurship • Drinking water and waste-water • Industry and manufacturing for broader economic development

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Senegal	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and Food security: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Adaptation of agricultural practices, particularly agroecology (combitrack) ◦ Promotion of resilient crops: Fonio, millet, sorghum, and so on ◦ Storage infrastructure (traditional versus modern preservation techniques), cold chains, and food logistics (combitrack) ◦ Horticulture (combitrack) ◦ Water management in agriculture (combitrack) ◦ Circular poultry ◦ Cashew value chain • Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Water management ◦ Coastal protection • Renewable energy
Somalia	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable Energy <p>Cross-cutting themes: Access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), access to energy</p>
South Africa	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture (Grootvlei) • Horticultural development to support the Just Energy Transition in Grootvlei, creating alternative employment opportunities around a coal-fired power station) (combitrack Grootvlei): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Developing skills, jobs and business opportunities in agriculture (focus on women and youth) as a sustainable alternative to the jobs lost ◦ Rehabilitation of mine lands ◦ Introduction of water-smart, circular or climate-smart innovations in agriculture in Grootvlei • Green hydrogen (combitrack Green Hydrogen, including Namibia): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Accelerating the inclusive development of sustainable green hydrogen economies in South Africa and Namibia facilitating coordination in the sector ◦ Creating added value in the entire chain, including skills development, the availability of water, renewable energy, production, development of applications (and use of green hydrogen) and logistics ◦ Creating employment and supporting local entrepreneurship in the green hydrogen sector with a focus on women and youth • Agriculture with a focus on horticulture and emerging farmers elsewhere in South Africa • Water, with a focus on water reuse, waste water treatment, agriculture, desalination, digitalisation and other innovations • Circular economy, waste management • Critical raw materials • Life sciences and health (LSH) • Renewable energy and transmission • Cyber security
South Sudan	<p>Sectors (no new Impact Clusters):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water management • Local value chains including processing

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Sudan	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, including agricultural inputs, water resources, general development, food crop production, education and training, agricultural services and financial services • Water supply and management <p>Cross-cutting themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and women employment and entrepreneurship; • Food security • Access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and small-scale farmers
Suriname	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable horticulture (vegetables and fruit) and sustainable agri and food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Introducing Dutch solutions, creating an enabling environment ◦ Sustainable local production and processing, improved export position ◦ Improved food and nutrition security and improved inputs: seeds, water, fertilisers and (bio)pesticide use ◦ food safety and plant health • Environment and climate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sustainable forests: Strengthen local communities (improved livelihood) ◦ Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation, water management, among others, to improve flood management <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth and women entrepreneurship (enabling environment), circular waste management</p>
Tanzania	<p>Sectors (Impact Clusters(*)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable horticulture and potatoes focused on business development and models for scaling in the outdoor and protected cultivation of vegetables, reduction of water, improvement of soil quality and responsible use of pesticide, promotion of organic farming and access to quality seeds including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Inputs: Quality seeds, water, fertiliser, postharvest handling technologies and (bio)pesticides ◦ Agri-logistics, including farm to fork supply chain, processing (value addition), handling, packaging and cold chain ◦ Traceability of (perishable) goods ◦ Cashew processing and circular practices and by-products • Livestock: Poultry with a focus on sustainability and animal feed and welfare (Impact cluster for business development and models on innovative and sustainable technologies for scaling) • Maritime sector focusing on sustainable maritime technologies <p>(*) We strongly invite companies and consortia to apply for the Zanzibar region</p> <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation and youth employment</p>
Tunisia	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture • Climate-smart agriculture • Water, with a focus on water-saving techniques in the agrifood sector <p>Sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT and tech • Renewable energy <p>Cross-cutting theme: Youth employment in the agri-food sector</p>

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Uganda	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Subsectors: Potato, horticulture, dairy, poultry and aquaculture ◦ Focus: Financial access, circularity • Tourism • Renewable energy <p>Cross-cutting theme: Digitalisation</p>
Ukraine	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agri and food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dairy, potato, food processing, technology transfer ◦ Horticulture and planting materials: Floriculture and ornamental, fruit and vegetable production and processing, open field and greenhouse production <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive, sustainable agriculture for partnerships with Europe for food security • Support for public-private partnerships, mainly in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ National and global Food security ◦ Preparation for European Union accession • Agri-education, farm development and earning capacity • Sustainably improving the production, economically, socially and ecologically • Water and infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Drinking water ◦ Wastewater and sewage treatment ◦ Water engineering ◦ Agile, modular and transportable, water and wastewater treatment units ◦ Irrigation and surface water monitoring and quality management <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water security, ensuring safe drinking water (water quality and supply restoration). This includes repairing, rehabilitating or upgrading of less than optimal (including damaged) infrastructure and also the capacity building of the personnel, training of skilled labour to compensate for the capacity loss • Decentralisation of water supply and sanitation facilities, to favour low-cost and easy-to-maintain infrastructure • Integrated water sources management, including water allocation and quality monitoring • Water for food security: Restoring the potential of irrigation and drainage systems to further increase irrigation and water management areas • Territorial planning and economic development • Automated systems for monitoring water quality and quantity • Life science and health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Mental health, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression ◦ Rehabilitation ◦ Oncology and palliative care ◦ Digital solutions and equipment for diagnosis, consulting and treatment ◦ Infrastructure (including modular and mobile) that enable timely and effective response to health emergencies and decentralised provision of health <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring universal access to quality health services, preventing and reducing major health risks, supporting health system reforms, preparation for joining the European Union accession • Focus on reintegration of all persons affected by the war • Risks of tobacco use, alcohol consumption, unhealthy nutrition and rising obesity • One Health approach addressing the interconnection between human, animal and environmental health (OHA)

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Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) • Energy: • Renewable energy sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wind (on-shore; combi-track), solar, batteries ◦ Biogas and biomethane <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy security: Decentralised and diversified energy matrix • Energy efficiency crosscutting principle economic sectors: Water, agri & food, life science and health, and others relevant to Ukraine • Supporting system reforms, capacity building and preparation for joining the European Union accession targeting public and private actors
Vietnam	<p>Sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable aquaculture in the Mekong Delta: Contributing to an increasing production and greening by introducing nature-based solutions (combitrack: no Impact Clusters) • Agriculture : Horticulture, desalinisation (Impact Clusters) <p>Cross-cutting themes: Women entrepreneurship, youth employment</p>
Zimbabwe	<p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate-smart horticulture • Agri-logistics for sustainable trade <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth employment and entrepreneurship</p>