



Impact Clusters

Preferred private sectors and themes per country | 2026

Below are the sectors and themes we work on in each private sector development (PSD) country. This overview also indicates the project countries and sectors eligible for an Impact Clusters subsidy.

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| 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• Mining services and access to critical raw materials• Water, energy and waste management <p>Focus region: Lobito Corridor</p> |
| Bangladesh | <p>PSD priority sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable horticulture, focusing on outdoor and protected cultivation of vegetables, reduction of water and pesticide use, 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)○ Agrilogistics, including farm to fork supply chain, packaging and cold chain, combined with renewable energy (no new Impact Clusters)○ Vegetable processing (value addition) (Impact Clusters)• Livestock and fisheries: Dairy, poultry and aquaculture with a focus on sustainability, circularity and animal welfare (no new 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 (no new Impact Clusters)○ Cleaner production with a focus on water technologies, renewable energy and access to finance for technology adaptation (Impact Clusters)○ Traceability and EU legislation (no new Impact Clusters)• Maritime sector (Impact Clusters) focusing on: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainable maritime technologies, shipbuilding and recycling ○ Sustainable port development ○ Renewable energy <p>Cross-cutting themes: Digitalisation, gender equality, youth/women entrepreneurship</p> |
| 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 (water-agriculture nexus priority), such as irrigation |
| 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 creation 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 agrifood 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 |

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| 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 ○ Business development and demonstration on onions and potatoes ○ Agroforestry practices, training and demonstration • Developing in-country cocoa-processing opportunities (combitrack): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting local and circular business models using Dutch knowledge and machinery (extracting value from the whole cocoa fruit) • Maritime and water sector • Circular poultry sector • Circular economy business opportunities, extracting value from (namely agricultural) waste streams • Cashew sector |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, more specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Climate-smart agriculture, access to finance, innovation and agricultural mechanisation ○ Seeds and fertilisers related to cash crop value chains ○ Cultivation & processing/value addition related to cash crop value chains ○ Poultry and corn for food and feed production • Water logistics and infrastructure • Mining services and access to critical raw materials <p>Cross-cutting themes with a value chain approach: Diversification and self-sufficiency of the DRC economy by bringing Dutch expertise, including energy, waste management, digitalisation and simplifying business procedures.</p> <p>Regional focus: Lobito Corridor (Kolwezi/Lubumbashi), Corridor National Muanda-Kinshasa-Kolwezi.</p> |
| Egypt | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate- and water-smart agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Salinity-agriculture/water footprint ○ Post-harvest supply chains/warehousing ○ Seed hub development • FinTech <p>Cross-cutting theme: 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, cacao, coffee • Water |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare <p>Cross-cutting themes: (Agri)logistics, nature and biodiversity, waste management, digitalisation</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 agrilogistics, storage and irrigation/water management • The transition to a sustainable and profitable cocoa value chain, free of child labour and deforestation, in cooperation with the Netherlands cocoa sector (combitrack): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Byproduct value addition, organic compost and fertiliser production, climate-smart solutions ○ Production improvement through irrigation, seeds, planting materials and so on |
| India | <p>PSD priority sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable and productive protected horticulture for high-quality vegetables and fruits (combitrack) (Impact Clusters) 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) ○ Quality seeds and inputs (water, fertiliser and biopesticides) ○ Agrilogistics and food safety • Sustainable agriculture, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biological/regenerative outdoor cultivation focusing on vegetables, spices and potatoes (Impact Clusters) ○ Dairy sector, focusing on reduced antibiotic use, animal welfare, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and food losses (Impact Clusters) ○ Poultry sector (no new Impact Clusters) • Alternative proteins such as soya and tempeh (Impact Clusters) • Sustainable waste management (combitrack) (Impact Clusters), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating an enabling environment and integrating informal waste workers, with a focus on improved governance frameworks, digitalisation, behaviour change, citizen science, women and youth ○ Introducing sustainable solutions related to solid waste management, such as improved monitoring systems, sorting and recycling technologies, with a focus on (certified, recycled) plastics ○ Waste to energy (Impact Clusters) ○ Waste circularity to strengthen innovative waste use (such as agricultural waste, textile waste) ○ Capacity building regarding vocational skills and knowledge, OHS, digitalisation, AI monitoring and data utilisation, knowledge and advocacy for municipal officials • Maritime sector, including: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green port development (Impact Clusters) • Water (Impact Clusters): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water management ○ (Waste)water treatment ○ Nature-based solutions ○ Water technology • MedTech: 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) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable local food systems on North Sumatra, related to the 'Food Estate North Sumatra' (where a combitrack is currently ongoing): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contributing to the development of the food estate, with a focus on professionalising the horticulture sector and creating an enabling environment ○ Open field cultivation ○ The opening of a horticulture centre of excellence in North Sumatra ○ Protected horticulture • Water • Logistics (maritime) |
| Iraq | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate- and water-smart agriculture (horticulture, potato and dairy) • Water <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 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy <p>Cross-cutting themes: Responsible production and digitalisation</p> |
| Kenya | <p>PSD priority sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agrilogistics (combitrack): Stimulating Dutch solutions and investments together with Kenyan partners to create 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 together with Kenyan partners to improve 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 Clusters) ○ 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 wastewater, water infrastructure (including dams), groundwater 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> |

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| | <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: Gender equality, youth and women entrepreneurship</p> |
| 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, production, value chain development • Water • Renewable energy • Health <p>Cross-cutting themes: RBC, climate adaptation and mitigation, youth and women</p> |
| Namibia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrogen (combitrack) |
| Niger | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture: Tiger nut production, tiger nut derivatives and value extraction, 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, capacity building and education |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 bioeconomy • Life sciences 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 wastewater • Industry and manufacturing for broader economic development |
| 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-sized enterprises (MSMEs), 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 (with a focus on women and youth) as a sustainable alternative to lost jobs ○ Rehabilitation of mine lands |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction of water-smart, circular or climate-smart innovations in agriculture in Grootvlei ● Green hydrogen (combitrack green hydrogen, including Namibia): ○ Inclusive development of sustainable green hydrogen economies in South Africa and Namibia, facilitating coordination in the sector ○ Creating added value throughout the chain, including skill development, water availability, renewable energy, production, development of applications and use of green hydrogen, 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, wastewater 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 | Sectors (no new Impact Clusters): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water management ● Local value chains, including processing |
| Sudan | (Impact Clusters) sectors: <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 Cross-cutting themes: Youth and women employment and entrepreneurship, food security, access to finance for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and small-scale farmers |
| Suriname | (Impact Clusters) sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable horticulture (vegetables and fruit) and sustainable agri and food, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food and nutrition security (including food safety and plant health) through improved inputs: seeds, water, fertilisers and (bio)pesticide use ● Environment and climate, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainable forests and timber: Strengthening local communities and livelihoods through timber certification ○ Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation: Water management to improve urban resilience and coastal protection ○ Plastic waste management |

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| | Cross-cutting theme: Youth and women entrepreneurship (enabling environment) |
| Tanzania | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avocados, including agrilogistics • Seed sector development • Animal feed • Cashew processing, circular practices and byproducts • Critical raw minerals: Focus on value addition, circularity, sustainability and 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 • IT and tech <p>Other sectors (no Impact Clusters):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy <p>Cross-cutting theme: Youth employment in the agrifood sector</p> |
| 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><i>Priorities:</i></p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive, sustainable agriculture for European partnerships on food security • Support for public-private partnerships, mainly in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National and global food security ○ Preparation for European Union membership • Agri-education, farm development and earning capacity • Sustainably improving production from an economic, social and ecological perspective • 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><i>Priorities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water security, ensuring safe drinking water (water quality and supply restoration) ○ Repairing, rehabilitating or upgrading (damaged) infrastructure ○ Capacity building of personnel and training skilled labour to compensate for capacity loss ○ Decentralisation of water supply and sanitation facilities, favouring low-cost, easy-to-maintain infrastructure ○ Integrated water source management, including water allocation and quality monitoring ○ Water for food security: Restoring the potential of irrigation and drainage systems to improve irrigation and enlarge water management areas ○ Territorial planning and economic development ○ Automated systems for monitoring water quality and quantity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life sciences 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) for timely and effective responses to health emergencies and decentralised health provision <p><i>Priorities:</i></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 European Union membership ○ 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 connection between human, animal and environmental health (OHA) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Response to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) ● Renewable energy sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wind (onshore; combitrack), solar, batteries ○ Biogas and biomethane <p><i>Priorities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Energy security: Decentralised and diversified energy matrix ○ Energy efficiency in cross-cutting economic sectors: Water, agri and food, life sciences and health, and other sectors relevant to Ukraine ○ Supporting system reforms, capacity building and preparation for European Union membership, targeting public and private actors |
| Vietnam | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Logistics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthening Dutch business participation to leverage Vietnamese opportunities in airport and seaport development, including inland waterway transport ● Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthening Dutch business participation in groundwater management, flood risk resilience (including coastal protection and nature-based solutions) and offshore sand sourcing ● Agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Horticulture, desalination, climate-smart solutions, sustainable food chains ● Aquaculture in the Mekong Delta: Contributing to increased production and greening by introducing nature-based solutions ● Critical raw materials: Strengthening Dutch business participation in the Vietnamese critical raw materials value chain; capacity-building activities for relevant Vietnamese institutions aimed at increasing sustainable production of critical raw materials <p>Cross-cutting themes: RBC, women entrepreneurship, youth employment</p> |
| Zimbabwe | <p>(Impact Clusters) sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate-smart horticulture ● Agrilogistics for sustainable trade <p>Cross-cutting themes: Youth employment and entrepreneurship</p> |