

Catalysing investment for the Hindu Kush Himalaya

A framework for responding to the needs of mountain communities and ecosystems



Mountains of Opportunity Investment Framework

The impacts of climate change, economic migration and conflict are keenly felt by communities and ecosystems across the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH), where climate vulnerability and biodiversity loss are high and increasing. Mountain communities, and the region as a whole, urgently need support to adapt to new climate realities, meet national targets, and move towards the SDGs by 2030.

Catalysing investment to address these growing challenges is key to taking strategic action, with a specific aim to influence the quantity and direction of investment.

Targeted investments in policies and solutions at scale can support mountain communities and policy makers to address the specific challenges they face.

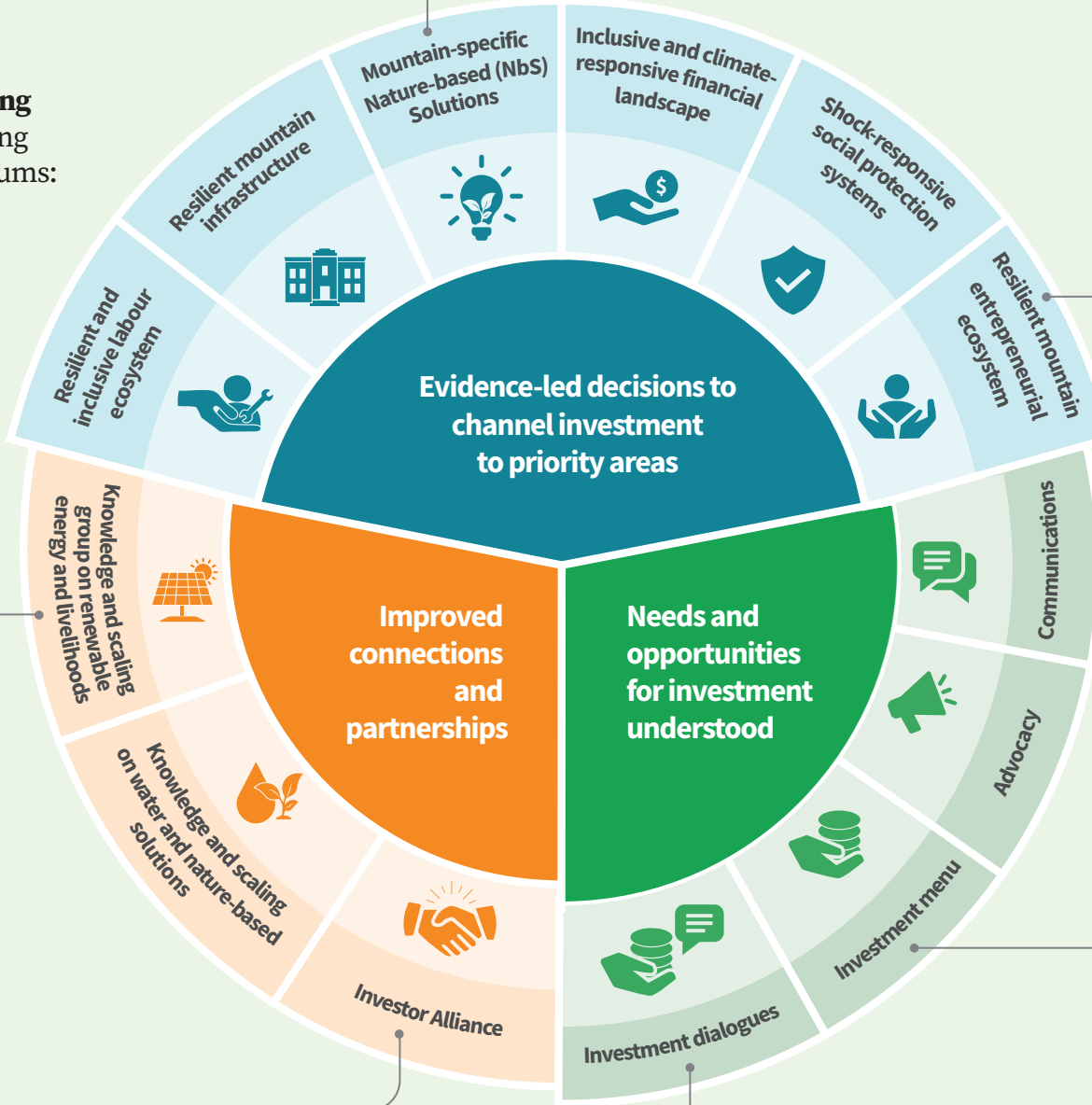
The Mountains of Opportunity Investment Framework (MOIF), set up by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), brings together partners from the knowledge, investor, development, and public and private sectors to identify solutions and mobilise investments that meet climate and environmental priorities in the HKH region.

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MOIF is a convening platform, consisting of two types of forums:

1. Knowledge and Scaling Groups: a coalition of research, implementer, development, public and private-sector actors to network, learn, identify and build scalable investment opportunities. Their aim is to identify impact and quantify value to attract investment.

2. Investor Alliance: a partnership of investors and investment experts to advise, explore, and bring investment to the HKH. The aim is to bring the investment conversation closer to the need and solutions.



Mountain-specific NbS: encourage the protection, sustainable management, and restoration of mountain ecosystems to address societal challenges.

Resilient mountain entrepreneurial ecosystems: a network of institutions and actors that enables investments that support innovation in mountain SMEs, create resilience and foster sustainability.


Investment Menu: a menu of solutions for the HKH, delivering quantifiable social, economic and/or environmental value, with potential to be scaled and attract investment.

Investment dialogues: bringing together investors, the public and private sectors, development partners and investment experts, to explore opportunities and advocate for investment in the HKH.

The framework addresses five investment challenges

 Bringing policy makers, knowledge brokers, investors, and investment expertise together

 Closing the investable project gap

 Identifying and measuring new forms of value, especially co-benefits

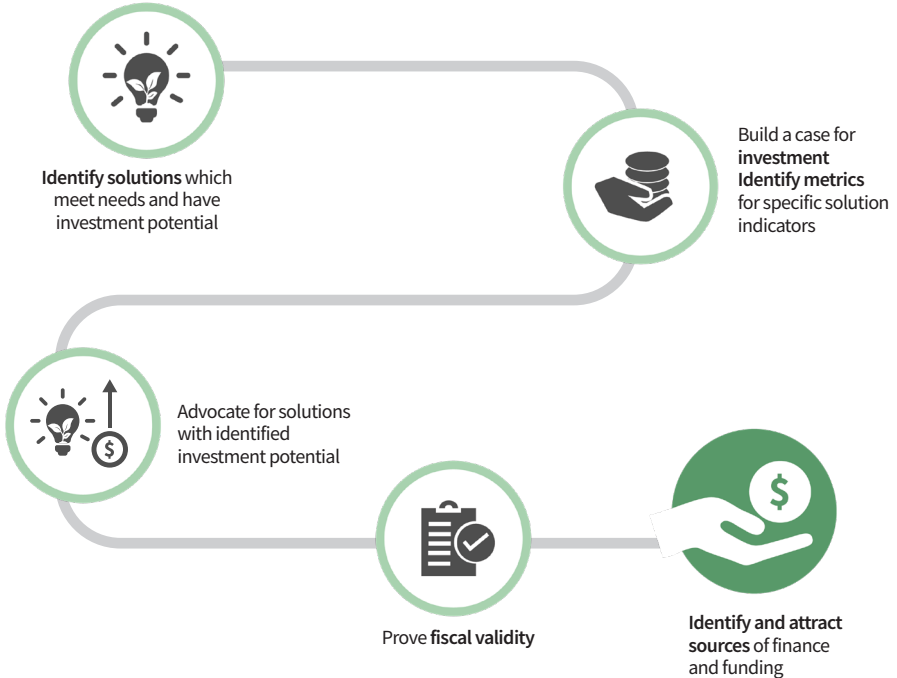
 Systematically integrating a GESI-centred approach to investments

 Raising the voice of the HKH, partnering for investment advocacy

Investment pathways

The Mountains of Opportunity Investment Framework will play a transformative role by bridging the gap between the needs of the mountain regions and those of investors and

finance for scalable, proven projects with quantifiable impacts. It does this through 'Investment pathways', through which we aim to:



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