



# Digital Identification for inclusive access to services

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# Digital technologies are changing the world

## Electronic payments displace traditional forms of payment

- According to Gartner, by 2018, over 50% of Internet users of United States, Japan and Europe will make mobile payments with smartphones, and by 2022 the cost of the financial industry expense will be reduced by blockchains to **20 billion. \$** per year



## E-commerce is becoming a major driver of the growth of SMEs

- According to Frost and Sullivan Research 27% of the total volume of world trade will take place over the Internet and will reach **25 bln. \$** by 2020



## The role of social networks continues to increase



- **45%** of the 3.2 billion Internet users around the world are using Facebook



- In 2014, the daily number of messages on Twitter has grown to **155 million. 55** million a year earlier

## More devices will be connected to the Internet IoT

- According to Cisco estimates that 50 billion devices will be connected to the Internet (IoT), which will allow annual savings of up to **8.9 bln. \$** by 2020



## Drones and robots will replace many of the traditional forms of labor

- Gartner predicts over 5 years drones become standard equipment in industry and agriculture, and in 2030 drones and robots will replace **one third** of the global workforce



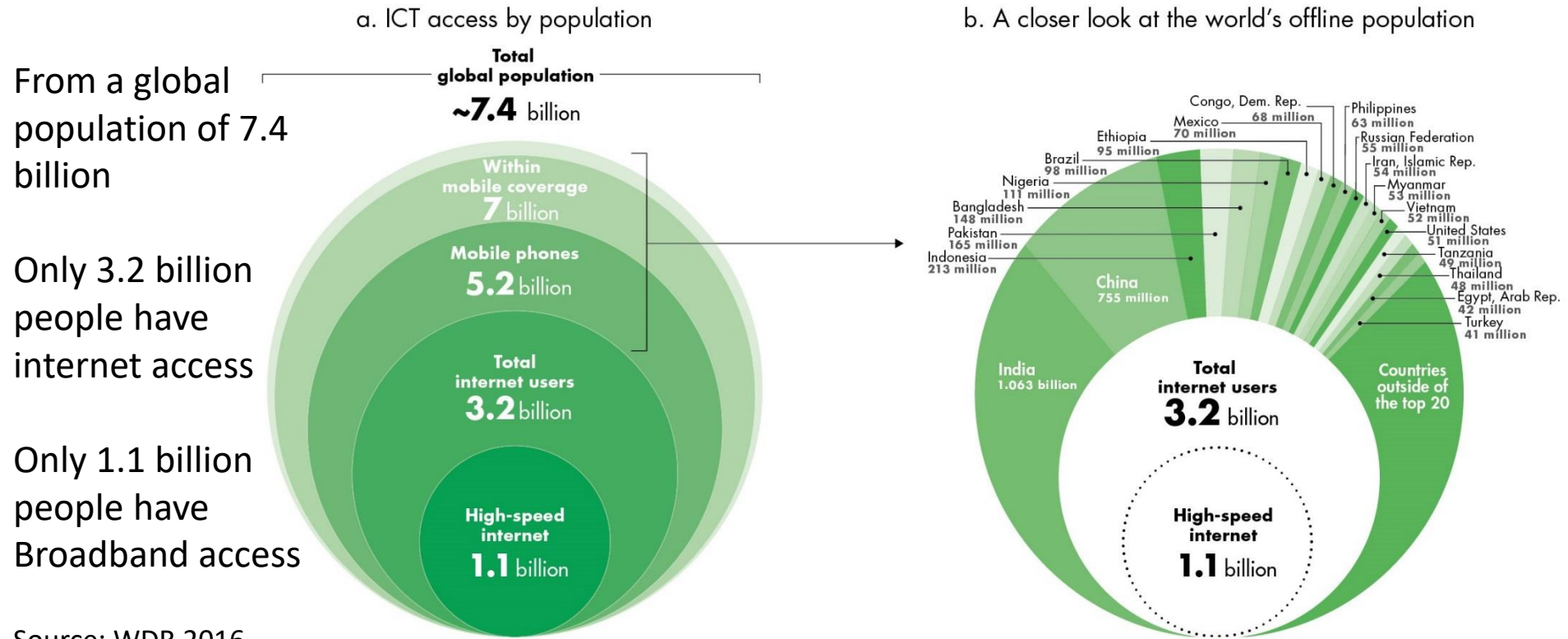
## Big data will become an important tool in the growth of the country's competitiveness

- According to the Institute Demos Europa correct analysis and extracting value from big data can bring the countries of the European Union **206 billion. €** by 2020



# Challenges in connectivity: Access, Capability, Affordability and Digital Divide

The Internet remains unavailable, inaccessible and unaffordable to a majority of the world's population



Source: WDR 2016

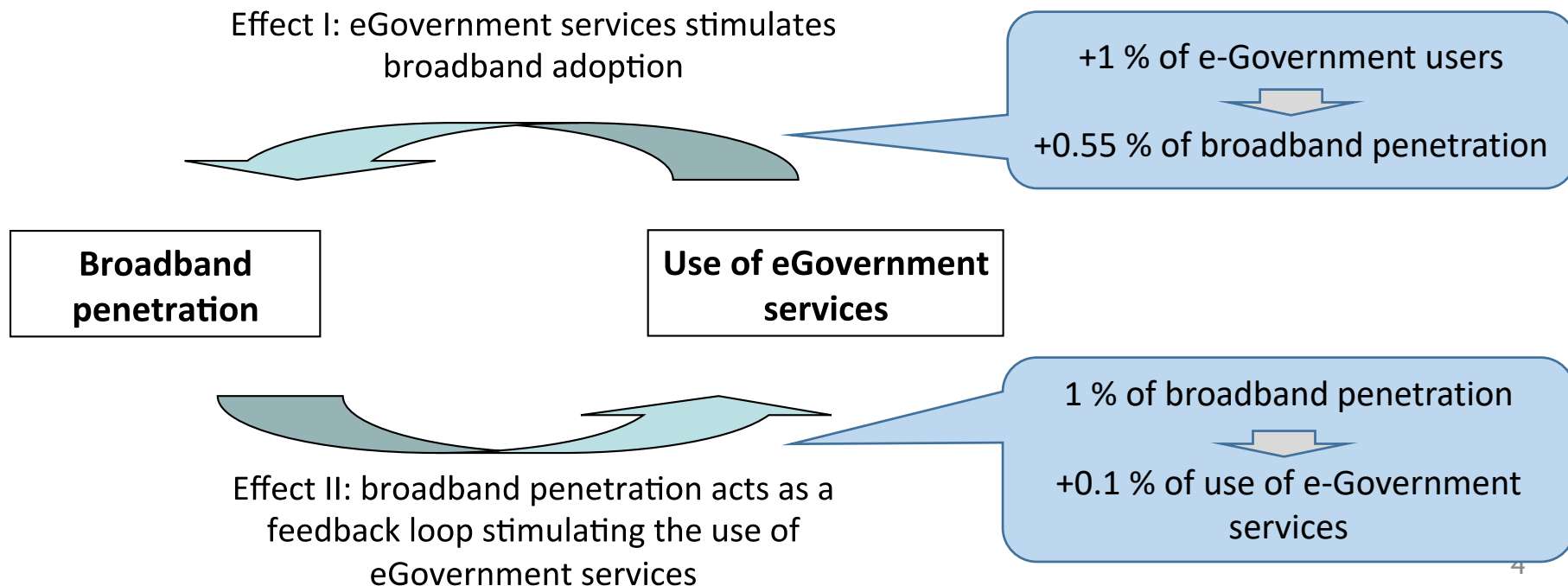
Sources: World Bank 2015; Meeker 2015; ITU 2015; GSMA, <https://gsmaintelligence.com/>; UN Population Division 2014. Data at [http://bit.do/WDR2016-FigO\\_5](http://bit.do/WDR2016-FigO_5).

Note: High-speed internet (broadband) includes the total number of fixed-line broadband subscriptions (such as DSL, cable modems, fiber optics), and the total number of 4G/LTE mobile subscriptions, minus a correcting factor to allow for those who have both types of access. 4G = fourth generation; DSL = digital subscriber line; ICT = information and communication technology; LTE = Long Term Evolution.

# Two key foundations for digital government

- (i) Broadband Infrastructure
- (ii) Digital Government Platforms
- These two are considered positively inter-related.

Example: Statistical research in Colombia shows positive mutual influence between Broadband and e-Government enabled by Digital Government Platforms.



# Trends we are seeing today:

## Digital Government Technology Platforms (DGTP):

- Single, integrated, platform for government services (Build once, re-use always)
  - Mandated use of cross-government shared service components Unified data shared across public sector, and beyond
  - New supply models (service contracts, PPPs)
  - Integrated cyber-security and privacy
  - Integrated sensors, IoT, Precision Agriculture, Smart Cities
  - Data analytics for service improvements
  - Identification for development (ID4D)
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- **eServices:**
    - Transformational by design
    - Open and secure by design
    - Digital from end to end – Ask Once
    - User-centered service design (customer as a focus, Identity-based)
    - Digital Registries adhering to International Standards
    - Mobile-centric – and able to accommodate new devices too



# Principles of Digital Government Identity & Services in the Digital Age

1. Digital by Default
2. **Open** and Secure by Design
3. Data-driven (not document driven)
4. Transformational by Design
5. Mobile and Cloud First



# Elements of successful digital development



# Snapshot - Digital Government Technology Platform

Holistic approach is needed to effectively deliver public services.

Stakeholders



Government



Citizens



Businesses



Donors/NGO/CSO



Solutions

Health & Welfare  
Social Svc

Education & Learning

Citizen/Business Transactions

Revenue & Trade Facilitation

Finances Banking

Public Works Utilities Transport

Digital Enablers: Broadband, Cloud, IDs, Payment systems, Mobile, Content Mgmt, DataXchange/InterOperability, Archiving, Messaging, Authent&Security

Analog Enablers: Laws, Regulations, Standards, Governance, Skills



# What is in an Identifier?

- Its all about Data & Metadata
  - Languages
  - Formats and Standards
    - Geo-spatial data
    - Chart of account

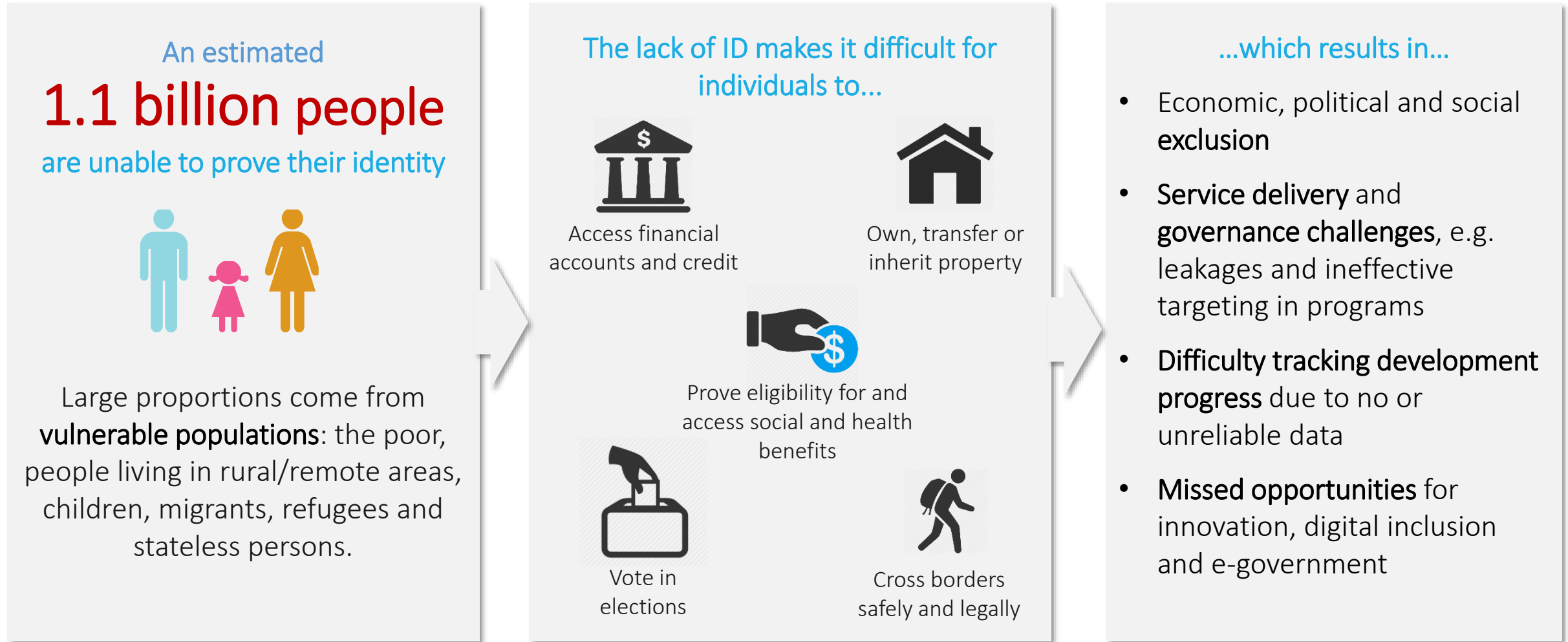
Biometrics

Exchange and Inter-operability

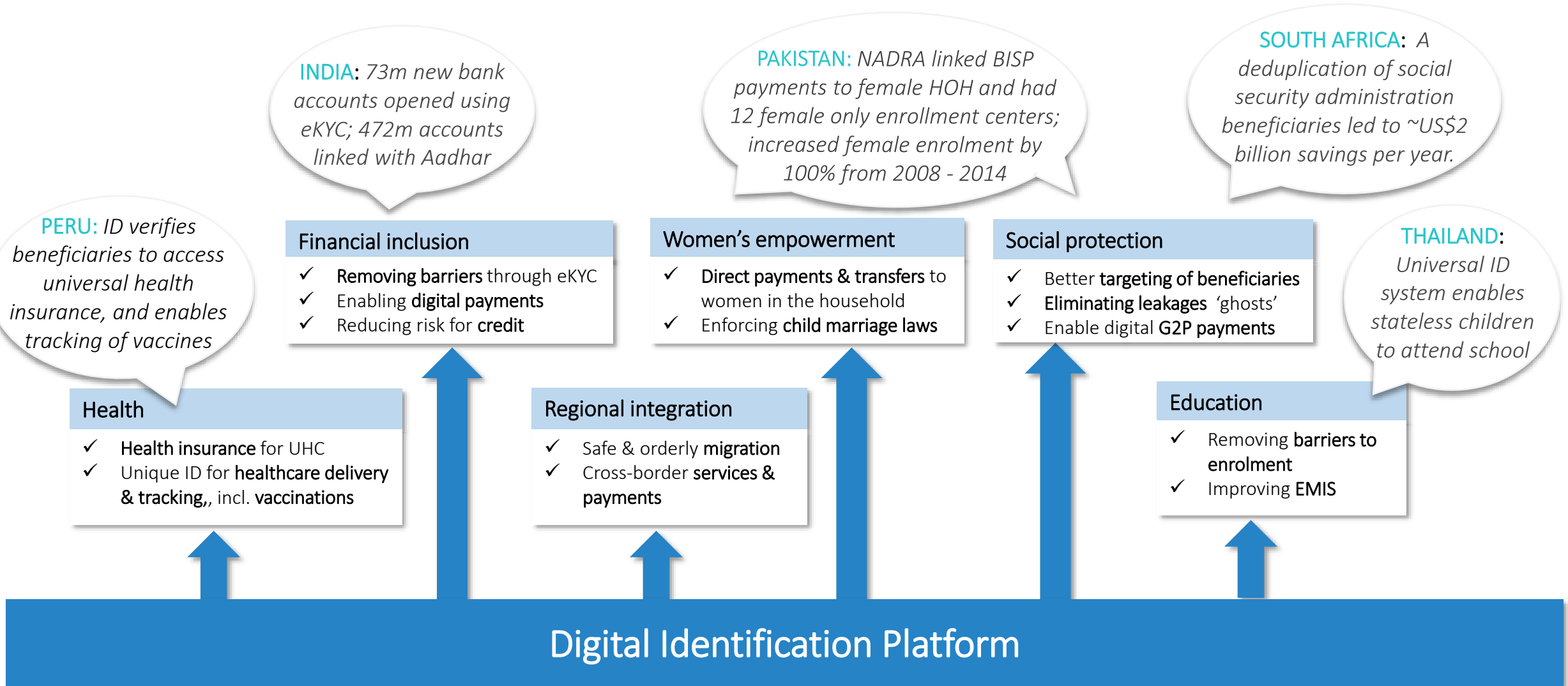
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Encryption

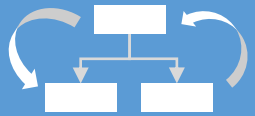
# Scale of the problem: 1.1 billion individuals are unable to prove their identity, resulting in exclusion and governance challenges



# Potential for a Digital Solution: Digital ID can be a foundation for inclusion and effective service delivery



# Current Challenges in Implementation: Countries face consistent challenges in building robust & inclusive ID systems



## Governance & Harmonization

- ❑ When systems are **fragmented**, silo ministries engage in **duplicative or one-off** efforts resulting in waste (*e.g. Nigeria*)
- ❑ **Lack of coordination** e.g. between **civil registries** and adult identification.
- ❑ **Low capacity** in National ID offices to take strategic technical decisions and follow through on implementation



## Legal & Regulatory

- ❑ Lack legal & regulatory frameworks to cover ID agency **mandates, privacy, and data protection**
- ❑ Where frameworks are in place, they are often dated or inadequate, and some face **issues with implementation**



## Technology & Infrastructure

- ❑ Prevalence of legacy **manual paper based systems**
- ❑ Where digital systems exist, increasing reliance on **smartcards** which often results in **vendor lock in**
- ❑ Lack of **connectivity** and physical **infrastructure**; e.g. in storing/managing data and in remote authentication



## Costs & Accessibility

- ❑ Fees, indirect costs, and convoluted processes create inefficiencies and create **barriers to identification**
- ❑ Disproportionate impacts of lack of access for women, displaced persons and other **marginalized groups**

# Identified Success Factors: Common features in design and implementation can enable success



**High level support** & cross-ministerial engagement for a **national action plan**

Identification is unique to the individual and **linked to civil registration** systems

Identification as a basic **foundational layer** to ease rollout and protect privacy

Targeted enrolment strategies to bring in **remote or vulnerable** populations

Service delivery and **demand-based** approach to increasing enrolment

**Competitive** approaches to avoid proprietary technologies & **vendor lock-in**

Clearly defined institutional mandates; laws to **protect data security and privacy**



**Uruguay**

*President positioned identification as a national priority*



**Thailand**

*Integrated CR & ID agency provided unique number from birth to death*



**India**

*Unique number for all residents with 4 data fields & biometrics*



**Pakistan**

*Targeted enrolment strategies for remote areas and women*



**Peru**

*ID links to finances, health, G2P, pensions, & scholarships*



**India**

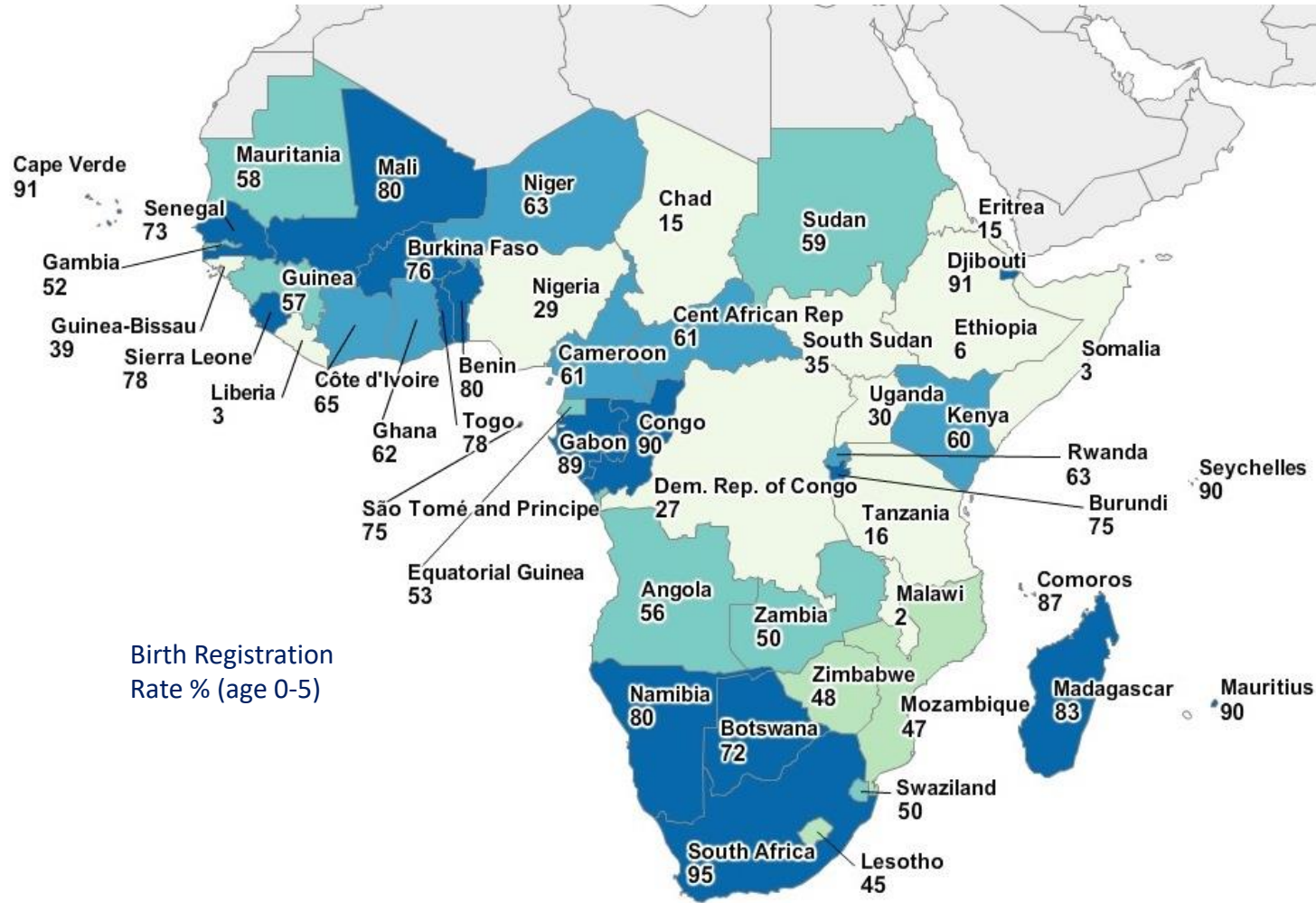
*Use of standard commodity hardware; 3 vendors for deduplication*



**Belgium**

*The Data Protection Law (2001) and others regulate use of data*

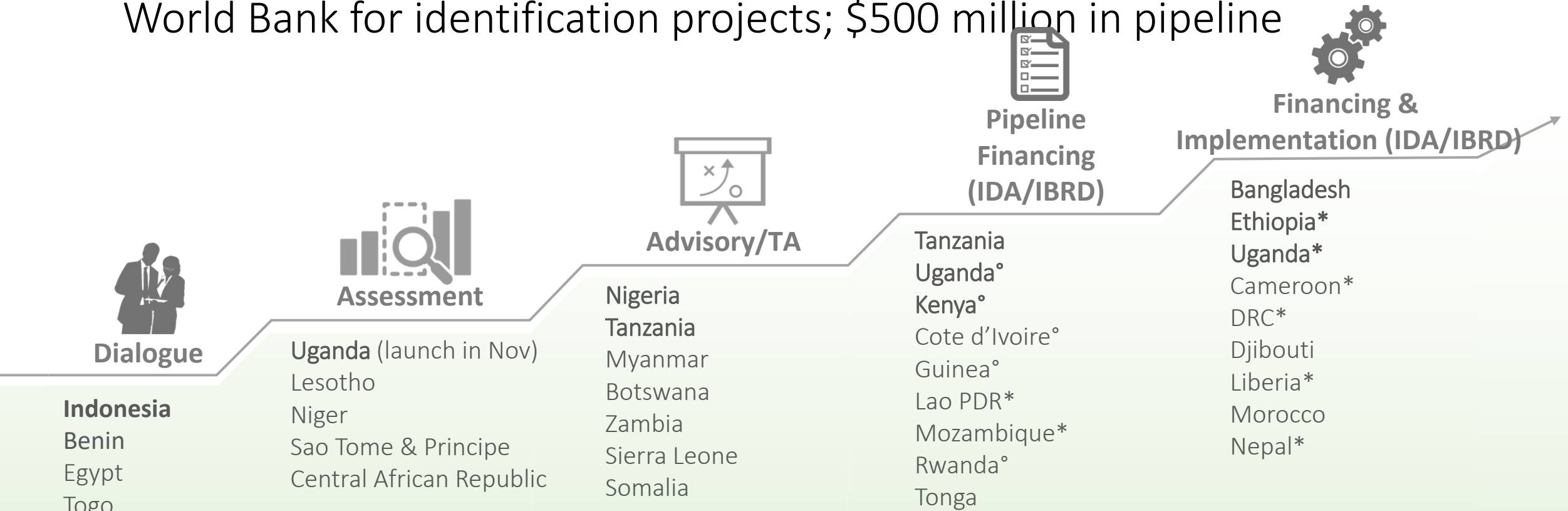
# ...Full Coverage is still a Way Off



# Case Of Finland

- **Census and certificates were digitalized in 1980's**
- In 1980's Finland started to make **digital census** by using existing datasets. Censuses can be completed cost-effectively, quickly and without forms. This procedure has saved tens of millions of euros.
- In mid 1980's Population Register Centre started a reform to reduce the number of **certificates**.
- In 1997 less than 0,6 million certificates were issued (reduction of 90%)
- Some requirements were completely unnecessary
- Authorities **can check online** necessary information from population register

# Country Engagement: Over \$500 million currently committed across the World Bank for identification projects; \$500 million in pipeline



\* Civil Registration Projects

• Regional ID Projects



# Conclusion: Our Approaches towards Digital Government for SDGs

The World Bank can help client countries form digital government platforms through:

- Establishment of the enabling environment cross-cutting approach
  - Formulation of National ICT Action Plan and Digital/e-Government strategy
  - Inter-ministry institutional coordination mechanisms and change management
- Digital platforms and shared infrastructure, services, databases, of e-Government services, in addition to sector-specific assistance
  - eID/Digital ID – An enabler for all services provision and simplification
  - Enterprise Architecture, interoperability
  - Computing and Hosting Environment (Data Centers and Cloud)
  - Government WANs
  - MIS for several Government agency applications
  - Open source policies, open data standard
- Improvement of e-Government services for better public service delivery
  - Back-end systems, Transactions (G2C, G2B, G2G), Capacity building
- Integration with mobile applications for greater reach to the disadvantaged target
  - Greater access in remote areas, by females and unemployed youth
  - Mobile-money services towards greater financial inclusion
- Promotion of ICT “trust” policies
  - Cybersecurity, data and privacy protection, and intellectual property
- Engagement of private sector for improving digital connectivity and platforms
  - Effective provision of knowledge and solutions, Partnership (i.e. PPP)

Thank you for your attention.



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