In June 2017, we launched round 2 of our Innovation Fund. For this round, we were looking to support start-ups in Africa and Asia-Pacific operating in the sharing economy, or offering services to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). 554 pitches were received from start-ups in 42 countries. This infographic highlights the learnings from the applications from Asia-Pacific.

Geographic distribution

- Bangladesh: 14%
- Indonesia: 18%
- Nepal: 7%
- Myanmar: 13%
- Philippines: 4%
- Pakistan: 16%
- Cambodia: 4%
- Vietnam: 3%
- Papua New Guinea: 4%

Collaboration with mobile operators

40% work locally with mobile operators, including:

- Axiata
- Telenor
- Telkomsel

Verticals

- Agri-tech: 14%
- E-health: 13%
- E-commerce: 13%
- Fintech: 13%
- HR Tech: 10%
- EdTech: 9%
- Logistics: 5%
- Transport Tech: 9%
- Others: 14%

Socio-economic impact

Tackling 11 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Women in tech

1 in 5 founded or co-founded by women entrepreneurs

Funding situation

$195K average funding already raised

The finalist start-ups are now undergoing a due diligence process. The start-ups selected to receive funding and support from the programme will be announced in early 2018.