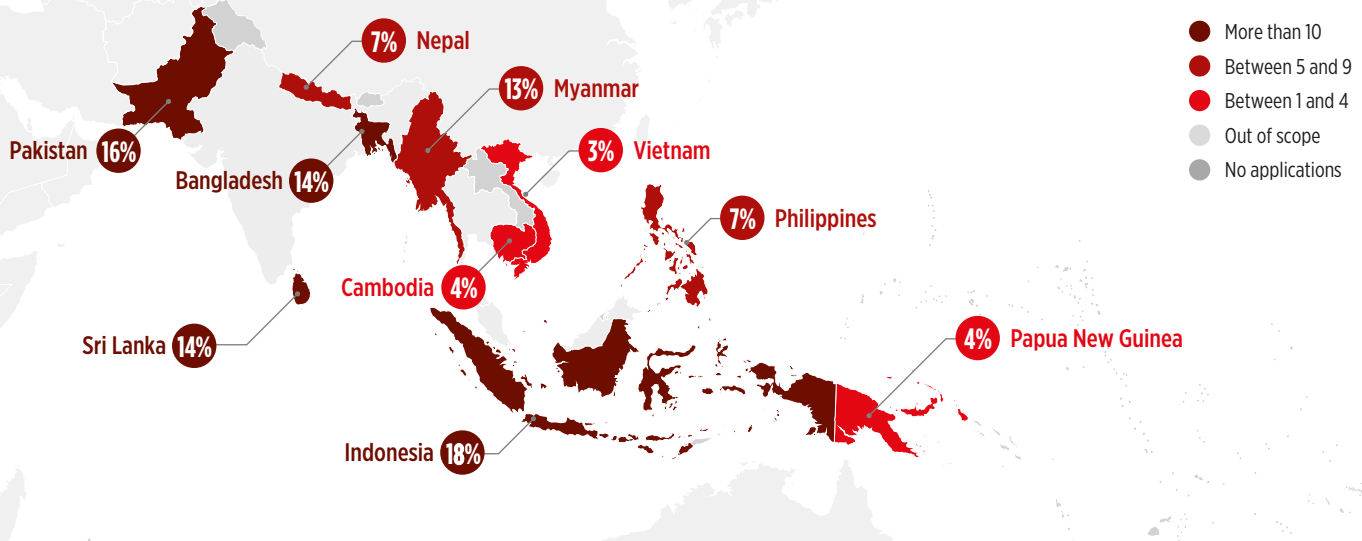


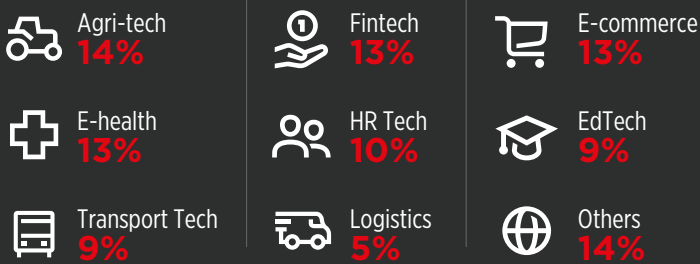


In June 2017, we launched round 2 of our **Innovation Fund**. For this round, we were looking to support start-ups in Africa and Asia-Pacific operating in the **sharing economy, or offering services to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**. **554 pitches** were received from start-ups in 42 countries.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

Geographic distribution



Verticals



Collaboration with mobile operators



WORK LOCALLY WITH MOBILE OPERATORS, INCLUDING:



Socio-economic impact



Tackling 11 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals



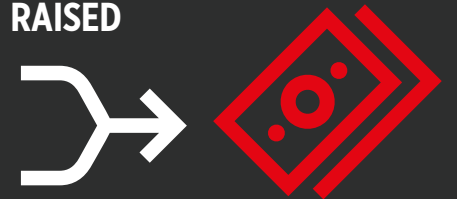
Women in tech



FOUNDED OR CO-FOUNDED BY WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS



Funding situation



NEXT STEPS

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.



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