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STATE OF THE MOBILE MONEY INDUSTRY IN WEST AFRICA 2023





Mobile money in 2022

1.6bn

Registered accounts



+13% YEAR-ON-YEAR

GROWTH RATE

401m Monthly active accounts

+13%

YEAR-ON-YEAR **GROWTH RATE**

Value of transactions

YEAR-ON-YEAR **GROWTH RATE**



Active agents

Live services in

COUNTRIES

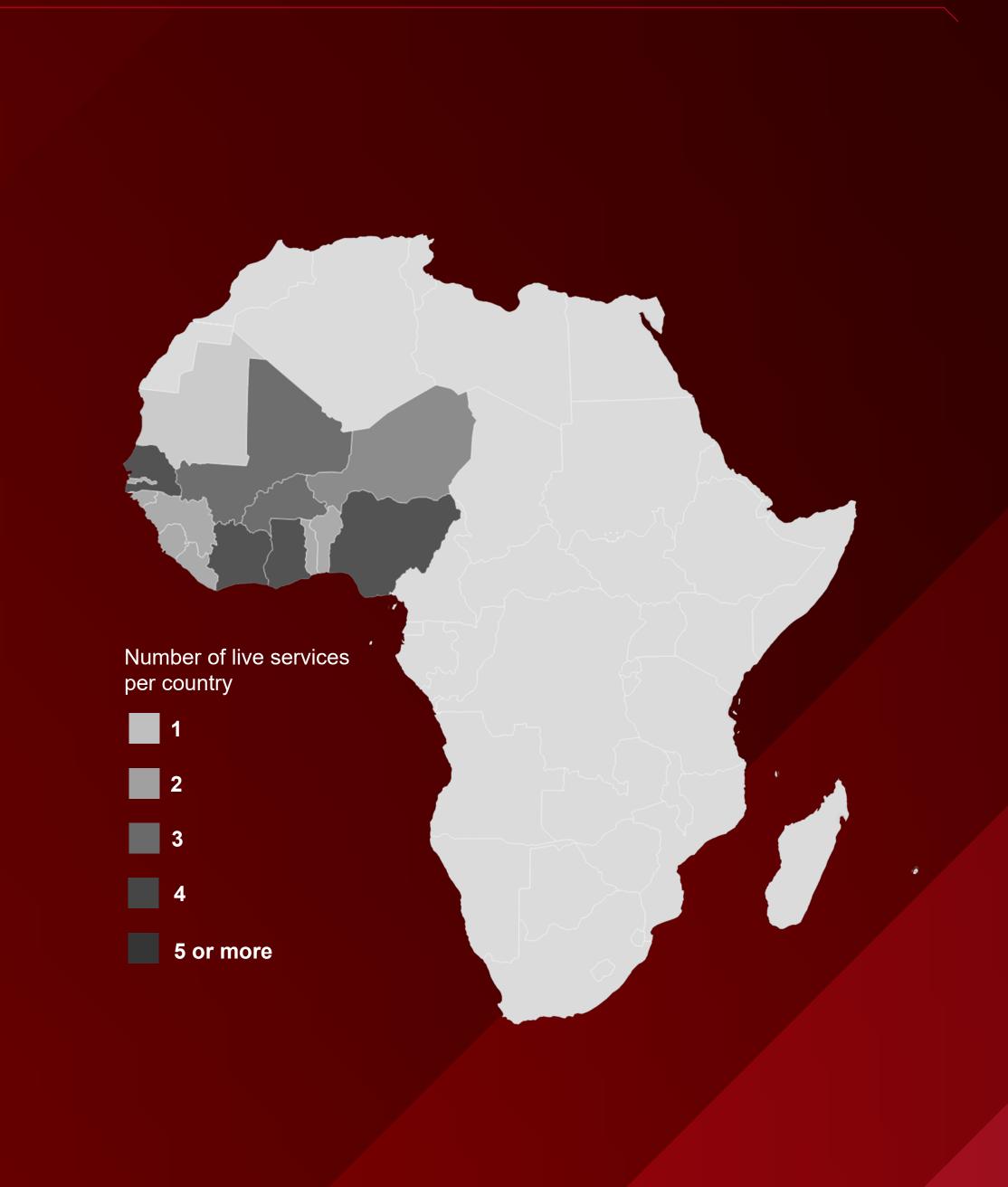


Live services in West Africa

LIVE SERVICES IN

COUNTRIES

COUNTRIES HAVE
5 OR MORE LIVE
SERVICES





West Africa led the growth in mobile money adoption globally...

TOTAL REGISTERED ACCOUNTS GLOBALLY

290m

registered accounts in West Africa

18% of all accounts

27%
year-on-year
growth

Fastest
Growing
sub-region

NEW REGISTERED ACCOUNTS IN 2022

33% Western
Africa

22% Eastern
Africa

21% Southern
Asia

13% South-Eastern Asia
Others

61m

new registered accounts in Western Africa

The highest contribution of any sub-region in 2022



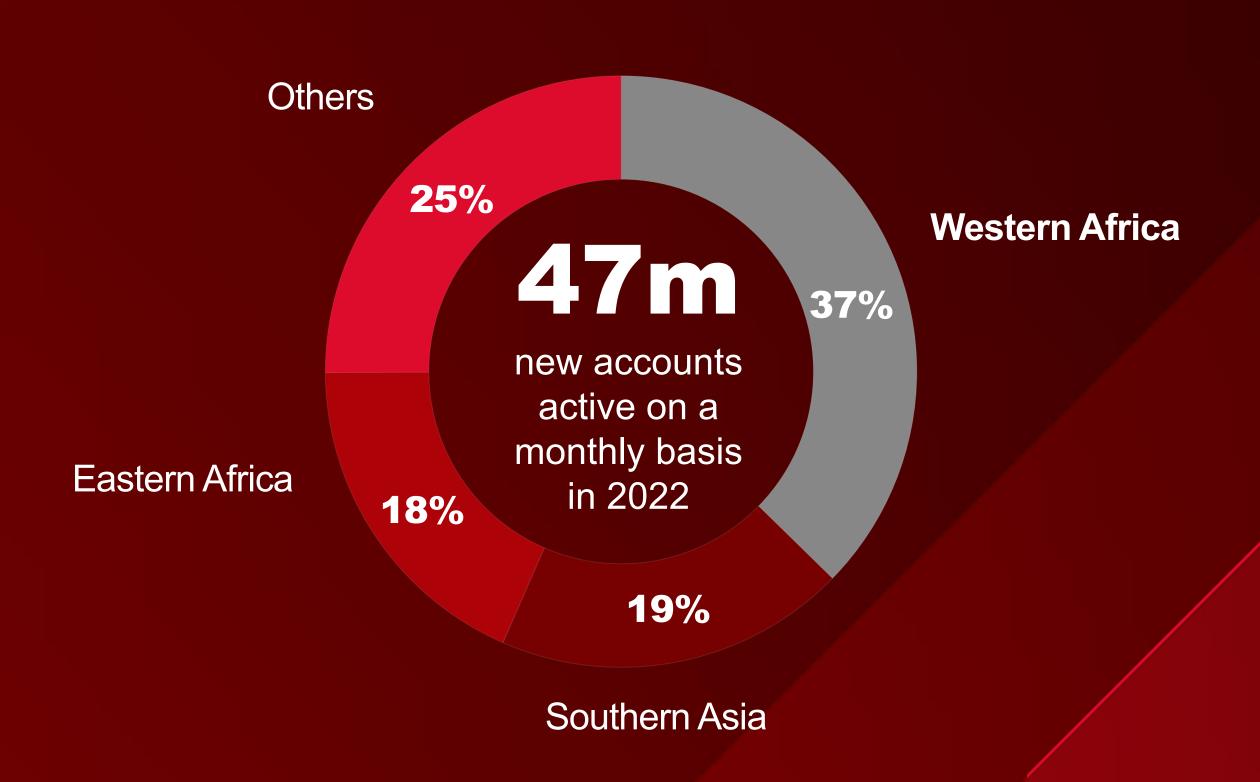
... and was the biggest contributor to new active accounts too

Active account growth in West Africa has picked up





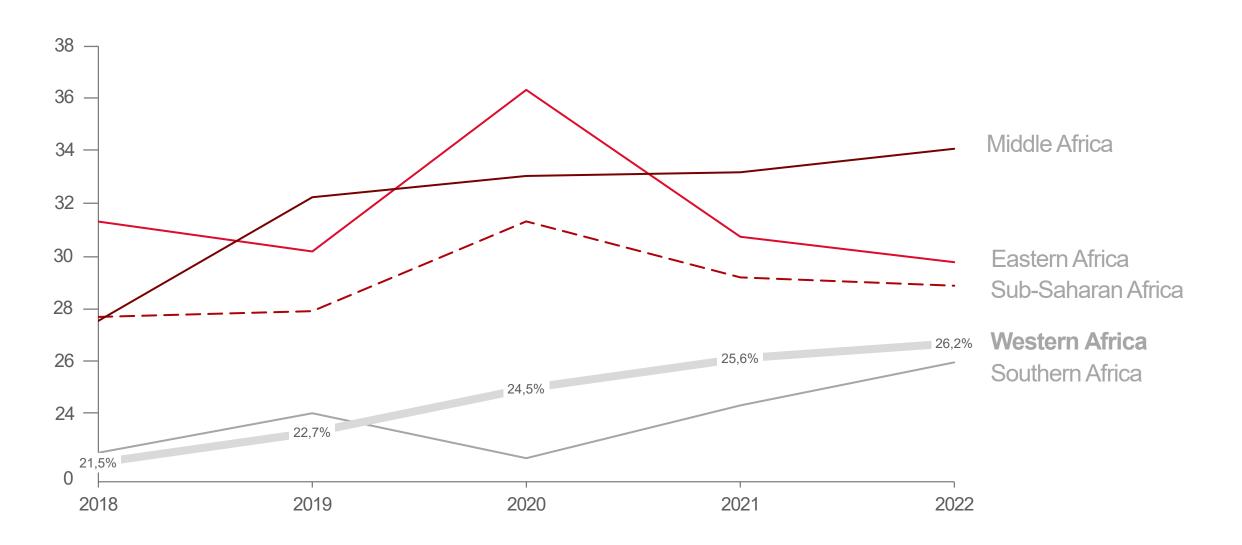
Over **one third** of new active 30-day accounts were from West Africa





Activity rates in West Africa have increased consistently since 2018

ACTIVE 30-DAY ACCOUNTS / REGISTERED ACCOUNTS



Services in West Africa have over 1m active accounts on a monthly basis





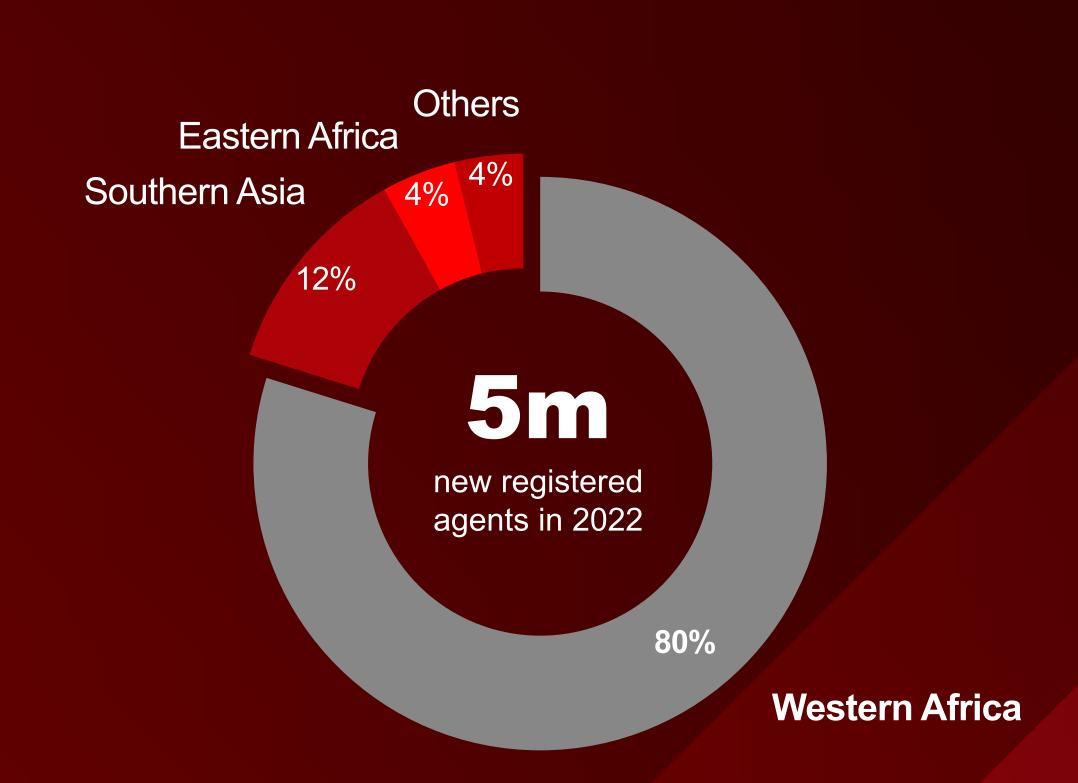
New mobile money services launched in West Africa drove the expansion of agent networks

6.5m registered agents

2.6 X year-on-year growthFastest growing sub-region

2.1m active agents

75% year-on-year growthFastest growing sub-region





Spotlight on Nigeria: Enabling regulation has led to greater access to and use of mobile money



The Central Bank of Nigeria introduced Payment Service Bank (PSB) licenses in 2018

22%

Nigeria's mobile money account ownership

among all adults that are aware of mobile money and have used a mobile phone

SOURCE: GSMA Consumer Survey 2022

UP FROM 16%

In 2022
PSBs were issued to:

- Smartcash (Airtel)
- MoMo (MTN)
- MoneyMaster (Glo)

80%

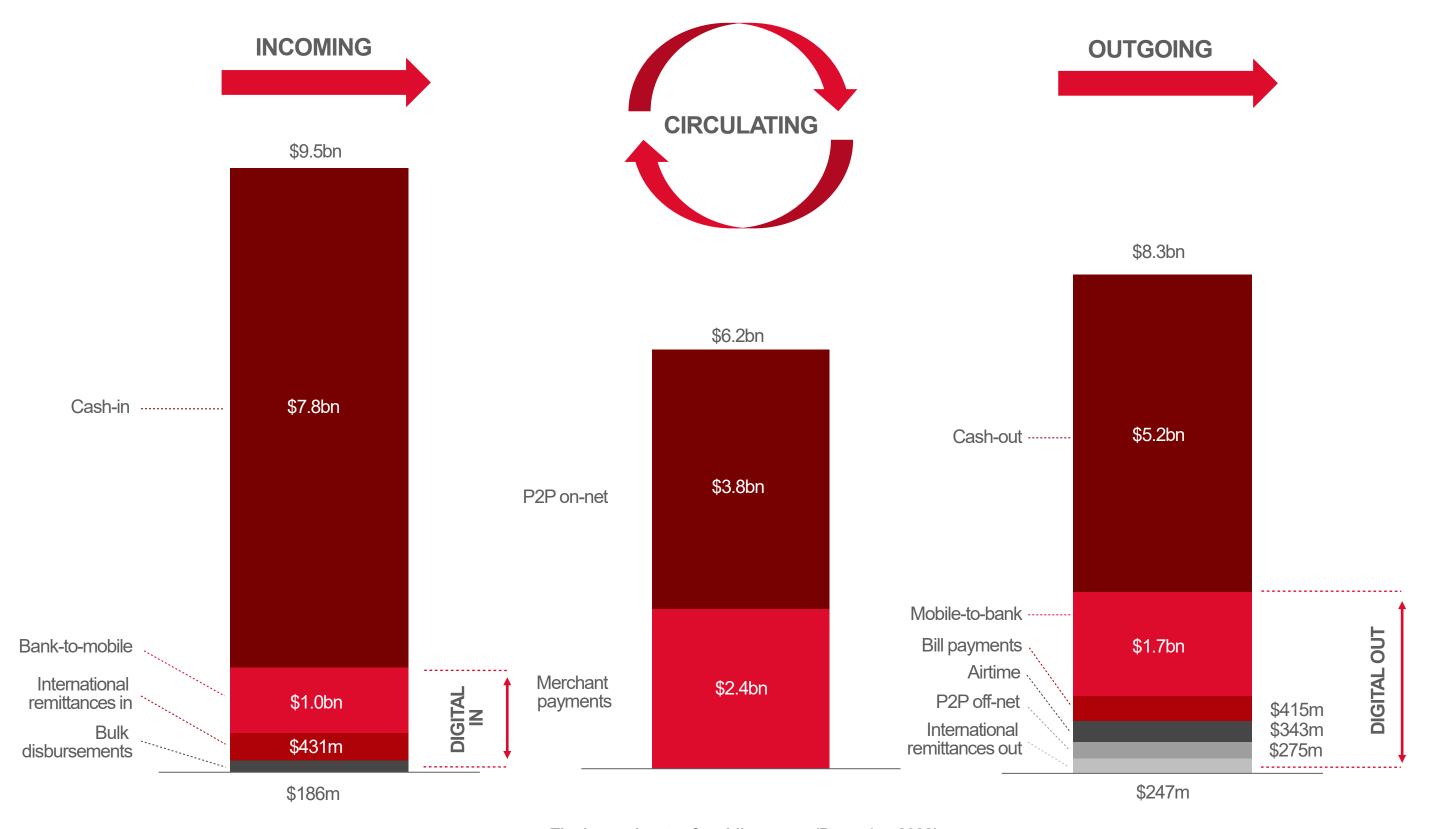
% of adult account owners who have used mobile money in Nigeria in the last 30 days



SOURCE: GSMA Consumer Survey 2022



One quarter of mobile money flows are in circulation



The ins and outs of mobile money (December 2022)

For every

S1 cashed in

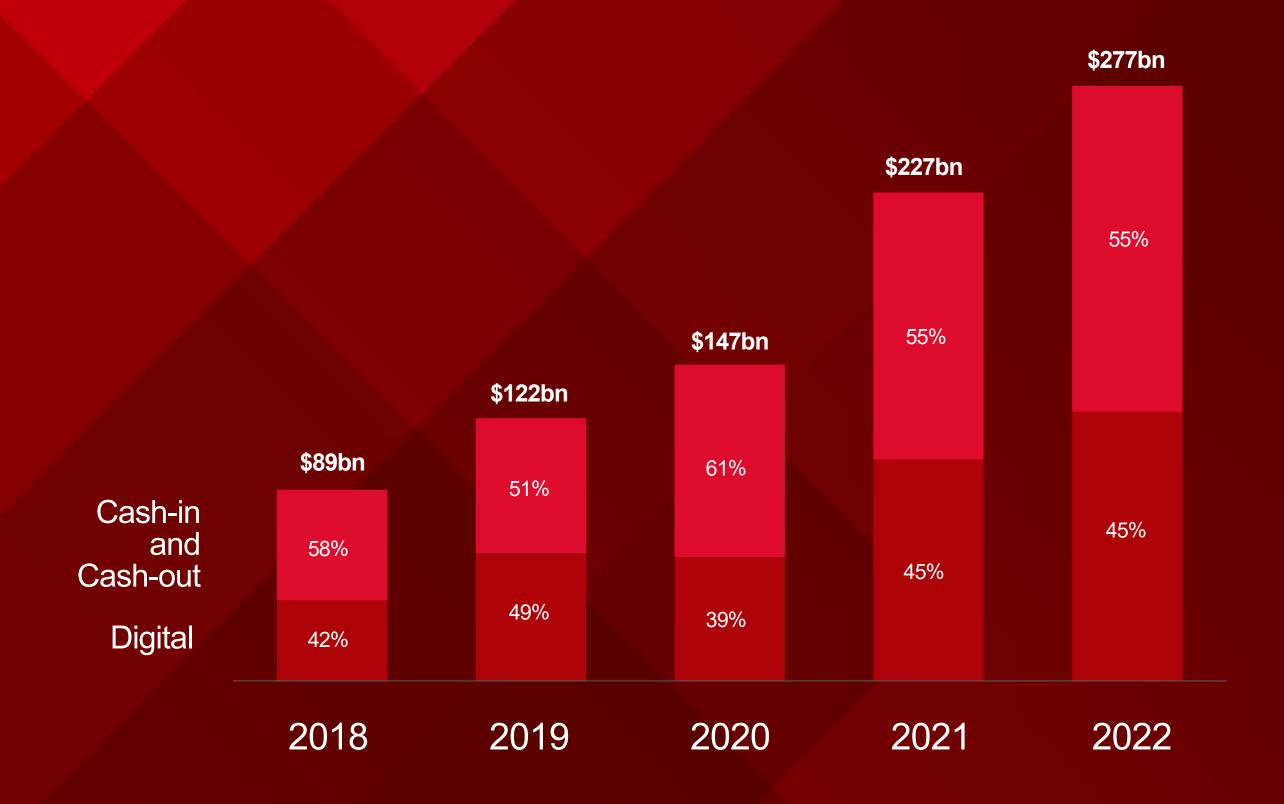
\$0.67 was cashed out





Digital transaction have grown but are yet to exceed cash-based transactions

CASH-IN AND CASH OUT AND DIGITAL MOBILE MONEY TRANSACTION VALUES





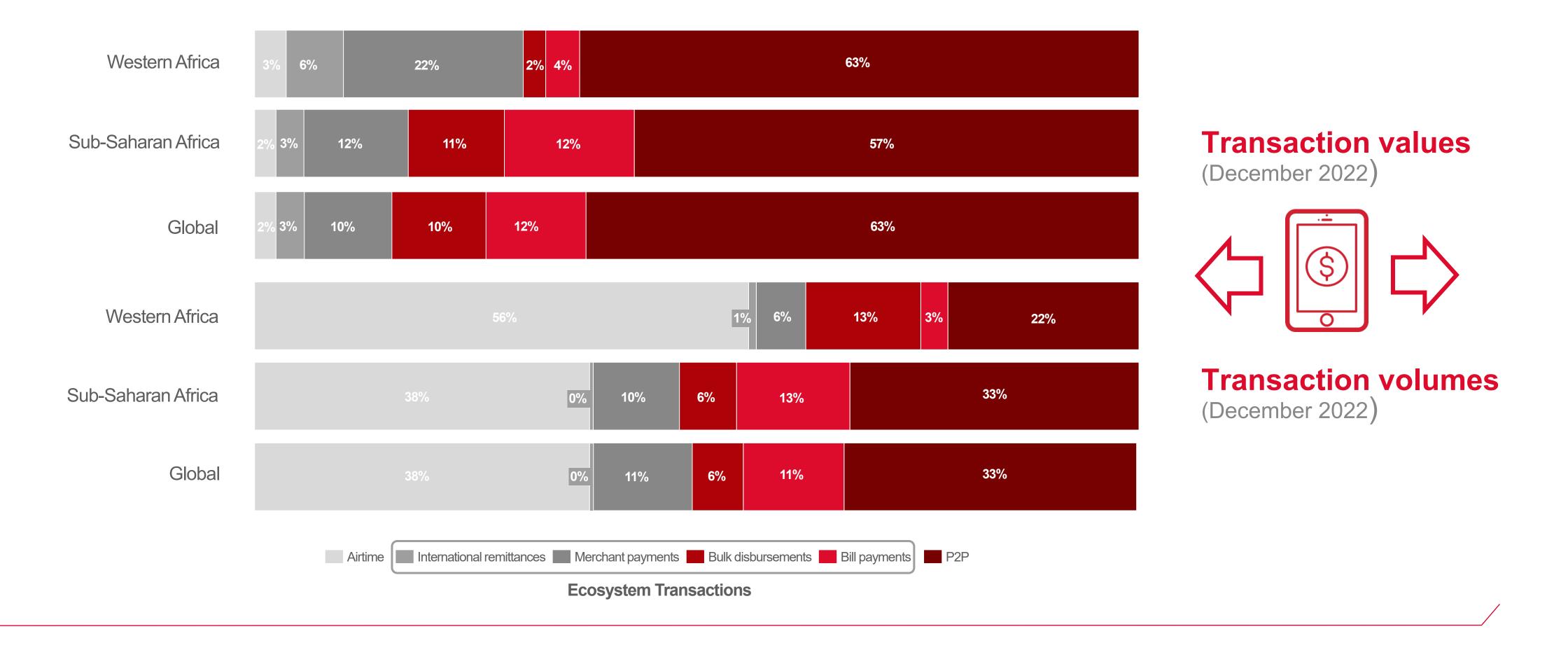
+22% YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE

+22% SHARE OF GLOBAL TRANSACTION VALUES

UP FROM 16% IN 2018



Merchant payments and international remittances have above-average shares of digital transaction values...



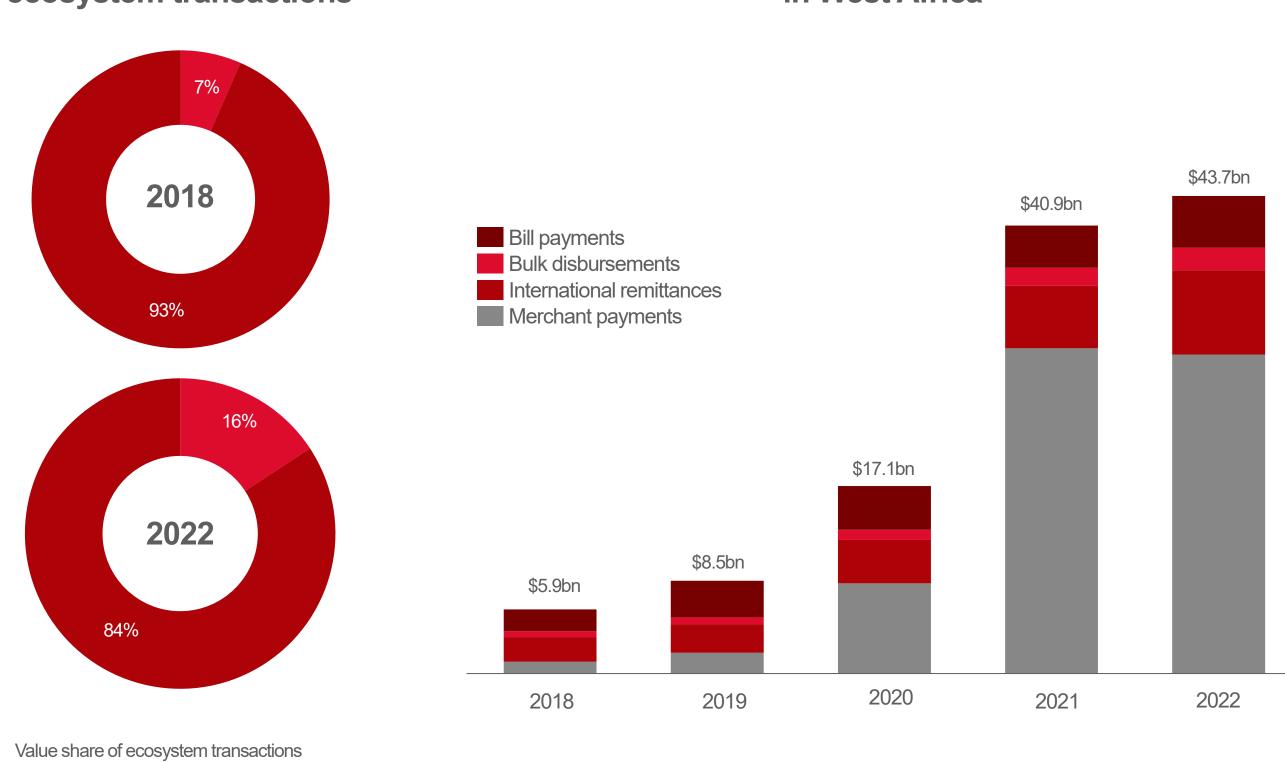


... driving the growth of ecosystem transactions



Value share of other transactions





The value share of ecosystem transactions in West Africa has more than

doubled since 2018

driven by merchant payments and international remittances.



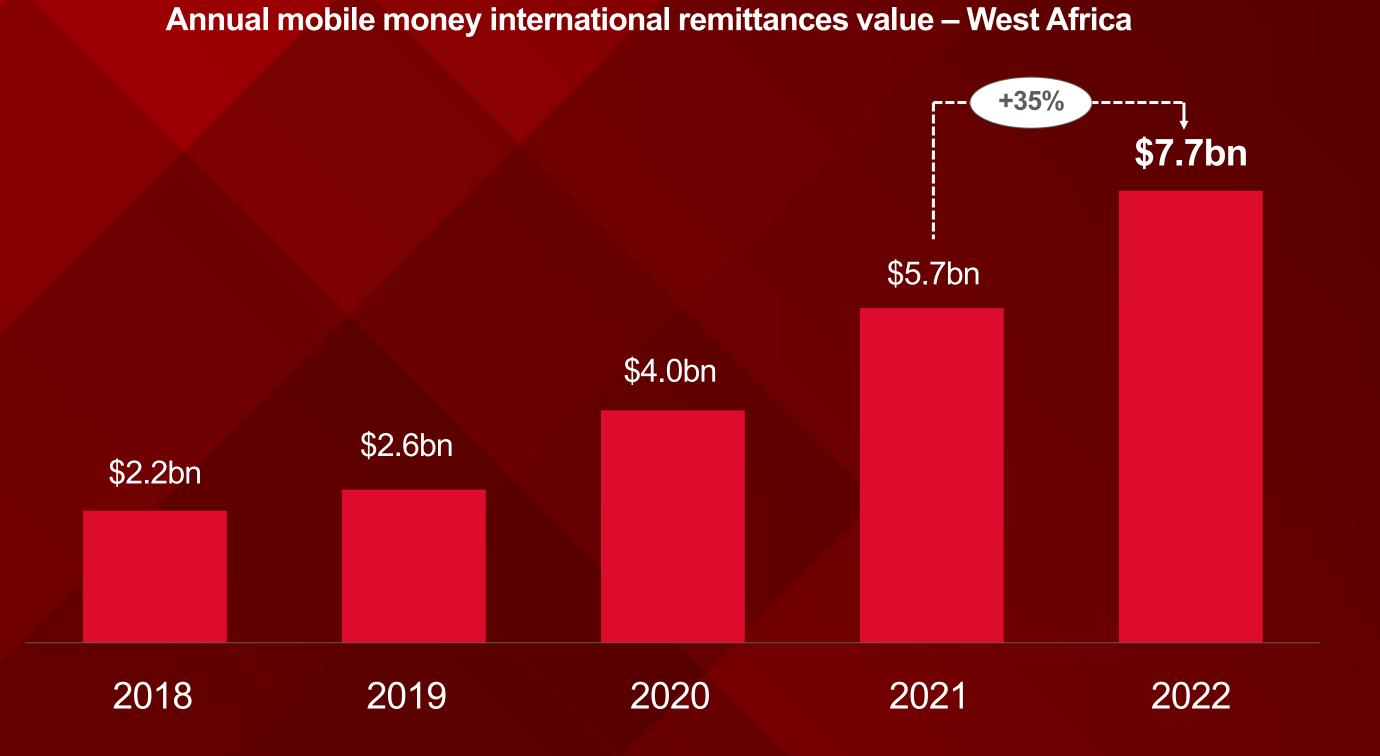


West Africa is the global leader in mobile money-enabled international remittances

\$642M

MOBILE MONEY INTERNATIONAL REMITTANCES

Processed per month



Annual mobile money international remittance values in other regions in 2022

\$7.6bn East Africa

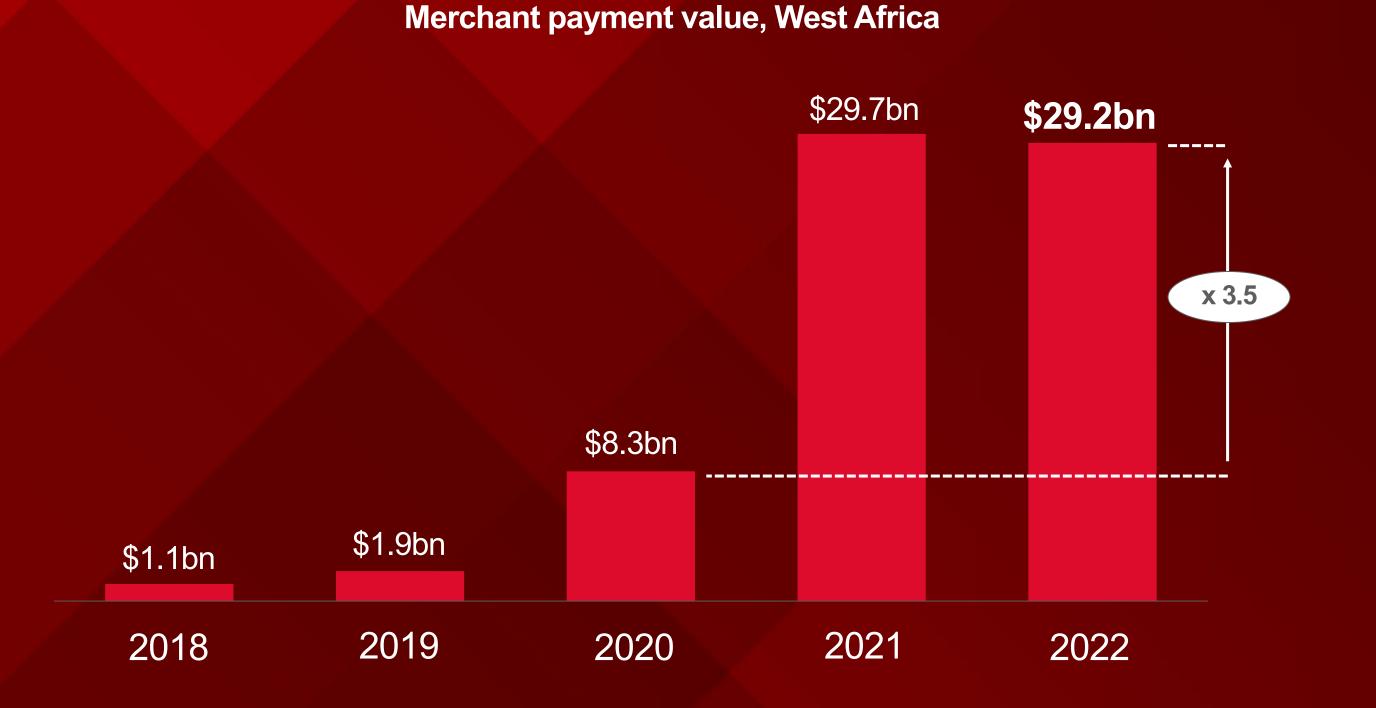
\$3.8bn Middle East and North Africa

\$1.1 bn East Asia and the Pacific

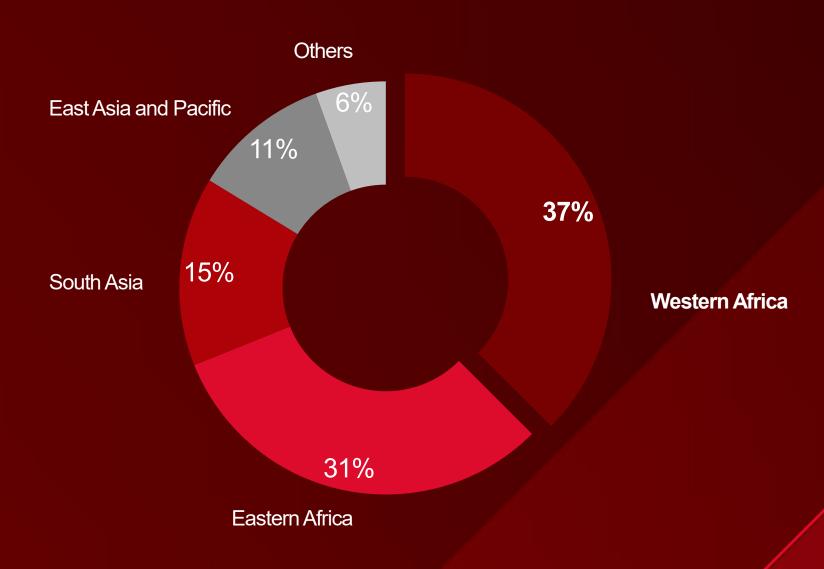


Over a third of global merchant payments are in West Africa

\$2.4bn MERCHANT PAYMENTS
Processed per month



Global merchant payment value shares, 2022





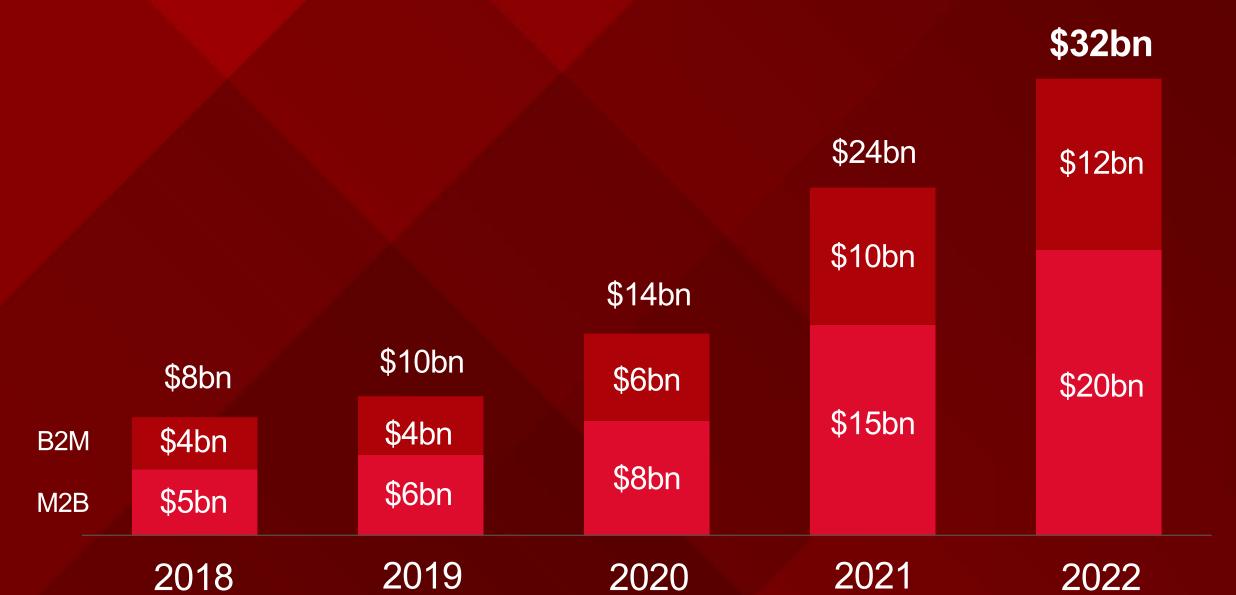
Flows between banks and mobile money maintain momentum

\$2.6bn

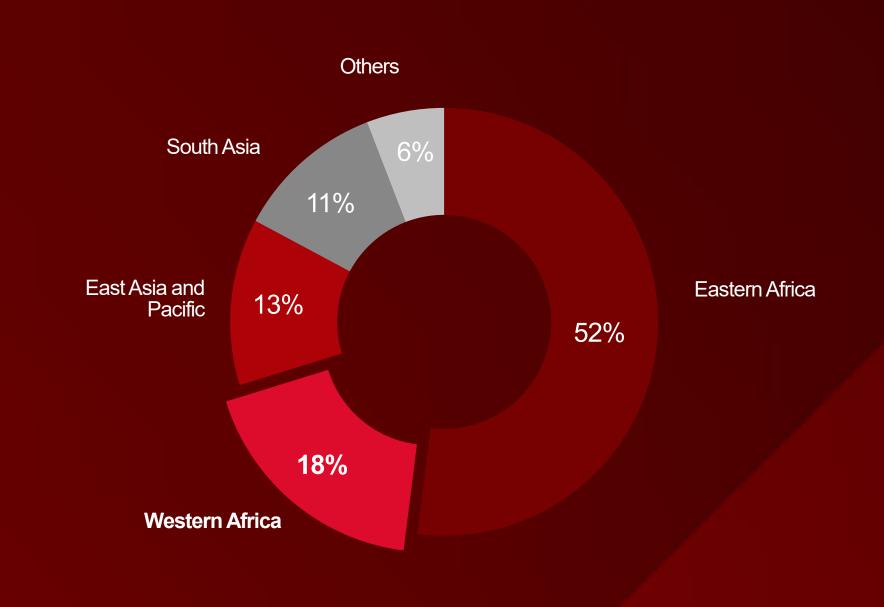
BANK-TO-MOBILE AND MOBILE-TO-BANK

Processed per month





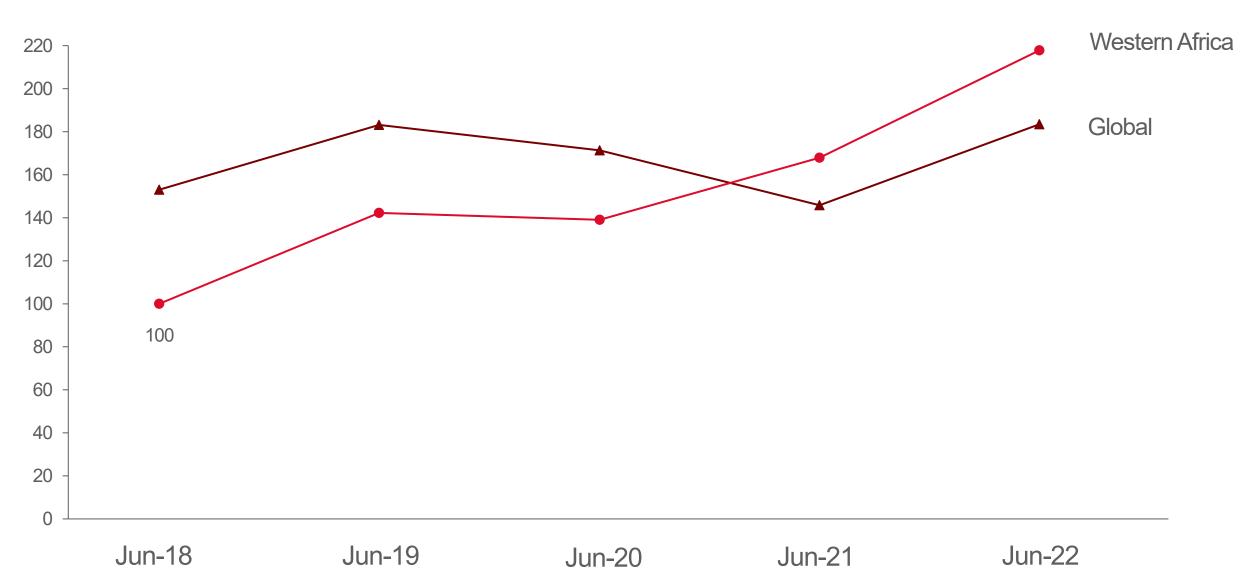
Global bank-to-mobile and mobile-to-bank value shares, 2022





Commercial sustainability: Providers in West Africa are generating more income than the global average





Note: The index base is set to 100 for the average revenue per deployment in West Africa in June 2018

Average revenue per deployment in West Africa has more than

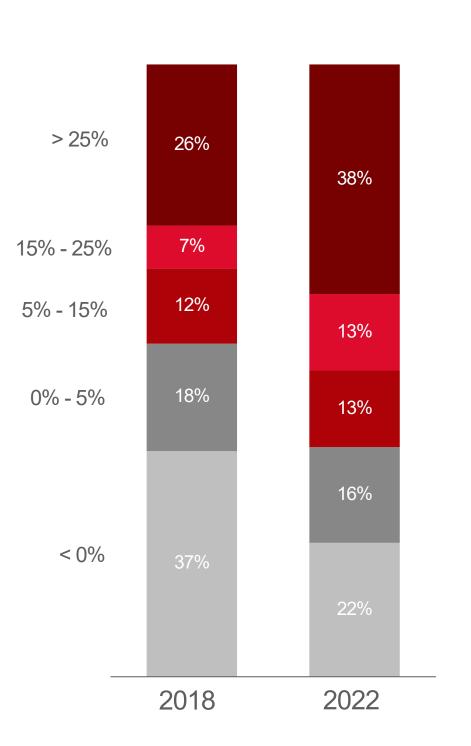
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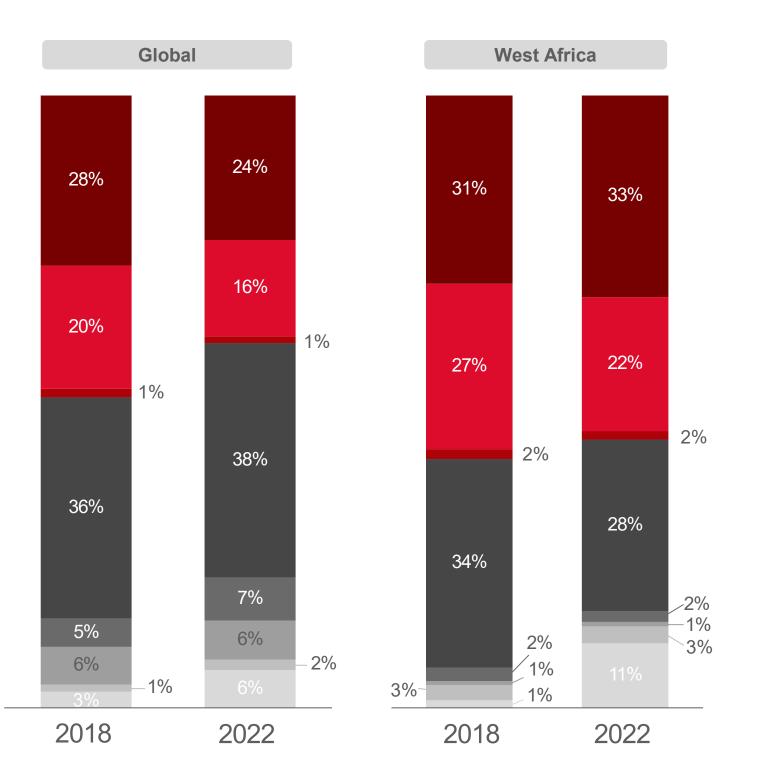


Diversifying transaction types supports profitability among mobile money providers





Transaction value mix



Cash-in

Cash-out

Bill payments

Bulk disbursements

Merchant payments

International remittances

Since 2018

the global share of providers that are profitable has grown. Globally, cash transaction value shares have fallen, and ecosystem transaction value shares have grown over the same timeframe. A similar trend can be seen in **West Africa**.



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The state of the industry report on mobile money 2023

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