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AXIAN GROUP PUBLISHES SECOND IMPACT REPORT ON COMMITMENT TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

PRESS release

The pan-African AXIAN Group is proud to publish its second Impact Report which highlights how it is achieving its mission of bringing a lasting, positive impact on Africa's growth and sustainable development across the continent.

The Impact Report demonstrates how AXIAN has championed various initiatives and projects to transform the day-to-day lives of millions of Africans. The group's advocacy for financial, energetic and digital inclusion has positioned it to confront present-day social and climate challenges.

If Our Impact Report once again underscores AXIAN's dedication to creating a far-reaching positive impact by implementing inclusive and sustainable practices. This represents of our group's core business strategy, which is to lift millions of Africans into a better life. We are committed to being an ethical and eco-conscious pan-African group; we hope to inspire others to do the same by sharing our best practices and educating people on our impactful real-time initiatives. If said Hassanein Hiridjee, AXIAN Group CEO.

AXIAN has developed this Impact Report to measure concrete and objective indicators to monitor and improve impact achievements in four key areas: talent and entrepreneurship; communities and inclusion; innovation and investments, and the environment.



If Our goal is for our work to have a sustainable, positive impact on the day-to-day lives of Africans and why we focus on delivering solar-powered electricity to tens of thousands, provide mobile banking to millions, and are committed to holding ourselves accountable in a sustainable way across the AXIAN Group II Hassanein Hiridjee, AXIAN Group CEO.

A Social Impact department was created in 2019 with the mandate of maximizing positive support across the group and implement a purpose-built scoring system. AXIAN partnered with international experts UTOPIES, a consultancy group that specializes in sustainable strategy to measure the socio-economic impact, and I&P agency which developed a proprietary impact-scoring system.

Some key figures from the report include:

- AXIAN is the first pan-African conglomerate to conduct a 3-year scope-3 carbon audit
- 40 remote villages electrified with 60,000 people given access to electricity in rural areas
- 33 million mobile money users
- 34,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions sequestered
- 90% of AXIAN energy we consume will be renewably-sourced by 2030
- AXIAN helped create almost 204,000 full-time jobs in Madagascar

Read the full report <u>here</u>

ABOUT THE AXIAN GROUP

AXIAN is a pan African group that operates in ten countries and specializes in five industries with high growth potential; namely telecoms, financial services, real estate, energy and innovation.

AXIAN is an engaged partner in the socio-economic growth of the countries where it operates. With over 6,000 daring and passionate staff, the group systematically ensures that its products and services have a positive and sustainable impact on the day-to-day lives of millions of Africans.

The AXIAN Group is a signatory of the United Nations' Global Compact initiative and committed to the integration of its 10 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into group strategy, policies and operations.

Find out more about AXIAN: www.axian-group.com

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Communities & inclusion

ENERGY

In 2021, WeLight electrified **12 new villages,** giving

27 000

people and their households, on average,

over 9 hours of running electricity per day.





50 municipalities now covered

84% of telecom towers installed in rural areas

FINANCIAL SERVICES

3 000 micro-credit beneficiaries via KRED, Africa's first-ever micro-credit

first-ever micro-cred platform



OPEN INNOVATION & FINTECH

10 millions

people use mobile money across Africa via AXIAN's networks

In 2021, MVola facilitated transfers of **102 billion A**

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277 000 vulnerable households

alongside our partners





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Talent & entrepreneurship

JOBS



FEMINIZATION

OPEN INNOVATION & FINTECH CLUSTER

43% of the cluster's new employees are women

FINANCIAL SERVICES CLUSTER

57% of the cluster's total workforce is comprised of women

TELECOMS CLUSTER

The recruitment of women increased by 9%; total feminization grew from **36% → 45%**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

22 startups incubated



127 550 jobs created by companies and projects financed by BNI and MVola Avance in Madagascar









Innovation & investments



FINANCIAL SERVICES

BNI financed the rural electrification of **25 villages** by WeLight



TELECOMS

1^{er} neutral data center in Madagascar

1st commercial 5G network in Africa with Telma Madagascar

1st

commercial 5G / network in West Africa with Togocom

7 200 km of sub-sea and terrestrial backbone cable in 2021

Vs 10,000 in 2019

OPEN INNOVATION

MVOLA Assure launched a school insurance plan in partnership with Sanlam



MVola

MVOLA launched an international **visa card**



