

Sustainable Development | Performance and Outcomes

Independent Evaluation Group, April 2023

Based on the [Results and Performance of the World Bank Group 2022](#) and IEG data.

Portfolio Distribution by Practice Group

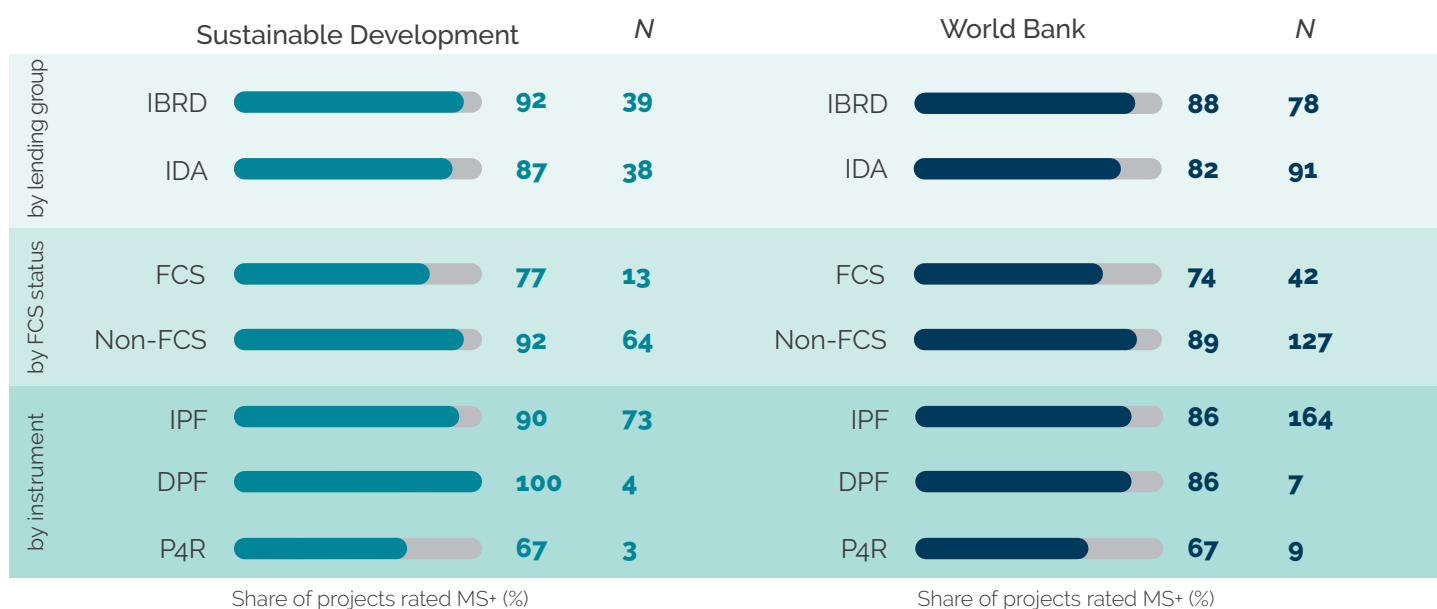


Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

- ▶ The Sustainable Development Practice Group accounted for the largest share of the World Bank’s portfolio, comprising 44 percent of all projects in fiscal year (FY)21. In the Sustainable Development group, the Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience, and Land Global Practice had the largest share, accounting for 16 percent of all World Bank projects in FY21.
- ▶ The outcome rating of Sustainable Development projects from FY20 to FY21 increased from 84 percent to 90 percent, surpassing the World Bank average of 85 percent in FY21. This upward trend was observed in all Global Practices except for Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience, and Land, which decreased in the outcome rating from 92 percent to 89 percent.
- ▶ Bank performance and monitoring and evaluation quality ratings for Sustainable Development projects also showed an upward trend. The Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy Global Practice showed the most significant improvement in Bank performance, with the proportion of projects rated moderately satisfactory or higher increasing from 79 percent to 100 percent. The Water Global Practice showed the most significant improvement in monitoring and evaluation quality, with the share of projects rated substantial or higher increasing from 48 percent to 67 percent.

Sustainable Development in Depth, FY21

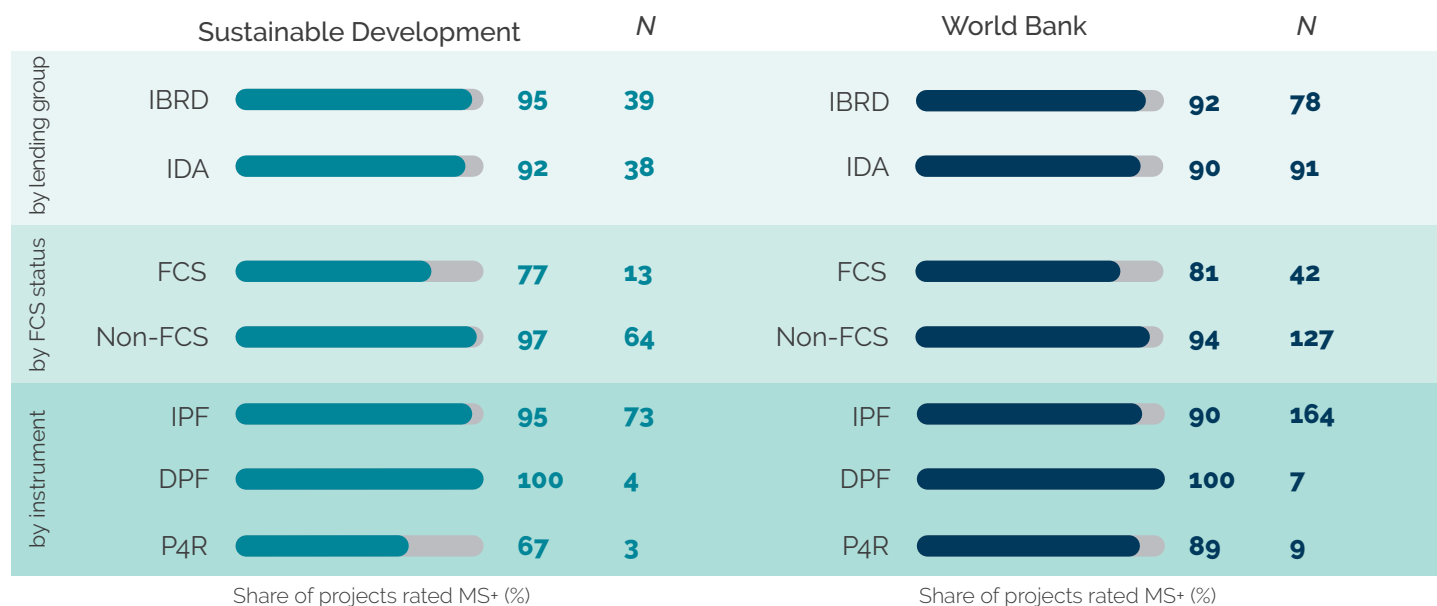
Sustainable Development and World Bank Projects Rated MS+ on Outcome



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Note: DPF = development policy financing; FCS = fragile and conflict-affected situation; FY = fiscal year; IBRD = International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; IDA = International Development Association; IPF = investment project financing; MS+ = moderately satisfactory or higher; n.a. = not applicable; P4R = Program-for-Results.

Sustainable Development and World Bank Projects Rated MS+ on Bank Performance



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Project Ratings over Time, Sustainable Development, FY11–21

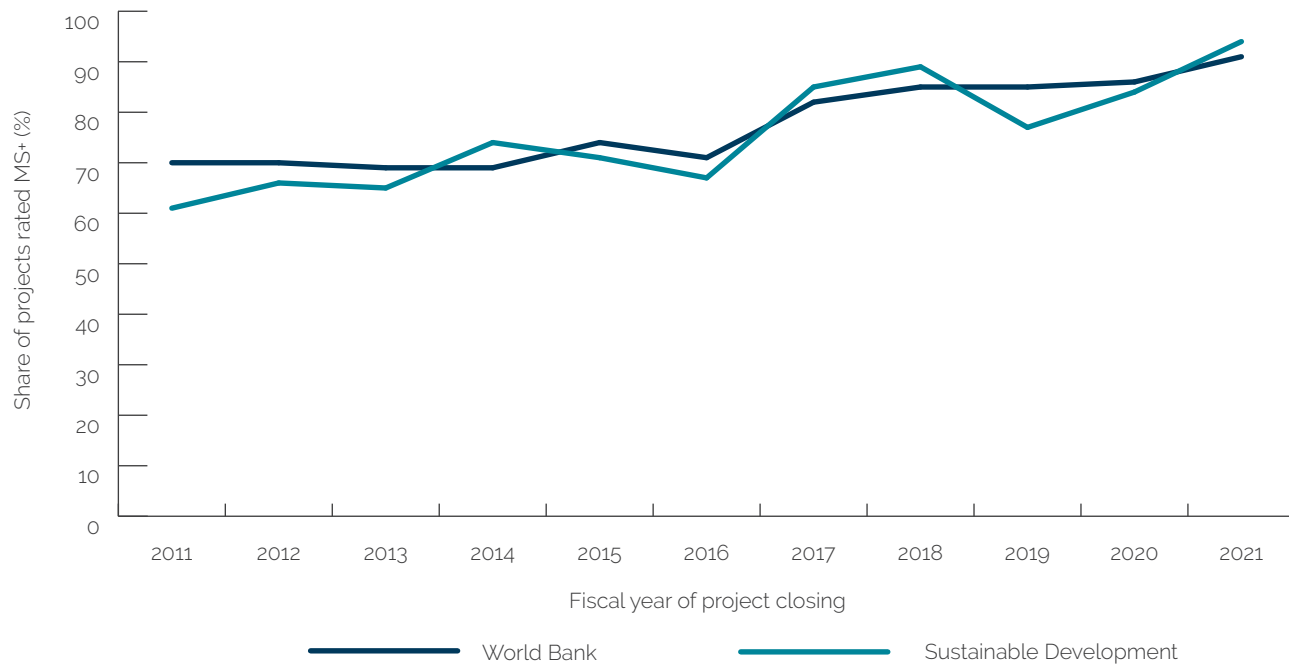
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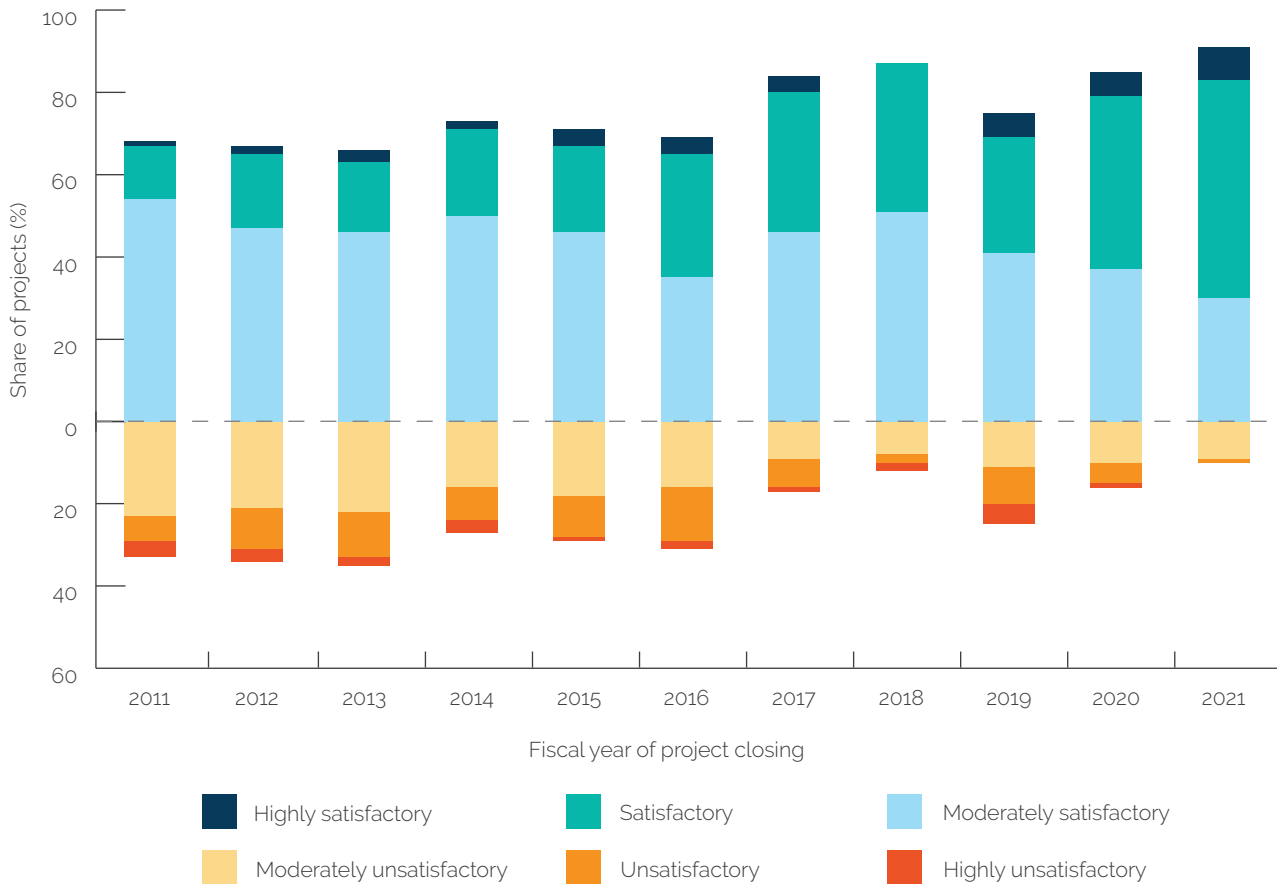
Sustainable Development and World Bank Projects Rated S+ on M&E Quality Ratings



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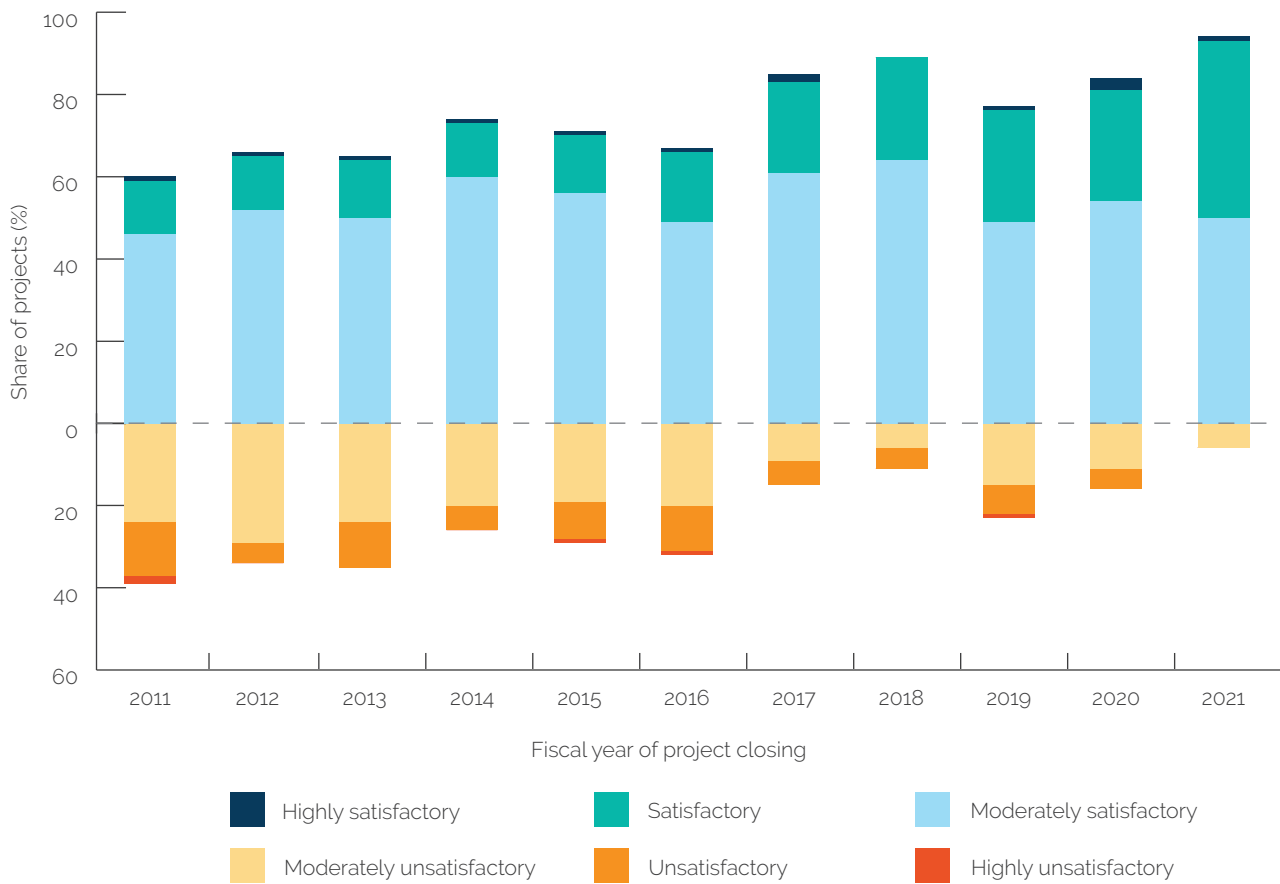
Note: M&E = monitoring and evaluation; S+ = substantial or higher.

Sustainable Development Projects, Percentage Distribution of Outcome Ratings



Source: Independent Evaluation Group.

Sustainable Development Projects, Percentage Distribution of Bank Performance Ratings



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