

BTEAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN AFRICA

A **comprehensive doctrine map** for “**Breaking the Cycle of Poverty**”, organized as a **policy, development, and human capital framework**. This structure reflects how the concept is operationalized in **international development, workforce systems, education policy, economic empowerment programs, and donor-funded interventions** (e.g., UNDP, World Bank, USAID, EU, foundations).

I. CORE META-DOCTRINE

Intergenerational Poverty Disruption Doctrine

Principle: Poverty is not solely an income deficit but a **multi-dimensional, self-reinforcing system** transmitted across generations through deficits in skills, opportunity, access, agency, and social capital.

Key Assertions

- Poverty persists due to **structural, institutional, and capability constraints**
 - Human capital investment is the **primary lever** for sustainable exit
 - Economic mobility requires **sequenced, integrated interventions**, not isolated programs
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II. VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL SKILLS DOCTRINES

1. Skills-to-Employment Doctrine

Rule: Training must align directly with labor market demand.

- Competency-based training (CBT)
- Industry-recognized certifications
- Employer co-design of curricula
- Apprenticeships and dual-training systems

Failure Mode: Training without placement pathways increases underemployment.

2. TVET Modernization Doctrine

Principle: Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) must evolve with market and technology shifts.

- Modular credentialing
 - Stackable certifications
 - Lifelong learning pathways
 - Portability of credentials
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III. PROFESSIONAL & CAREER DEVELOPMENT DOCTRINES

3. Career Pathway Doctrine

Rule: Employment alone does not break poverty—**progression does.**

- Entry → mid-skill → advanced roles
 - Clear wage mobility ladders
 - Continuous upskilling mechanisms
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4. Employability Doctrine

Principle: Soft skills are economic assets.

- Workplace communication
 - Time management
 - Professional ethics
 - Problem-solving and teamwork
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5. Labor Market Signaling Doctrine

Rule: Credentials must signal competence credibly to employers.

- Verified credentials
- Standardized assessments

- Employer trust in certification bodies
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IV. LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DOCTRINES

6. Human Agency Doctrine

Principle: Individuals must perceive themselves as **economic actors**, not beneficiaries.

- Self-efficacy
 - Goal-setting capacity
 - Decision-making autonomy
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7. Transformational Leadership Doctrine

Rule: Community leadership accelerates collective mobility.

- Local change agents
 - Peer mentoring models
 - Youth and women leadership pipelines
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8. Psychosocial Resilience Doctrine

Principle: Poverty erodes cognitive bandwidth.

- Trauma-informed training
 - Confidence-building
 - Stress management
 - Growth mindset cultivation
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V. ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DOCTRINES

9. Entrepreneurship as Mobility Doctrine

Rule: Self-employment must be **productive**, not survival-based.

- Market-driven enterprise creation

- Value-chain integration
 - Business formalization pathways
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10. Microenterprise Scaling Doctrine

Principle: Microbusinesses must graduate into SMEs.

- Financial literacy
 - Access to credit
 - Business incubation
 - Market access facilitation
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11. Financial Inclusion Doctrine

Rule: Capital access without capability increases risk.

- Savings-first models
 - Responsible credit
 - Digital finance literacy
 - Risk mitigation instruments
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VI. TECHNOLOGY & IT CAPACITY DOCTRINES

12. Digital Inclusion Doctrine

Principle: Digital access is a prerequisite for modern economic participation.

- Connectivity
 - Affordable devices
 - Digital literacy
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13. Tech-for-Employability Doctrine

Rule: Digital skills must translate into income.

- Basic ICT skills
 - Advanced IT certifications
 - Remote work enablement
 - Platform economy participation
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14. Technology Leapfrogging Doctrine

Principle: Marginalized populations can bypass legacy systems.

- Mobile-first services
 - E-learning platforms
 - Digital credentialing
 - AI-assisted learning
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VII. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING SYSTEM DOCTRINES

15. Workforce System Alignment Doctrine

Rule: Training institutions must align with employers, regulators, and economic planners.

- Public–private partnerships
 - Sector skills councils
 - Demand forecasting
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16. Capacity Building Doctrine

Principle: Institutions must be strengthened alongside individuals.

- Trainer-of-trainers models
 - Curriculum governance
 - Quality assurance systems
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17. Inclusive HR Development Doctrine

Rule: Marginalized groups require differentiated pathways.

- Gender-responsive training
 - Disability-inclusive programs
 - Youth-at-risk models
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VIII. POLICY, GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY DOCTRINES

18. Systems Integration Doctrine

Principle: Isolated interventions fail; ecosystems succeed.

- Education ↔ labor ↔ finance ↔ technology
 - Cross-ministerial coordination
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19. Evidence-Based Programming Doctrine

Rule: Interventions must be data-driven.

- Labor market analytics
 - Outcome tracking
 - Adaptive management
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20. Sustainability & Exit Doctrine

Principle: Programs must outlive donor funding.

- Local ownership
 - Cost recovery models
 - Policy embedding
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IX. CROSS-CUTTING PRINCIPLES

- **Equity Doctrine:** Target structural disadvantage, not just averages
- **Dignity Doctrine:** Participants are co-creators, not recipients

- **Scalability Doctrine:** Models must scale without loss of quality
 - **Accountability Doctrine:** Measure income, mobility, and resilience—not outputs alone
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X. SUMMARY FRAMEWORK (ONE-LINE LOGIC)

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty requires integrated human capital development that combines skills, agency, opportunity, systems alignment, and economic inclusion—sequenced across the life course and reinforced by market demand.

If you want, I can next:

- Convert this into a **donor-ready theory of change**
- Map doctrines to **UNDP / World Bank / USAID indicators**
- Build a **logic model or results framework**
- Translate this into **policy language vs. community program language**
- Create **training curricula aligned to each doctrine**

Tell me how you want to deploy this.

Convert this into a donor-ready theory of change; Map doctrines to UNDP / World Bank / USAID indicators; Build a logic model or results framework;

Below is a **donor-ready, technically aligned package** suitable for **UNDP, World Bank, USAID, EU, and bilateral donors**. The language, structure, and metrics reflect **results-based management (RBM), logframe discipline, and SDG alignment**, while remaining adaptable across donor templates.

I. DONOR-READY THEORY OF CHANGE

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty through Integrated Human Capital and Economic Systems

A. Problem Statement (Donor Framing)

Intergenerational poverty persists due to **systemic deficits in skills, employability, access to capital, digital inclusion, institutional capacity, and economic agency**.

Fragmented interventions addressing single constraints fail to produce sustainable income mobility or resilience.

B. Theory of Change (Narrative)

If marginalized individuals gain **market-aligned vocational, professional, digital, and entrepreneurial skills**,
and if they are supported by **career pathways, leadership development, psychosocial resilience, and access to finance**,
and if training institutions, employers, and markets are **systemically aligned**,
then individuals will achieve **sustained employment, enterprise growth, and income progression**,
which leads to reduced vulnerability, increased household resilience, and **disrupted intergenerational poverty transmission**.

C. Causal Pathway (Donor Standard)

Inputs → Activities → Outputs → Outcomes → Impact

Human Capital + Agency + Systems Alignment → Economic Mobility → Poverty Reduction

D. Assumptions & Risks (Required by Donors)

Key Assumptions

- Labor markets can absorb newly skilled workers
- Employers engage in co-design and hiring
- Participants have minimum stability to complete training
- Policy environment supports skills recognition

Key Risks & Mitigation

Risk	Mitigation
Skills mismatch	Continuous labor market analysis

Risk	Mitigation
Dropout due to poverty stress	Stipends, psychosocial support
Informal employment trap	Formalization & enterprise support
Donor dependency	Institutional capacity building

II. DOCTRINE → INDICATOR MAPPING

(UNDP / World Bank / USAID Aligned)

A. Employment, Skills & Human Capital

Doctrine	UNDP Indicators	World Bank Indicators	USAID Indicators
Skills-to-Employment	% trainees employed (SDG 8.6)	Employment-to-population ratio	EG.6.2-1 Jobs created
TVET Modernization	Certified graduates	Skills utilization rate	Workforce competitiveness
Career Pathways	Wage progression	Earnings mobility	EG.6.2-2 Income growth
Employability	Employer satisfaction	Job retention	Workforce readiness

B. Leadership, Agency & Personal Development

Doctrine	UNDP	World Bank	USAID
Human Agency	Empowerment index	Human Capital Index	Social capital indicators
Leadership Development	Community leadership roles	Institutional trust	Civic participation
Psychosocial Resilience	Well-being index	Cognitive skills proxy	Resilience metrics

C. Entrepreneurship & Business Development

Doctrine	UNDP	World Bank	USAID
Entrepreneurship Mobility	New enterprises	MSME survival rate	EG.5 Enterprise growth
Microenterprise Scaling	Formalized SMEs	Access to finance	Private-sector-led growth
Financial Inclusion	Banked population	Financial depth	Digital finance adoption

D. Technology & Digital Inclusion

Doctrine	UNDP	World Bank	USAID
Digital Inclusion	Digital literacy rate	Internet usage	Digital access indicators
Tech-for-Employability	ICT job placement	Digital skills premium	Workforce digitization
Leapfrogging	E-service usage	GovTech adoption	Innovation uptake

E. Systems & Institutional Capacity

Doctrine	UNDP	World Bank	USAID
Workforce Alignment	Policy coherence	Skills ecosystem score	System strengthening
Capacity Building	Institutional effectiveness	Governance indicators	Sustainability metrics
Sustainability	Local ownership	Program cost recovery	Exit readiness

III. LOGIC MODEL / RESULTS FRAMEWORK

(Donor-Ready)

A. Inputs

- Donor funding
 - Training institutions
 - Employer partnerships
 - Digital platforms
 - Technical assistance
 - Policy engagement
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B. Activities

- Labor market assessments
 - Vocational & IT training
 - Career coaching & mentoring
 - Leadership & resilience training
 - Entrepreneurship incubation
 - Access-to-finance facilitation
 - Institutional capacity building
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C. Outputs (Short-Term, Measurable)

- Individuals trained (disaggregated by gender/youth)
 - Certifications awarded
 - Enterprises launched
 - Trainers certified
 - Employers engaged
 - Digital tools deployed
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D. Outcomes (Medium-Term)

- Increased employment rates
 - Higher and more stable incomes
 - Business survival beyond 24 months
 - Improved job retention
 - Expanded digital participation
 - Strengthened training institutions
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E. Impact (Long-Term)

- Reduced household poverty
 - Increased economic resilience
 - Intergenerational poverty disruption
 - Inclusive economic growth
 - SDG 1, 4, 8, 9 alignment
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IV. RESULTS CHAIN (ONE-PAGE DONOR SUMMARY)

Inputs: Funding, institutions, partnerships

Activities: Skills, leadership, enterprise, digital inclusion

Outputs: Trained individuals, enterprises, aligned systems

Outcomes: Employment, income growth, resilience

Impact: Sustainable poverty reduction and economic mobility

V. HOW THIS IS USED IN PRACTICE

This package can be:

- Inserted directly into **UNDP Project Documents**
- Converted into **World Bank PAD Results Framework**
- Adapted to **USAID CDCS and Activity MEL Plans**

- Translated into **EU Logical Framework Matrix**
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Next Steps (Optional)

I can:

1. Produce a **one-page donor infographic**
2. Write **logframe tables (with OVIs, MOVs, assumptions)**
3. Customize for **UNDP vs. World Bank vs. USAID language**
4. Create a **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) plan**
5. Adapt this to a **specific country or sector**

State the donor and geography, and I will tailor it precisely.

Produce a one-page donor infographic; Write logframe tables (with OVIs, MOVs, assumptions); Customize for UNDP vs. World Bank vs. USAID language; Create a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) plan; Adapt this to a specific Angola

Below is a **complete donor-facing package**, adapted **specifically for Angola**, and written in **UNDP / World Bank / USAID-compatible language**. The content is structured so each section can be **lifted directly** into donor templates, concept notes, project documents, or annexes.

I. ONE-PAGE DONOR INFOGRAPHIC (TEXTUAL MASTER VERSION)

Designed to be handed to a graphic designer or dropped into PowerPoint / Canva

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN ANGOLA

Integrated Human Capital, Skills, and Economic Empowerment Framework

CONTEXT (ANGOLA)

- Youth unemployment and underemployment remain structurally high
- Heavy reliance on informal employment and extractive sectors
- Skills mismatch between TVET outputs and private-sector demand

- Limited SME productivity, weak business formalization
 - Digital divide between urban and peri-urban/rural populations
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THE PROBLEM

Poverty in Angola is **intergenerational**, reinforced by limited skills, weak employability pathways, low enterprise productivity, and constrained institutional capacity.

THE SOLUTION

Integrated Human Capital + Economic Systems Approach

Skills & Employability

- Market-aligned TVET
- Digital & IT skills
- Career pathways

Leadership & Agency

- Youth & women leadership
- Psychosocial resilience
- Professional development

Entrepreneurship & SMEs

- Business incubation
- Access to finance
- Market integration

Systems & Institutions

- Employer partnerships
 - Workforce governance
 - Policy and capacity strengthening
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RESULTS CHAIN

Inputs → Training, employers, finance, digital tools

Outputs → Skilled workers, enterprises, aligned systems

Outcomes → Jobs, income growth, resilience

Impact → Reduced poverty & inclusive growth (SDGs 1, 4, 8, 9)

KEY INDICATORS

- % trainees employed within 6 months
 - Income increase (disaggregated)
 - SME survival after 24 months
 - Digital skills certification rates
 - Institutional capacity improvements
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ALIGNMENT

- **UNDP:** Inclusive Growth, SDGs
 - **World Bank:** Human Capital & Jobs
 - **USAID:** Workforce, Enterprise, Resilience
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II. LOGFRAME (RESULTS FRAMEWORK) – ANGOLA

(UNDP/EU-compatible Logical Framework)

IMPACT LEVEL

Narrative Summary	Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVIs)	Means of Verification (MOVs)	Assumptions
Reduced intergenerational poverty in Angola	% reduction in households below national poverty line	National surveys, INE data	Macroeconomic stability
Inclusive and resilient economic growth	Increased labor force participation	World Bank, UNDP reports	Political stability

OUTCOME LEVEL

Outcome	OVI s	MOV s	Assumptions
Improved employment and income for youth & women	% employed within 6 months; % income increase	Tracer studies, payroll data	Private sector demand persists
Increased SME productivity and survival	% SMEs operational after 24 months	Business registry, surveys	Access to markets maintained
Strengthened workforce institutions	Institutional capacity score	Capacity assessments	Policy continuity

OUTPUT LEVEL

Outputs	OVI s	MOV s	Assumptions
Market-relevant skills delivered	# certified graduates	Training records	Trainee retention
Enterprises incubated	# businesses launched	Incubator records	Access to finance
Digital inclusion expanded	# digital certifications	ICT platforms	Connectivity availability
Institutional capacity built	# trainers trained	QA audits	Staff retention

ACTIVITY LEVEL (EXAMPLES)

- Labor market assessments
- TVET modernization
- IT and digital skills training
- Career coaching and mentoring
- SME incubation and finance facilitation
- Institutional capacity building

III. DONOR-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CUSTOMIZATION

UNDP VERSION (Inclusive Growth & SDGs)

Framing Language

- Inclusive and sustainable economic growth
- Human development and resilience
- Institutional capacity and governance

Indicators Emphasized

- SDG 1.2, 4.4, 8.5, 9.3
 - Gender equality and youth inclusion
 - Local ownership and sustainability
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WORLD BANK VERSION (Jobs & Human Capital)

Framing Language

- Human Capital Index improvement
- Skills productivity and labor absorption
- Private-sector-led growth

Indicators Emphasized

- Employment-to-population ratio
 - Earnings mobility
 - SME productivity and formalization
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USAID VERSION (Workforce, Enterprise, Resilience)

Framing Language

- Workforce competitiveness
- Market systems strengthening

- Self-reliance and sustainability

Indicators Emphasized

- EG.6.2 Jobs created
 - EG.5 Enterprise growth
 - Resilience and adaptive capacity
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IV. MONITORING, EVALUATION & LEARNING (MEL) PLAN

(Donor-Compliant)

MEL OBJECTIVES

1. Track progress toward employment and income outcomes
 2. Ensure adaptive management
 3. Generate evidence for scale and policy integration
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KEY MEL COMPONENTS

Monitoring

- Baseline, midline, endline surveys
- Management Information System (MIS)
- Routine output tracking (monthly/quarterly)

Evaluation

- Outcome evaluation (employment, income)
- SME survival analysis
- Institutional capacity assessment

Learning

- Quarterly learning reviews
- Adaptive program design

- Knowledge products and policy briefs
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DISAGGREGATION

- Gender
 - Youth (18–35)
 - Region (urban/peri-urban)
 - Sector
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DATA SOURCES

- Training provider records
 - Employer verification
 - Financial institutions
 - National statistics (INE Angola)
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V. ANGOLA-SPECIFIC ADAPTATION NOTES

Priority Sectors

- Construction & infrastructure
- Agribusiness & agro-processing
- Logistics & services
- ICT and digital services

Target Groups

- Urban and peri-urban youth
- Women entrepreneurs
- Informal sector workers transitioning to formality

Institutional Partners

- Ministry of Public Administration, Labor and Social Security (MAPTSS)

- TVET institutions
 - Private sector associations
 - Municipal authorities
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FINAL DEPLOYMENT NOTE

This package is **fully donor-ready** and can be:

- Submitted as a **UNDP Project Document**
 - Converted into a **World Bank PAD Results Framework**
 - Used for a **USAID Activity MEL Plan**
 - Repurposed for **EU Logical Framework Matrices**
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Next (Optional)

I can:

- Produce **actual infographic visuals**
- Draft **budget-linked results frameworks**
- Create **donor-specific annexes**
- Translate into **Portuguese (Angola-ready)**

State the next deliverable, and I will proceed.

Produce actual infographic visuals; Draft budget-linked results frameworks; Create donor-specific annexes; Translate into Portuguese (Angola-ready)

Angola Donor Package – Budget, Annexes, Portuguese

ANGOLA – DONOR PACKAGE (TEXTUAL)

A. BUDGET-LINKED RESULTS FRAMEWORK (ILLUSTRATIVE)

Outcome 1: Improved Employment & Income (Youth/Women)

- **Key Outputs:** Market-aligned training; job placement; career services
- **Budget Share:** 35%

- **Cost Drivers:** Training delivery, stipends, employer partnerships
- **Key Indicators:** % employed in 6 months; median income increase

Outcome 2: SME Creation & Growth

- **Key Outputs:** Incubation; access to finance; market linkages
- **Budget Share:** 30%
- **Cost Drivers:** Incubation services, TA, finance facilitation
- **Key Indicators:** SMEs surviving 24 months; revenue growth

Outcome 3: Digital Inclusion & IT Skills

- **Key Outputs:** ICT training; certifications; platforms
- **Budget Share:** 15%
- **Cost Drivers:** Devices, connectivity, trainers
- **Key Indicators:** Digital certifications; ICT job placements

Outcome 4: Institutional Capacity & Systems Alignment

- **Key Outputs:** ToT; QA systems; employer councils
- **Budget Share:** 15%
- **Cost Drivers:** TA, governance workshops
- **Key Indicators:** Institutional capacity score

MEL & Management

- **Budget Share:** 5%

B. DONOR-SPECIFIC ANNEXES (EXCERPTS)

Annex UNDP

- SDG Alignment: 1, 4, 8, 9
- Gender & Youth mainstreaming
- Sustainability & national ownership

Annex World Bank

- Human Capital Index linkages
- Jobs diagnostics
- Private-sector-led growth

Annex USAID

- EG.5, EG.6 indicators
- Market systems approach
- Self-reliance metrics

C. PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION (ANGOLA-READY – EXECUTIVE)

Quebra do Ciclo da Pobreza em Angola

Abordagem Integrada de Capital Humano e Desenvolvimento Económico

Problema: A pobreza intergeracional em Angola é reforçada por lacunas de competências, fraca empregabilidade, baixa produtividade das MPMEs e capacidade institucional limitada.

Solução: Investimento integrado em competências técnicas e digitais, desenvolvimento profissional, empreendedorismo produtivo e fortalecimento institucional.

Resultados Esperados:

- Aumento do emprego e da renda para jovens e mulheres
- Criação e crescimento sustentável de empresas
- Inclusão digital e modernização institucional

Impacto: Redução sustentável da pobreza e crescimento económico inclusivo.

I have completed the **textual deliverables** in the canvas, structured so they can be lifted directly into donor submissions:

- **Budget-linked results framework** with outcome-level cost attribution
- **Donor-specific annexes** (UNDP, World Bank, USAID) using their respective results and accountability language
- **Portuguese (Angola-ready) executive translation** suitable for government and national partners

Next step: Infographic visuals

To produce the **actual infographic visuals**, I will generate:

1. A **one-page donor infographic** (print-ready, UNDP/EU style)
2. A **results chain visual** (Inputs → Outputs → Outcomes → Impact)
3. Optional **sector tiles** (TVET, Digital, SMEs, Institutions)

Please confirm:

- Preferred **branding** (UNDP / WB / USAID / neutral)
- **Language** for the infographic (English or Portuguese)
- **Aspect ratio** (A4 vertical, PPT slide, or social brief)

Once confirmed, I will generate the visuals immediately.

Preferred branding (UNDP / WB / USAID /+-

Understood. To proceed correctly, please confirm **one of the following branding approaches** (select one):

1. **UNDP-branded** (SDGs, inclusive growth, UN visual language)
2. **World Bank-branded** (Jobs & Human Capital, PAD-style visuals)
3. **USAID-branded** (Workforce, Enterprise, Self-Reliance)
4. **Hybrid / Neutral (+/-)** — donor-agnostic design suitable for co-financing and joint programming

Once you confirm, I will immediately generate the **print-ready infographic visuals** in the appropriate style.