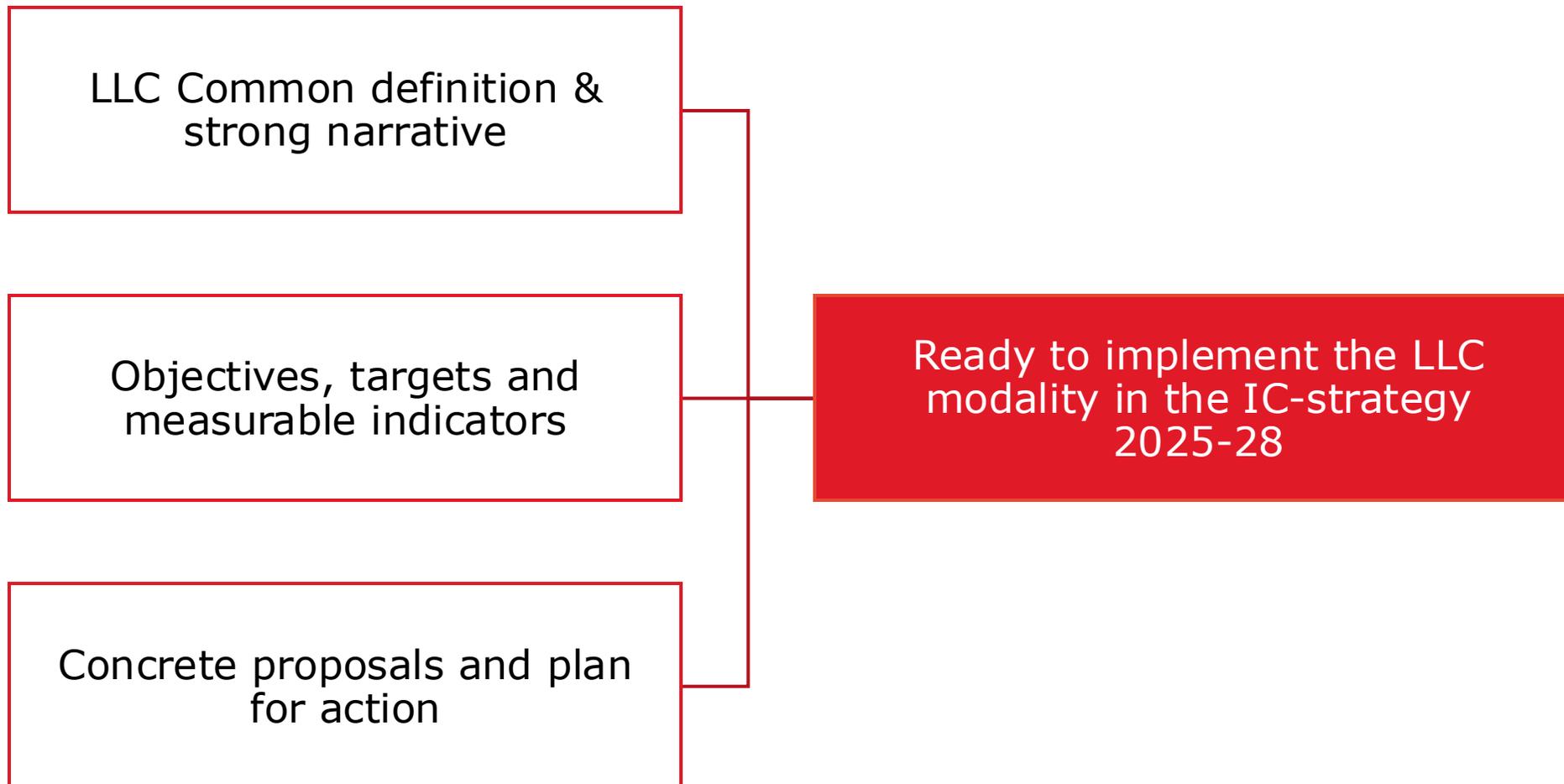


SUPPORTING LOCALLY LED COOPERATION ACROSS THE NEXUS

Defining and delivering
Switzerland's IC-strategy approach

Where do we come from?

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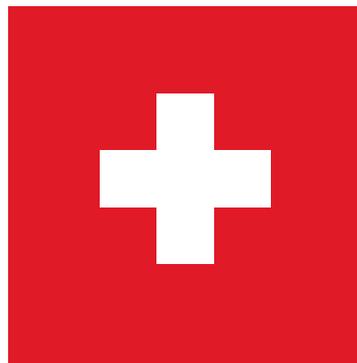
WHY LLC?

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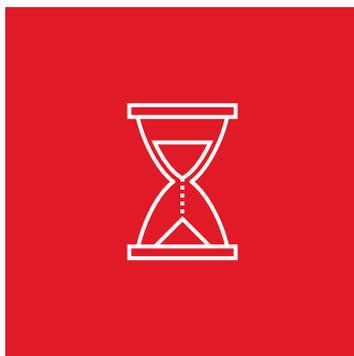
**WHO ARE LOCAL
ACTORS?**



Why locally led cooperation (LLC) across the nexus?



It is a
Swiss value



It is
future-proof



It is
impactful



It is
sustainable



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WHAT?

Local actors shape and lead responses to humanitarian, development and peace challenges.

WHO?

local actors are:

- organisations and institutions originating **from and working in** a given country.
- those working at **regional, national & sub-national levels**.
- government institutions; local authorities; private sector; civil society organisations; and community-led groups

GOALS:

Enable effective and sustainable outcomes, which **strengthen local systems and civic space** and are responsive to **local needs and experience**, in an accountable way.

Ensure that action is by default determined by **engagement with local capacities and driven by local actors themselves** and appropriately supported by international partners only where necessary.



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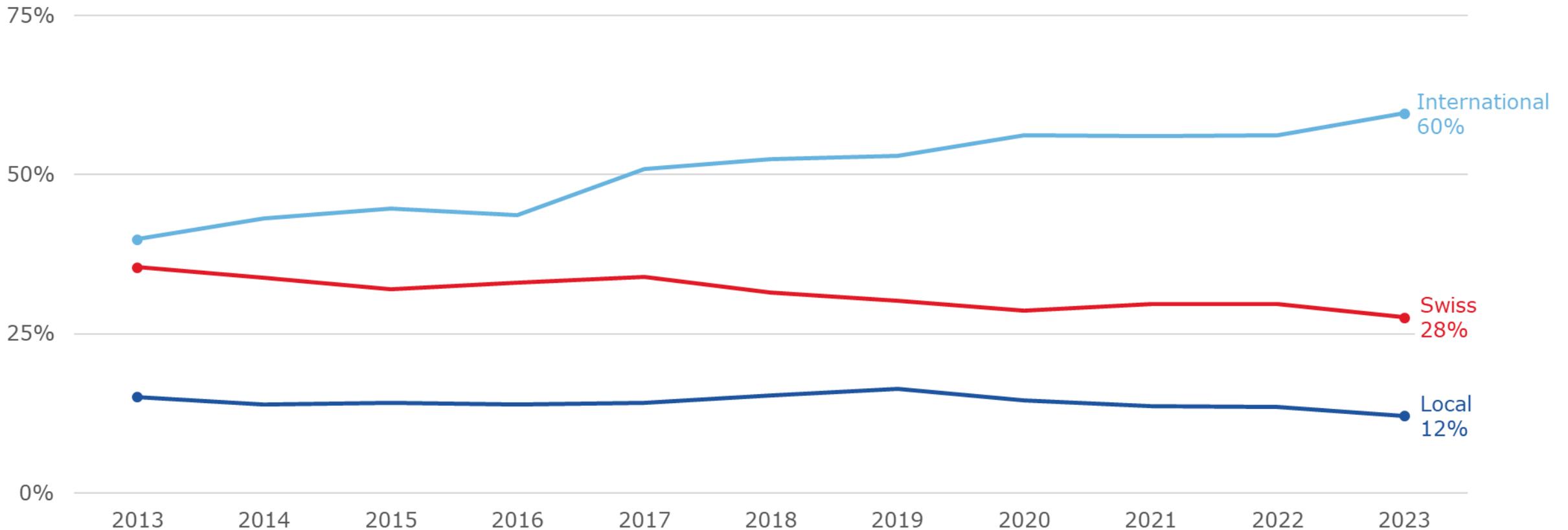
WHAT DO WE KNOW?

The case for Swiss action



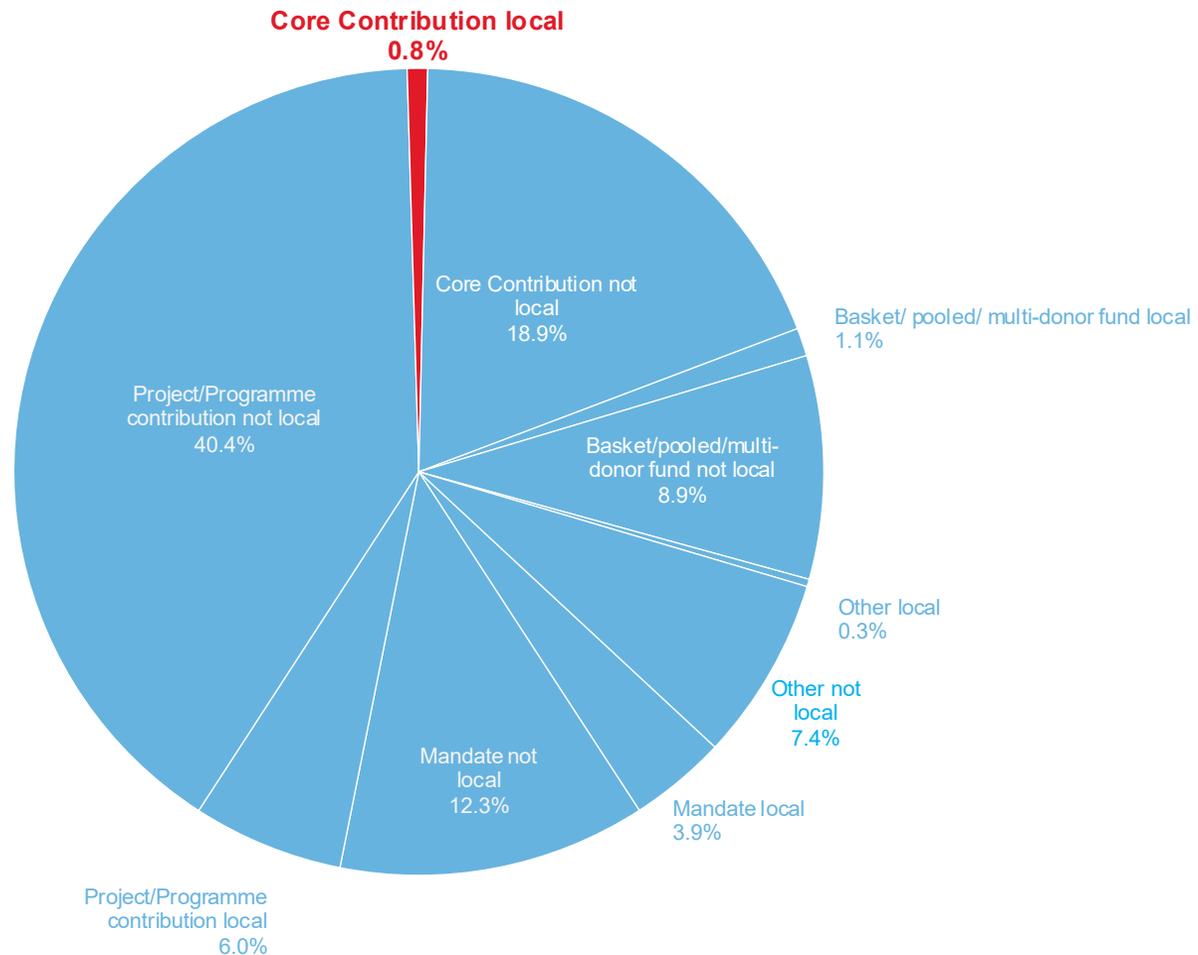
Big gap between funding to international and local partners

Total bilateral expenditures by actor



Not enough **quality funding** for local actors

Total bilateral expenditures by type of modality, 2023





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WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Setting the path for 2028



Indicator 1

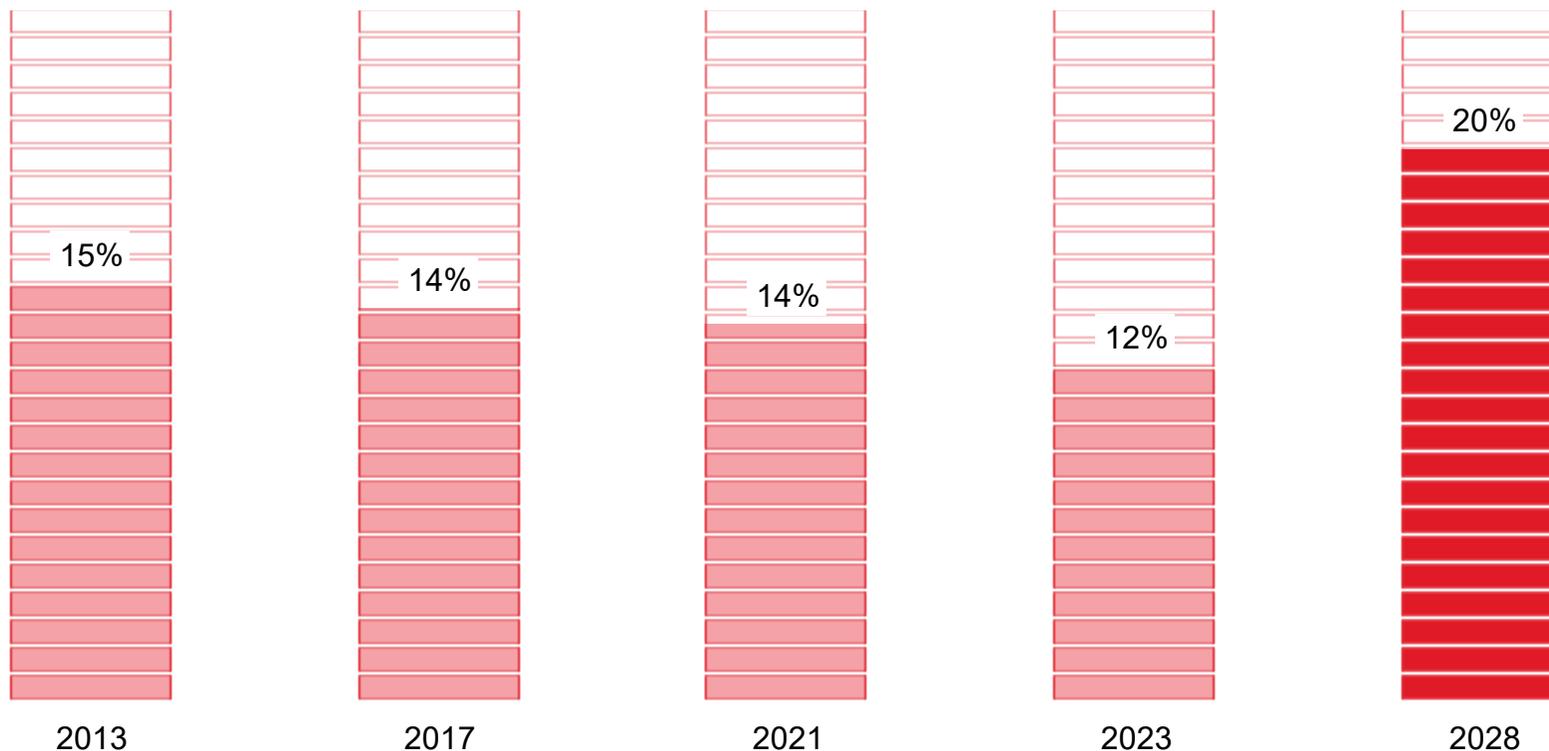
Quantity of bilateral funding: percentage of direct funding to local actors

Target

Total SDC direct funding to local actors is increased to 20% of total SDC funding in 2028

(Baseline 2023: 12%).

Percentage of direct funding to local actors



Indicator 2:

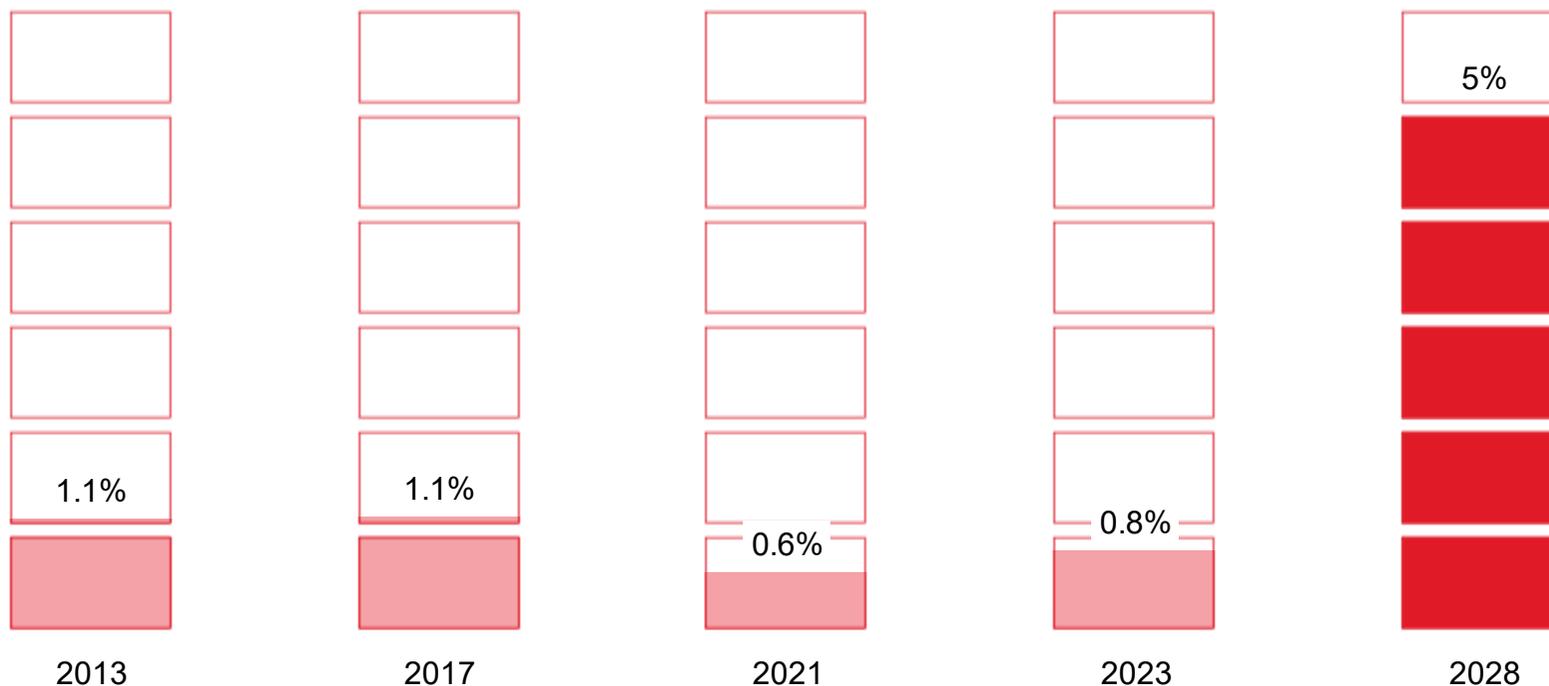
Quality of bilateral funding: percentage that are core contributions to local actors

Target

Total SDC core contributions to local actors increased to 5% by 2028

(Baseline 2023: 0.8%).

Percentage of SDC bilateral funding that are core-contributions to local actors





Indicator 3:

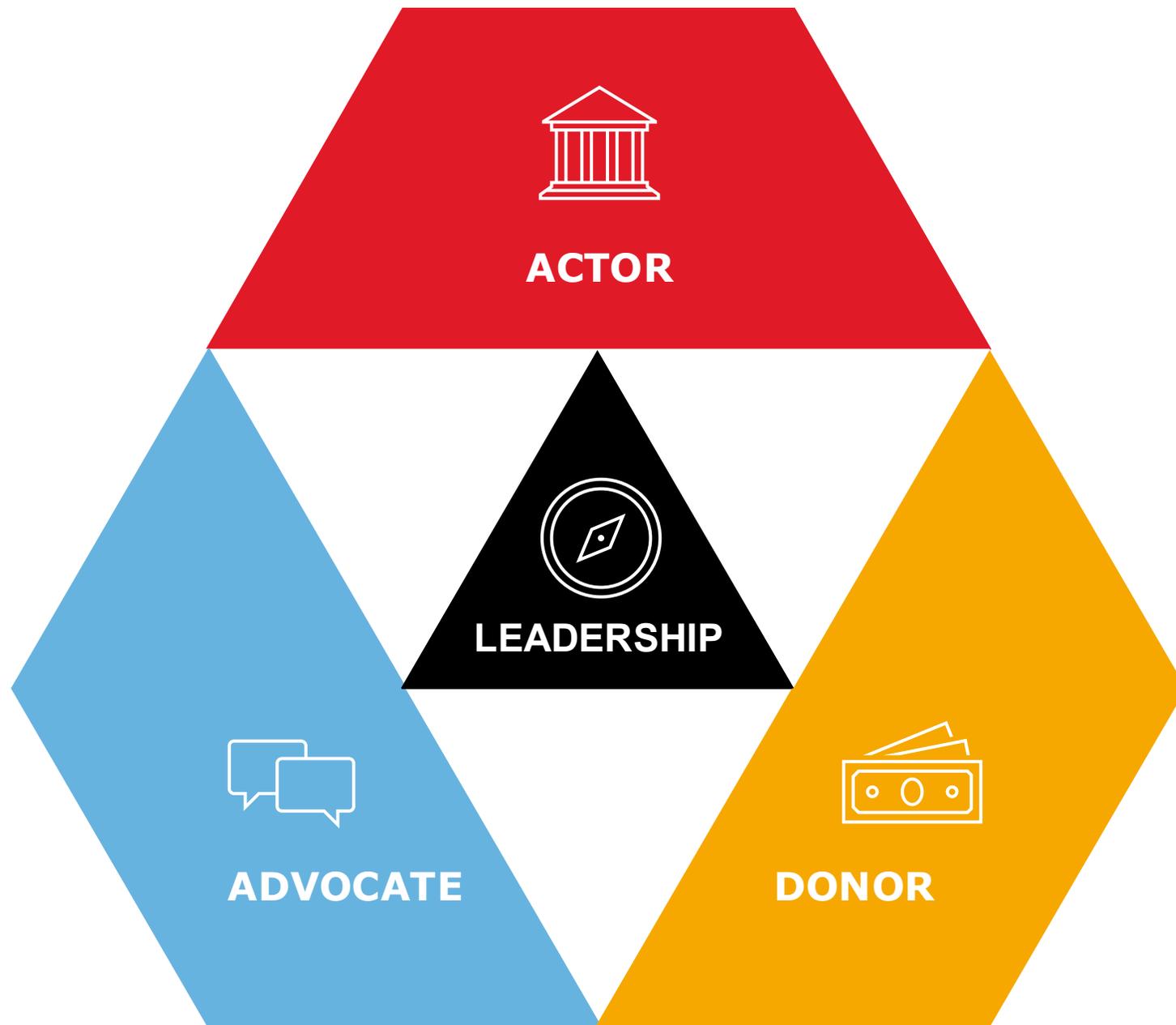
Quality of partnerships of SDC's strategic intermediary partners with their local partners

Target

In 2028 two thirds of SDC core contribution contracts with intermediary partners include a formal commitment of them adhering to equitable partnerships with local actors.

(Baseline 2023: 0)

SDC roles in advancing LLC



Responsibilities

Oversight:

- **Head of F&Q** as part of the overall monitoring of the IC Strategy. And part of regular goal setting and reporting at all levels.

Implementation:

- **LLC focal persons per division** and/or section (e.g. Chief of Staff)
- Focal persons to constitute a light **Core group** with a rotating lead for overall coordination within SDC and IC teams abroad, knowledge management, learning and monitoring.
- **Cooperation Teams** to set goals and define responsibilities in agreement with respective LLC focal persons in geographic divisions.

All:

- Just do LLC!