

# Nature4Health:

## Catalyzing Investments Linking Biodiversity and Health

Subregional dialogue for the Central Asian  
and Central and Eastern European States on  
biodiversity monitoring and reporting.

*Armenia, November 2025*



# Introduction to Nature4Health

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# What is Nature4Health?

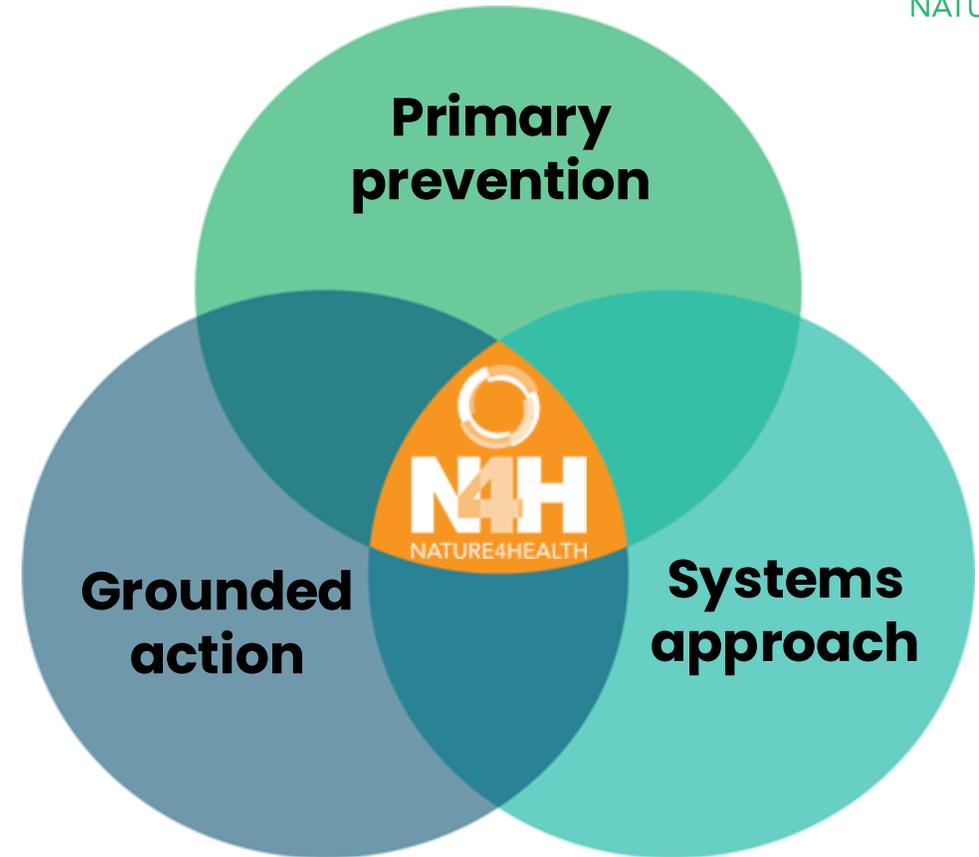
- Partnership of 6 environmental and health organizations with diverse knowledge and skills
- set to strengthening the environmental aspects of *preventative* One Health and
- committed to the growth of the fund.

→ Initial contribution of €50 million from Germany (BMUV through IKI) for pandemic risk reduction upstream



# What does N4H do?

- Acts to **reduce the risk of zoonotic spillover upstream**
- Promotes **participatory, systemic approaches**
- Promotes the **integration of biodiversity & climate into health sectors**



# Upstream prevention

- Cost-effective
- Better health outcomes
- Maintains ecosystem services
- Supports climate change mitigation

## BUT

- Complex and uncertain
- Hard to attribute cause and effect
- Requires new ways of thinking and doing
- Hard to demonstrate success: prevention paradox



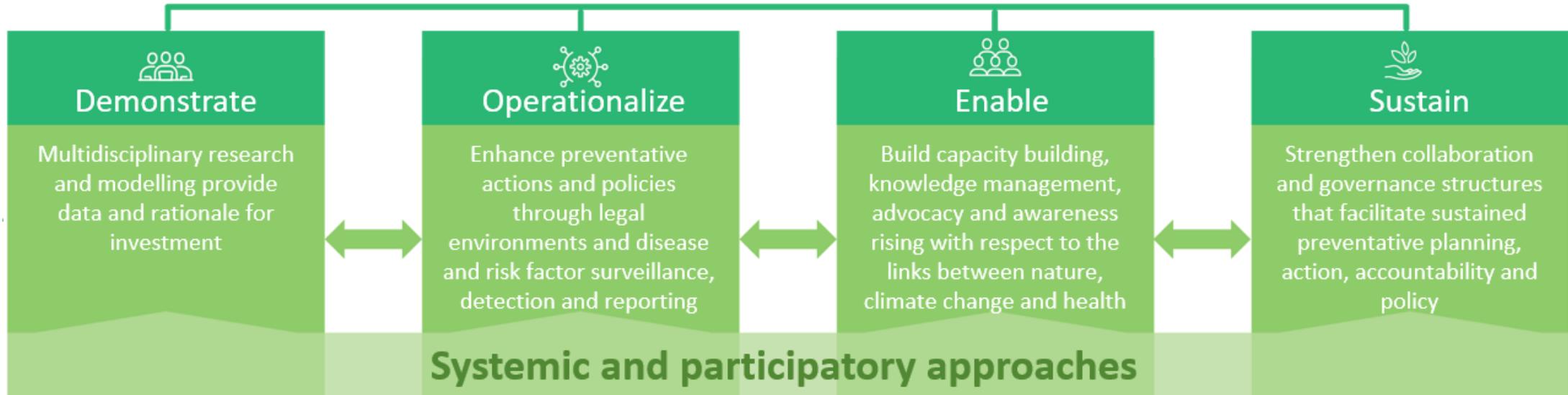
*'... health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and inter-dependent...'*

*... multiple sectors working together, at different levels of society, foster well-being...address collective need...and contribute to sustainable development.'*

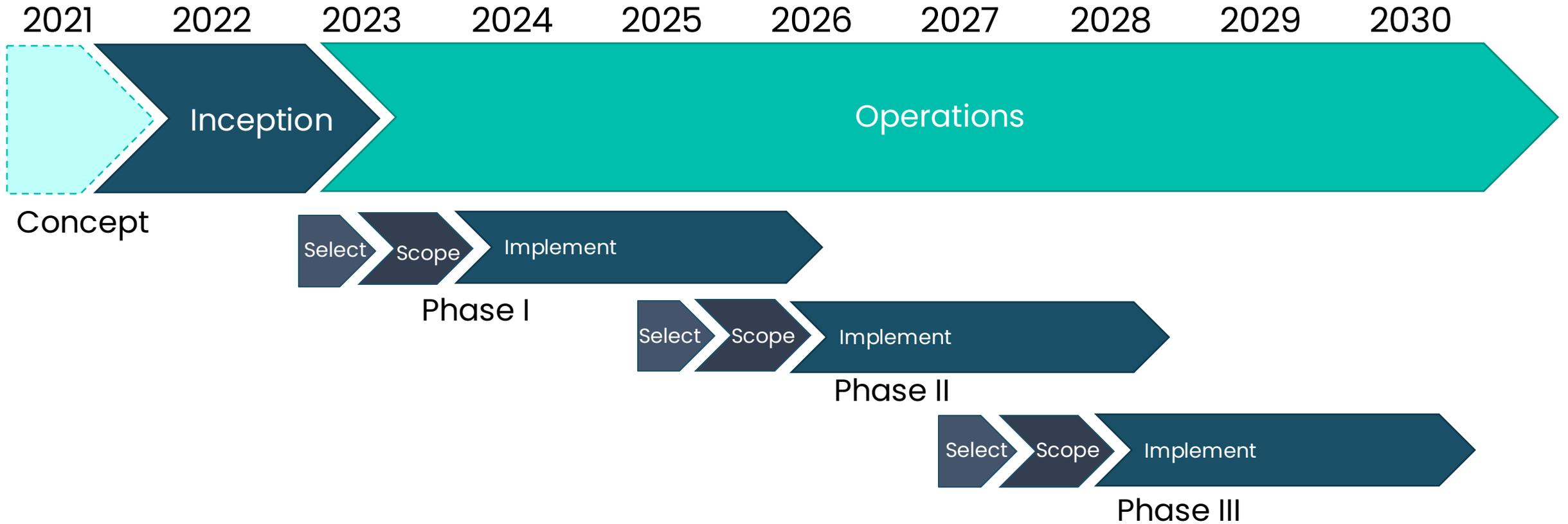
One Health High-Level Expert Panel, 2022

# N4H Objectives

Reduce health risks and related impacts emanating from environmental degradation, climate change, land use changes, biodiversity loss, animal husbandry and wildlife trade and consumption.



# N4H Timeline



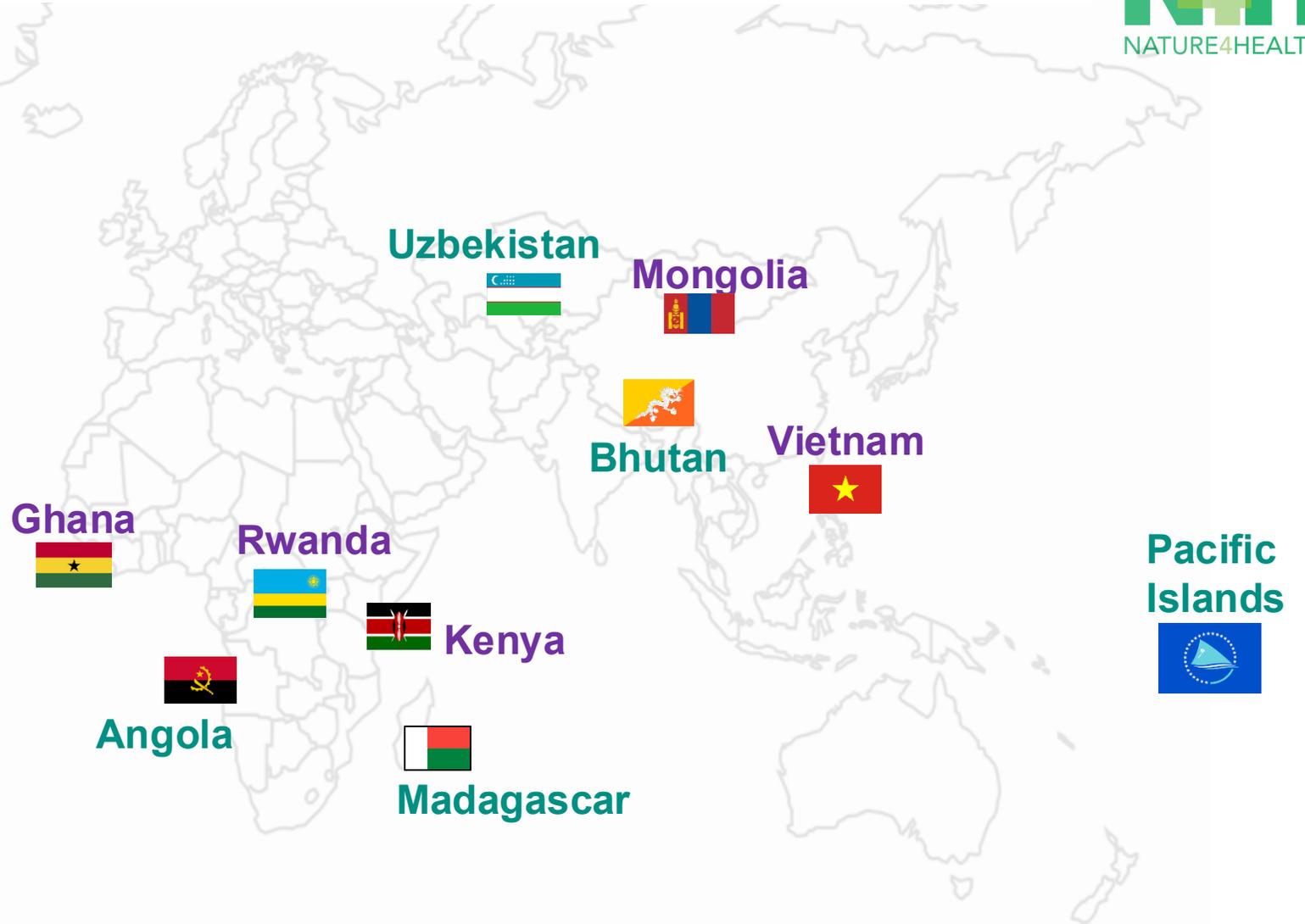
## N4H Phase 1: EOI in 2022

- 60 applications received
- 6 countries selected, announced at CBD CoP15
- Scoping work began in 2023



## N4H Phase 2: EOI in 2025

- 66 applications received
- 6 countries selected, announced at SBSTTA 27
- Scoping work to start next year



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# **Nature4Health**

## **A financing opportunity**

# Phase 3 (≈ 2027)

## STEP 1: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- **Country/jurisdiction** will be **invited to submit** and **expression of interest** (Eoi)
  - Only open to **government entities from ODA – eligible jurisdictions** (subnational/national/regional)
  - **Online form, ministerial endorsement letters** (at least environment and health sectors)
  - Sought commitment to **systemic , participatory scoping process** (One health approach)
  - Multiple applications from the same jurisdiction discouraged
- A **selection of eligible Eoi and their assessment** is made by 2 separate entities **N4H Secretariat and Technical Advisor Group (TAG)**

## STEP 2: COUNTRIES SELECTION

- Up to 6 country/jurisdictions selected by the **Steering Committee**
- **Selection of N4H partners** to work with countries/jurisdiction based on N4H partners comparative advantages

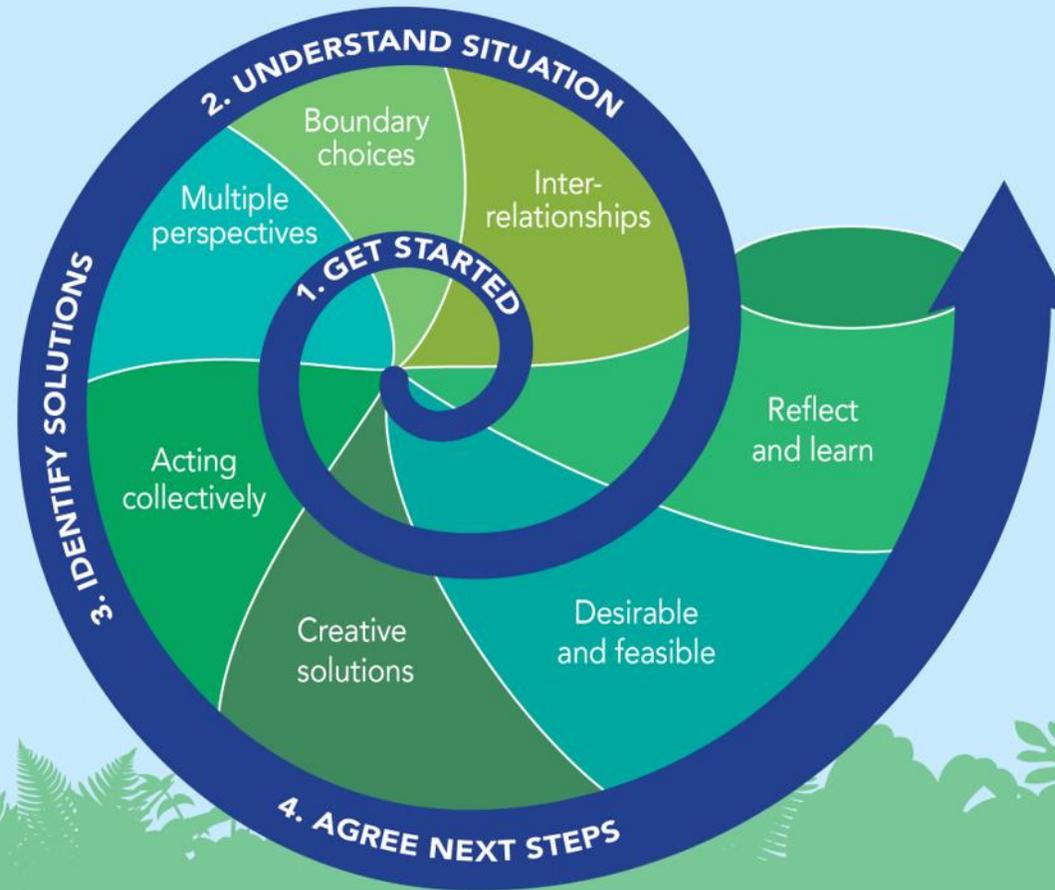
## STEP 3: CONCEPT NOTE

- N4H Partners and countries/jurisdictions submit a concept note for their scoping phase to the TAG and Steering committee.

# STEP 4: The Scoping Phase

- Allocation of \$250,000
- **9 to 12 months**
- Co-develop a full project proposal (2 to 3 years)

**SYSTEMIC PRACTICE**  
to guide  
**SCOPING PROCESS**



<https://bit.ly/N4H-scoping>

Option to use the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health  
with a One Health approach

# STEP 5: The Implementation Phase

Upon validation of the full project proposal by the Steering Committee

→ Allocation **of \$2,000,000** through the N4H implementing partners for the project implementation **over 2-3 years**

**Between submission of EoI and allocation of funds for the implementation phase:  
→ up to 18 to 24 months**

## WHY?

- working upstream is complex,
- Systems thinking requires consensus, trade-off and therefore time

## BUT

- Ensure the buy-in of all stakeholders
- Better sustainability and
- More inclusive, “no ones left behind”, particularly indigenous people and local communities

“If you want to go fast, go alone  
If you want to go far, go together!”

*-African Proverb-*

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