

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2022 | FUND I

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Welcome to the 2022 Impact Report for Unitus Ventures, a leading venture fund in India that supports early-stage tech startups with India scale and global potential.

The year 2022 was nothing short of a rollercoaster - plunging venture funding, crashing tech stocks, geopolitical volatility and supply chain disruptions which, stirred together, created the recipe for a never-seen-before complexity in the startup ecosystem.

Looking back, the startup ecosystem encountered formidable hurdles that disrupted the trajectory heralded by the remarkable growth in 2021. Despite initial optimism, global venture funding declined by 19% quarter-over-quarter (QoQ) in Q4'22 and reached \$65.9B, nearing pre-Covid funding levels. This brought total global venture funding in 2022 to \$415.1B, a 35% drop from a record 2021.

While global supply chain disruptions and persistent inflation cast a shadow over the market, geopolitical conflicts added further complexity to the investment landscape. Amidst this backdrop, public and private markets experienced significant volatility. Technology stocks, investors' darlings during Covid, witnessed substantial correction, dampening investor sentiment across the board.

Globally, fundraising activities slowed down with the average deal size in 2022 plunging to \$16.8M — 32% lower than 2021. The median deal size sank as well, falling 14% from \$4.3M in 2021 to \$3.7M in 2022. With this, startups grappled with a funding winter, and started refining their strategies to navigate the rocky terrain ahead.

At Unitus Ventures, however, we have always understood the cyclical nature of the market. Our commitment to supporting companies with strong fundamentals and sustainable growth models has ensured that our portfolio remains resilient. With a razor-sharp focus on unit economics, our portfolio companies have demonstrated the ability to sail through amidst choppy waters.

Thus, it brings me great joy to share the Unitus Annual Impact Report for 2022. This report showcases the remarkable achievements of our portfolio companies in driving positive change and inclusive growth. With a focus on jobtech and fintech, and the addition of enterprise-tech, we stay committed to fostering entrepreneurship that will help realize India's dream of a \$10 trillion economy.

As of December 2022, our portfolio companies impacted close to 18.5 million low-income lives, an increase of 25% over December 2021. We are invested in 15 active portfolio companies, out of which 12 received follow-on financing from us and other investors, to help innovate and scale businesses. For 2023, our focus will be on jobtech, fintech and enterprise-tech.

With unwavering determination, let us seize the opportunities that lie ahead, champion transformative endeavours of visionary founders, and strengthen our commitment to being catalysts for innovation and prosperity.

Surya Mantha

Managing Partner

Unitus Ventures

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We are India’s leading venture fund that supports early-stage tech startups with India scale and global potential.

Our investments are at the intersection of the world’s greatest needs and opportunities – in terms of both capital and innovation. We actively seek and invest in businesses in the following sectors:

We partner with our investees to build a solid foundation and prepare for growth via funding, strategic and operating support, providing critical connections, and securing growth capital to validate market potential.



JOBTECH



FINTECH



HEALTHCARE

Impact measurement and management at Unitus includes collaborating with our portfolio companies to set five-year impact goals and corresponding impact metrics in alignment with their business strategies and operations. We set high standards around governance by taking a “Profits and Values” approach. We manage for both financial returns and impact in our interactions with

CEOs, management teams and board members by evaluating impact-related themes for strategic planning.

In order to ensure sustainable impact, we track progress using industry standard IRIS metrics, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

01.

SOCIAL IMPACT

Number of lives impacted by our portfolio companies’ products and services, and number of formal jobs created for BoP individuals.

02.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cumulative revenues generated by our portfolio companies through their products and services.

03.

ECOSYSTEM IMPACT

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PART 01

FUND IMPACT

Summary of performance of Unitus Fund I & Fund II investments in the year 2020. Here's a quick snapshot of what you can expect in the next few pages:



SOCIAL IMPACT

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ECOSYSTEM IMPACT

IMPACT STORIES



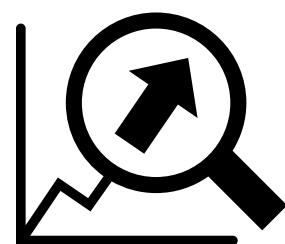
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ACTIVE PORTFOLIO
COMPANIES



\$ 328.7M

OVERALL REVENUE
GENERATED BY PORTFOLIO



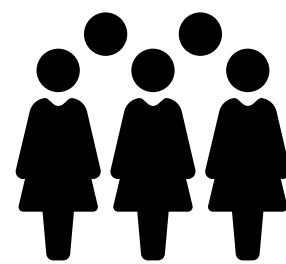
20.5X

ADD'L. CAPITAL RAISED
BY PORTFOLIO



10.4M

BoP LIVES IMPACTED



885.3k

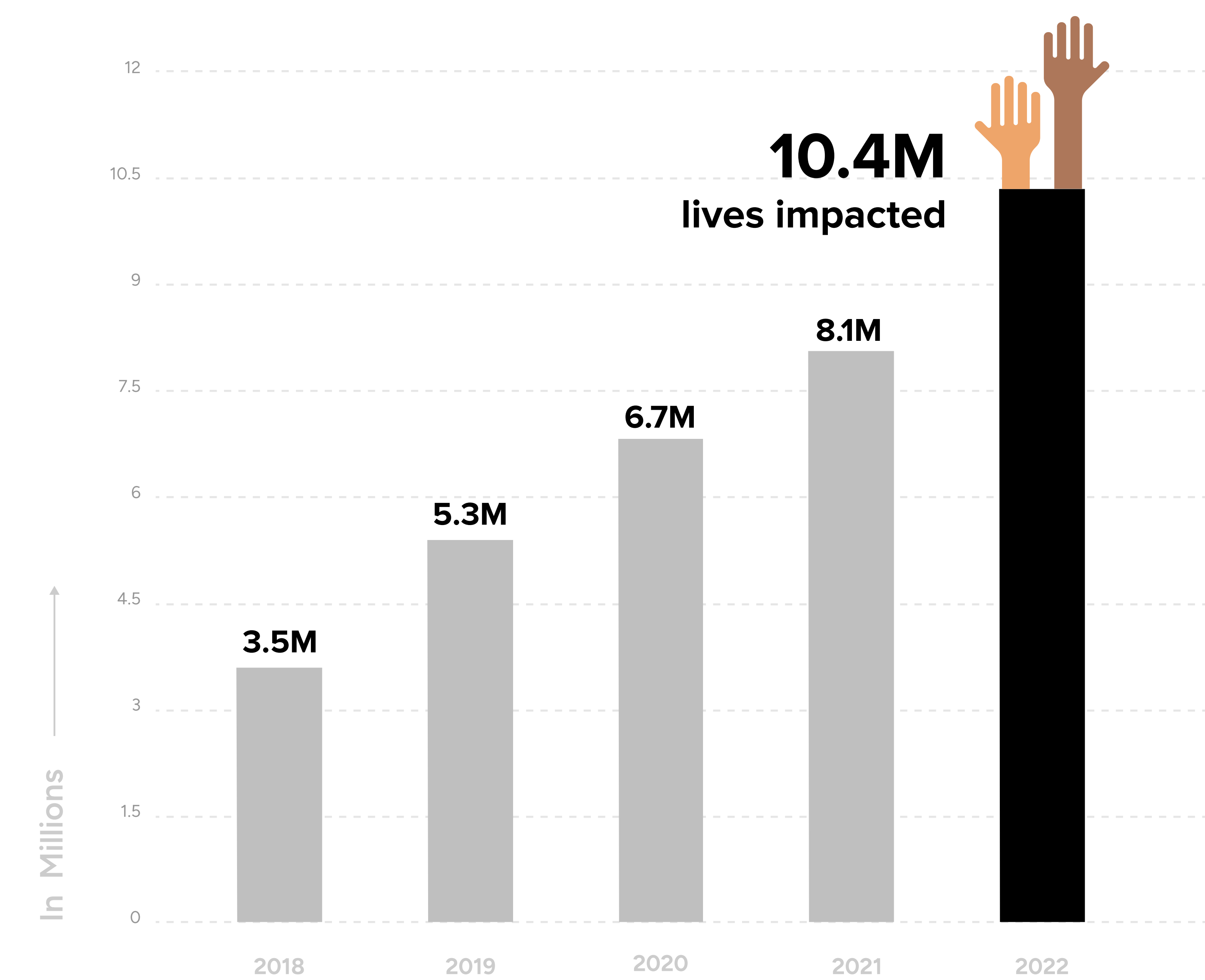
WOMEN IMPACTED



17K

ACTIVE JOBS CREATED

Cumulative BoP lives impacted¹





↑ 28%

increase from last year



885.3k

women lives impacted

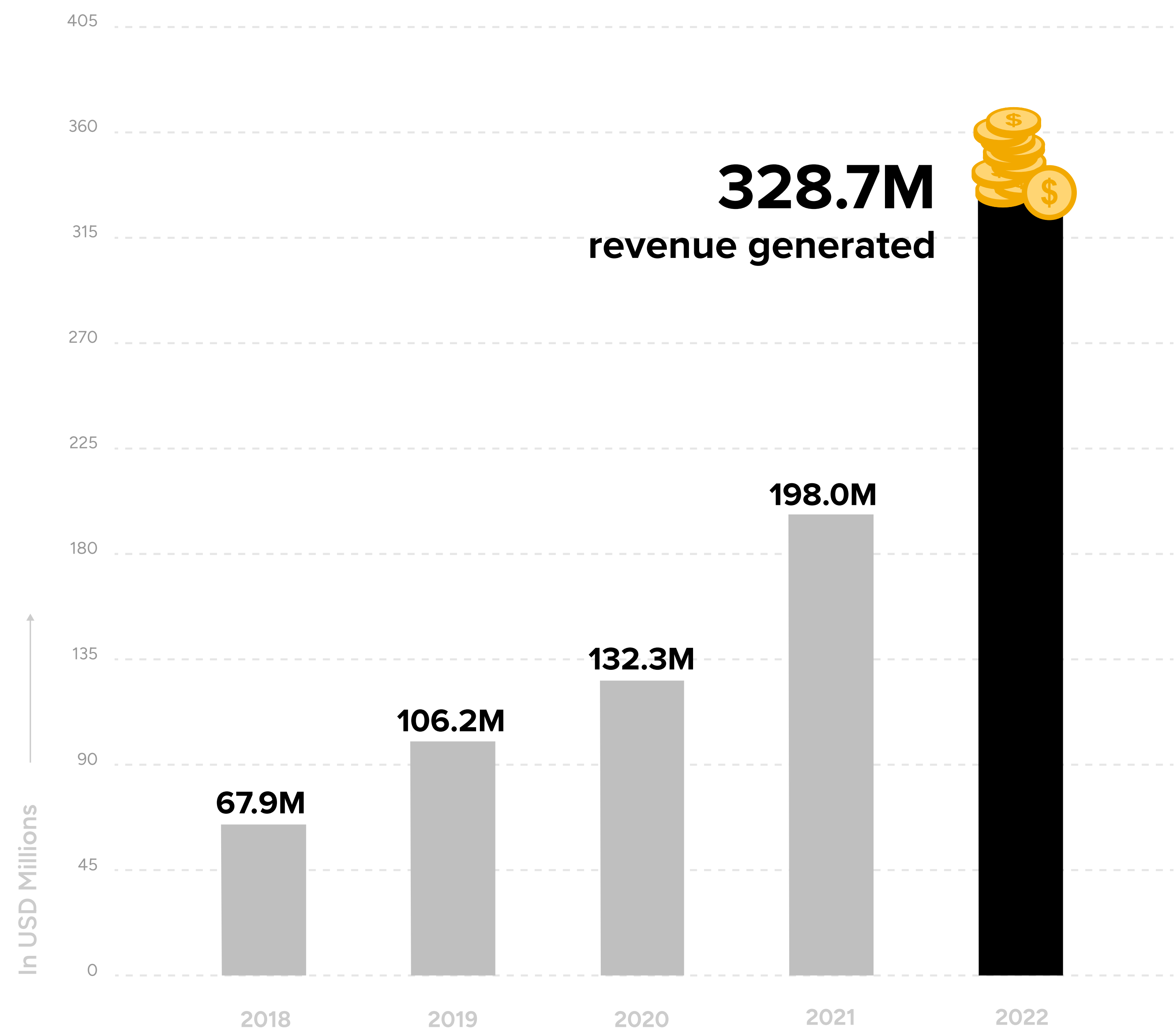


17.0k

active jobs created

¹ The population at the Base of the economic Pyramid (BoP) comprises the 1+ billion people or two thirds of the Indian population that lives on an annual household income of less than ~USD 3,000 (INR 200,000).

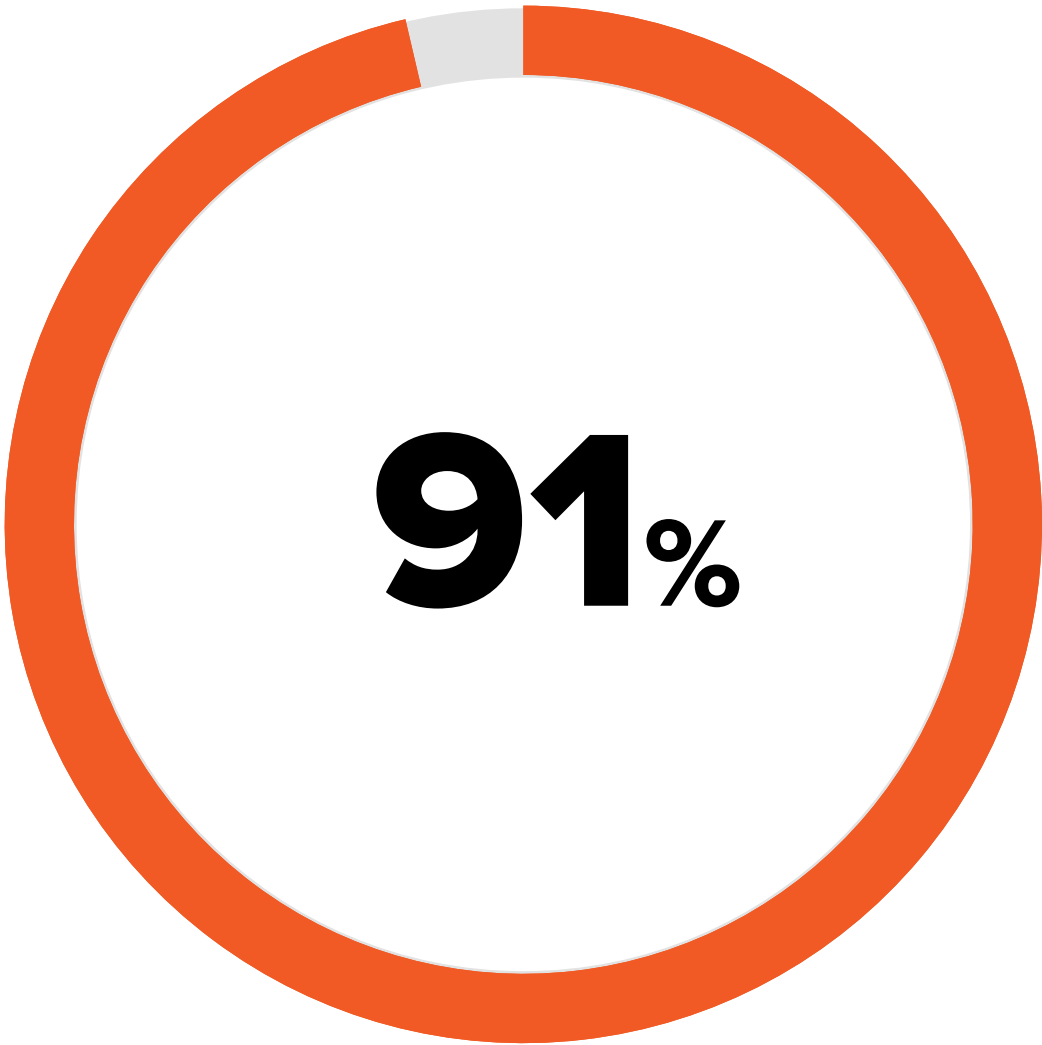
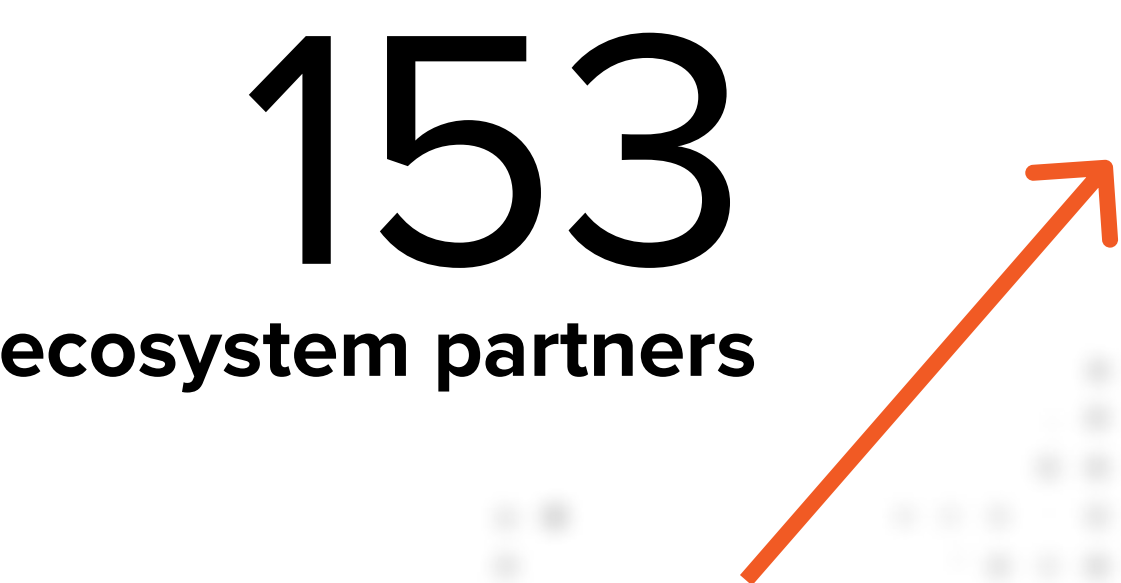
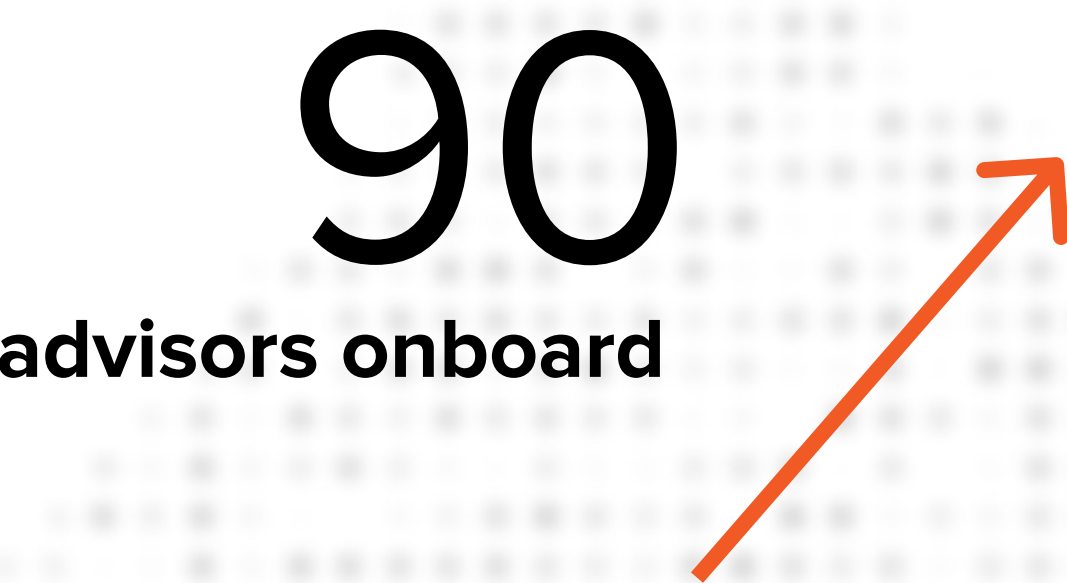
Cumulative Revenue generated by Portfolio



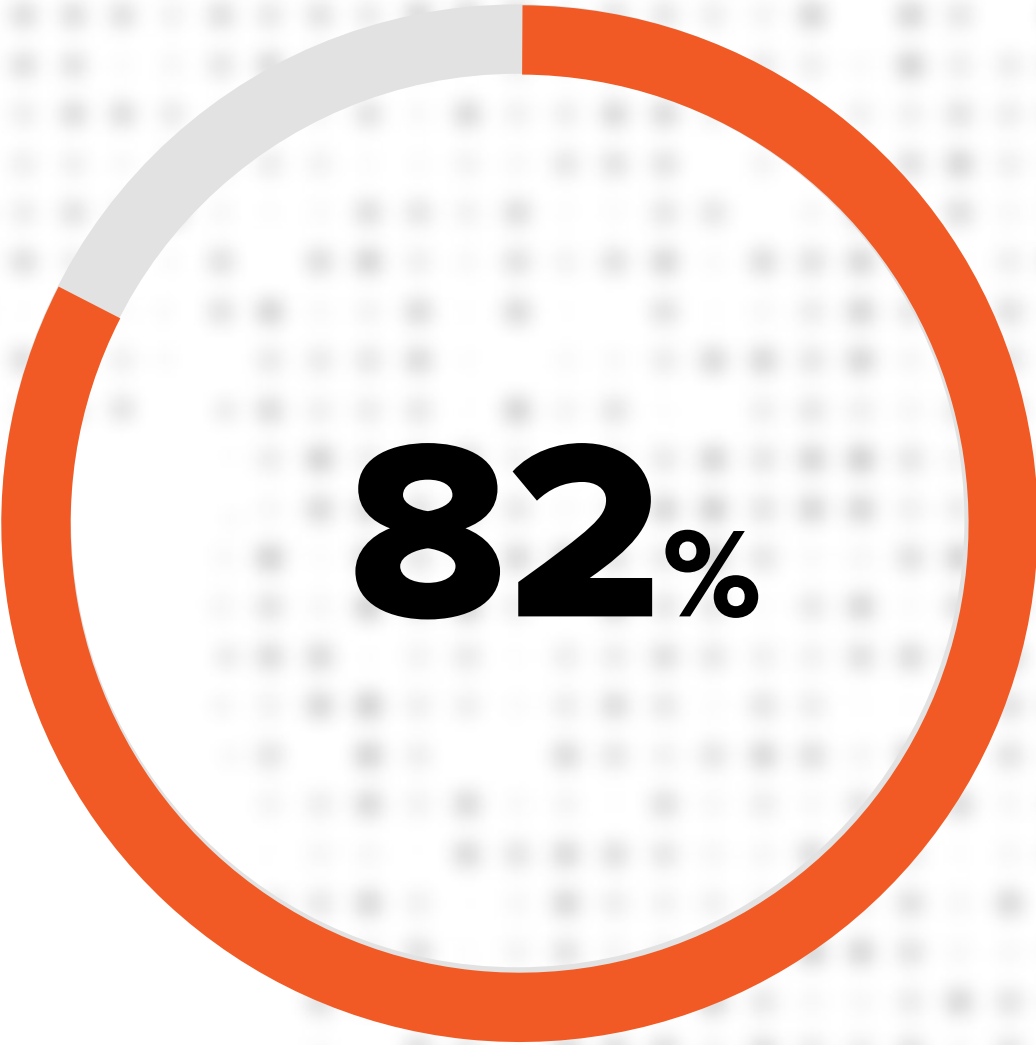
↑ 66%
increase over last year



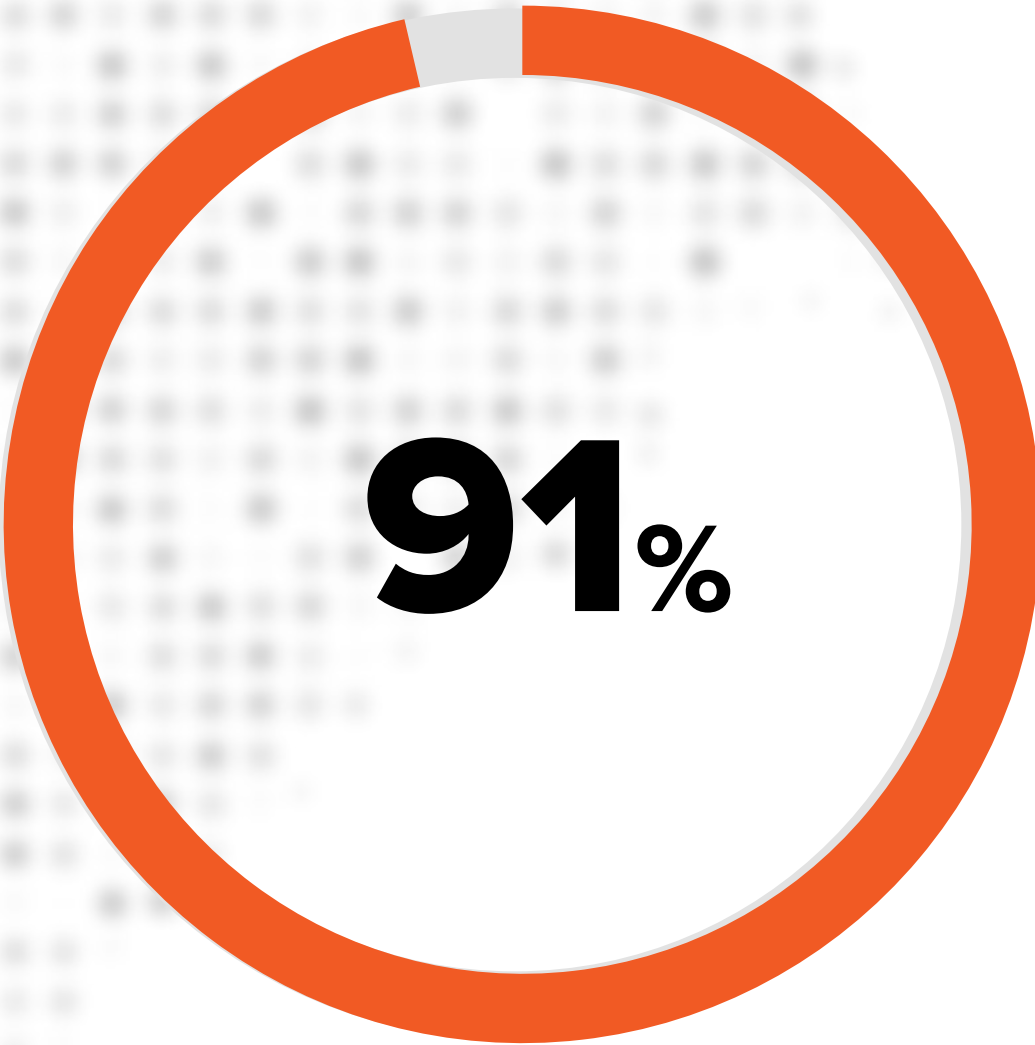
20.5x
additional capital
raised



Companies where Unitus
was the **first institutional
investor**



Companies that were
started by **first-time
entrepreneurs**



Companies Unitus
invested in at seed stage

Empowering delivery platforms with people-centric tech-driven solutions

Online grocery delivery platforms have become a consumer staple over the last few years. With the promise of timely delivery, these platforms have emerged as category disruptors in the post-pandemic world.

BetterPlace provides people-centric tech-driven solutions to platforms like Zepto, Swiggy, and Licious to help manage their workforce needs and accelerate scaling up business operations.

With a comprehensive digital suite of solutions, BetterPlace HRMS Platform helps employers handle the entire life cycle of their frontline workforce by providing them with services such as hiring, assessment of job seekers, digital onboarding, KYC, training, attendance management, payroll, compliance & more, while helping frontline

employees get upskilled, with on-demand access to financial and healthcare services.

BetterPlace enabled Zepto's brisk operations by screening new delivery partners and training them to meet the high demand for customer service. For Swiggy, BetterPlace has been its preferred workforce management server for over 5 years and with near-instantaneous background checks across 55+ Indian cities. Through BetterPlace, Swiggy has been able to improve its driver retention with services such as digital onboarding and the deployment of e-bikes.

TenderCuts, India's first omnichannel meat and seafood retailer, turned to BetterPlace for onboarding and training solutions to be deployed across different locations and



diverse job verticals. for onboarding and training solutions to be deployed across different locations and diverse job verticals. BetterPlace’s Upskill solutions - a SaaS-based, microlearning platform - provided bite-sized gamified microlearning content across 35 different vernacular languages like Hindi, Marathi, Kannada and Telugu.

Licious, the first D2C unicorn in India that employs a farm-to-fork model, found a match in BetterPlace’s HRMS platform to rapidly scale its operations for effective manpower supply and staffing, compliance and payroll solutions for its frontline workforce.

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PART 02

SECTOR-WISE IMPACT

Our investments lie at the intersection of a deep social impact and superior growth opportunities. All our portfolio companies aim to solve critical pain points across verticals. Some of our sectors we focus on are as follows:



JOBTECH

FINTECH

HEALTHCARE



India has surpassed China to become the most populous country in the world in 2023. Currently, about 67% of India’s population is in the working age group. By 2030, India’s working age population will exceed 1B - nearly two-thirds of the total population. According to the McKinsey Global Institute, India needs to create at least 90 million new non-farm jobs over the decade to 2030 to absorb the 60 million new workers who will enter the workforce.

In addition, 30 million workers could move from farm work to more productive non-farm sectors. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is also disrupting the current job market by automating repetitive tasks and augmenting human capabilities. The rapid advancements of AI technology are poised to dramatically reshape the modern workplace and bring in a new era of unprecedented change. This underscores the need for tech-based solutions that help jobseekers skill, upskill and reskill to find the right kind of employment opportunities - a vertical we call Jobtech.

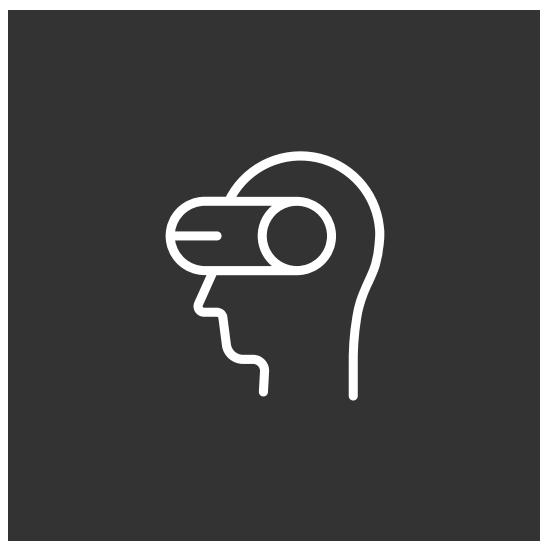
PRIMARY SUB-SECTORS OF FOCUS



Tech enabled skilling



Job Matching



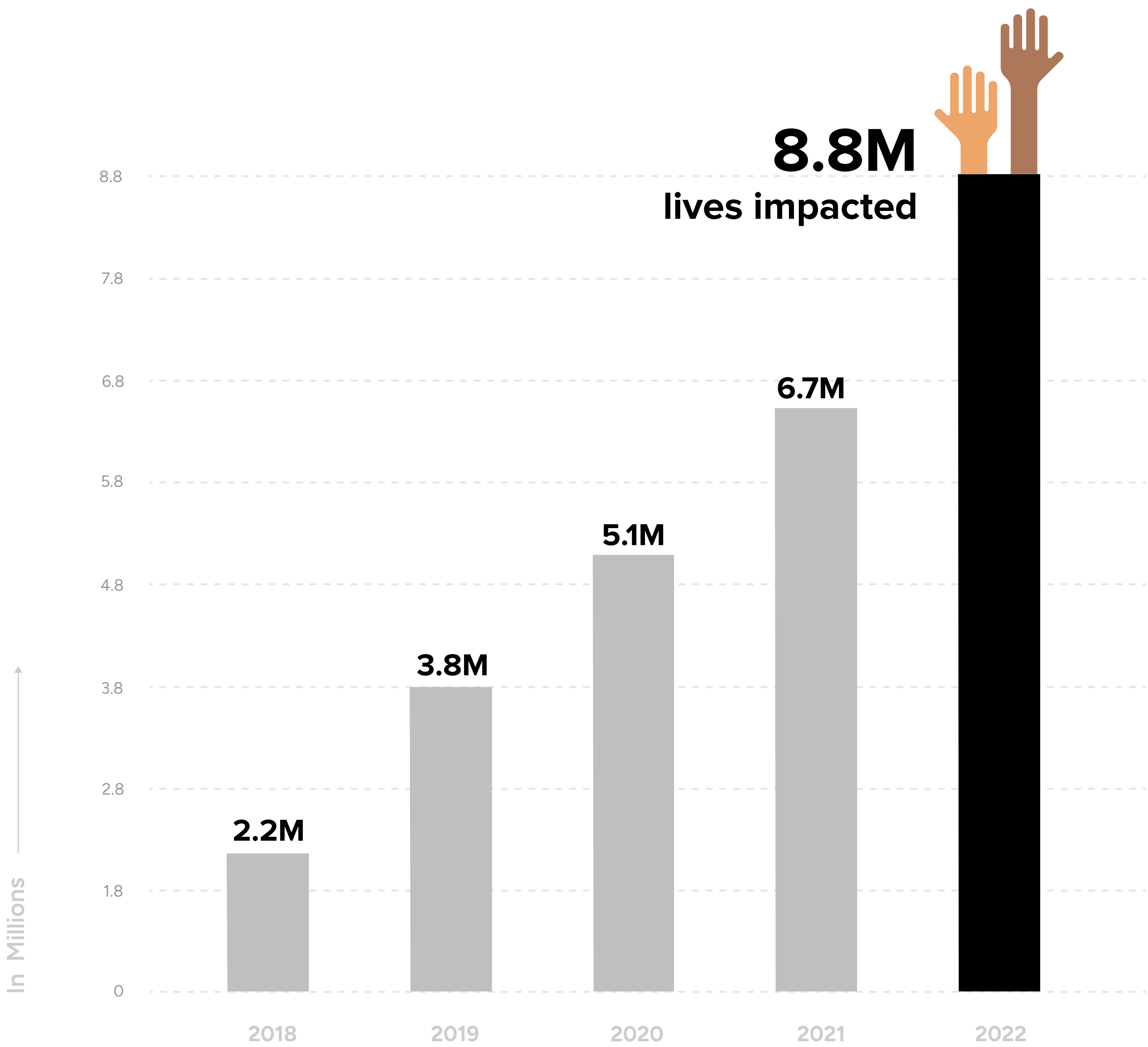
AI-enabled Automation




Gig Work




Cumulative BoP Lives Impacted¹





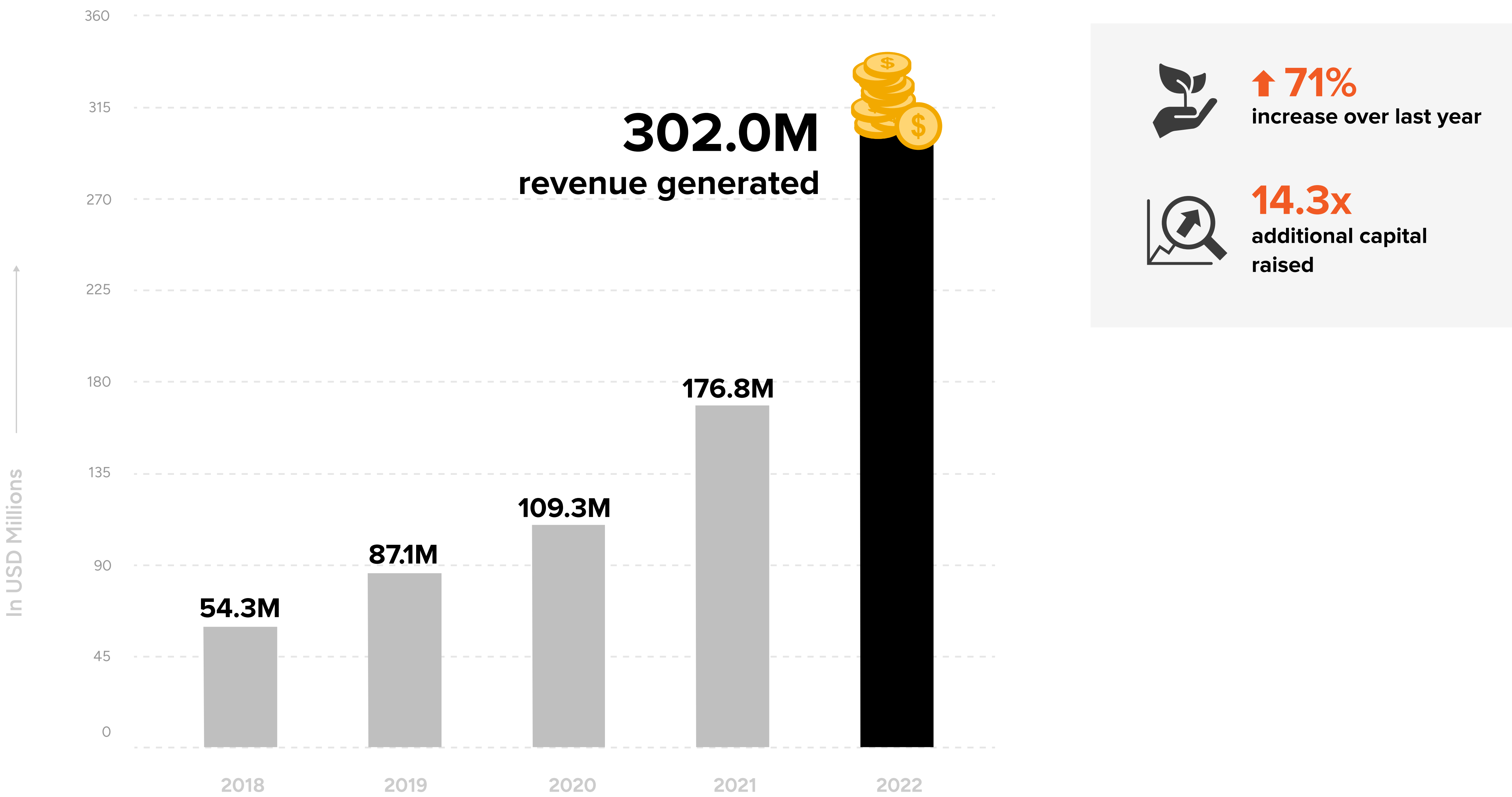
↑ 30%
increase from last year



16.7k
active jobs created

¹. The population at the Base of the economic Pyramid (BoP) comprises the 1+ billion people or two thirds of the Indian population that lives on an annual household income of less than ~USD 3,000 (INR 200,000).

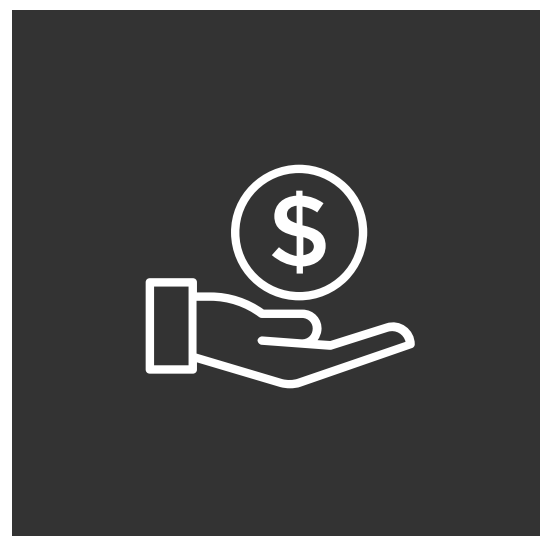
Cumulative Revenue Generated by Portfolio



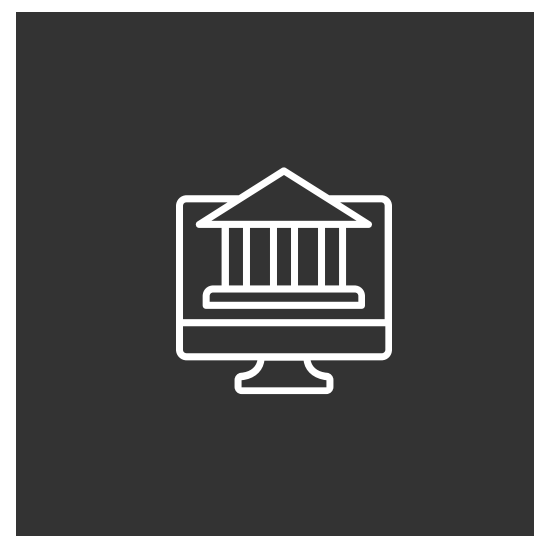


With more than 900¹ million users and steadily growing, India is now the second-largest internet market in the world. Low-cost technology has democratized access to the internet. With growing willingness among Indians to borrow, ease of access to credit has put fintech at the forefront of innovation. Expected to reach a value of \$150B+² by 2025, fintech will only become more critical as our economy recovers from the pandemic.

PRIMARY SUB-SECTORS OF FOCUS



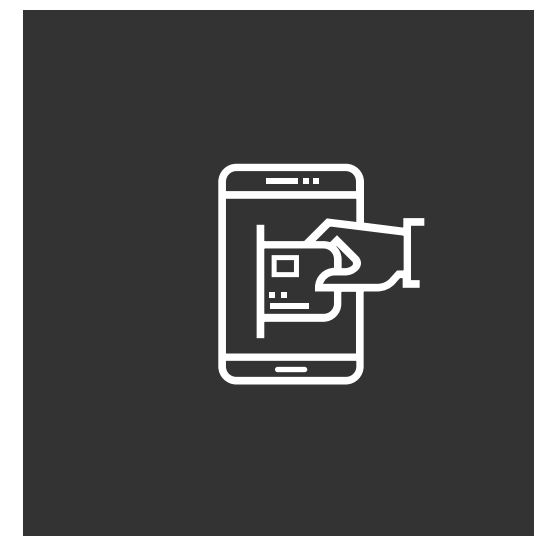
**Vertical focused
lending**



**Savings & Investment
platforms**



**SME digitization
& lending**



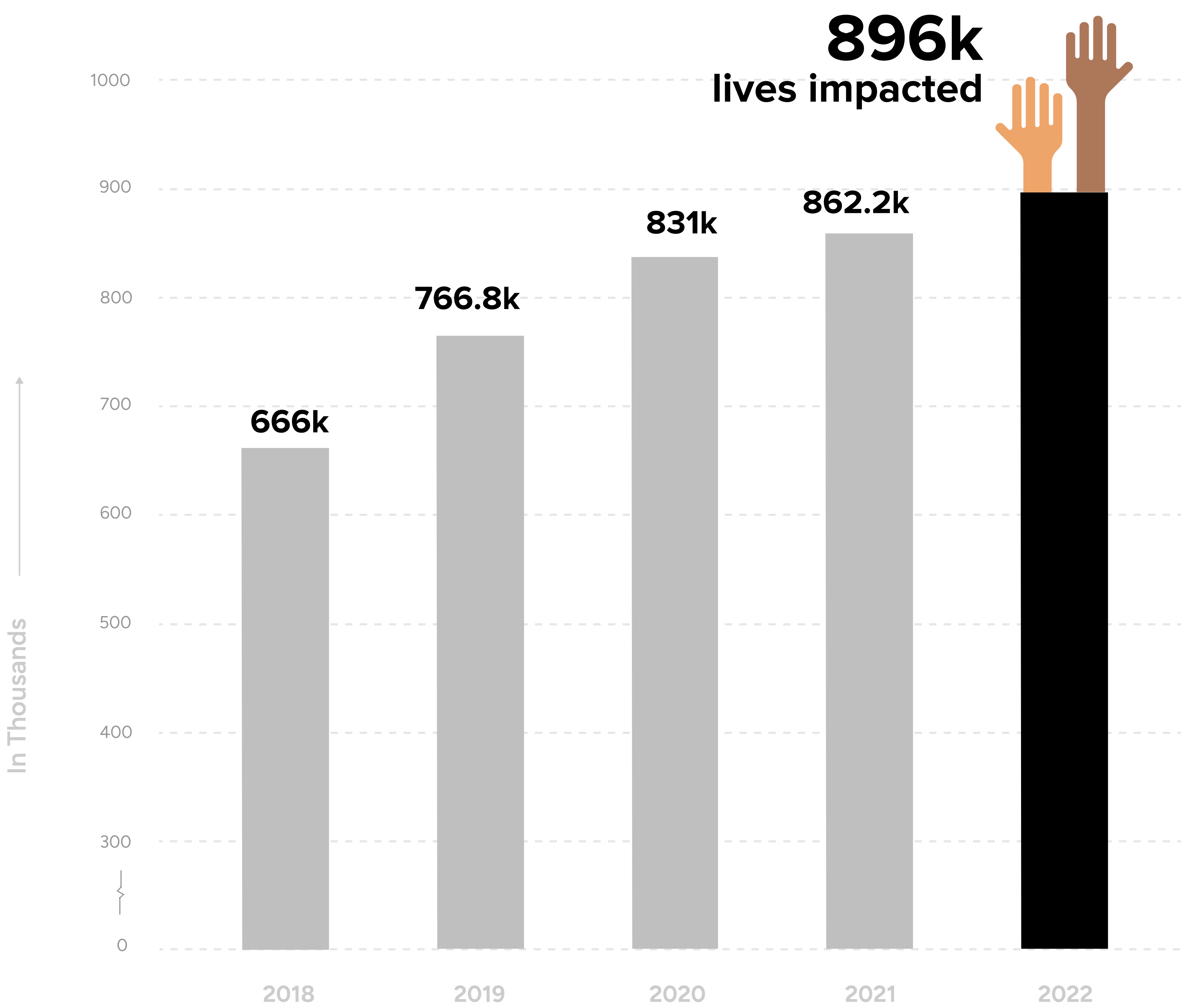
**Last mile financial
services distribution**



¹ Source: Statista

² Source: Invest India - National Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency

Cumulative BoP Lives Impacted¹





↑ 4%

increase from last year

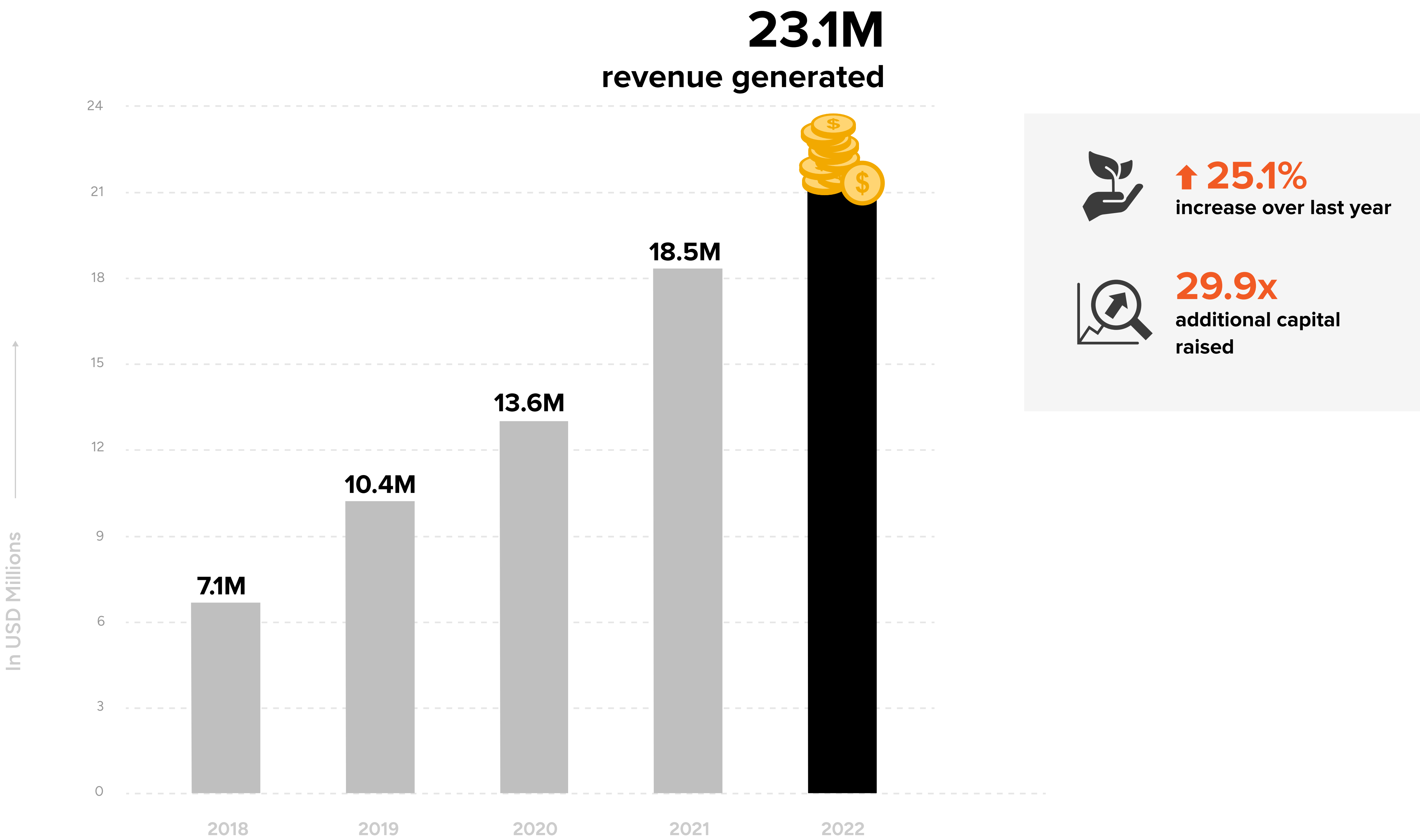


147

active jobs created

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Cumulative Revenue Generated by Portfolio





India’s healthcare infrastructure has long been plagued by a host of problems - lack of access to healthcare services in rural India, shortage of specialists (physicians and diagnosticians) and poor utilization of technology to improve outcomes. The pandemic further exposed the many deficiencies in our health systems. The sector is headed towards a much needed overhaul and businesses offering products and solutions that are on the cutting edge of health tech are leading the way.

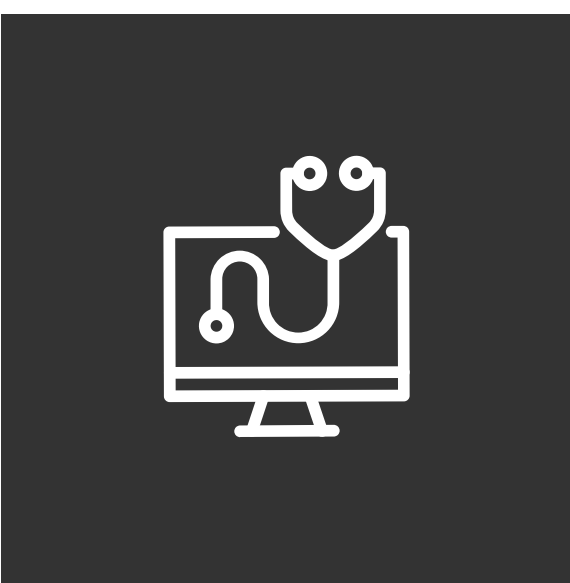
PRIMARY SUB-SECTORS OF FOCUS



Medical devices



Healthcare services



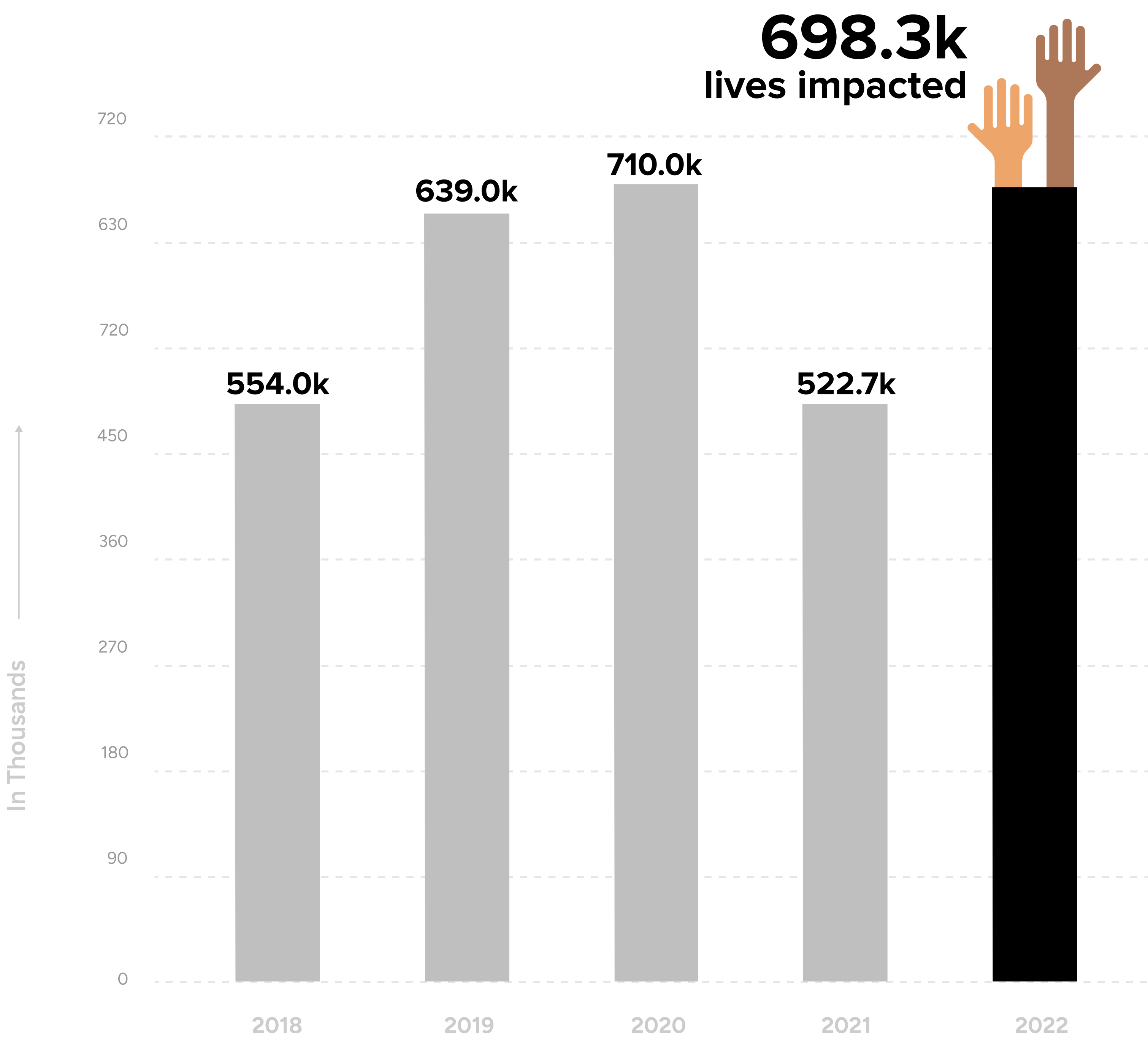
Digital health



Health Analytics & AI



Cumulative BoP Lives Impacted¹





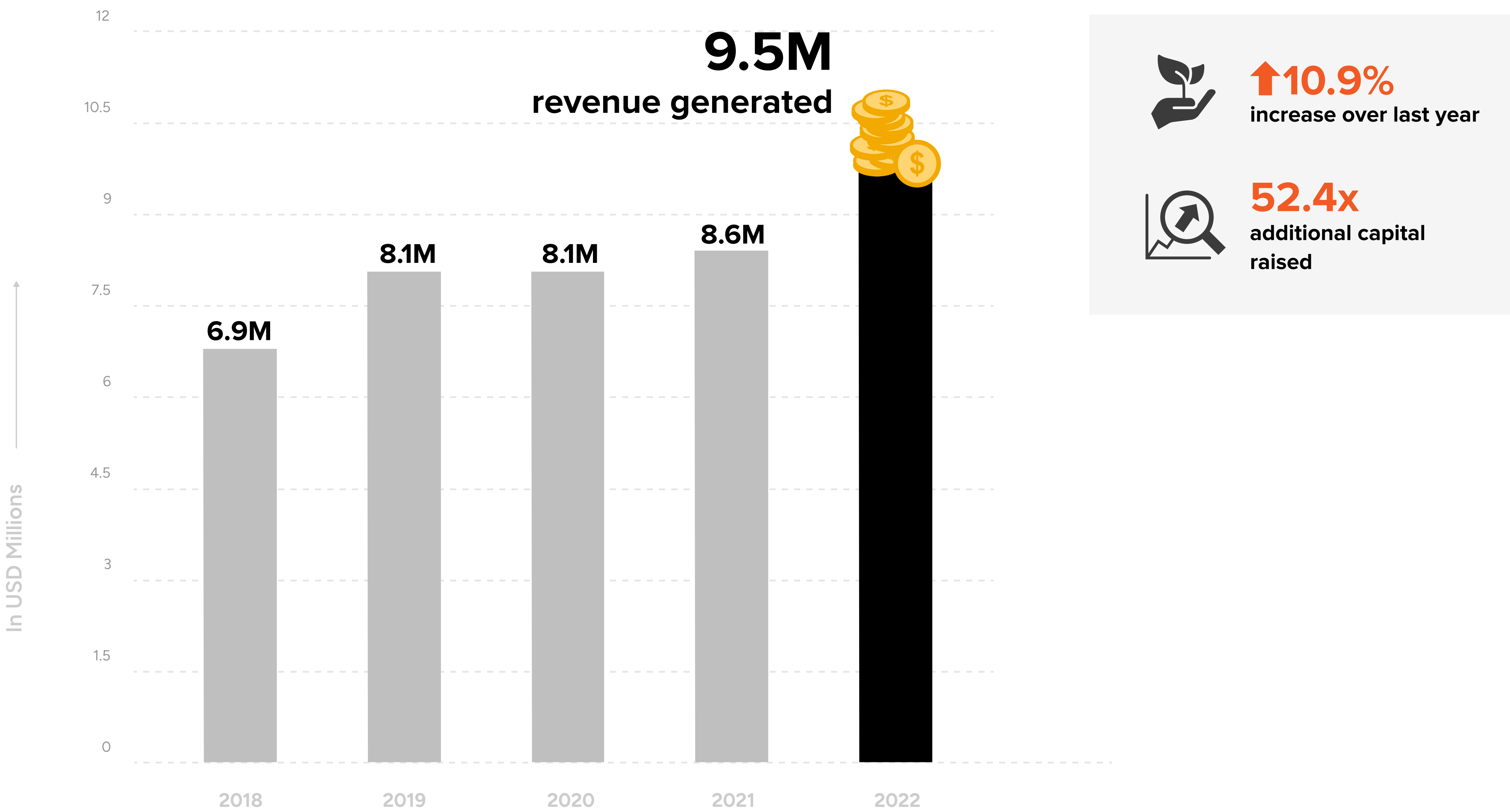
↑ 34%
increase from last year



127
active jobs created

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Cumulative Revenue Generated by Portfolio



PART 03

FUND SHOWCASE

Summary of performance of Unitus Fund I & Fund II investments in the year 2021. Here's a quick snapshot of what you can expect in the next few pages:



OUR INVESTORS

MEDIA COVERAGE

PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Gig startup Awign raises Rs 120 crore in funding led by Bertelsmann India

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Start-up Masai School raises \$10 million, Mithali Raj & Bhaichung Bhutia join as investors

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Sequoia-backed Eduvanz secures \$12.6Mn funding from Rethink Education, Others

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India’s largest AI powered digital diagnostics platform



India's largest digital trust platform for blue-collar workforce on-boarding and management



Last mile logistics tech platform enabling business access for tens of thousands of small truck owners



K-8 after school learning programs for Math and coding distributed through micro franchisees.



India’s #1 on-demand driver aggregator tech platform connecting over 40k drivers to car owners and businesses



India’s largest online crowdfunding platform for healthcare causes.



Conversational analytics platform enabling higher effectiveness for sales and support agents.

