

# Innovative solutions on cheaper, faster and safer transfer of remittances

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# Remittances by numbers – a positive side of migration



\$450 billion

\$6.5 trillion

1 billion

2 billion

16,000

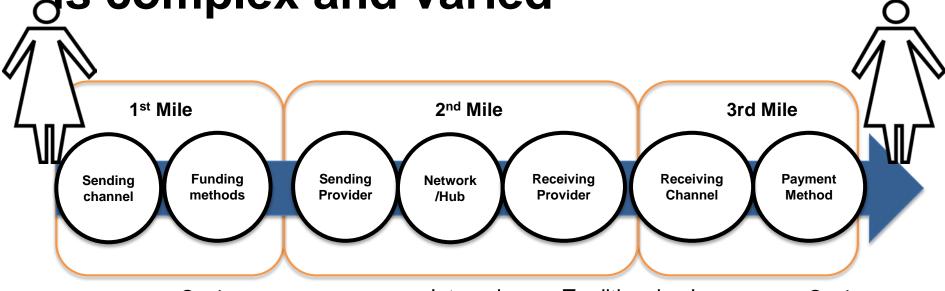
7.09%

3 %

> \$18 billion

## The remittances value chain is complex and varied





- •In-person, Cash branch
- Internet
- Mobile
- Phone
- ATM

- Payment
  - Card

- Mobile Money

- Bank
  - Account
- Account

- Traditional
- **MTO**
- Digital MTO
- Banks
- •MNOs,
  - **Telcos**
- Exchange houses

- Internal system
- SWIFT
- Ericsson
- HomeSen
- d/Masterca rd
- Visa

- Traditional MTO
- Banks
- •MNOs,
  - Telcos
  - Retail networks
  - Non-bank
    - Fls

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**Innovations in remittances** 





# Key impact areas of new technologies

- Mobile/online payments to address the stickiness of cash
  - Reduce reliance on agents
- Mobile payments to expand receive networks
- Blockchain potentially to improve settlement and customer identification



#### But....

- •No single technology can be applied to fix the remittance challenges
- •A **number of technologies** are improving the efficiency of the market With scale, these will be able to reduce the cost of remittances.
- •Creating the environment for adoption through digital channels in the last mile is key.

#### **Global Compact for Migration**



- Draft 0 proposed wording:
  - Objective 20 Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants
  - a. Develop a roadmap to **reduce costs** in line with SDG 10.c, < 3% by 2030
  - b. Promote and support IDFR and GFRID
  - c. Harmonise remittance market **regulations** and increase remittance **infrastructure**
  - d. Create policies and regulation to achieve competitive and innovative remittance markets
  - e. Develop innovative technological solutions
  - f. Provide accessible **information** on remittance transfer **costs**
  - g. Develop programmes and instruments to promote investments from senders
  - h. Provide **access** to **banking solutions** and **financial instruments** for migrants



## Additional thoughts GCM

- Recipients of remittances could be explicitly included in the objective and also subsections g and h.
  - Specifically including beneficiaries will bring significant benefits and help to reduce costs
- Remittances deliver benefits against multiple SDGs

1. End poverty

3. Healthy lives

5. Gender equality

7. Affordable and clean energy

9. Resilient infrastructure

13. Climate action

2 Zero hunger

4 Quality education

6 Clean water and sanitation

8 Decent work and economic growth

10 Reduced inequalities

17 Partnerships for the goals

Ownership and co-ordination are critical to success

