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Report on the Portfolio Analytics for Strategic Insights (PASI) project.

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The taxonomy to build a contextualized model for UNDP

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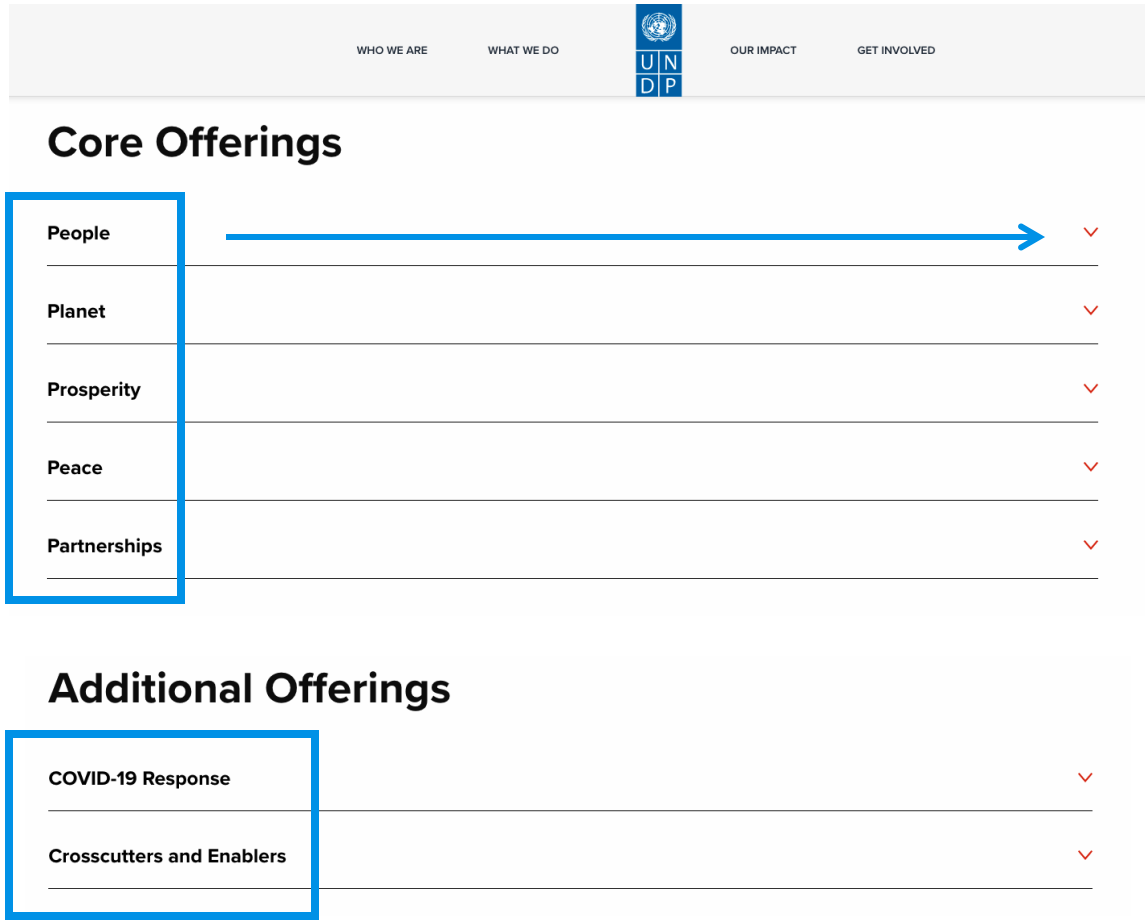

Three levels of development themes defined by UNDP's core offerings

People — Themes

Gender — Service offerings

UNDP works in some 170 countries and territories to support our partners to adopt approaches, reform discriminatory laws, and design and implement public policies that advance gender equality and the empowerment of women as the foundation of achieving the global Sustainable Development Goals. We help governments to identify and address the gender dimensions of human development in areas such as poverty, governance, climate and crisis through its extended network of gender experts in five regions across the world.

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Intervention domains

Gender-Based Violence

Ending gender-based violence (GBV) is a fundamental part of UNDP's development work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in all contexts, including crisis settings. UNDP works with countries to address and prevent GBV, including the surge during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, UNDP provided policy guidance and programme support in more than 80 countries on adapting legal frameworks, designing national action plans for prevention and response, and delivering dedicated services to GBV survivors. This includes the UNDP country offices implementing the Spotlight Initiative, a multi-year partnership between the European Union and the UN to eliminate GBV.

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Women's Economic Empowerment

Economic systems and societies must be transformed in order to create long-term women's economic empowerment. UNDP works with governments to develop fiscal and social policies that boost women's economic security, place care at the center of economic development and transform social norms for gender equality. We work with national and local governments, the private sector and civil society to reform segregation of the labour market and improve women's access to and control of green jobs, digitalization, and financial and non-financial assets.

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Portfolio Overview

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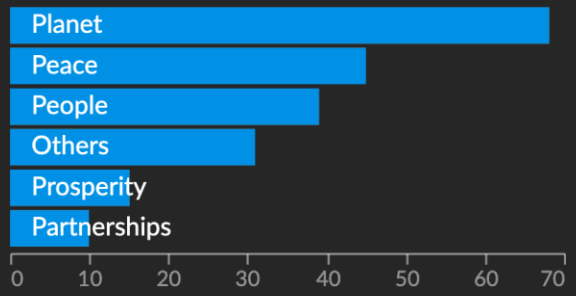
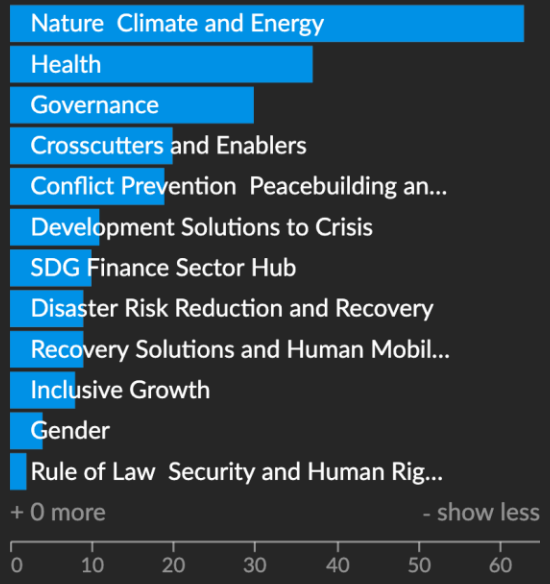
Themes



The biggest thematic portfolio is realted to Planet.

The portfolio on “Others” comes in the fourth place which is mainly composed of the offering from “crosscutters and enablers” and “development solutions to crisis”.

Service offerings



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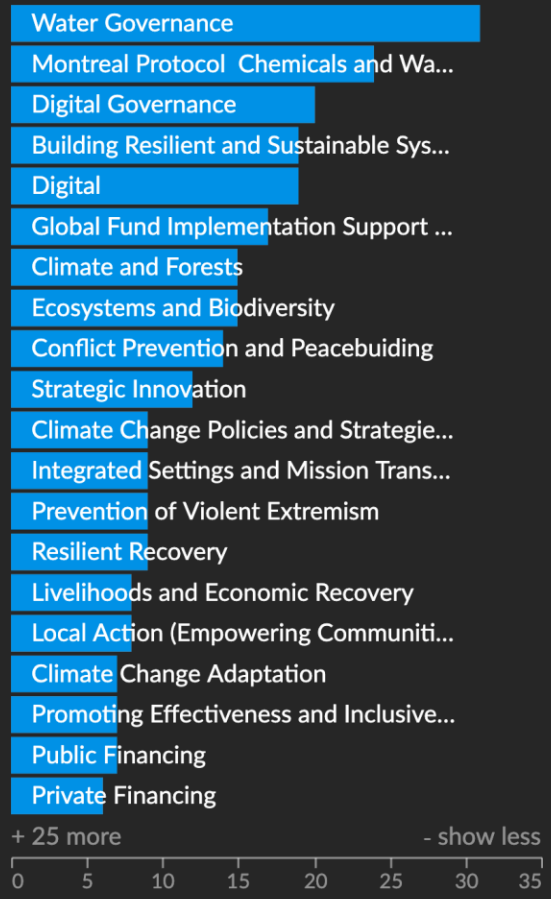

Connections between portfolios

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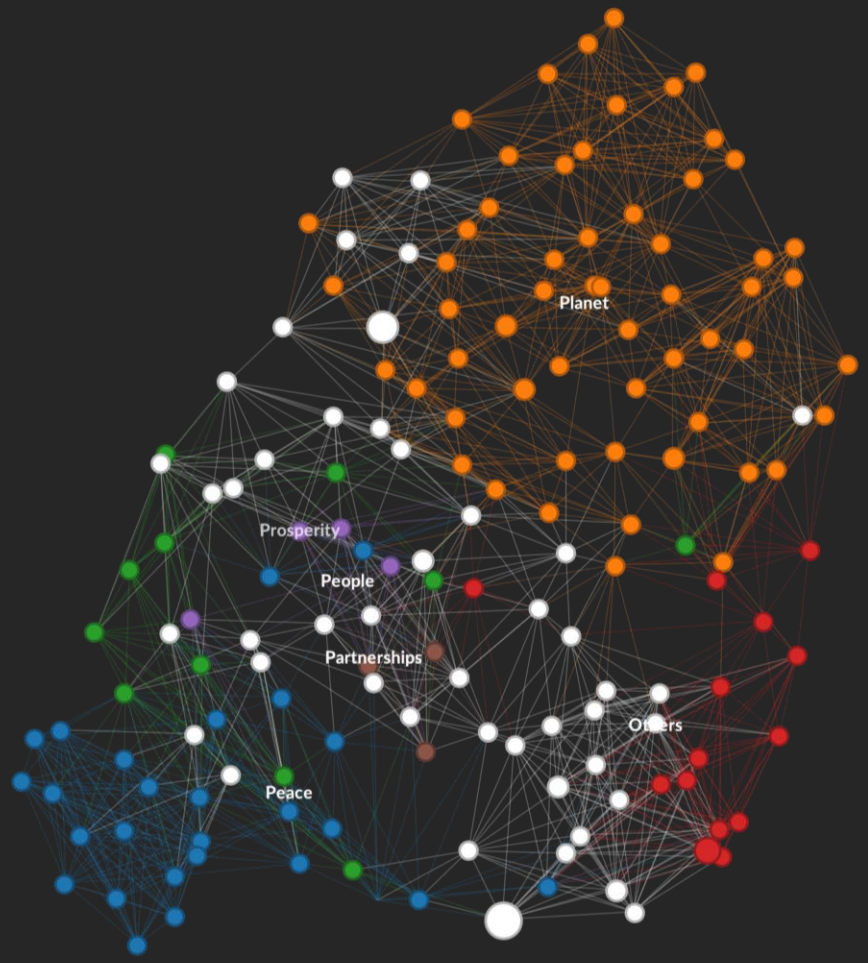
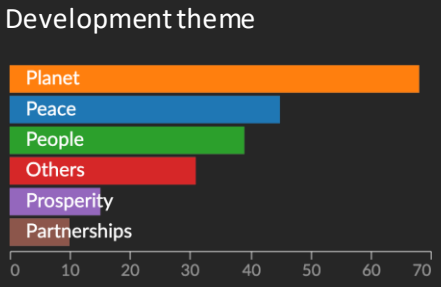
The portfolio on "Planet" has the biggest size. It has more connections with the portfolio on "People", but less with the rest.

People portfolio is widely spread across network, showing its potential to be the bridge with other thematic portfolios. There are more interactions between the portfolios of "People" and "Peace", showing the closer connections between the thematic areas they focus on. Work on governance and building resilience are the key bridges between them.

The portfolios on "prosperity" and "partnerships" are in the center of the network, meaning it is playing a brokerage role between different themes. But size of the portfolio is relatively small.

Though the portfolio on "Others" is mainly composed of the "crosscutters and enablers", its integration role has a potential to be further utilized. It shares more connections with the "Peace" portfolio.





Planet Portfolio

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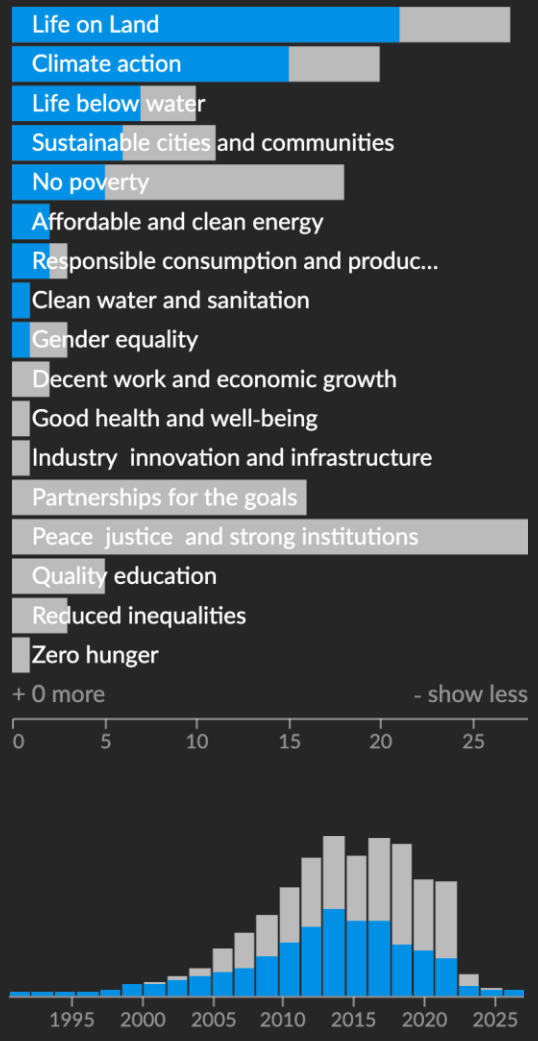

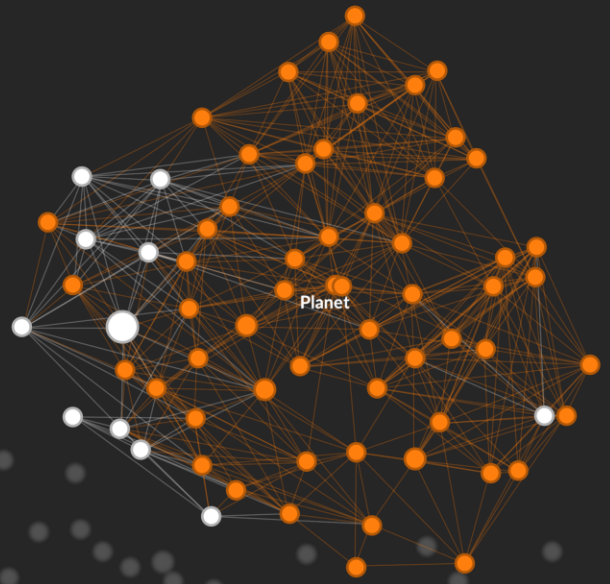

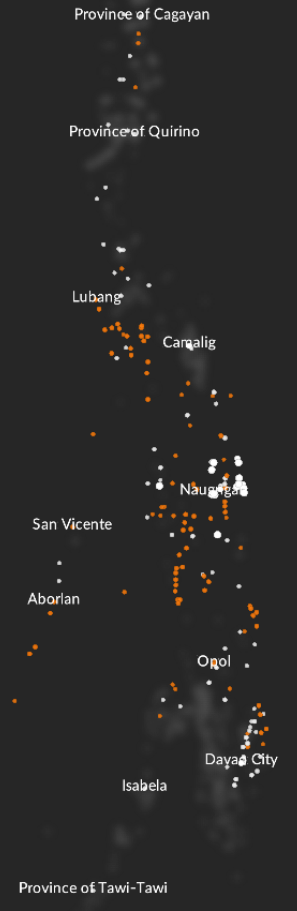

Peace Portfolio

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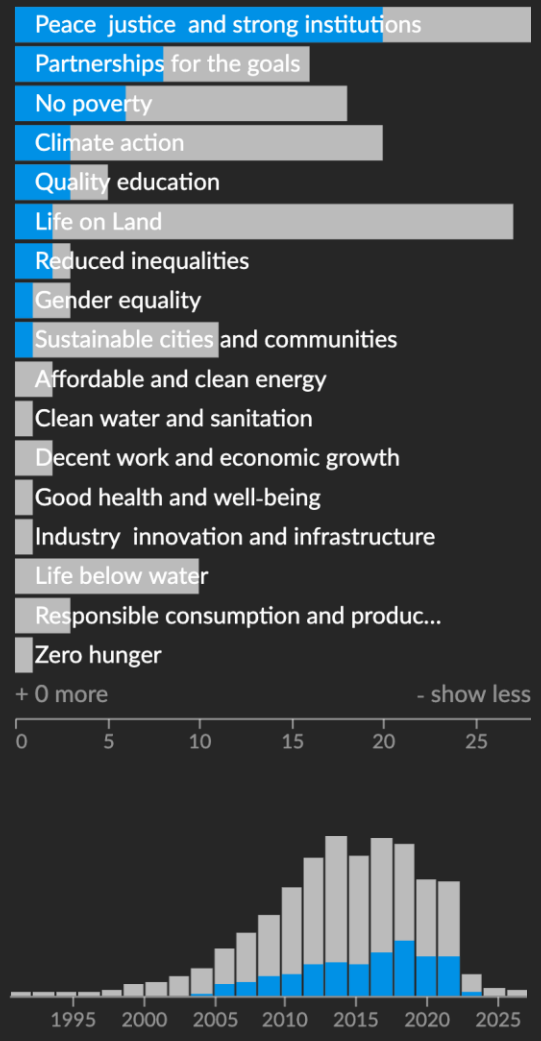

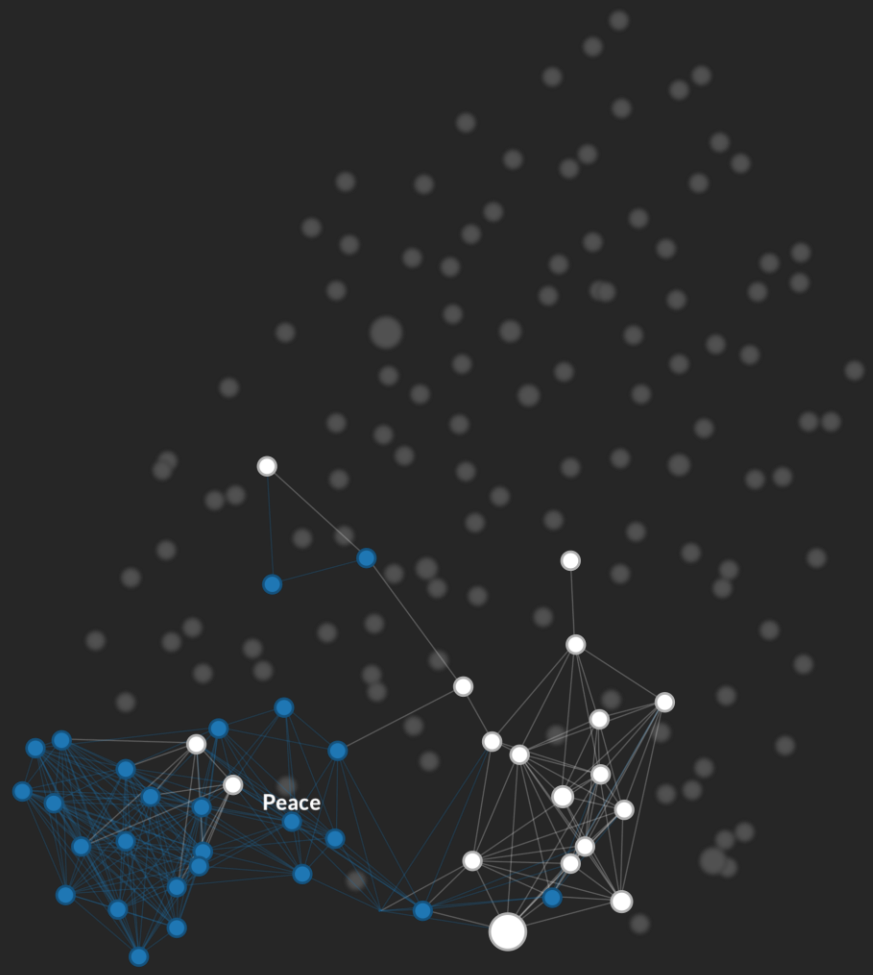

People Portfolio

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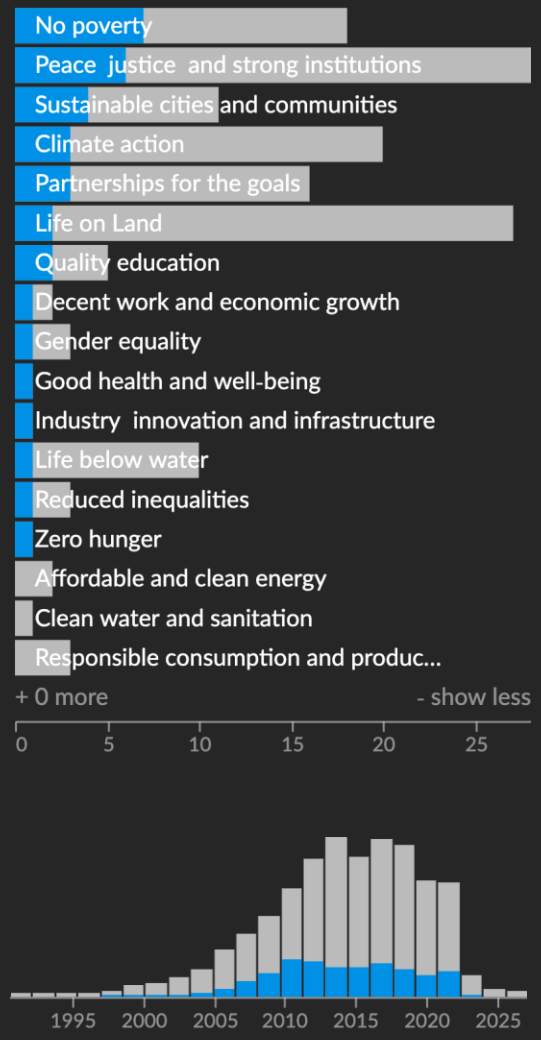

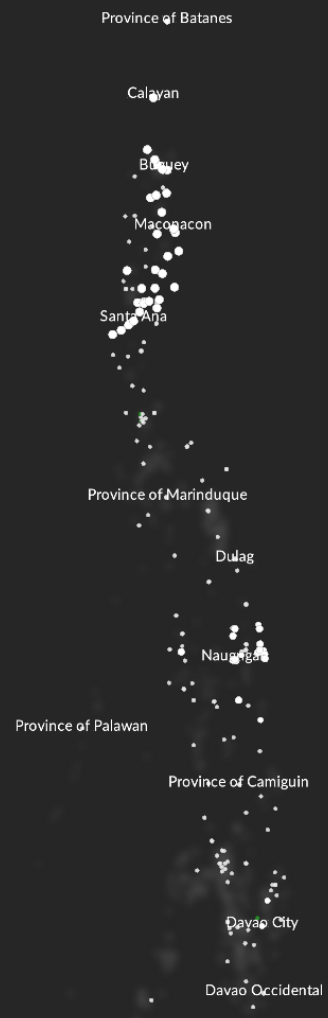

Prosperity Portfolio

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Partnership Portfolio

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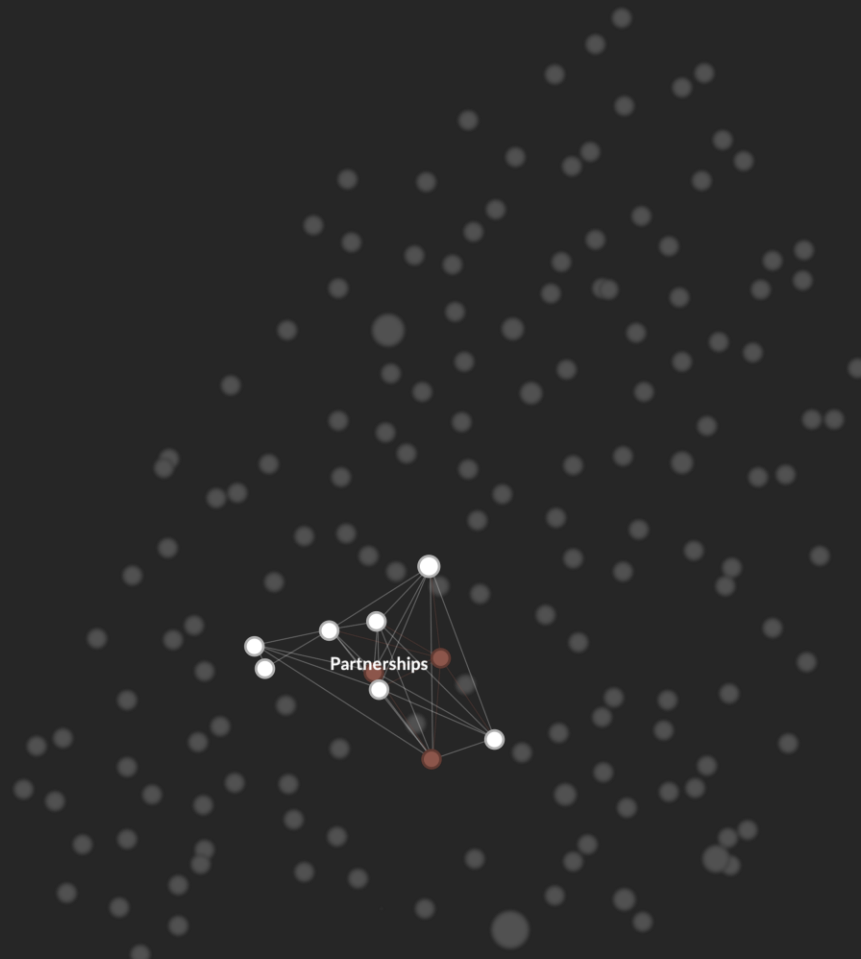

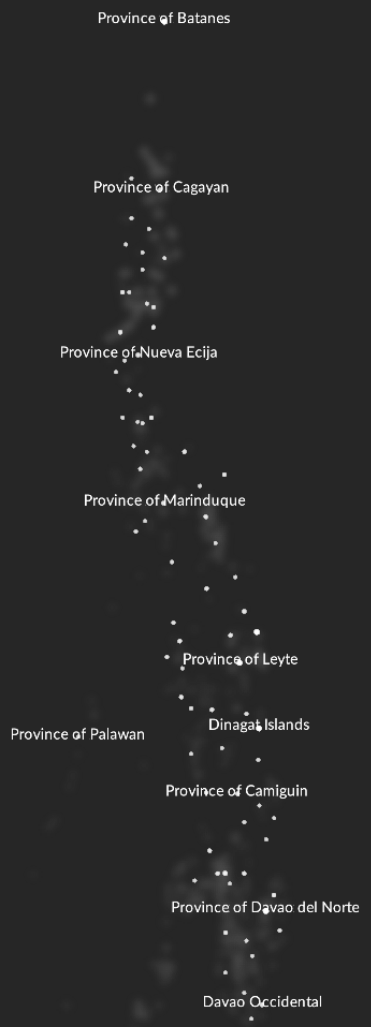

Others Portfolio

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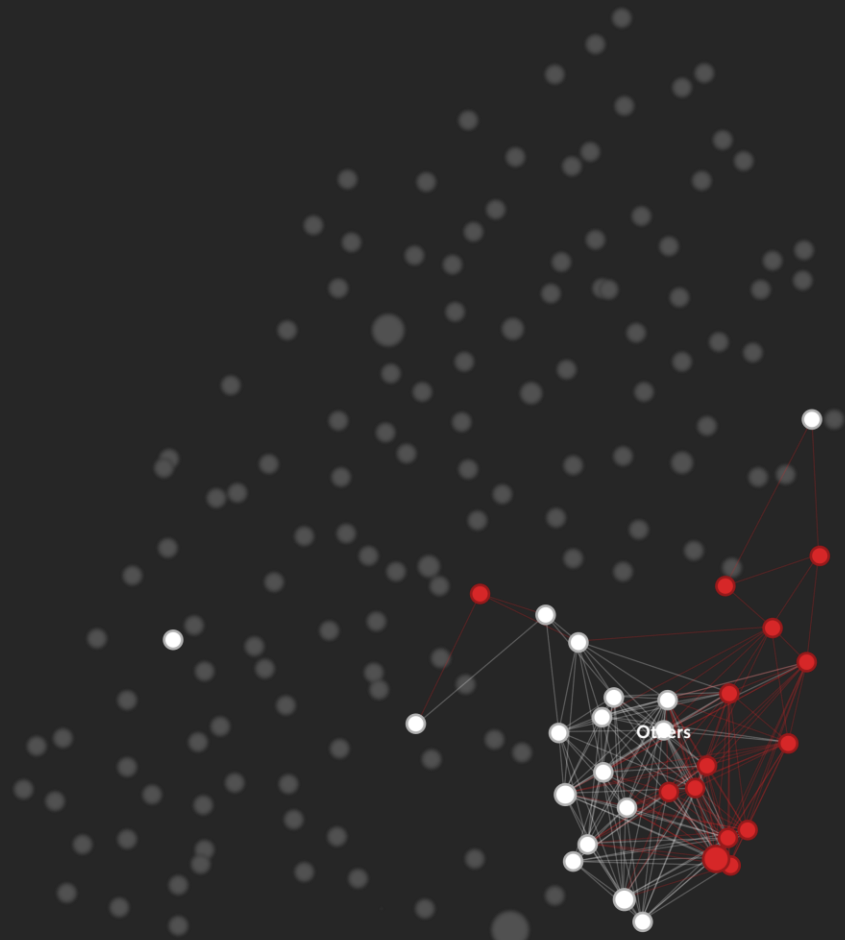

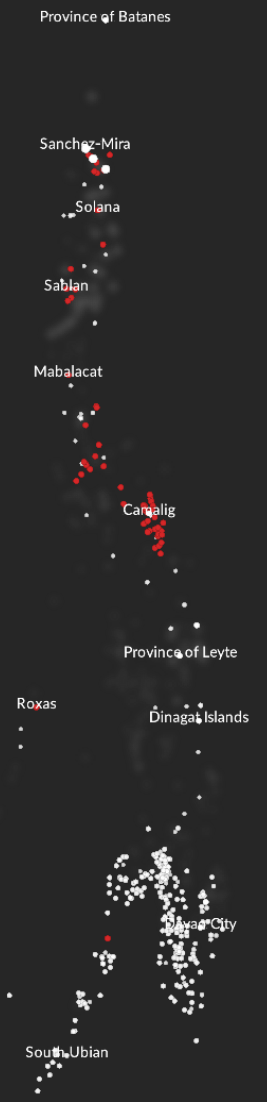

Budget propostion across thematic portfolios

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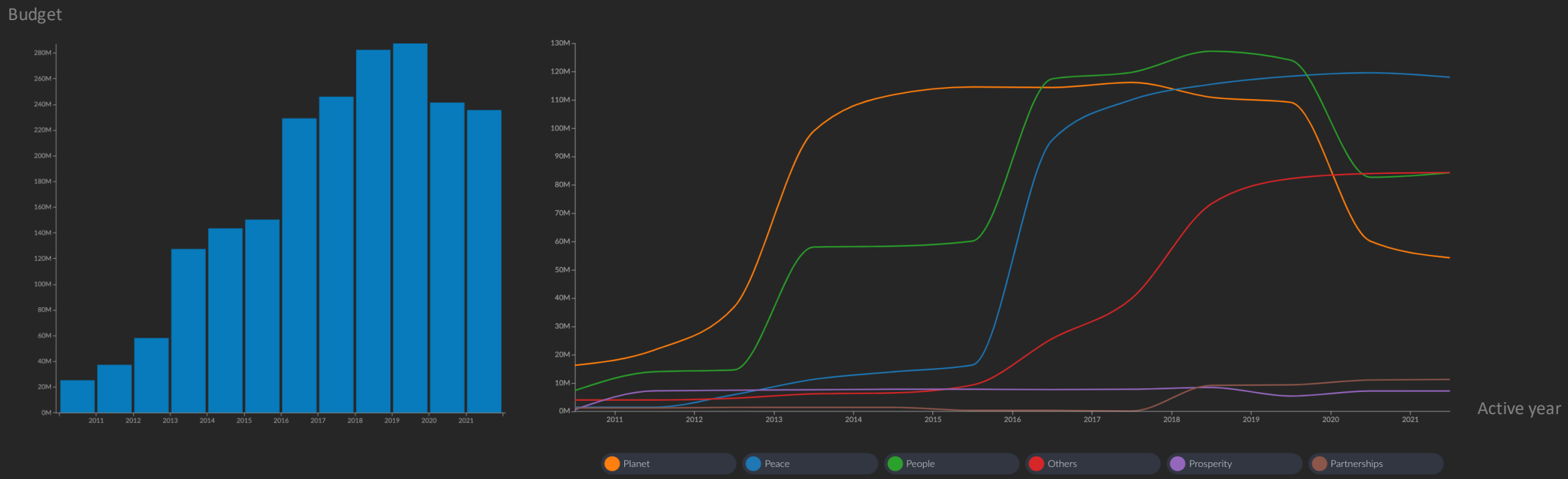

The total budget accumulated by the projects that are active in a particular year is highest in in 2019. Breaking down the budget allocation by development theme, the portfolio related to the Peace portfolio has been growing overtime and has become one of the largest in the recent years. Budget for the Planet portfolio, once the largest in the past, had been increasing before 2020. It has been declining since then. And the People portfolio is following a similar trajectory after 2016.

The Others portfolio has grown big in the recent years and is reflected in the expansion of budget size. Interesting, its trend is similar to the Peace portfolio, implying possible integration between these two portfolios.

Portfolio overview in 2020-2022

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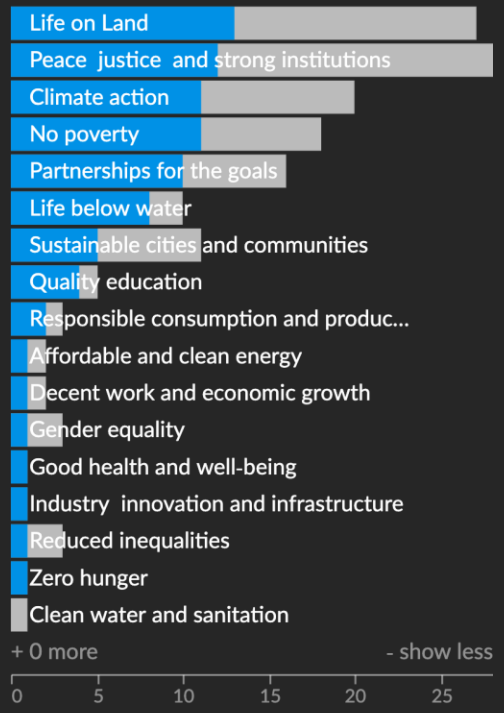

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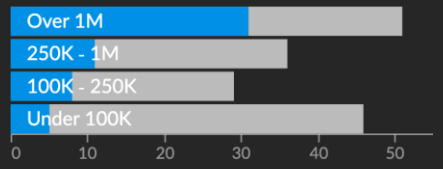

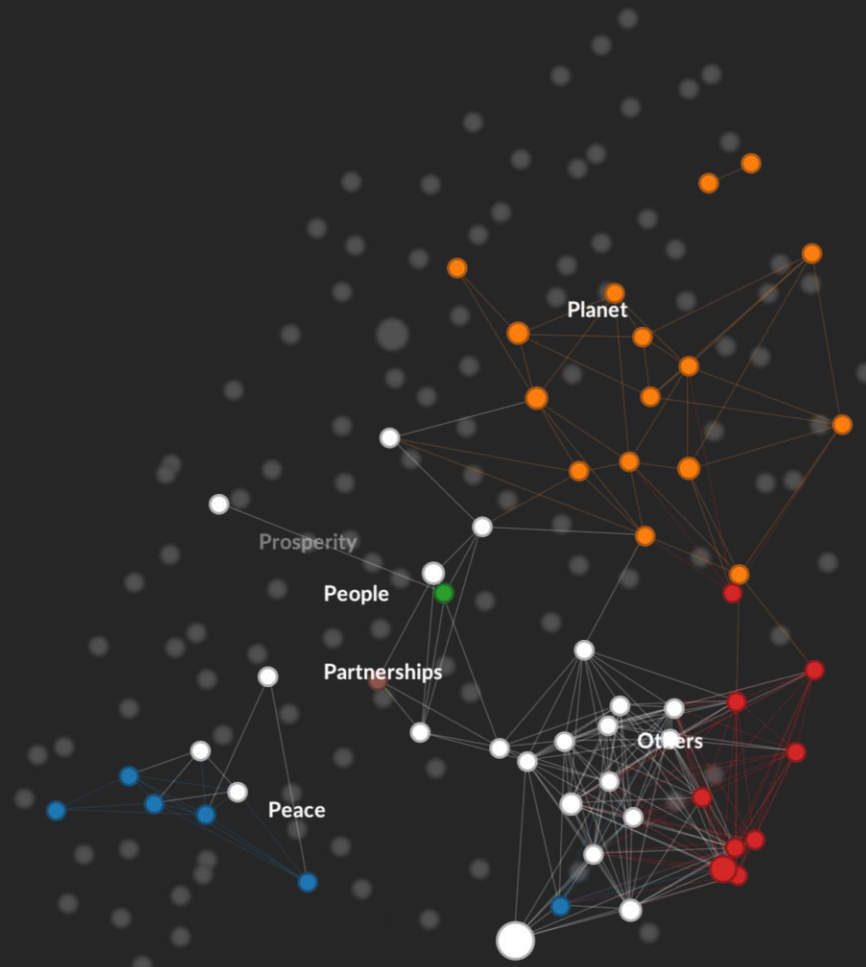

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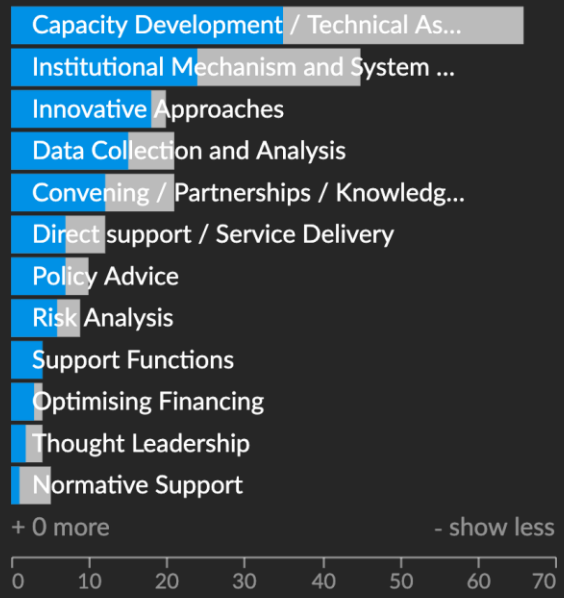

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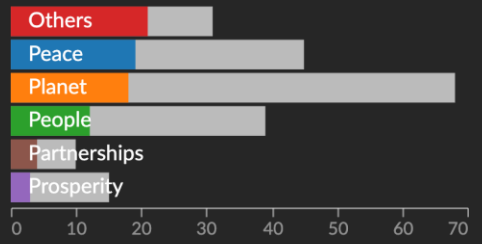

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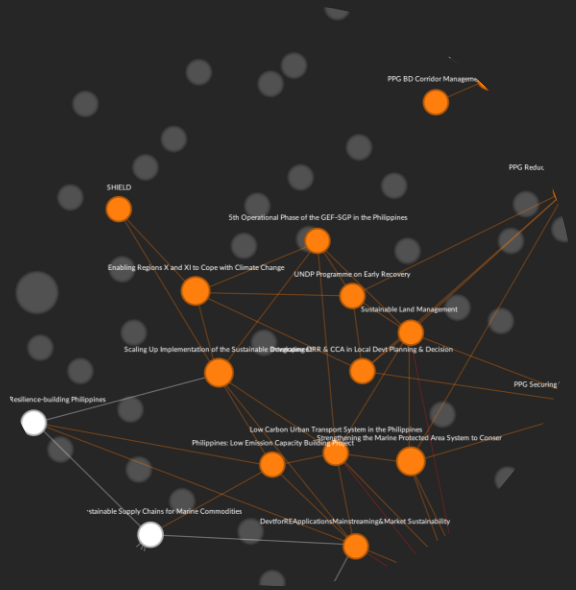

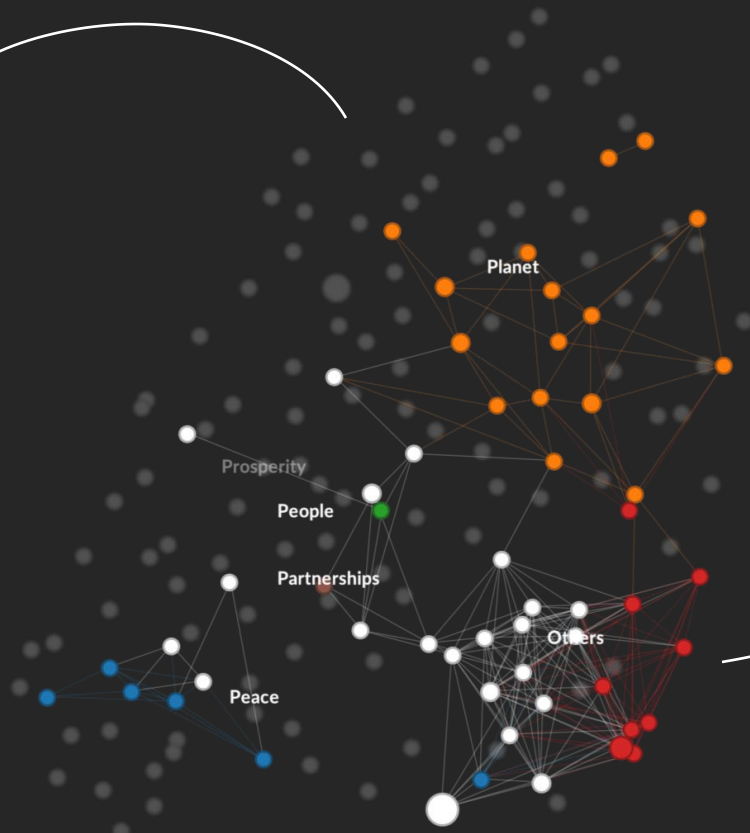

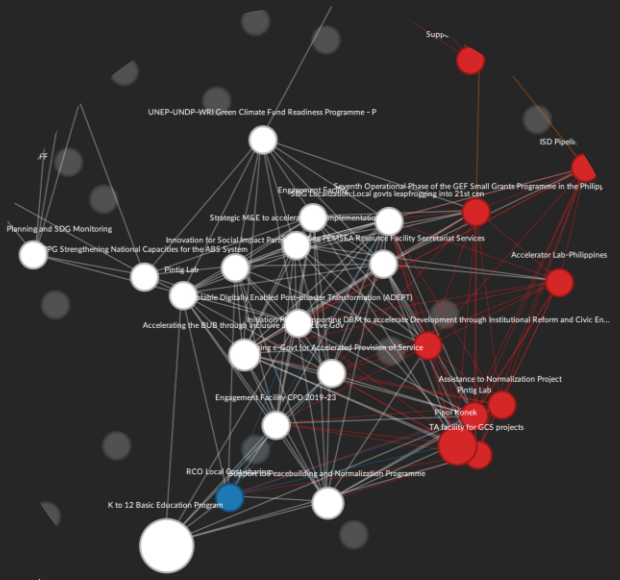

Is there a need for the projects within this cluster to work more closely with other portfolios? What are the possible opportunities?

The zoom-in images show the clusters of two portfolios that share boundary.

What are the connections between these projects within the cluster? Are they working with each other? If not, what are the new possibilities if the cross-portfolio collaboration could happen?

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Portfolio related to gender equality

Portfolio with a gender lens

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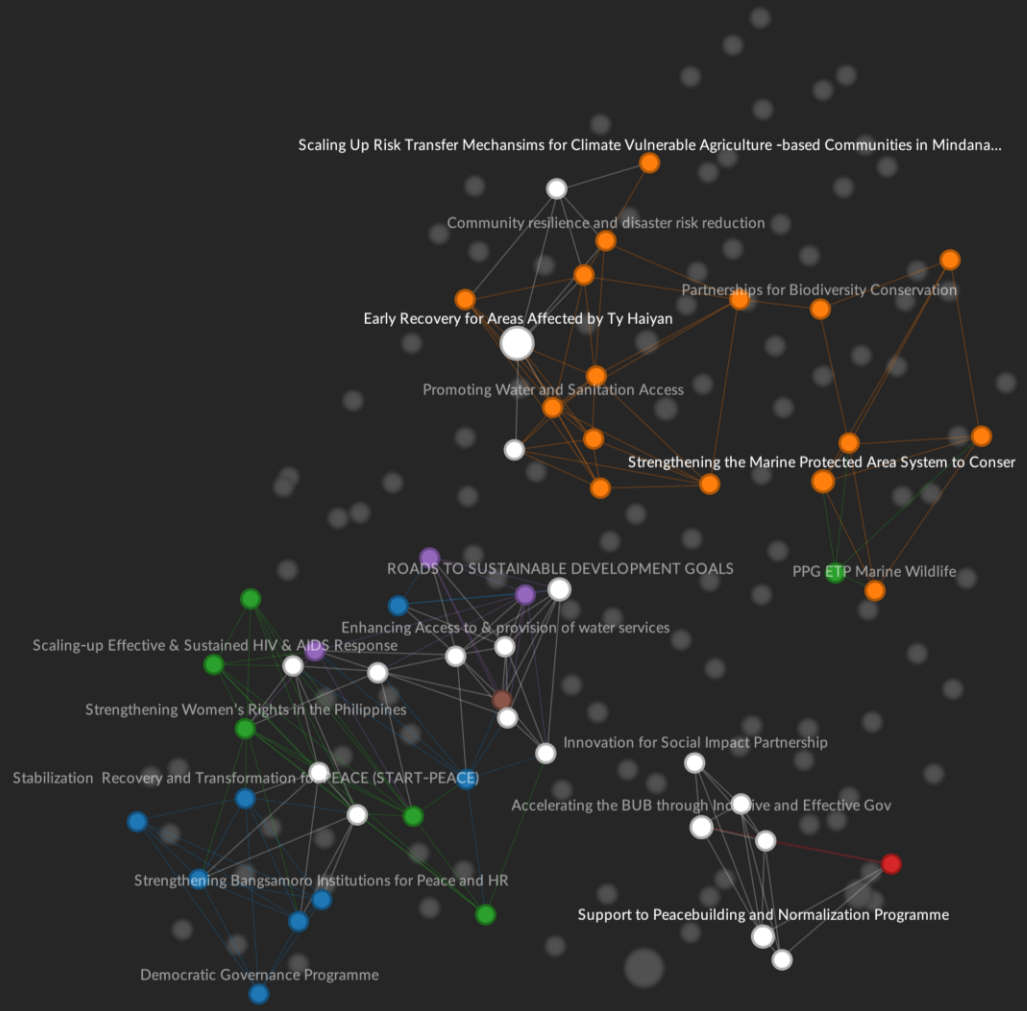
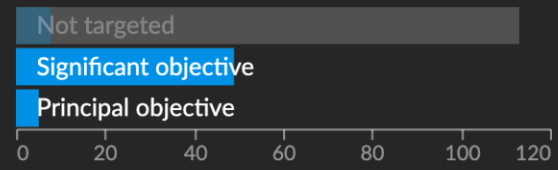
49 projects set gender equity as "significant objective" and 5 projects set it as "principal objective". The rest of 113 projects are marked as "not targeted".

Given the size of Planet portfolio, it has the largest number of projects putting gender equity as significant or principal objectives. Though the Peace portfolio is larger than People portfolio, the latter's gender representation is higher.



Gender marker



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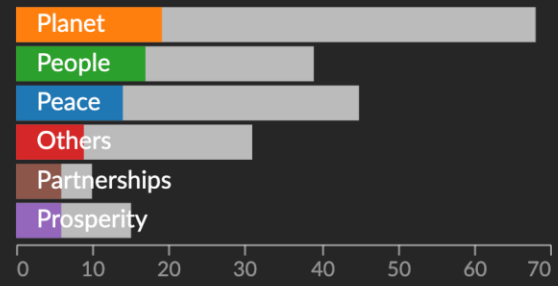

Portfolio with a gender lens (2020 – 2022)

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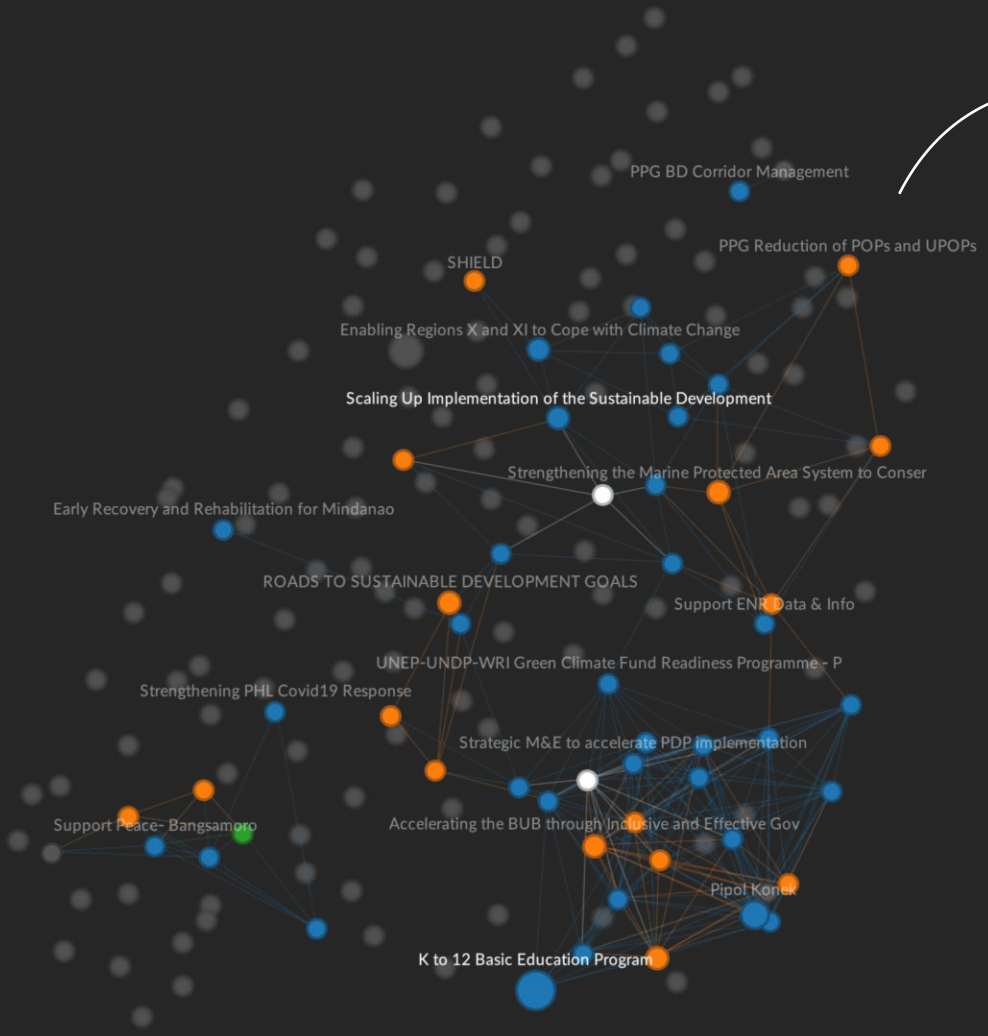
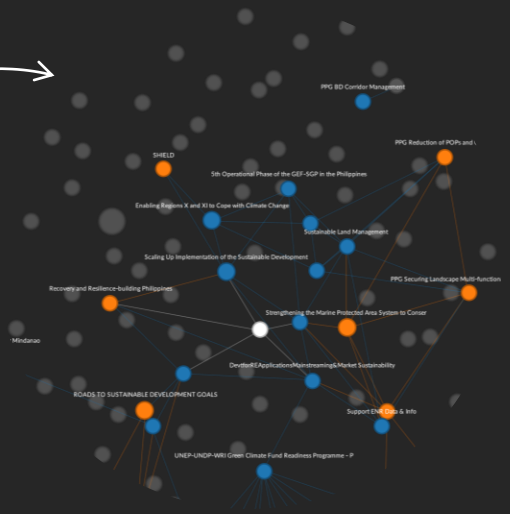
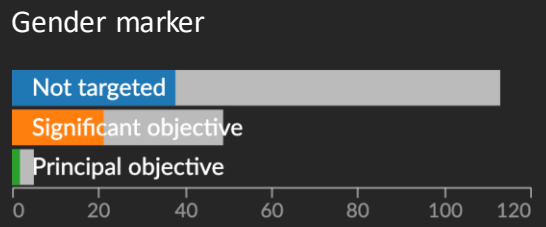
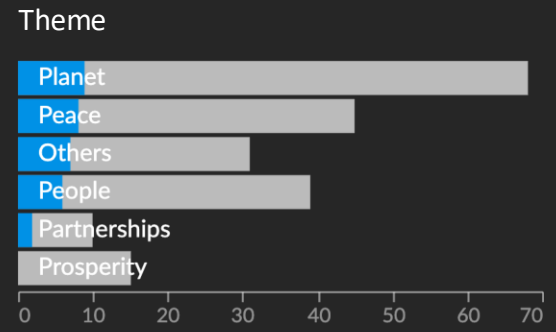




Climate portfolio





For projects that share thematic commonalities and have potential connections between them, can they also learn from each other to mainstream the representation of gender equality across the portfolio?

Portfolio with a gender lens (2020 – 2022)

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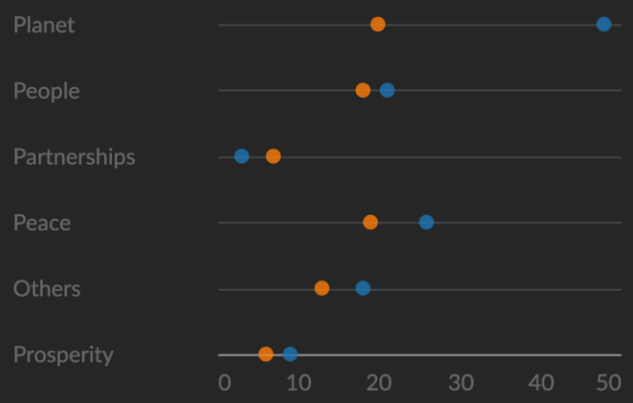
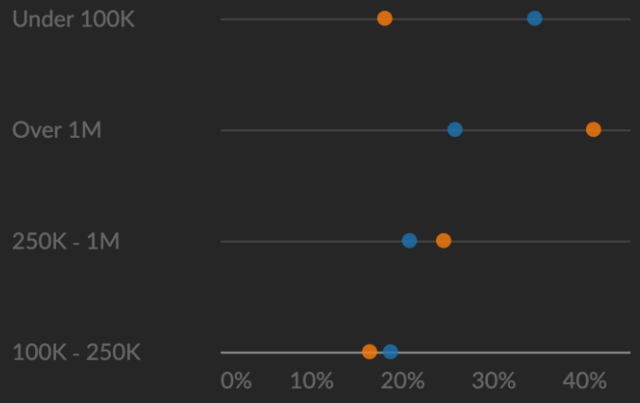
By theme



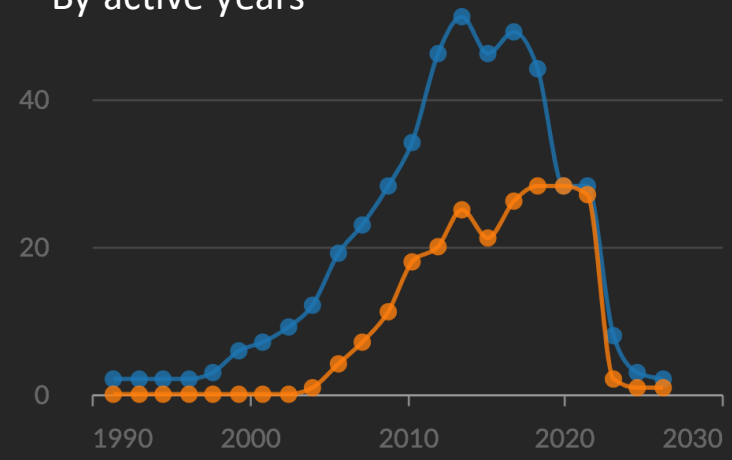
Except for the Partnership portfolio, the number of projects that explictly mention gender equity in the project decription are less than those don't. And the gap is the largest in the Planet portfolio.

By budget



For projects targetted gender equity, they are mostly distributed in a large budget portfolio (over 250K). Most of the projects which didn't mention gender equity have small budget (under 100K)

By active years



There are less gender equality related projects in the past, though the number of gender equality related projects has been increasing in general.

Mention gender equity - True
Mention gender equity - False

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Portfolio related to COVID-19 response

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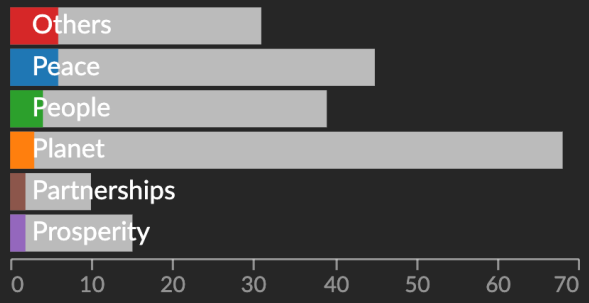
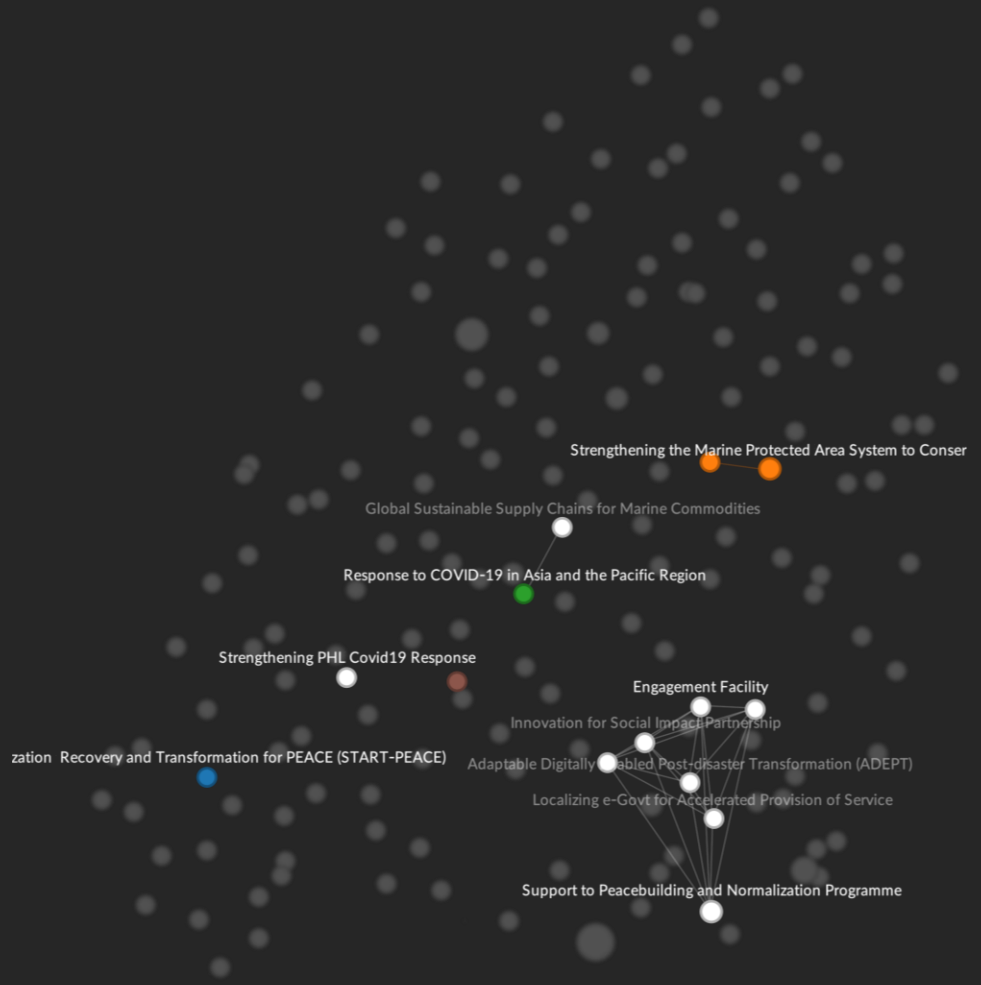
Development theme



The COVID-19 portfolio is mostly related to the theme of Others, Peace, and People. Delving deeper into the topics, the key words of the COVID-19 portfolio are economic growth, finance, and public adminstration.



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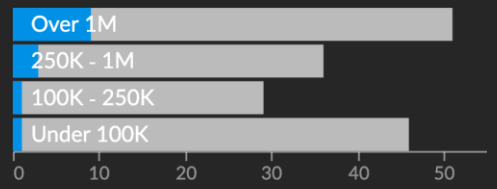

In terms of budget allocation for COVID-19 response, the investment is large in general. Most of projects have funding of more than $1 million.

Geographic distribution of COVID-19 response portfolio

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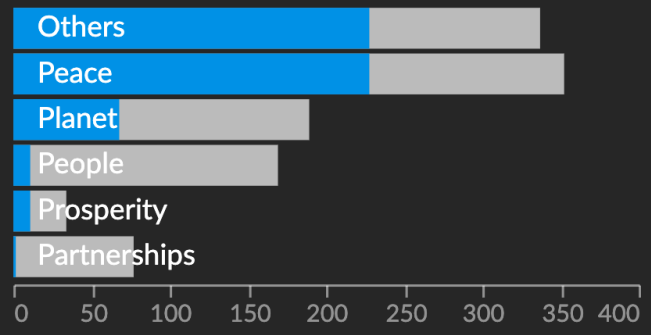
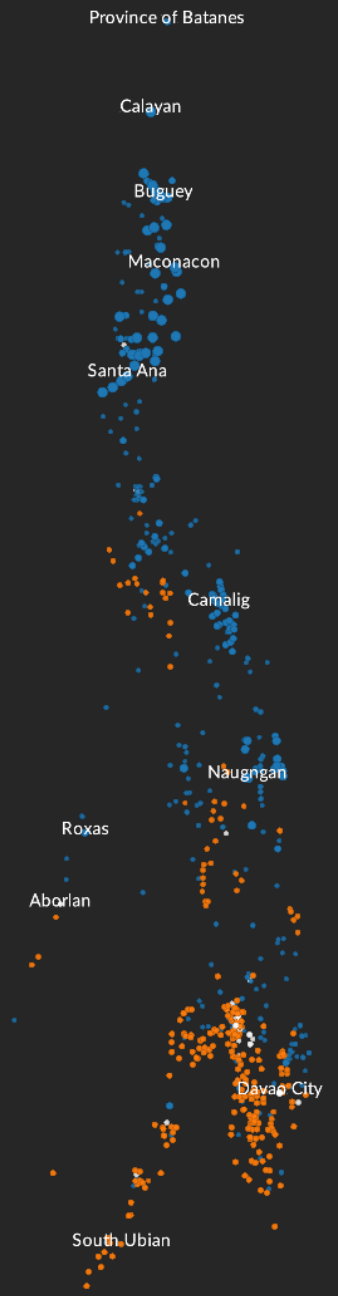
Most of the COVID-19 response are targetting the middle and southern part of the country.

Most of the places are receiving UNDP's COVID-19 support related to Peace and Others, which concentrates in the South.

Development theme within the COVID-19 portfolio





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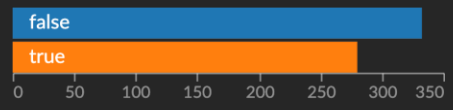

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Portfolio with a donor lens

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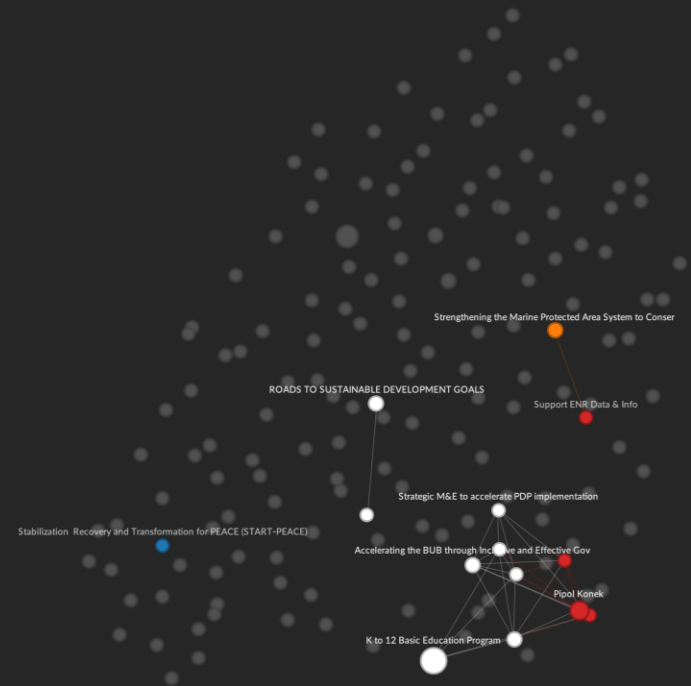
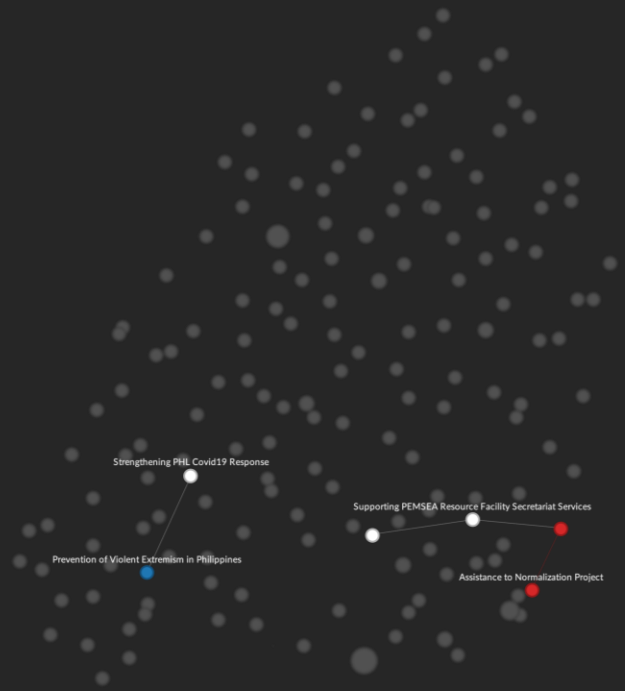
Thinking from the donor perspective, how can we connect the dots of the projects that a particular donor funds and develop a coherent service offering with a compelling storyline? Can they contribute to a larger impact collectively?

Building on the existing partnership, are there opportunities for the project teams to work with others to expand the scope and provide a bigger portfolio with coherent service offering?

And how can projects learn from each other and share experience to generate more donor intelligence?



Government of Philippines funded projects (projects active in 2020 – 2022)



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