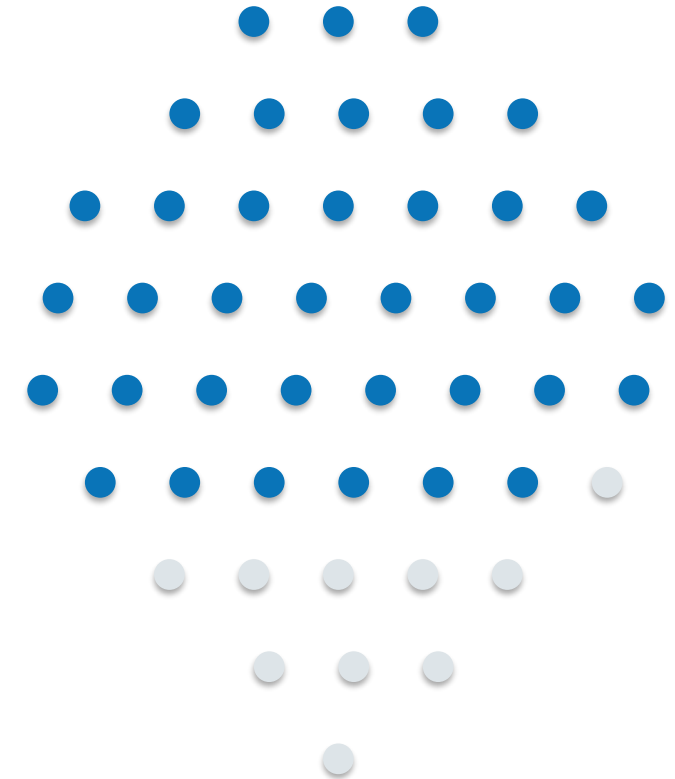


Is Kenya's devolved system enabling climate action at scale?

Lessons from Kenya's Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) programme

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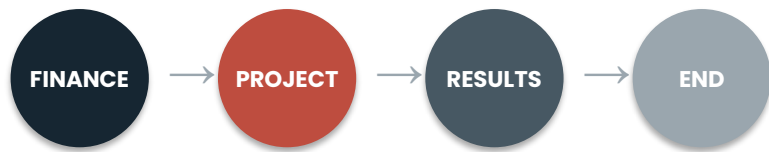


**47 counties
one devolved system**

Is climate finance building enduring capability?

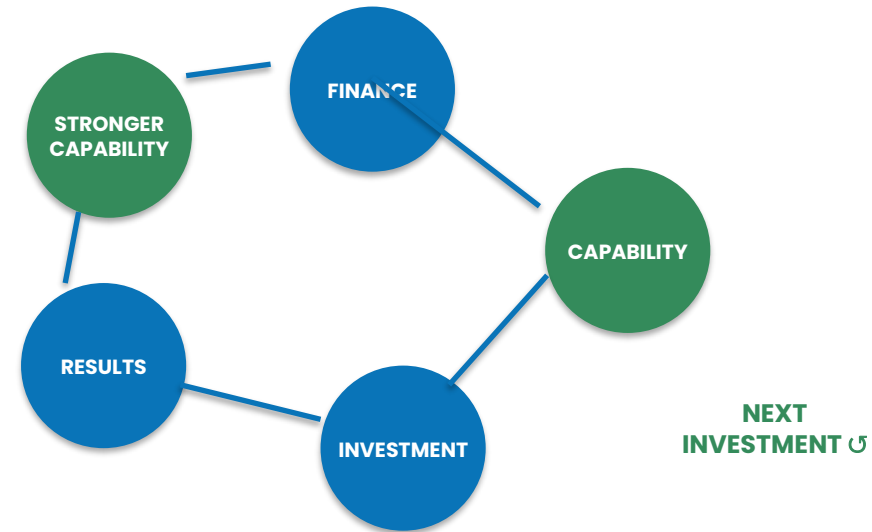
Climate finance can fund action. The harder question is what remains capable of acting when that financing ends.

THE PROJECT PATHWAY



The next project starts again.

THE CAPABILITY PATHWAY



What if the real test of scale is whether today's climate finance increases the capability to govern tomorrow's?

Kenya already had an institutional pathway to scale

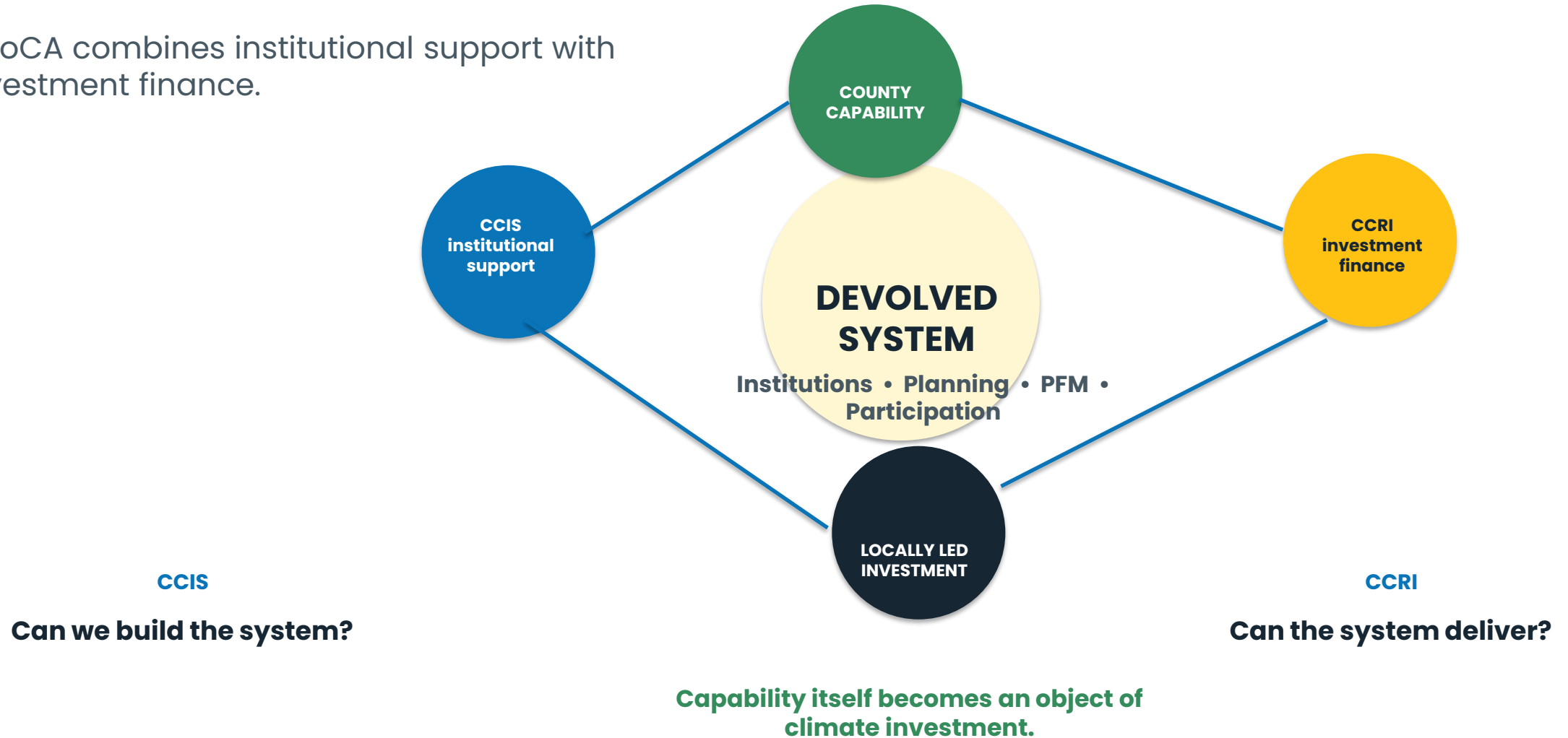
FLLoCA did not begin with a blank institutional canvas.



Devolution shifts the question from “How do we reach communities?” to “Can existing public institutions carry locally led climate action?”

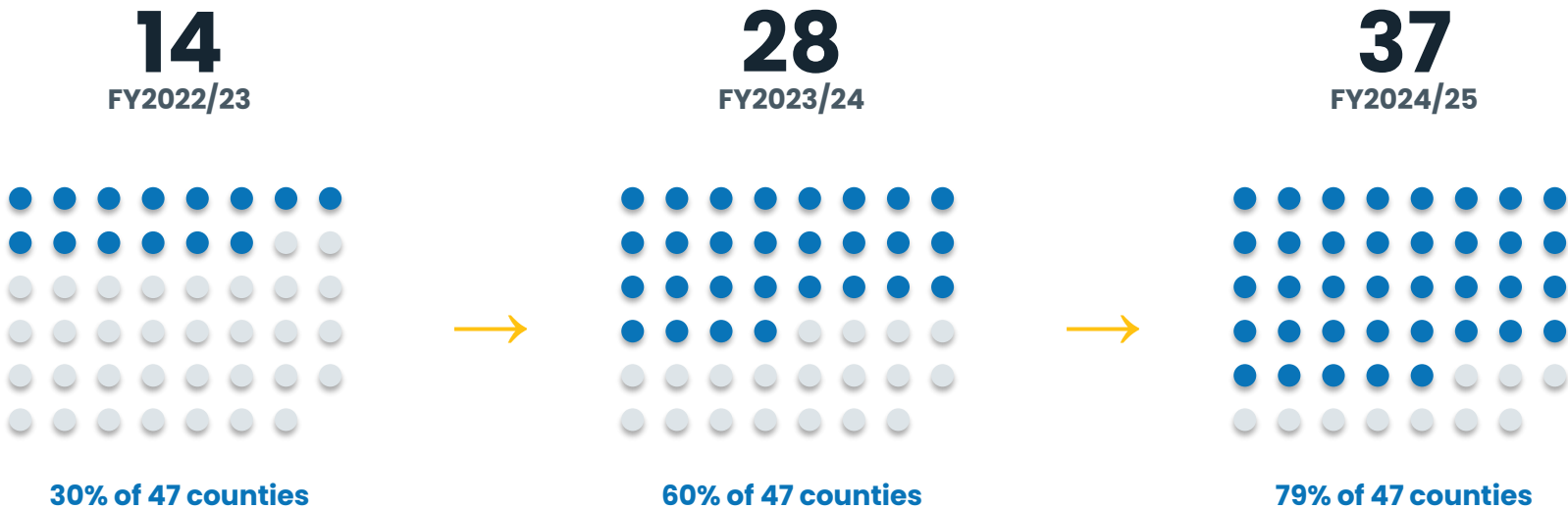
Finance capability, then finance investment

FLLoCA combines institutional support with investment finance.



The architecture scaled. Financing followed.

Within three years, identifiable CCCF allocations moved toward national coverage.



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CCCF legal frameworks

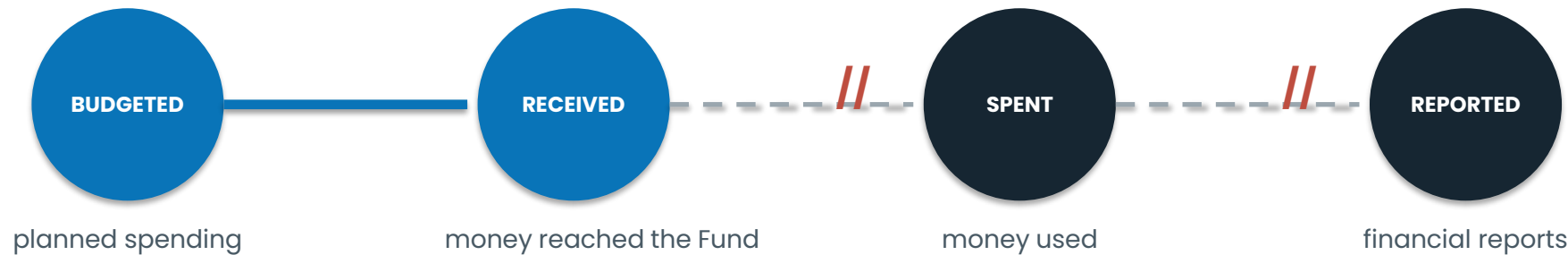
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financially activated at least once

82.8%
continuity among earlier entrants

Operationalisation evidence from PBB, COB and OAG records; annual counts show counties with identifiable CCCF allocations.

But can we consistently follow the money?

We looked for a clear trail from what counties planned to spend to what they received, spent and reported.



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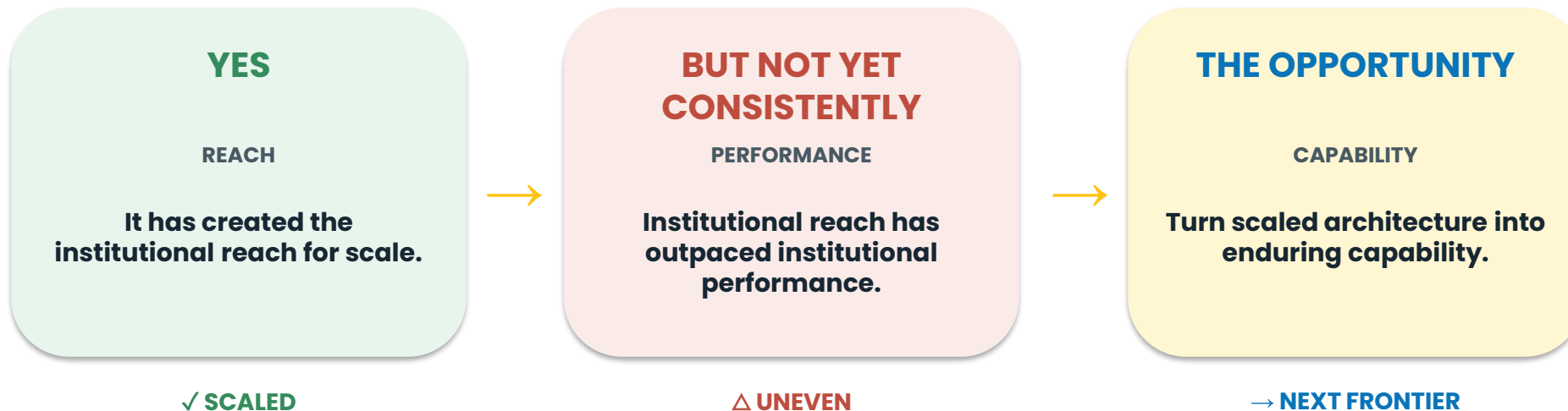
comparable records, PBB and/or COB vs OAG, showed broadly matching budget figures (allocations)

In most cases, figures recorded at different points in the public finance system could not be readily matched.

Our analysis was not designed to tell whether money is missing. It means the financial trail is not yet easy to follow consistently.

Institutional reach has grown faster than the capability to consistently track the money.

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If climate finance at scale does not leave behind greater capability to govern the next round of climate finance, we may be scaling projects rather than scaling climate action.