DFC Overview

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is America’s development bank. DFC partners with the private sector to finance solutions to the most critical challenges facing the developing world today. We invest across sectors including energy, healthcare, critical infrastructure, and technology projects. DFC also provides financing for small businesses and women entrepreneurs in order to create jobs in emerging markets. DFC investments adhere to high standards and respect the environment, human rights, and worker rights.

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission Invest with private sector partners to advance the interests of the American people through development in emerging markets.

Vision Strong international markets based on transparent competition, rule of law, and individual freedom.

Values Unity, Ingenuity, Caring, Grit, Service

DFC’s Triple Aim

DFC INVESTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Equity Financing

Direct equity and support for investment funds

Debt Financing

Direct loans and guaranties of up to $500 million for tenors as long as 20 years, with specific programs targeting small and medium U.S. businesses

Political Risk Insurance

Coverage of up to $500 million against losses due to currency inconvertibility, government interference, and political violence including terrorism. DFC also offers reinsurance to increase underwriting capacity.

Technical Development

Feasibility studies and technical assistance accelerate project identification and preparation to better attract and support private investment in development outcomes.
Priority Areas of Investment

**Energy** DFC’s investments help countries meet the growing demand for energy in remote and developing areas, expand access to renewable energy, and promote energy independence.

**Healthcare** By investing in healthcare, DFC projects provide ready access to medical professionals, facilities, and lifesaving treatments, as well as promote critical water, sanitation, and hygiene projects.

**Critical Infrastructure** DFC’s investments in critical infrastructure projects, including roads, bridges, and ports, create jobs and economic growth through increased trade and regional connectivity.

**Technology** By investing in the technology sector, including next generation telecommunication technologies and services, DFC helps connect emerging markets to the world by creating new opportunities for the developing world to leapfrog traditional boundaries.

**Financing for Small Businesses and Women Entrepreneurs** DFC puts an emphasis on investing in women entrepreneurs and small businesses to create jobs and opportunity at the local level that can be reinvested to grow communities.

Our Investment Policies

DFC works to ensure that the projects we support produce positive developmental impacts, apply best practices with regard to environmental and social safeguards, and respect worker and human rights. Every potential project is evaluated for its projected impact on a country’s growth, impact on innovation, and the benefits it can bring to marginalized populations.

Our Impact

**Helping women in India access clean water**

Financing is helping WaterHealth India install hundreds of water purification plants selling clean water at a fraction of the cost of bottled water. The project will improve the health and quality of life for millions of Indians, particularly women who have the primary responsibility of obtaining water for the family.

**Expanding access to electricity in Africa**

Financing and political risk insurance are supporting more than 30 utility-scale and off-grid power projects that are expanding access to electricity in Chad, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia, and several other countries.

**Investing in businesses that serve poor communities in Southeast Asia**

Financing to the Unitus Livelihood Impact Fund is supporting multiple private equity investments in small businesses that are creating jobs and expanding access to financial services in Southeast Asia.

**Building a major toll road in Colombia**

Financing is supporting construction of an 84-kilometer toll road that will improve safety, reduce travel times, and expand a major commercial route to help rural farmers reach larger markets.

**Increasing power generation in El Salvador**

Financing to construct the largest thermal power plant in El Salvador will increase the country’s power generating capacity by 23%, helping to meet growing demand and reduce the country’s dependence on diesel and heavy fuel oil.