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Investing in Development

Who We Are

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is **the U.S. Government's development finance institution.** DFC partners with the private sector to finance solutions to the **most critical challenges** facing the developing world today.

Our Focus

Development We mobilize private sector investment to advance development in emerging economies around the world.

Foreign Policy We serve as a critical tool of American foreign policy, mobilizing investment in regions of critical strategic importance.

Returns Our investments generate returns for American taxpayers.

What We Offer

Debt Financing

Direct loans and guaranties of up to $1 billion for tenors as long as 25 years, with specific programs targeting small and medium U.S. businesses

Equity Investments

DFC direct equity investments can provide critical support to companies committed to creating developmental impact

Feasibility Studies

Support for the analysis of a potential DFC project

Investment Funds

Support for emerging markets private equity funds to help address the shortfall of investment capital

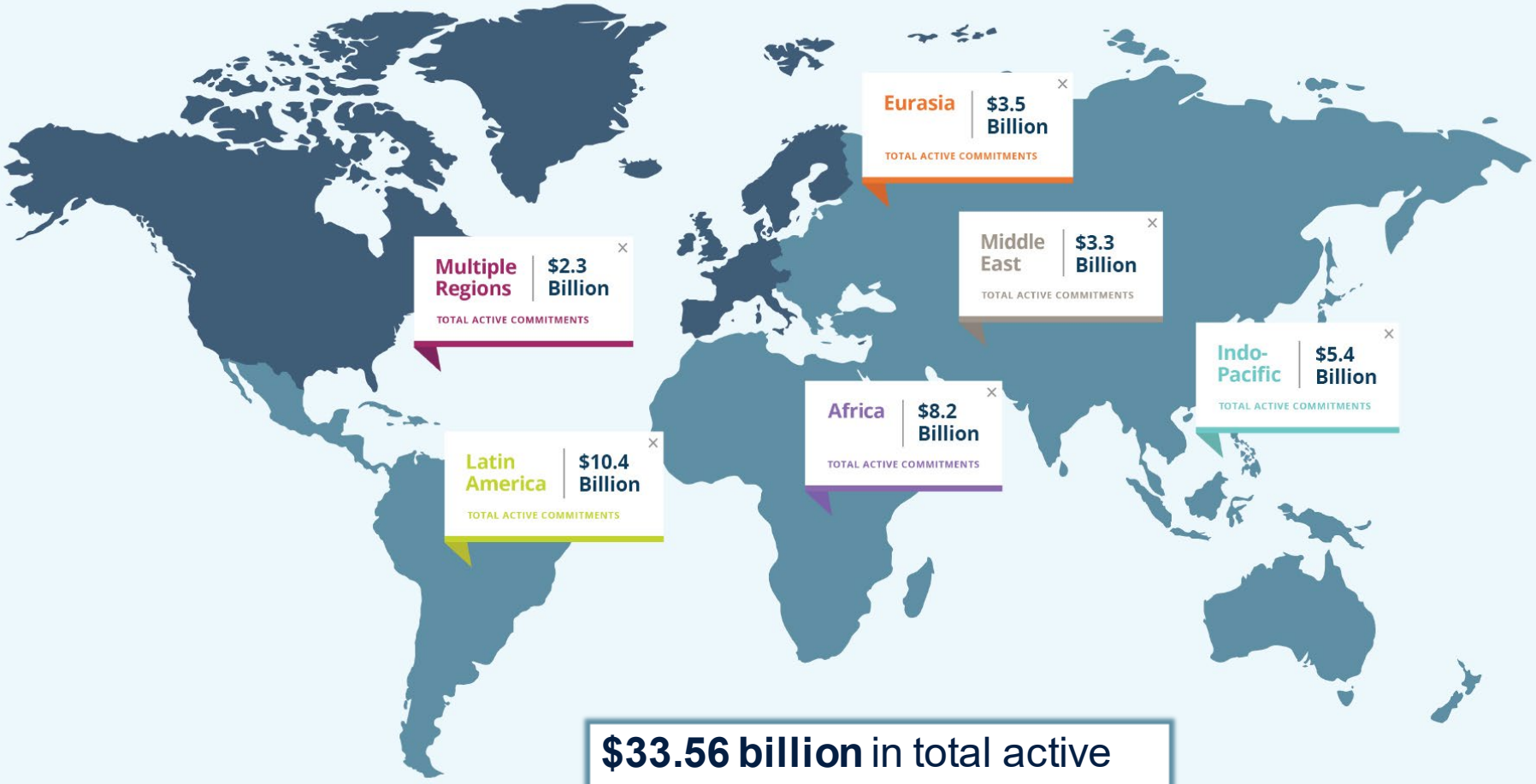
Political Risk Insurance

Coverage of up to $1 billion against losses due to currency inconvertibility, government interference, and political violence including terrorism. DFC also offers reinsurance to increase underwriting capacity

Technical Assistance

Support to increase the developmental impact or commercial sustainability of existing DFC projects or develop potential DFC projects

Where We Work



$33.56 billion in total active commitments across the world

Project Eligibility

Will my project meaningfully involve the **private sector**?

Will my project uphold high **social & environmental standards**?

Is DFC open in my **country of interest**?

Does my project fall within a **prohibited sector**?

Project Life Cycle

Sourcing

DFC conducts outreach in the U.S. and host countries to identify potential partners that could make use of DFC investment tools to achieve or expand a developmental impact in an emerging market.

Prescreening

Potential clients and their projects are prescreened based on the strength of the business plan, alignment with agency priorities and resources, and compliance with DFC's investment standards.

Application

Businesses and investors can complete the application on www.dfc.gov/apply.

Due Diligence

DFC conducts a detailed assessment of the potential client's business plan, financial model, historical financial statements, expected project impact, legal compliance, and character risk.

Approval

The project is reviewed by DFC management, credit and investment committees for final approval. Loans and investment guarantees above $50 million require approval from DFC's Board of Directors.

Project Close

Transaction documentation is negotiated and executed. DFC can begin disbursing once the client has complied with the pre-disbursement requirements listed in the transaction documentation.

Monitoring

DFC monitors the credit, policy compliance, and developmental impact of all projects.

Investment Priorities

Climate

Help developing countries respond to climate change and expand access to clean and affordable energy by investing in renewable power generation and enabling technologies

Global Health

Respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting vaccine manufacturing and distribution and COVID mitigation strategies, while strengthening healthcare infrastructure through investments in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security, and digital health

Gender Equity

Invest in projects that advance women's economic empowerment, while applying a gender lens to all investment decisions and expanding efforts to reach women from indigenous and marginalized communities

Internet, Connectivity, and Technology (ICT)

Expand internet access to underserved communities while investing in infrastructure to make internet more reliable and affordable, and supporting innovations such as telemedicine, fintech, and online learning

Inclusive Growth

Support projects that reduce extreme poverty and address income inequality while targeting investments to benefit people and communities most in need

Tackling the Climate Crisis

DFC has launched a series of new **climate-focused commitments** to extend its work in the developing world — including commitments to reach net zero emissions in its portfolio by 2040 and to focus 1/3 of new investments on climate by 2023 — and is supporting investment in climate mitigation, resilience, and adaptation.

Empowering Women Across the Globe

DFC's 2X Women's Initiative has mobilized **more than $7 billion** in capital to businesses and funds owned by, led by, or supporting women, and has committed to mobilizing an additional **$12 billion** of investment in women by 2025.

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic

DFC is responding to COVID-19 by taking a **multipronged approach** that helps address vaccine shortages, introduce medical equipment designed for low-resource environments, bolster liquidity, and strengthen existing health systems.

Impact Quotient (IQ)

DFC evaluates every project using its performance measuring tool, **Impact Quotient (IQ)**, to measure, monitor, and evaluate its developmental impact around the world.

Our Impact

10 Million
Microfinance Borrowers

3.5 Gigawatts
of Power

200,000
Home Mortgages

7 Million
Patient Visits Per Year

150 Billion
Liters of Water Annually

This impact data reflects active projects in DFC's $33.56 portfolio.

Strengthening Food Security in India

A **$15 million equity investment** is helping Freshtohome Foods Ltd. expand its Bangalore-based e-commerce business that sells fresh fish, meat, and vegetables in major metropolitan cities in India.

Advancing Vaccine Distribution in Developing Countries

Financing will enable Parsyl, Inc. to establish a new insurance coverage to mitigate the risks of transporting **COVID-19 vaccines**, therapeutics, equipment, and related supplies to countries around the world, including lower-income countries, where delivery is particularly challenging.

Expanding Trade Capacity in Georgia

DFC financing is supporting the expansion and modernization of the **Port of Poti**, including the development of a new marine terminal, helping to bolster trade and facilitate investment in the region.

Building West Africa's Largest Wind Power Plant

Financing and political risk insurance supported construction of a **158 MW power plant in Senegal** that generates about 15 percent of the country's total installed generating capacity.

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Supporting Small Business Growth in Guatemala

$200 million in DFC financing to Guatemala's Banco Industrial is expanding lending to small and medium enterprises and businesses across the country that are owned by or led by women.

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Supporting Ugandan Women Through COVID-19

$15 million in DFC financing is helping jewelry brand and manufacturing business **Akola** provide stable wages and benefits through the pandemic to its all-female Ugandan workforce.

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