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.
Investing in Impact

DFC mobilizes private sector investment in emerging economies and prioritizes investments in lower-income countries and underserved communities.

DFC’s investments are also rooted in transparency and high standards.
What We Offer

**Debt Financing**
Direct loans and guarantees 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**
Debt and equity 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

$37+ 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?
- Will my project deliver a meaningful positive impact to the host country?
- Is DFC open in my country of interest?
- Does my project fall within a prohibited sector?
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.

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.

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

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

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.

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**Project Life Cycle**

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**Due Diligence**

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**Project Close**

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**Monitoring**

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## Investment Priorities

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<td>Help developing countries respond to climate change by promoting mitigation, adaptation, and resilience and expanding access to clean and affordable energy.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Support projects that reduce extreme poverty and address income inequality while targeting investments to benefit the people and communities most in need.</td>
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DFC has launched a series of new climate-focused commitments, including net zero emissions in its portfolio by 2040, to extend work in the developing world, and is supporting investment in climate mitigation, resilience, and adaptation.
Empowering Women Across the Globe

DFC’s 2X Women’s Initiative has catalyzed more than $13.5 billion in capital to businesses and funds owned by, led by, or supporting women, and has committed to catalyzing an additional $12 billion of investment in women by 2025.
Confronting the COVID-19 Pandemic

DFC is responding to COVID-19 by bolstering vaccine manufacturing capacity in multiple regions with multiple technologies and building short- and long-term health resilience across the developing world.
Expanding Access to Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

DFC recognizes ICT as an important tool for advancing development and supports investment in internet and mobile service operators, telecommunications towers, and data centers as well as projects that leverage technology to tackle other challenges.
Promoting Inclusive Growth

DFC prioritizes investment in low- and lower middle-income countries and supports projects that reduce extreme poverty and address income inequality, benefiting the people and communities most in need.
DFC evaluates every project using its performance measuring tool, Impact Quotient (IQ), to measure, monitor, and evaluate its developmental impact around the world.
Bolstering Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity in India

Biological E. Ltd.
- Woman-led vaccine manufacturer
- DFC’s financing will increase capacity to support Bio E.’s efforts to produce at least one billion COVID vaccine doses by the end of 2022
Expanding Access to Clean Water in El Salvador

**Azure Source Capital**

- Supports investment in infrastructure to improve water supply for 300,000 people
- In response to COVID, Azure accelerated its work to restore water service to thousands of families
- Provides a strong benefit to women, who are often tasked with collecting water

Photo Credit: Catholic Relief Services
Advancing ICT Infrastructure in Africa

Africa Data Centres

- Africa’s largest network of data center facilities
- DFC’s financing is helping build and expand data centers in South Africa, Kenya, and other countries
- Will increase internet speeds, reduce internet costs, and provide essential ICT services to African businesses and consumers
Protecting Vulnerable Populations Against Natural Disasters

InsuResilience

- Investment fund managed by BlueOrchard
- DFC’s loan is expanding insurance to protect smallholder farmers and other climate-vulnerable and low-income populations against natural disasters
Helping Refugees Access Financial Services

Kiva Refugee Investment Fund

• DFC financing will support microfinance lending to refugees, internally displaced persons, and impacted host populations in 13 countries

• 70 percent of the loans are expected to benefit female borrowers
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