



# Supporting Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean

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. We invest across sectors including energy, healthcare, critical infrastructure, and technology. 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.

## A Shared Commitment to Regional Stability

Latin America and the Caribbean are not only close neighbors, but also critical partners in promoting regional stability and security.

DFC is committed to supporting investments that address critical development challenges throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, including in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, where investment can serve as a stabilizing force.

The region—which represents the largest share of the agency's global portfolio—is home to many DFC investments in key sectors such as critical infrastructure and energy, healthcare, and agriculture. These projects help create economic opportunities, improve quality of life, and support U.S. foreign policy and national security interests.

## DFC INVESTS IN DEVELOPMENT

### 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 market 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

# DFC at Work in Latin America and the Caribbean

## Expanding access to clean water in El Salvador

A \$4 million loan to Azure Source Capital is supporting investment in new and rehabilitated water pumps, pipelines, and storage tanks to improve water supply for 300,000 people.

## Supporting microfinance lending across the region

Financing is helping impact investor Global Partnerships support a variety of local microfinance institutions that serve poor and underserved communities with loans, education, training, and healthcare.

## Supporting smart city infrastructure in Brazil

A \$267 million investment guaranty will help Smart Rio modernize public lighting and install smart city infrastructure in Rio de Janeiro, reducing electricity use in street lighting by up to 60 percent.

## Providing loans to small and medium enterprises in Brazil

Financing to Brazil's Banco Sofisa developed in partnership with USAID will support lending to SMEs in the Legal Amazon, expanding access to finance for underserved communities.

## Bolstering marine conservation in Belize

Political risk insurance will support a project by The Nature Conservancy that will restructure Belize's sovereign debt to create funding for marine conservation and strengthen industries that rely on tourism and fishing.

## 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.

