

Creating opportunity where it is needed most

IFC is the world’s largest multilateral financier for private companies that do business in emerging markets. Established over 50 years ago, IFC is part of the World Bank Group and shares its mission to promote growth, reduce poverty, and improve people’s lives in developing countries. We invest in private projects that generate economic and social benefits for those nations, as well as profits for our investment partners.

<p>IFC financial products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard currency loans • Local currency loans • Syndicated loans • Equity investments • Quasi-equity finance • Funds • Structured finance • Risk managements products • Trade finance 	<p>IFC advisory services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to finance for people and companies • Help countries improve the investment climate • Help companies become more efficient, profitable, and competitive • Advise governments on public-private partnerships 	<p>IFC Asset Management Company:</p> <p>Mobilizes and manages funds on behalf of a wide variety of institutional investors—including sovereign funds, pension funds, and development finance institutions.</p>
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IFC invests in private enterprises – companies, financial institutions, and other businesses – that are majority-owned by the private sector and that operate in IFC’s developing member countries. IFC also supports companies with advice that helps them to improve operations, become more resource efficient.

We operate in a **wide range of sectors**, excluding areas such as tobacco, spirits, arms production.

IFC also provides a limited amount of grant funding to business initiatives that innovate in specific practice areas: biodiversity, sustainable energy, and corporate responsibility. Such grants are typically provided in much smaller amounts than IFC's investments, and the funding is intended to help recipients demonstrate the commercial viability of new approaches to sustainability.

IFC does not lend directly to micro, small, and medium enterprises or individual entrepreneurs.

IFC investments typically range from \$1 million to \$100 million, with a limited number of investments in the \$100,000 to \$1 million range. To ensure the participation of investors and lenders from the private sector, IFC typically finances **no more than 25 percent of the total estimated project**.

To be eligible for IFC finance the project must:

- Be located in a developing country that is a member of IFC
- Be in the private sector
- Be technically sound
- Have good prospects of being profitable
- Benefit the local economy
- Be environmentally and socially sound, satisfying IFC environmental and social standards as well as those of the host country

How to apply for finance/advisory services:

- There is no standard application form for IFC financing or advisory services. A company can approach IFC directly. You can find detailed information on IFC web, and develop and submit an investment proposal.
- For more information of how to apply for finance, please visit http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/about.nsf/Content/Investment_Proposals