

Finance for Development (F4D)

Building deep, inclusive, resilient
and efficient financial systems

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About us

The Finance for Development (F4D) Umbrella Program is the World Bank's main donor financing, partnership, and knowledge platform aimed to advance financial reforms in developing countries.

Focus areas

Through comprehensive programmatic engagements at global, regional, and country levels, F4D adopts an ecosystem approach toward financial sector development organized around mutually reinforcing thematic pillars and cross-cutting themes.



Strengthening Financial Sector Resiliency

- Banking Regulation & Supervision
- Resolution & Crisis Management
- Financial Integrity
- Nonperforming Loan Management
- Cybersecurity



Financing the Poor & the Vulnerable

- Digital Financial Services
- Payment Systems & Remittances
- Financial Access & Usage
- Financial Inclusion
- Consumer Protection
- Open Finance



Financing the Real Economy

- MSME Finance
- Credit Infrastructure
- Housing Finance
- Infrastructure Finance
- Agriculture Finance
- Corporate Debt Restructuring & Insolvency



Enabling Private Capital & Effective Markets

- Capital Markets Development
- Strengthening Institutional Investors
- Enhancing Competition in Financial Systems

Cross-Cutting Themes: Private Capital Facilitation, Digitalization, Gender, Climate

What we do

Country and Regional Engagements:

Advisory services including targeted policy guidance, strategic technical assistance, and capacity building to client governments.

Global Knowledge and Analytics:

Research and analytics to provide actionable insights at regional, country, and local levels, expand a knowledge base of technical and operational best practice, and drive thought leadership.

Partnerships and Convening:

Stakeholder engagement services that bring together key partners, facilitate collaboration, and promote knowledge sharing for strengthened dialogue and learning.



Our value proposition

- **Leveraging Lending and Maximizing Value for Money:** F4D influences, through knowledge and technical assistance, the design and implementation of large-scale lending operations financed by the World Bank. This maximizes the value for money for our donors and amplifies development impact.
- **Strong Focus on Results:** F4D focuses on outcomes, reflecting the advantage of pooling funds together to deliver results at scale. Through support for policy reforms, capacity building, and knowledge work, F4D contributes to the World Bank Group Scorecard.
- **Alignment with the World Bank's corporate priorities:** By strengthening financial systems and expanding access to finance, F4D contributes to creating more and better jobs, a central focus of the World Bank's corporate priorities.
- **Impact at Global, Regional, and Country Level:** F4D's global, country-level, and regional grants address the most pressing client needs with multi-year, multi-pillar programmatic engagements.
- **Sharp Focus on Knowledge Sharing and Communications:** F4D prioritizes systematic knowledge sharing and innovative communications to increase operational impact, communicate about the results of the program, and increase visibility of our partners.

Results at a glance



80+
active grants



60+
countries



40+

national financial sector-related
strategies and policy reforms advanced



US\$2 billion
of World Bank lending
leveraged



30+ laws and
regulations supported
out of which more than 10 enacted

50%

of the portfolio has
capacity-building
components delivered
across 30 countries

How F4D is managed

The F4D Umbrella trust fund is managed by a Secretariat, hosted within the World Bank's Finance, Competitiveness, and Investment Global Practice. The Umbrella's Partnership Council, consisting of the representatives from our contributing development partners, provides strategic guidance and direction to the program.

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Partnerships are key to our success

Most of the F4D portfolio grants are implemented jointly or in close cooperation with other World Bank units and partners, given the multipronged nature of the financial sector. Key stakeholders include the World Bank Global Practices, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and other public and private sector partners across various sectors and industries, international organizations, and standard-setting bodies.

For further details about the F4D Umbrella Trust Fund, visit: www.finance4development.org

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