IFC’s Impact in Sustainable Infrastructure

Emerging markets face massive infrastructure gaps. Building smart and sustainable infrastructure helps improve economic efficiency and increase climate resilience. It also supports inclusive and sustainable growth, creates jobs, and improves lives by connecting people to basic services such as digital access, power, and clean water. IFC offers long-term financing, sustainability-linked financing, and industry-leading expertise, partnering with the private sector to develop infrastructure projects that provide essential services while ensuring that social and environmental standards are met.

Impact of IFC’s infrastructure investments
Every year, IFC’s portfolio clients:

- Provide electricity for millions of people around the globe through both on-grid and off-grid solutions
- Transport millions of TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) of cargo and tens of millions of air travelers
- Provide clean water and sanitation for tens of millions of people in developing countries
- Spend billions on local goods and services
- Connect more than 1 billion mobile users

Our approach
IFC’s focus is to improve access to climate-smart, sustainable infrastructure services in emerging markets, which in turn open markets, spur growth, and create jobs.

Working closely with the private sector, we help advance innovative financing solutions for infrastructure projects that deliver positive impact—connecting people to basic services, creating jobs, and improving lives.

The IFC difference
- We bring a track record of experience providing financing and structuring solutions for high-impact projects in developing countries, including low-income and fragile states.
- We offer a range of financing and risk products tailored to meet project and client’s needs, including loans, equity, quasi equity, currency swaps, and local currency products, alongside World Bank and MIGA guarantees and insurance.
- We mobilize funding through IFC’s syndications programs and by engaging with institutional investors.
- Our team includes specialists in sustainable infrastructure, sustainable financing, public-private partnerships (PPPs), transaction structuring, risk management, engineering, procurement, stakeholder engagement, communications, climate, and environmental, social, and governance standards.

About IFC
- Largest multilateral source of debt and equity financing for the private sector in developing countries
- AAA-rated by S&P and Moody’s
- Loans, equity, quasi-equity, local currency and risk management products, capital markets access, and mobilization
- Advisory services to help develop priority projects, structure and tender PPPs, and improve financial management
- World-class social, environmental, and corporate governance standards and risk mitigation
Cities
IFC’s Cities Initiative combines investment and advisory services to address pressing urban needs through private sector participation. Through this initiative, we have forged strategic partnerships with municipalities around the world, helping them build climate-resilient, sustainable cities. Projects focus on urban transportation, water services, waste management, district energy, and green buildings, among others.

www.ifc.org/cities

Sustainable Infrastructure Advisory
IFC helps companies build their climate and social inclusion capabilities to strengthen their environmental, social, and governance credibility.

www.ifc.org/sia

Water
IFC has extensive experience in preparing, structuring, and financing complex water projects in emerging markets. IFC provides investment and advisory services, partnering with public and private sector stakeholders to support the development of water and wastewater infrastructure. IFC’s Utilities for Climate (U4C) initiative supports water utilities globally to improve their infrastructure and services, while addressing urgent climate challenges and preparing for long-term sustainability.

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Transportation
IFC provides financing for ports, airports, railways, roads, logistics, urban transport, inland waterways, shipping, and airlines. Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $10.2 billion for transport projects to improve efficiency, relieve bottlenecks, facilitate trade, and create jobs.

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Energy
Over the past decade, IFC has committed and mobilized over $32 billion in the energy sector. Our expertise in power generation, transmission, and distribution spans a range of technologies, with an emphasis on low-cost renewable energy, as well as energy storage and other emerging technologies.

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Telecommunications, Media, and Technology
IFC is a leader in the telecommunications, media, and technology (TMT) sector in emerging markets. Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized more than $3 billion for digital infrastructure projects. We focus on building digital infrastructure, connecting the unconnected, and bridging the digital divide.

www.ifc.org/tmt

Waste Management
IFC has over $1.4 billion in waste sector commitments. We engage with cities and private players in emerging markets to explore opportunities in the entire value chain. Our comprehensive, client-oriented solutions include investment and advisory services, access to blended finance, guarantees, and in-house expertise.

www.ifc.org/wastemanagement

Mining
Our investments and advisory services support sustainable business solutions in mining. Over the past decade, IFC committed and mobilized $6.5 billion in the mining sector. We spearhead pioneering investments in copper, gold, iron ore, bauxite, tin, diamonds, and other industrial ores and metals that are the ingredients of a low-carbon economy.

www.ifc.org/mining

All mobilization volumes for the past decade include MIGA mobilization.