IFC and Finland
Partners in Private Sector Development

OVERVIEW

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. Working in more than 100 countries, IFC committed a record $31.5 billion in own-account investments and mobilization from third parties to private companies and financial institutions in developing countries in fiscal year 2021 (FY21). IFC maintains an active relationship with Finland, covering business development with Finnish companies interested in investing in emerging markets, cooperation with Finnish banks and donor-funded initiatives. As of June 2021, IFC had a long-term committed investment portfolio of $173 million with Finnish partners spread across several sectors and regions.

IFC’s Long-Term Investment Portfolio with Finnish Sponsors

As of FY1 (ending in June 2021), IFC’s long-term investment portfolio with Finnish sponsors amounted to $173 million. Finnish private sector companies have benefited from co-investments with IFC, while making notable contributions to development.

IFC Long-Term Investment Portfolio as of June 2021

by Industry with Finnish Sponsors ($173 million)

- Manufacturing, Agribusiness, Services: 5%
- Disruptive Technologies and Funds: 11%
- Infrastructure: 84%

IFC Long-Term Investment Portfolio as of June 2021

by Region with Finnish Sponsors ($173 million)

- East Asia & the Pacific: 5%
- Europe & Central Asia: 11%
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 84%

- Mobilization: As of June 2021, Finnish financial institutions held about $41 million in IFC Syndicated Loans.
- Global Trade Finance Program (GTFP): As of June 2021, IFC had issued close to 40 guarantees amounting to $16 million for Finnish banks since the GTFP began in 2005. The most active confirming bank has been OP Corporate Bank.
PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS

IFC and the Government of Finland have a track record of successful collaboration mostly in Eastern Europe and East Asia and the Pacific, focusing on energy efficiency, climate change as well as innovation and technology transfers. In FY16-21, Finland provided cumulative funding of close to $2 million in support of IFC Advisory Services.

In FY18, IFC and Finland expanded their collaboration beyond Advisory Services to launch the Finland-IFC Blended Finance for Climate program. Finland provided a contribution of €114 million to the program to spur private sector financing for climate-change solutions, especially in low-income countries. IFC also partners with the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Ministry of Finance, as well as Finnfund, Finnvera and Business Finland.

Example of Successful Cooperation

Finland-IFC Blended Finance for Climate Program

In October 2017, IFC and Finland launched the Finland-IFC Blended Finance for Climate Program designed to spur private sector financing for climate change solutions in low income countries and in fragile and conflict situations. Finland, who is IFC’s first European partner in blended climate financing, contributed €114 million to the program, which is targeting investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, climate-smart agriculture, and forestry. The program is helping IFC undertake early-stage innovative projects in new areas, unlock private financing for climate-smart solutions in developing countries and catalyze high-risk projects that would not otherwise happen.

Since its launch, the program has committed 6 projects, including the installation of solar arrays on up to 500 schools’ rooftops in the West Bank and Gaza.