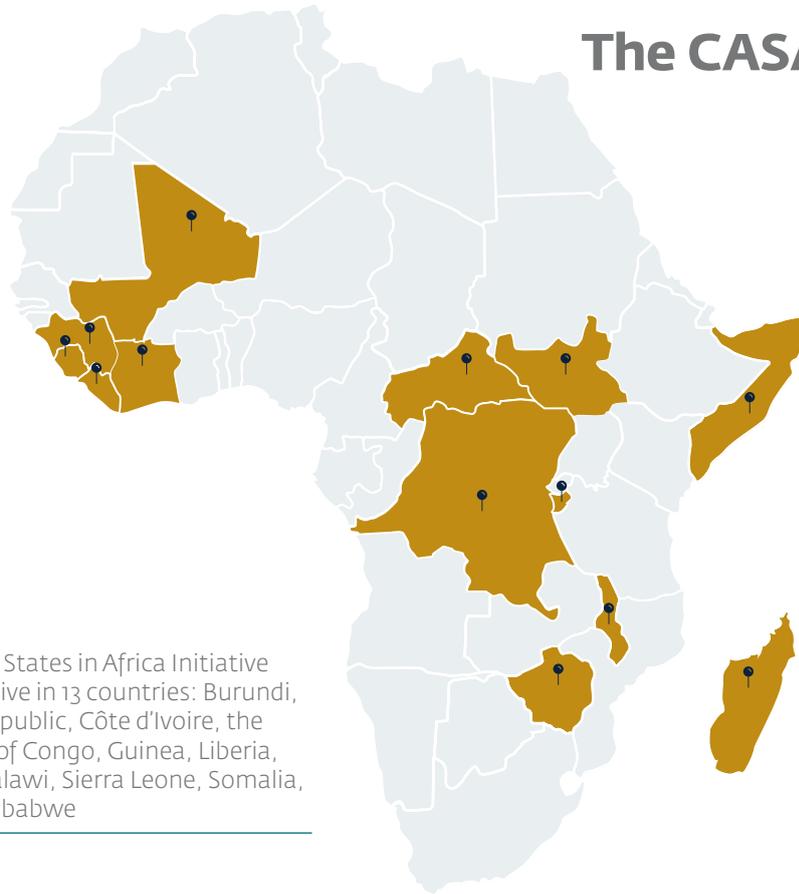


# IFC'S CASA initiative

## Conflict Affected States in Africa

Supporting private sector growth in Africa's fragile and conflict affected situations (FCS)

### The CASA geographic footprint



IFC's Conflict Affected States in Africa Initiative (CASA) is currently active in 13 countries: Burundi, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, and Zimbabwe

### AFRICA'S FRAGILE STATES

A greater focus on investment, trade, and entrepreneurship is helping many African countries build strong, stable economies. Still, in FY16, IFC classified 22 of sub Saharan Africa's 48 countries as 'fragile or conflict affected situations' (FCS). These FCS suffer from ongoing – or the legacy of past – violence, and face serious economic challenges, including damaged infrastructure, small private sectors, and weak regulatory environments and institutions. Entrepreneurs in FCS often struggle to access capital and training, while governments in these countries operate with a limited tax base.

### THE CASA INITIATIVE

Recognizing the special challenges fragile countries face, IFC launched the Conflict Affected States in Africa Initiative (CASA) in 2008 to help Africa's FCS rebuild their private sectors, create jobs, and attract investment. Supported by donor partners Ireland, the Netherlands, and Norway (and by Denmark and Sweden in select countries) CASA:

- funds IFC advisory projects in FCS directly;
- provides market intelligence and advice; and
- helps governments strengthen their business environments.

A flagship program of IFC FCS Africa Program, CASA positions coordinators in many of the countries where it operates, allowing them to work closely with public and private sector partners.



Achieving **RESULTS\***



\*Data as of December 31st 2015 cumulative since 2008.

**IFC'S ADVISORY SERVICES PORTFOLIO IN FCS (FY15)\***

**ALL FCS (GLOBALLY)**

111 projects worth \$158 million

**ALL FCS (SUB SAHARAN AFRICA ONLY)**

45 projects (40% of global) worth \$59 million (37% of global)

**CASA COUNTRIES ONLY**

33 projects (73% of African FCS) worth \$41 million (69% of African FCS)

\* IFC Advisory Services Operations Portal as of 30 June, 2015.

**Working with IFC's FCS Africa Program**

IFC's FCS Africa Program partners with governments, development and financial institutions, and other groups and individuals to maximize its impact in Africa. For more information, please contact the following:

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