



Overview of the World Bank Group & AFD Group partnership

The World Bank Group (WBG) and AFD Group have built together innovative and impactful partnerships that catalyze finance, analytics and technical services at global, regional, country and local levels. Both agree on the importance of mobilizing all available resources to scale up development financing for countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

Their partnership has contributed to global progress through a strategic and evidence-based approach, underpinned by the complementarities of both institutions. The success of this partnership is anchored in a strong collaboration on the ground thanks to the global footprint of their networks of regional and country offices, a willingness to collaborate on shared priorities, and a strong commitment to partnerships from senior management.

In June 2023, the WBG confirmed its engagement with the Finance in Common initiative that brings together over 500 public development banks collectively responsible for US \$2.5tn in annual investment. The initiative seeks to align the entire financial system with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.

Milestones in the partnership over time

1988: Signature of the Co-investment Agency Agreement between International Finance Cooperation (IFC) and Proparco, first agreement between the private sector windows of both organizations.

2009: Launch of the Africa Development Forum Series providing comprehensive and high-quality research, and evidence based recommendation to support policies and operations in Africa.

2017: Support for climate resilience investments announced at the One Planet Summit convened by President Emmanuel Macron of France, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, and WBG President Jim Yong Kim.

2014: High-level "Deep Dive" initiated on a regular basis to strengthen strategic discussions between WBG-AFD senior leadership. First WBG-AFD Framework Co-financing Agreement (CFA) signed.

2018: IBRD, IDA and AFD signed a Strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and a new Co-financing Framework Agreement (CFA) at a historic high-level "Deep Dive".

2021: Co-financing Framework Agreement (CFA) extended for three more years.

2023: World Bank joins Finance in Common initiative.

2024: New strategic MoU and Co-financing Framework Agreement (CFA) to be signed.

Key figures

US\$30 billion¹

~US\$15 billion **~US\$15 billion**

in co-financing
for 51 operations
under the CFA
since 2015.

in parallel financing
for 65 operations
that are based on
close in-country
cooperation.

1. Over the past ten years, the World Bank and AFD have delivered an estimated total of US\$30 billion of cofinancing and parallel financing, the bulk of which has been made since the innovative CFA signed in June 2018 (AFD database).



A group partnership that involves Expertise France and Proparco, AFD subsidiaries for technical cooperation and private sector.



Forms of collaboration: “deep-dive”, co-financing, parallel financing, knowledge sharing and communication, joint efforts in awareness raising for partnership work, research and analytics, staff exchanges.



Priority areas of collaboration:

- i fight against climate change
- ii sustainable cities and urban development
- iii fragile states
- iv fight against inequality
- v private sector development
- vi financial sector transformation

Social protection is also one of the most dynamic partnerships.



Co-financing has been concentrated in

- 1 Energy
- 2 Urban, resilience and land
- 3 Transport
- 4 Agriculture and food
- 5 Water



From a regional perspective, AFD co-financing, has been most significant in Africa (the largest number of cofinanced operations) with East Asia Pacific growing through development policy lending. New geographic mandates for AFD, especially the Balkans, have been very conducive to the fast development of sizeable joint portfolio.



Flagship collaboration

FINANCIAL SECTOR

The partnership on financial systems and capital mobilization is one of the most dynamic collaboration. Priorities include strengthening the architecture of financial systems, financial inclusion, green finance, aligning FIs with the Paris Agreement and supporting FIs in their efforts to reach SDGs such as biodiversity, protection against climate shocks and gender. The WB and AFD are founding members of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP). AFD represents other DFIs at the CGAP Executive Committee. The overarching goal is the development of sustainable, resilient and equitable financial ecosystems with a focus on households underserved by financial services.

SOCIAL PROTECTION

Since 2016, AFD and the World Bank have been cooperating in the field of social protection all over the world (Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caucasus, the Indian Ocean), be it through investment projects or budget support operations, including Program for Results (China, Guizhou Elderly Care, CY2019 and Georgia, Human Development Capital, CY2022) and a CAT-DDO (Mauritius, COVID-19 crisis, and climate change adaptation, CY2020). The pandemic crisis of 2020-2021 led to a rapid growth of this partnership especially through cash transfer programs (Bangladesh, India, Mauritius, Brazil, Bolivia, Rwanda, Sudan and Togo). Collaboration is ongoing as well for universal health coverage (Egypt, Tunisia) and the digitalization of social protection systems (Georgia).



AFD Group contributes to the implementation of France's policies for sustainable development and international solidarity. The Group includes Agence Française de Développement (AFD), which finances the public sector, NGOs, research and training; its subsidiary Proparco, which is dedicated to the private sector; and Expertise France, a technical cooperation agency. The Group finances, supports and accelerates the transitions needed for a fairer, more resilient world.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people in more than 150 countries, as well as in 11 French Overseas Departments and Territories. As part of the commitment of France and the French people to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, our teams are at work on 4,200 projects in the field. Our objective is to reconcile economic development with the preservation of common goods, from peace, the climate and biodiversity to health, education and gender equality. Towards a world in common.



THE WORLD BANK

With 189 member countries, staff from more than 170 countries, and offices in over 130 locations, **the World Bank Group** is a unique global partnership: five institutions (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID) working for sustainable solutions that reduce poverty and build shared prosperity in developing countries. The World Bank is an international development institution established by articles of agreement adopted by its member countries. The World Bank's mission is to end extreme poverty and boost prosperity on a livable planet. It achieves these objectives by providing loans, concessional financing, technical assistance, and knowledge-sharing services to its member countries and through partnerships with other organizations.