



# Responding to a Global Health Crisis

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is America's development bank. DFC partners with the private sector to finance solutions to the most critical challenges facing the developing world today. We invest across sectors including energy, healthcare, critical infrastructure, and technology. DFC also provides financing for small businesses and women entrepreneurs in order to create jobs in emerging markets. DFC investments adhere to high standards and respect the environment, human rights, and worker rights.

## A Longstanding Commitment to Healthcare

DFC is committed to creating a healthy world by partnering with the private sector to address persistent healthcare challenges across the globe. Our investments improve access to doctors and nurses, clinics, and lifesaving treatments as well as hygiene, sanitation, and clean water.

DFC will play a key role in a broader whole-of-America response to the novel COVID-19 coronavirus. The agency stands ready to invest in private sector solutions to advance the treatment of patients, support economic recovery in affected communities, and help build communities that are more resilient to future health challenges. Further, through its 2X Women's Initiative, DFC will continue to prioritize reaching and empowering women, who are often disproportionately impacted in times of crisis.

## DFC INVESTS IN DEVELOPMENT

### Equity Financing

Direct equity and support for investment funds

### Debt Financing

Direct loans and guaranties of up to \$1 billion for tenors as long as 25 years, with specific programs targeting small and medium U.S. businesses

### Political Risk Insurance

Coverage of up to \$1 billion against losses due to currency inconvertibility, government interference, and political violence including terrorism. DFC also offers reinsurance to increase underwriting capacity

### Technical Development

Feasibility studies and technical assistance accelerate project identification and preparation to better attract and support private investment in development outcomes

# How DFC Can Help Companies Respond to COVID-19

## Investing in Private Sector Solutions

DFC can provide financing and other financial tools to businesses responding to COVID-19 through investments in the developing world. Examples could include investments to build or expand research and production facilities in less developed countries for diagnostic or treatment equipment, supplies, and devices for imaging, respiratory, and other relevant interventions.

## Supporting Economic Recovery

By supporting local financial institutions and key industries in affected communities, DFC can help small businesses, particularly those owned and led by women, and individuals in emerging markets rebound from the economic impact of COVID-19. An example could include providing financing through local bank partners to small and medium enterprises in less developed countries that face short-term liquidity issues.

## Building Resilient Communities

DFC will continue to invest in healthcare businesses, systems, and supply chains and distribution networks across the developing world in order to build communities that are more resilient to future health challenges. Examples could include investments in technologies that connect the supply and demand of equipment as well as clinics that administer testing and treatment in less developed countries.

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