



FACT SHEET

Development Credit Authority (DCA)

Through DCA, USAID supports an increase in the supply of credit to underserved and out-of-reach populations in Haiti.



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Small enterprises, like this beauty salon, can access credit more easily due to USAID's credit guarantees with Haitian financial institutions.

- DCA guarantees have assisted more than 5,000 households, micro, small and medium businesses access \$20 million in local currency financing through the private sector.
- In September 2010, USAID signed two new agreements to increase the supply of credit to small and medium size enterprises for a total of \$20 million.
- Seventy-five percent of all loans will be disbursed within the Northern Corridor, Saint-Marc Corridor, and Cul-de-Sac, complementing other USAID programs in these priority areas.

Overview

USAID's DCA, established by Congress in 1999, unlocks private local capital to support lending in critical growth sectors. Since 2004, USAID has used credit guarantees to stimulate lending by Haitian financial institutions. After the January 2010 earthquake, USAID modified four guarantees and designed two new agreements to better support relief and reconstruction efforts and assist small businesses in an accelerated recovery process.

Objectives

USAID's DCA guarantees aim to boost Haiti's economic recovery and help rebuild the private sector by strengthening local lending to small and medium enterprises in various sectors including agriculture, construction, housing, garment and light manufacturing, and information and communication technology.

Activities

DCA guarantees seek to leverage funding from financial institutions to increase production, generate income, and create sustainable jobs.

USAID is currently developing four new guarantees to stimulate credit expansion to smallholders farmers, agricultural cooperatives, micro, small and medium enterprises and households with a focus on USG supported value chains in the targeted corridors of Cap-Haitian, Saint-Marc, and Port-au-Prince. These guarantees are expected to mobilize \$30 million over the next nine years.

Two of the new agreements will focus on providing housing loans to low to middle-income households to provide for the expansion, improvements, or progressive construction homes in the USG-supported corridors.

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