

# **Overseas Private Investment Corporation**

# An OPIC Overview

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## **Our Organization**



As the U.S. Government's premier development finance institution, OPIC mobilizes the participation of U.S. private capital to support sustainable economic development in emerging markets.



OPIC currently manages a \$16.5B portfolio of projects in over 150 countries and operates on a self-sustaining basis at <u>no net cost to the American taxpayer</u>.



### **OPIC** is uniquely positioned to support the administration's new development strategy



# **Our Clients and Alliances**



OPIC partners with other U.S. government agencies and international partners to provide financing and risk mitigation products to a wide range of clients

### **Current Clients**

### **Strategic Alliances**



# **Our Impact**



Over the past 41 years OPIC has supported over \$200 billion of investment in developing markets that is projected to support over 277,000 U.S. jobs.

**OPIC By the Numbers\*** 

### **Success Stories**



# **Our Solutions**



OPIC offers innovative financial solutions to support private investors, including debt financing,
insurance, and investment funds

Products	Current Portfolio		
<ul> <li>Debt financing         <ul> <li>Support to large structured deals, project finance, SME, micro-finance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1	\$16.5B	
<ul> <li>Significant infrastructure and power expertise</li> <li>Up to \$250M with terms of 20+ years</li> </ul>	-	\$2.1	Investment
<ul> <li>Guarantees of loans or capital market bonds</li> <li>Local and off-shore lending capacity</li> <li>No syndication or market disruption risk;</li> <li>OPIC retains full credit risk</li> </ul>	-	\$2.9	— Insurance
<ul> <li>Insurance         <ul> <li>Offers coverage for risk of expropriation, political violence, and currency inconvertibility</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	-	\$11.5	Debt Financing
<ul> <li>Investment funds         <ul> <li>Provides debt that is matched by privately</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			<u> </u>

 Provides debt that is matched by privately raised equity to support funds investing in emerging markets



### Investors and project proposals must satisfy certain policy criteria to receive OPIC financing

Eligibility Criteria for Investors

To be eligible for OPIC financing, applicants must:

- Have a commercially viable business plan and successful track record
- Involve the U.S. private sector in a meaningful way in the project seeking OPIC support
- Maintain private sector control (<50% government ownership)</li>

OPIC supported projects must:

Contribute to sustainable development goals

**Policy Standards for Projects** 

- Be located in one of our ~150 eligible countries
- Comply with international environmental standards
- Support international human rights and worker rights regulations
- Cause no loss of U.S. jobs or adverse impact on the U.S. economy

# **U.S. Connections in OPIC-Supported Projects**



OPIC policy requires that finance and direct insurance projects have a meaningful connection to the U.S. private sector.

### How Does OPIC Define U.S.?

- A U.S.-organized entity generally must be at least 25% U.S.-owned.
- A foreign organized entity generally must be at least majority U.S.-owned.

### How Does OPIC Measure U.S. Involvement?

- OPIC requires U.S. involvement in the project company in an amount that is equivalent to 25% of the project company's equity, which may be met with equity, long-term debt or other U.S. contracts or, by combining these types of involvement.
- OPIC will support investment funds if the fund has raised U.S. equity equal to 25% of OPIC's loan support or if the fund is managed by a U.S. manager.

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### How Does OPIC Measure the Duration of U.S. Involvement?

- For an ongoing project, U.S. entities need to retain a 25% interest in the project through final disbursement of the OPIC loan. In the case of a start-up or 'greenfield' project, the U.S. entities need to retain a 25% interest through physical completion of the project.
- OPIC must approve any proposed transferee of the interest.

### How Does OPIC Define U.S. Small Business?

- For OPIC to finance a project with a direct loan, the US involvement must come from US small business. A "small" business includes: a business with annual revenues during the last fiscal year of less than \$400M; entities/individuals without revenues, net worth of less than \$100M.
- Consistent with the U.S. Small Business Administration, OPIC also considers a business with 500 or fewer employees as "small."

# When Does OPIC Get Involved?



OPIC brings investment capital, through financing, political risk insurance and private equity solutions, once private sector investors have determined that a project is commercially viable

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Host Country Government Initiative to Attract Private Sector Investment

- Defining needs, strategy, resource requirements
  - World Bank, USAID assistance

### **Themes of Involvement**

- Fill in gaps where the private sector is unable to meet the needs of a project in order to make it sustainable
- Support only viable projects and thus not only provide the intended benefits to the host country but also ensure repayments to OPIC
- Work with host country government to confirm alignment of interests and development objectives



OPIC can support a project through debt financing, political risk insurance and private equity solutions, depending on its needs and U.S. nexus









Asia now comprises less than 20% of OPIC's current portfolio

- Since 1974 OPIC has committed more than \$6.6 billion to advance over 438 projects in Asia
- Much of this investment was and is focused on infrastructure, energy (including renewable energy), and microfinance and small business lending
- The Agency currently supports 26 projects with \$1 billion of commitments in the Asia Pacific region
- OPIC is committed to growing in Asia Pacific and rebalancing its portfolio: Asia Pacific is underweight relative to other geographies.



\$1 billion of support for clean and renewable energy investments in the Asia Pacific region

- U.S. Asia Pacific Comprehensive Energy Partnership announced in 2012
- \$6 billion of U.S. support for clean energy investments in the region, of which \$1 billion is to come from OPIC
- New OPIC Asia Pacific office will implement the Asia Pacific Clean Energy Program (co-managed with USTDA)
- The agency committed over \$1.2 billion in financing to clean energy projects in emerging markets during fiscal year 2013
  - Technologies supported to date include solar, wind, geothermal and biomass
  - Projects in Caribbean, Latin America, Eastern Europe, MENA, and Africa



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