



What effect are our projects having?

We want to know what Financial Cooperation achieves and how successful projects and programmes are. Our evaluation department, an independent staff unit, uses random sampling to appraise selected projects several years after they have been completed and assesses whether the intended effects have been achieved in the long term.

In total, about half of the projects are audited. This systematic evaluation helps to ensure the quality of the work and enables us to learn from the results for new projects – as we want our promotional funds to achieve the most sustainable impact possible for the people in the partner countries. We publish the results of all our evaluations.

The success rate is high: more than 80% of the projects supported by KfW Development Bank have been evaluated as successful by the evaluation department.

Results of our evaluations:
www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/evaluierung

Want to find out more?

We firmly believe that transparency can improve development cooperation. That is why we disclose our data online: Our transparency portal www.kfw.de/transparenz provides information about the origin, use and impact of both the public funds and KfW's own funds used for development – on both country and project level.

On our website www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de you will also find up-to-date background information on development policy issues and our projects, as well as sample contracts and our guidelines on, among other things, the awarding of contracts, the appointment of consultants and on anti-corruption and complaint management.

The website www.deginvest.de provides information on KfW's subsidiary DEG, which is also part of the business sector Promotion of Developing Countries and advises private enterprises on investments in developing countries and emerging economies. KfW's international business is rounded off by KfW IPEX-Bank: www.kfw-ipex-bank.de

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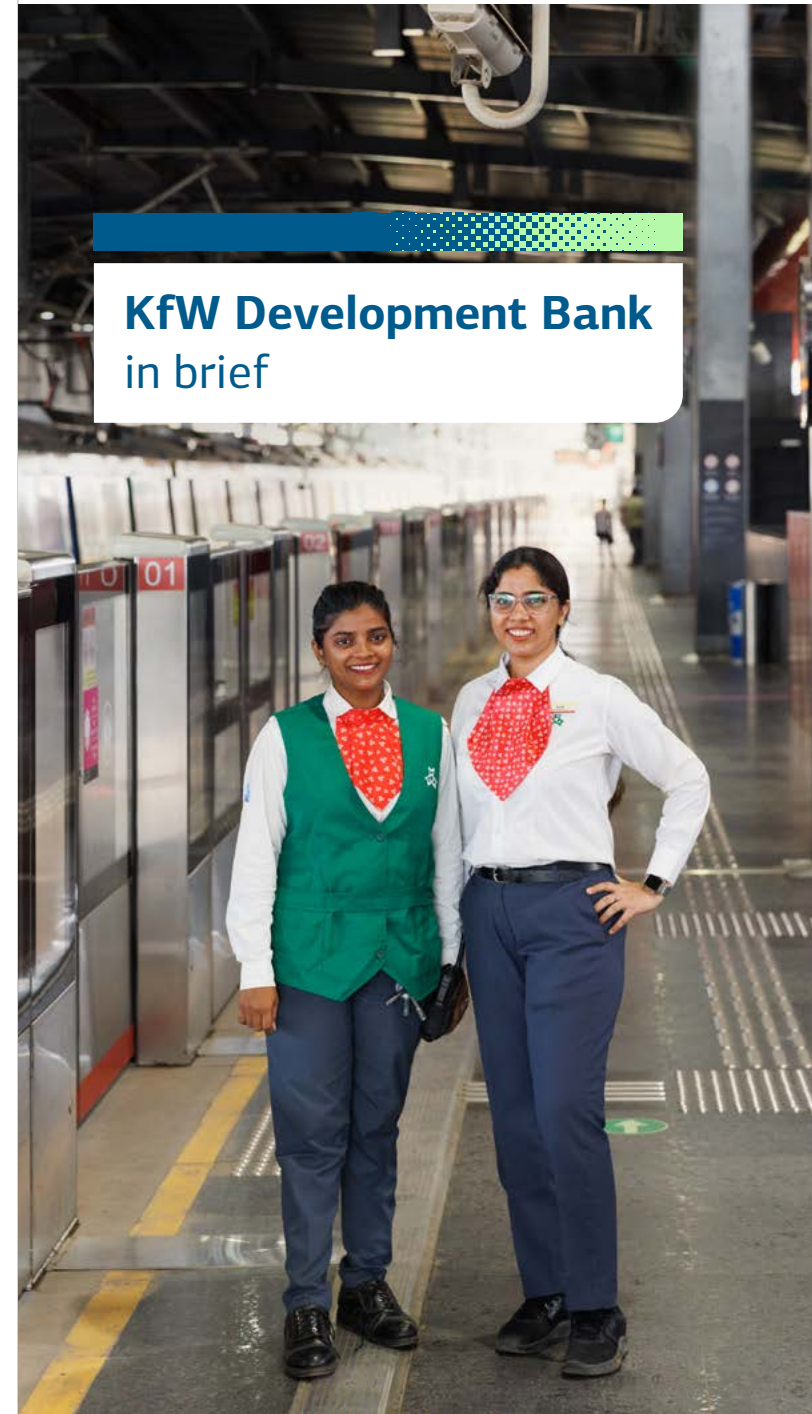
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KfW Development Bank in brief

Our tasks

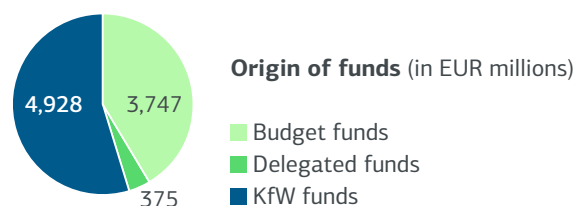
KfW Development Bank has been supporting the German Federal Government in achieving its development policy and international cooperation goals for more than 50 years.

Existential problems know no borders. Climate change is increasing the likelihood of natural disasters everywhere. The extinction of species is putting ecosystems out of balance and jeopardising food security. Wars and conflicts are significantly impacting trade routes and supply chains as well as triggering waves of migration.

None of these challenges can be addressed by national policy alone. Not only must developing countries and fragile countries be part of the solution, but also influential emerging economies, such as India and Brazil. This is why KfW, on behalf of the German Federal Government, is working with these countries in order to protect the climate and the environment, secure peace, combat poverty and hunger, and create future prospects that can be enjoyed by all. Germany benefits from international interconnections and an open, rule-based world order more than almost any other country.

Where do our funds come from?

Less than half of KfW Development Bank's commitments for projects in developing countries and emerging economies come from the federal budget (mainly from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ) – and therefore consist of tax money. The majority are loans. KfW raises funds for these via the capital market. The breakdown for 2023 is as follows:



The selection of the respective financial instruments – grants or loans – depends on the circumstances of the respective partner country and project. Generally speaking, very poor countries receive grants. Social and humanitarian programmes as well as projects for nature conservation are also often financed by grants. On the other hand, loans are generally used for projects in more economically advanced countries. Borrowers are good at making repayments and defaults are low. In 2023, 94% of all due payments for loans from federal budget funds were made on time.

Review of 2023

Commitments in KfW Development Bank's business sector decreased compared with the previous year (2022: EUR 11 billion) to around EUR 9 billion, roughly reaching the level of 2021 (EUR 8.6 billion). Despite ongoing global crises, the promotion of a sustainable transformation remains in the focus of Financial Cooperation. KfW Development Bank supported projects in the area of climate and environmental protection with EUR 6 billion in 2023, which corresponds to a share of 67% of total new commitments.

New commitments amounting to EUR 456 million were made for Ukraine in 2023. These projects are supporting the country by maintaining its state functions (e.g. energy and water supply) and through the care of internally displaced persons.

In 2023, numerous KfW Development Bank projects contributed to gender equality. With over EUR 414 million, strengthening gender equality is a main objective. Numerous projects with a total financial volume of close to EUR 5.7 billion promote gender equality as an important secondary objective.

What will be achieved?



Climate action and energy – just transition

In the future, the projects are expected to achieve reductions of over 7 million tonnes of CO₂ equivalent annually (greenhouse gas savings or sequestration) and support 21 million people in tackling climate change.



Health, social protection and population policy

More than 26.3 million people have access to healthcare services, and around 580 healthcare facilities are being newly built or improved.



Displacement, crises and migration

More than 17 million people benefit from basic services in crisis contexts. Almost nine million refugees and residents of host communities receive support.



Protecting the natural basis for our livelihoods

With its new commitments for 2023, KfW Development Bank is contributing to protecting over 33 million hectares of land. An area of 4.5 million hectares is used or managed to preserve biodiversity.



For a healthy life

The 2023 commitments mean improved drinking water supply for 10.6 million people and new or improved basic sanitation or wastewater treatment for 3.2 million people.