

Results achieved by sector – Development impact portfolio score for CDC

CDC is the UK's Development Finance Institution (DFI) wholly owned by the UK Government. CDC aims to invest in sectors where growth leads to jobs – directly and indirectly throughout African and South Africa. CDC invests to support the growth of business to demonstrate that it is possible to invest successfully in challenging environments, thereby attracting other sources of capital, including fully commercial capital in time.

CDC development impact focuses on the growth of businesses and the creation of jobs, especially in places where the private sector is weak and jobs are scarce. To direct its capital towards its objective of creating jobs, especially in the more challenging places, CDC has developed and uses a tool - the Development Impact Grid. The DI Grid rates the difficulty of the country and the propensity of a sector to create jobs to allocate each investment a score at the time the investment decision is taken incentivising investments in harder geographies and in sectors which have the highest propensity to create jobs.

No investment screening tool is perfect and CDC and DFID are also committed tracking actual results over time and using post investment impact data to refine the DI Grid.

DFID commitment

There is no specific commitment for this indicator.

Indicators used to measure progress

- Development impact portfolio score for CDC – a weighted average (by investment £) of the Development Impact Grid score (between 1 and 4) across CDC's investments that have reached financial close since the start of the new CDC strategy (2012 onwards on a calendar year basis).

Results achieved

- CDC achieved a development impact portfolio score of 3.15 (out of a maximum of 4), which demonstrates that CDC investments are allowing companies to grow and create more, better and inclusive jobs and incomes in countries where the capital for growth is otherwise in short supply.