

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS SOCIAL IMPACT FUND**(RG-M1283)**

The project intends to expand financing for businesses that generate a clear social or environmental impact while achieving commercial viability. Commonly referred to as “impact businesses”, these organizations benefit poor and vulnerable populations by either increasing their access to essential products or services such as microfinance, affordable healthcare or green technologies, or by generating income opportunities through employment or agricultural value chains.

Specifically, the project will contribute to creating the Global Partnerships Social Impact Fund (GPSI), an impact-led investment vehicle that will provide debt financing to businesses engaged in a diversity of impact areas, including microfinance with integrated health services, access to agricultural financing with technical assistance, and green technologies. The Fund will be managed by Global Partnerships (GP), an experienced fund manager headquartered in the U.S. with offices in Latin America. It will seek a total capitalization of USD 50 MM, which will be deployed across a multi-sector and multi-country impact portfolio. The Fund will operate in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) as well as Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), with LAC expected to receive about 70% of the investments.

The project includes a reimbursable financing component of USD 3 MM and a non-reimbursable component of USD 100,000. The expected results include 30-35 impact businesses in LAC receiving financing and advice as well as more than 350,000 poor and low-income people benefitting from increased access to essential products and services and/or income-generating opportunities. In addition, the cross-regional nature of the Fund will allow for south-south knowledge exchange on impact investing practices and business models.