



Cordaid Investment Management's Ecuador Portfolio

111,000 borrowers
reached through
MFIs:

58% Female
68% Rural

Oup partner MFIs :

Banco Codesarrollo
FACES
ESPOIR
SUMAK SISA
VENCEDORES

CASE STUDY

**BANCO
CODESARROLLO
(MFI, ECUADOR)**



Country's profile

The severe economic downturn brought on by COVID-19 significantly impacted Ecuador's rising poverty levels, reversing significant progress made in past years. The recent crisis underlined the major macroeconomic problems: restricted access to capital markets, especially for women and remote rural communities, an inadequate health system, high child malnutrition rates and prominent inequality in access to public services.

Supporting pro-social MFIs in Ecuador promotes sustainable, inclusive growth, reduces inequalities in access to finance, and contributes to the mitigation and adaptation climate challenge through green finance.

Banco Codesarrollo

– a microfinance institution in Ecuador with a strong social and environmental focus – has 40% of its portfolio invested in communities in Ecuador, where poverty is above 70%.

Being a very large MFI, Banco Codesarrollo not only lends directly to clients but also to local savings and credit cooperatives and rural banks. Many of these smaller organizations are run by indigenous communities, who are often disadvantaged. Through the partnership with Banco Codesarrollo, CIM is able to reach the underserved institutions that hardly have access to international capital, like Vencedores and Sumak Sisa.

Moreover, CIM is collaborating with Banco Codesarrollo on climate finance. The MFI offers green loan products to finance ecological stoves, greenhouses, and water reservoirs. CIM's grant has helped a selected number of smallholder farmers to start climate-smart agricultural activities.