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Partner Profile: FDD


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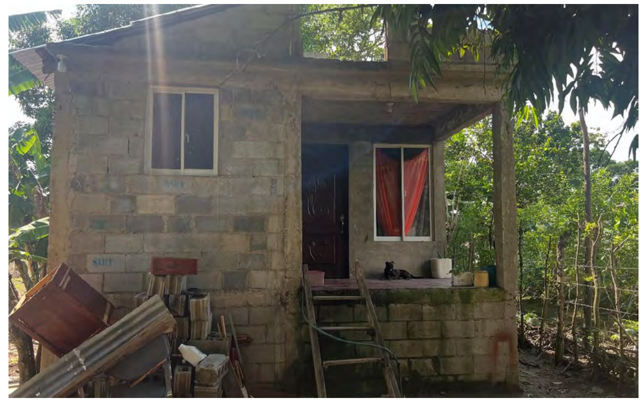

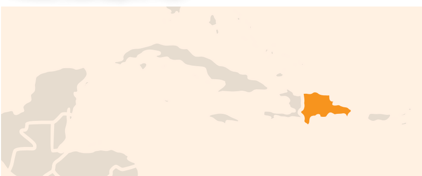

An estimated 38 percent of housing units in the Dominican Republic require improvements because of poor-quality construction materials or inadequate access to basic services such as water and sanitation.[1]

Fundación Dominicana de Desarrollo, INC. (FDD) is a social enterprise in the Dominican Republic and a partner in Global Partnerships' Home Improvement Finance initiative.[2]

Who is Served

As of June 30, 2026, FDD currently serves nearly 17,000 clients. Approximately 48 percent of its clients live in rural areas, and approximately 61 percent identify as women.[3]

What is Delivered

FDD provides individual microloans for home improvement through its "Mi Casa Bonita" product. Clients use these loans to finance new construction, repairs, expansions, and remodeling projects to their homes. This allows households to improve their living situation incrementally according to their needs and the amount they can reasonably and responsibly afford to borrow at each stage.

All home improvement clients receive a pre-disbursement visit, during which a credit officer collects client information, assesses repayment capacity, and reviews the proposed project. Follow-up visits are conducted to monitor construction progress and confirm the appropriate use of funds, helping ensure that financing is applied to the intended home improvement.

FDD also provides financial education through group workshops focused on personal financial management and micro-enterprise management to clients and community. To extend these services to underserved communities, FDD works with local organizations to help them create independent sources of income, especially young people and adults from vulnerable communities who are starting or growing businesses, fishermen and tourism-provider cooperatives, and people with disabilities.

Why it is Impactful

Access to FDD's home improvement financing enables underserved households to make investments that improve the quality, safety, and resilience of their homes in affordable increments.

Results from a client survey report provide evidence of these outcomes.[4] Among surveyed clients, 85 percent reported feeling safer in their home or business, 73 percent said their home's ability to withstand climate-related disturbances had improved, and 52 percent reported that their household's health had improved.

Finally, among clients with children, 80 percent reported that their children's well-being had improved, with improved living conditions identified as the most significant change.[5] These outcomes are explored further in [child-lens research conducted by Global Partnerships and UNICEF USA](#).[6]

1. *"Dominican Republic: World Bank Approves US$100 Million in Support of National Housing Plan." World Bank, June 2, 2022. https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/06/02/republica-dominicana-banco-mundial-aprueba-us-100-millones-en-apoyo-al-plan-nacional-de-vivienda.*
2. *FDD was a current borrower of Global Partnerships Impact-First Development Fund, LLC, as of June 30, 2026.*
3. *Data as of June 30, 2026 as reported by FDD.*
4. *Based on the responses from 286 FDD's Mi Casa Bonita clients via a mobile, voice-based survey conducted in 2022 by 60 Decibels, Inc., an impact measurement company.*
5. *Ibid.*
6. *"Housing Finance Through a Child-Lens." Global Partnerships and UNICEF USA, 2026. https://www.unicefusa.org/how-help/donate/impact-fund-children/child-lens-investing/housing-finance-child-lens-reports.*

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