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Meet our founding
member country

El Salvador



With CABEI support, the country strengthens MSMEs and the education system in a pandemic context.

About El Salvador: It has an area of 21,040 km², making it one of the smallest countries in Central America. The country consists of a central plain cut by valleys and lies between two volcanic mountain ranges running east-west. The highest point is the Santa Ana volcano at 2,385 m (7,825 ft) above sea level. The country lies within the tropics; however, the climate is moderate in many regions due to the altitude.

El Salvador comprises 14 departments, grouped into three zones: western, eastern and central, which are subdivided into 262 municipalities, with San Salvador as its capital.

A multi-ethnic country: It has a population of about 6.5 million people, of which 73.4% is urban and 26.6% rural. It has a high population density, approximately 308 inhabitants per km², with the predominant gender being female with 53.2% compared to 46.8% of men. In Salvadoran territory there are seven Indigenous peoples: Ulua, Lenca, Cacaopera, Chorties, Nonualcos, Nahua-Pipil and Pocomanes.

Spending behavior and services that drove the economic recovery: The Salvadoran economy,

whose official currency is the US dollar, grew by 11.7% in the third quarter of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. This growth was driven by the spending behavior and the increase in the production of 18 of the 19 economic activities, led by transportation and storage, public administration and defense, accommodation and food service activities, manufacturing industries, among other activities such as services and commerce.

From an expenditure perspective, the largest increase was recorded in exports, with a variation rate of 28.7%, followed by a 22.5% growth in investment. Private and public consumption contributed to economic growth with an annual increase of 11.6% and 10.8%, respectively, which were partially offset by the 30.4% increase in imports of goods and services. The Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador projects a 4% growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2022.

Education and economic recovery, CABEI's priorities in El Salvador

In 2021, the Multilateral approved the largest financing in its history to boost economic recovery and address the COVID-19 pandemic for US\$600 million and was the country that obtained the most

approvals and disbursements in the same year of US\$884.7 million and US\$1,041.8 million, respectively:

Some of the operations under execution

Impacts (on beneficiaries or work interventions)

Approval for COVID-19 economic recovery
CABEI Financing: US\$600.00 million

- 3,992,919 beneficiaries, including owners, employees and family groups.
- 13 beneficiary financial institutions authorized for the intermediation of resources.

Approval to reduce the digital gap in the education system

CABEI Financing: US\$214.7 million

- 597,493 students and 1,335 elementary and middle school teachers nationwide.

Housing and Vida Digna Program (PROVIDA)

CABEI Financing: US\$50.0 million

- 2,592 beneficiaries to be registered. At the end of the project, a total of 94,792 people are expected to be registered and 52.01% of the
- Program's placements will go to 1,348 women homeowners, thanks to the focus on gender.
- It is expected to reduce the 4.1% quantitative housing deficit at the national level. 10 of the 14 departments and areas prioritized in terms of their Multidimensional Poverty Index, will benefit.

Non-Reimbursable Financial Cooperation to Founding and Regional Non-Founding Countries for the Provision of Biogas Producing Biodigesters and Water Purification Plants

- 190 schools benefited with biodigesters.
- 500 homes benefited with mobile systems for desalination and water purification.

National Connectivity Network Cooperation (non-reimbursable technical cooperation)

CABEI Financing: US\$36,750

- 4,559 schools, 810 health centers and 619 security centers will benefit.

Award and start of construction of the General Manuel José Arce Bridge between El Salvador and Guatemala.

CABEI Financing: US\$32.9 million

- Beneficiaries: 112,774 people
This is an important regional integration project, which will improve road connectivity and make it efficient and safe within the area of influence, promoting tourism, commerce, and industry.

Municipal Markets Network Cooperation (elaboration of terms of reference)

CABEI Financing: US\$31,500.

- It is expected to build four (4) municipal markets located in Sonsonate, Santa Ana, San Salvador and San Miguel.

Las Pavas Water Treatment Plant

CABEI Financing: US\$16.98 million

- The Project benefits 538,120 inhabitants, of which 53.5% are estimated to be women in the San Salvador Metropolitan Area (AMSS).
- Among the communities benefited are 55 human settlements in conditions of extreme poverty.

Global Credit Line to Banco Atlántida

CABEI Financing: US\$20.0 million

- Support to MSMEs affected by COVID19
Impacts registered:
228 legal entities, distributed in:
135 microenterprises,
73 small and
20 medium-sized companies,
With an average of 34 employees, totaling 689.

In 2022, the Bank continues to support Salvadorans through the Financial Sector Support Facility for MSMEs affected by COVID-19, which channels credits through CABEI's allied intermediary financial institutions to MSMEs that meet the respective requirements.

The Development Objectives generated in 2021, through CABEI projects in El Salvador are having a positive impact on the lives of Salvadorans, and the Bank remains one of the country's main allies.

El Salvador, founding member

El Salvador is one of CABEL's founding members. Its shareholding is 10.79%, with a subscribed capital of US\$714.00 million. In the 2016-2020 five-year period, the Bank approved financing in the amount of US\$2,433.1 million and disbursements of US\$1,649.2 million.

About CABEL

CABEL was created in 1960 as the region's financial arm for integration and development. Its resources are continuously invested in projects with an impact on development to reduce poverty and inequalities, strengthen regional integration and the competitive insertion of its partners in world economy, paying special attention to environmental sustainability. CABEL is based in Tegucigalpa with offices throughout Central America.

CABEL's financial strength as the best credit in Latin America is supported by its high credit rating granted by the different international agencies: Standard & Poor's with a rating of AA, Moody's with a rating of Aa3, and Japan Credit Rating with AA.



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