

Improving and
advancing

credit unions around the world

World Council of Credit Unions, the global credit union trade association and development agency, promotes the sustainable development of credit unions and other financial cooperatives around the world to empower people through access to high-quality, affordable financial services.



Worldwide,
89,000
credit unions

serve more than
260 million members
in **117 countries.**

With U.S. government and private U.S. foundation support, World Council is working to promote economic freedom and growth, increase financial inclusion, expand financial access using mobile technology, help farmers and artisans obtain better prices for their goods and fill the agricultural lending gap to improve food security.

Current World Council projects:

Haiti: Promoting a stable and economically viable Haiti through Haiti Home Ownership and Mortgage Expansion (HOME) Program and the Accessible Finance Activity Program.

Ukraine: Strengthening the credit union sector to improve the quality of financial services and products offered to farmers and agribusinesses in rural areas through the Credit for Agriculture Producers (CAP) project.

Colombia: Expanding agricultural finance to micro- and small- and medium-sized enterprises in rural and remote areas through the Colombia Banca de las Oportunidades Project supporting financial literacy and improving savings mobilization.

Kenya/Guatemala: Improving small rural producers' income through integrated access to financial services and agricultural markets.

To expand on these successful projects, WOCCU needs to navigate the bureaucratic and political red tape prior to gaining access for funds at the USAID.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Congress should continue
to push the USAID to increase funding
and **TARGET UNDERUTILIZED PARTNERS**
such as credit unions.