Worldwide, 85,400 credit unions serve more than 274 million members in 118 countries.

**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.

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