



# USAID EMPLOYMENT AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY


## OVERVIEW


The **USAID Tajikistan Employment and Enterprise Development Activity (EEDA)**, implemented by ACDI/VOCA, will work with local and international market actors throughout Tajikistan to spur **job creation** and catalyze a local **entrepreneurship ecosystem** while strengthening **value-added exports** in the textile, food processing, and IT sectors.


A new growth model will improve **productivity, workforce skills, and business development.**

### Market Partnership Fund

Technical assistance, grants and seed and early-stage capital

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\$3.6M

200 micro, small, and medium enterprises and ten innovative start ups
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\$2M

Local market actors, including technical assistance providers
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\$500K

Short-term technical assistance from fintech and specialized product developers

A \$6.1 million **Market Partnership Fund** will incentivize market actors to start or expand businesses in high-growth industries with green growth potential, enhance workforce skills, and generate inclusive economic opportunities.

EEDA will deploy an initial **\$2 million venture capital fund** through AV Ventures and the Central Asia Impact Fund, which has agreed to commit \$2 million in matching funds to invest in private sector companies, including missing-middle Small Medium Enterprises, larger anchor firms, and financial intermediaries lending to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

## OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen the enabling environment through empowering the private sector.
- Unlock access to growth-oriented capital through demand- and supply-side interventions.
- Improve the flow of information through coordination to allow private sector investment to upgrade technologies and equipment.
- Incentivize upgrades to and investment in skills development.
- Address exclusionary norms and policies.

## ANTICIPATED RESULTS

<b>30%</b> Increase in sales among participants	<b>5,000</b> Permanent jobs	<b>100</b> Green innovations facilitated	<b>200</b> Business start- ups with access to finance	<b>\$10 M</b> Investment leveraged
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**PROJECT DURATION: OCTOBER 1, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2028**

**BUDGET: \$18,000,000**

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