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# FACT SHEET

## Development Credit Authority: Lessons Learned

Through over a decade of experience, DCA has learned important lessons that can be applied to maximize probability of success.

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1. Access to credit is only one piece of the puzzle
  2. Be clear about the market failure
  3. Ensure DCA additionality
  4. Risk sharing beyond 50% should be the exception, rather than the rule
  5. Integrate DCA work into USAID missions' sector strategies
  6. Measure and incentivize TA performance
  7. Involve TA providers in guarantee design (where possible)
  8. Intervene early when there are signs of trouble
  9. Coordinate with other donors
  10. Create strategic partnerships with local institutions
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Read evaluations about USAID credit guarantees:

[www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/economic\\_growth\\_and\\_trade/development\\_credit/evaluations.html](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/economic_growth_and_trade/development_credit/evaluations.html)