

Economic Growth and Trade



A vocational training program in Afghanistan.



An agricultural trade fair in Serbia.



Shopkeeper in Lebanon.



Entrepreneurs in Mozambique.

International Relief and Development's economic development programs have strengthened the capacity and economic resiliency of individuals and communities to protect lives, respond to recurring disasters, and strengthen human capital investment. Since 1999, IRD's economic development sector has addressed some of the most difficult issues facing small- and medium-scale retail, industrial, and agricultural entrepreneurs in vulnerable communities throughout the world. We have taken on the challenge of working in some of the most complex and difficult places around the world, becoming a specialist in working in conflict

and post-conflict environments. Our programs are aimed at improving the quality of life for vulnerable groups, including displaced persons, refugees, and others. Together with local communities, we operate programs to expand healthcare, increase economic opportunities, rebuild infrastructure damaged by conflict or neglect, and accelerate agricultural development, as well as responding to emergency needs. All sectors of our work support citizen engagement around issues of access to economic, health, infrastructure, and social resources and services.