



PROJECT LOCATION:  
**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

PROJECT START DATE:  
**MARCH 20 , 2014**

PROJECT END DATE:  
**DECEMBER 20 , 2015**

GRANT FUNDS APPROVED:  
**US \$400,000**

ENVELOPE:  
**BUSINESS CLIMATE  
REFORM AND  
COMPETITIVENESS  
ENHANCEMENT**

TOTAL PROJECT COST:

## IMPROVING ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE PROJECT:

The National Commission for the Defense of Competition (Procompetencia) is responsible for the administration and advocacy of Competition Law 42-08 in the Dominican Republic. The Authority however, is need of support to accelerate its institutional development process and enhance its capabilities to fulfil its role in the application of Law 42-08.

#### OBJECTIVE:

To improve the economic efficiency of markets for goods and services in the Dominican Republic by providing institutional support to the local competition Authority – Procompetencia.

#### HOW DONOR FUNDS ARE BEING USED:

- Increase the Authority's institutional capacity to handles cases of anticompetitive practices and advocate competition in markets
- Improve general market knowledge, especially in those sectors suspected of engaging in anticompetitive practices.
- The creation of tools such as collateral material for promoting a competition culture.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR:

- Procompetencia's staff has been trained by competition experts in international best practices for their handling of anticompetitive cases. E.g. Economic research and operating regulations
- Revisions to Procompetencia Operating Regulations handbooks to ensure the efficient handling of cases.
- Studies have been presented and well received by stakeholders to advocate the need for a competitive markets