



RESEARCH BRIEF · ASPC-RB-012

Economic Growth Assistance and Institutional Readiness

How should institutional readiness be assessed alongside an economic opportunity?

EVIDENCE-INFORMED ASPC ANALYSIS

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Status, question and scope

ASPC RESEARCH SYNTHESIS.

Research question

How should institutional readiness be assessed alongside an economic opportunity?

Scope

CRS describes economic-growth assistance as support for markets and for the governance of economic activity. Delivery tools differ according to authority, capability, commercial viability and country context.

Evidence cutoff: August 21, 2026. Government findings, agency-reported information and ASPC analysis are distinguished throughout.

Key findings

The reviewed sources support the following bounded findings.

- CRS groups economic-growth work across agriculture, infrastructure, competitiveness, economic governance, trade and investment, finance and labor.
- Business-enabling conditions include customs, law, regulation, agreements and public infrastructure and services.
- MCC, grant-based assistance and development finance use different tools and face different institutional requirements.

Findings are paraphrased from the cited official records. Source scope and date remain controlling.

Evidence interpretation

What the evidence establishes

- CRS groups economic-growth work across agriculture, infrastructure, competitiveness, economic governance, trade and investment, finance and labor.
- Business-enabling conditions include customs, law, regulation, agreements and public infrastructure and services.

What requires judgment

CRS describes economic-growth assistance as support for markets and for the governance of economic activity. Delivery tools differ according to authority, capability, commercial viability and country context.

Application beyond the source setting is ASPC analysis and should be tested against the authority, capability, risk and conditions of the institutions involved.

ASPC application and limitations

Proposed application

- Assess the commercial case and institutional dependencies together.
- Map approval, regulation, oversight, dispute resolution, maintenance and revenue responsibilities.
- Match the financing and assistance instrument to capability, risk and the intended result.

Limitations

- CRS R47007 includes historical funding and policy material. This brief uses its analytical structure, not its older figures as current data.

These applications are proposed by ASPC. Citation does not imply endorsement by any source institution.



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ASPC RELEVANCE

This research supports economic development and constructive partnership where stronger local capability can create durable value and advance shared interests with the United States.

CRS R47007

[Official source →](#)

MCC Compacts

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DFC 2024 Annual Report

[Official source →](#)

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