Cambodia: Expanding Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprise Lending Project

Project Name	Expanding Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprise Lending Project	
Project Number	50292-001	
Borrower/Company	PRASAC Microfinance Institution Limited	
Country	Cambodia	
Location	Nation-wide	
Approval Number	7562/3681	
Type of ADB Assistance / Amount	3681 Ordinary capital resources USD 40.00 million Approved	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Finance - Inclusive finance	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity	
Responsible ADB Department	Private Sector Operations Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Private Sector Financial Institutions Division	
Responsible ADB Officer	Bracey, Pamela	
Project Sponsor(s)		
Description		
Objectives and Scope	ADB supports the growth of PRASAC's financing portfolio for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), providing needed financial products and services to this underserved segment.	
Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB's Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 emphasizes ADB's support for the financial sector by helping to develop financial infrastructure, institutions, and products and services. The transaction will contribute to financial sector development by supporting an investment that promotes more inclusive economic growth by fostering MSMEs through enhanced access to long-term finance.	

Safeguard Categories	
Environment	FI
Involuntary Resettlement	FI
Indigenous Peoples	FI

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

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The ESMS of PRASAC is currently aligned with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) requirements for financial intermediaries. The bank's policy statement endeavors to effectively manage the environmental and social impacts of all its activities, products and services. It is committed to ensure that activities (from design to maintenance of a financed project) is undertaken in accordance with all applicable national laws on environment, social, health, safety, and any established standards. PRASAC will amend its ESMS to comply with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement and will apply ADB's prohibited investment activities list. Pursuant to ADB's Social Protection Strategy, PRASAC will also take measures to comply with internationally recognized core labor standards.

Involuntary Resettlement	There is no anticipated involuntary resettlement impact based on the exclusion list.
Indigenous Peoples	The project is not expected to entail any significant impact on indigenous peoples.

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation The project's primary stakeholders are MSMEs in Cambodia's rural and semi-urban areas. PRASAC has identified a large unbanked and underserved market in rural areas that can contribute to greater inclusion in productive economic activity if given access to their lending products. PRASAC has assessed the needs of these clients through market research and information outreach activities. PRASAC will continue to work with its clients and untapped markets to improve understanding of their needs and adapt products to serve them better.

Timetable for assistance design, processing and implementation				
Concept Clearance	14 Sep 2016			
Due Diligence				
Credit Committee Meeting	30 May 2018 to 30 May 2018			
Approval	17 Jul 2018			
Last PDS Update	18 Sep 2018			
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