

Public Information Summary

Host Countries	Global
Name of Borrower	SEAF COVID-19 GLOBAL GENDER LENS EMERGENCY LOAN FINANCE LLC
Project Description	The Facility will provide emergency funding to SMEs resident in DFC qualified countries falling within the 2X criteria and adopting SEAF’s Gender Equality Scorecard© methodology (“ Qualified SMEs ”).
Proposed DFC Loan	\$20,000,000
All-Source Funding Total	\$25,000,000
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	The Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact by supporting small and medium enterprise (SME) lending during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on 2X qualified SMEs. Countries in the reviewed Project pipeline have an estimated 583,000 SMEs, 30 percent of which are financially constrained, with a total SME finance gap worth 15 percent of GDP. Project loans are expected to provide primarily working capital to support SMEs in the education, retail, IT services, agribusiness, and manufacturing sectors.
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>The capitalization of a fund is screened as a Category D activity for the purposes of environmental and social assessment. Based on DFC’s due diligence, the Fund’s downstream investments are anticipated to pose medium or limited environmental and social risks that are site specific and that can be readily mitigated through the application of sound environmental and social management practices. Consistent with DFCs policy on policy assessment of financial intermediary transactions (dated April 3, 2020) the Fund is eligible for delegated responsibility for the application of DFC’s policies related to environmental and social impact assessment, risk management and monitoring. In order to ensure that the Fund’s investments are consistent with DFC’s statutory and policy requirements, the Project will be subject to conditions regarding the use of the DFC proceeds.</p> <p>The primary environmental and social issue associated with the Project is the need for a strong Environmental and Social Management System to ensure that downstream investments are developed in accordance with DFCs Environmental and Social Policies and Procedures (“ESPP”)and the IFC’s General and Healthcare Facilities Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines. DFC will monitor the effectiveness of the Fund’s application of DFC policies throughout the Project’s life cycle.</p>

	<p>Under DFC’s ESPP, the Fund is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation’s Performance Standard (“PS”) 1 and 2.</p> <p>Because the Project involves an investment in a financial intermediary, significant adverse impacts with respect to community health and safety, biodiversity, land acquisition and resettlement, indigenous peoples and cultural heritage are not anticipated. Therefore, PS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered at this time. Because the Fund may be making follow-on investments in health care, the Fund’s downstream follow-on investments will be subject to DFC’s Policy on Health Care Projects and Medical Devices as outlined in DFC’s 2020 ESPP.</p> <p>The Fund has an Environmental and Social Management System comprised of various policies and procedures that are commensurate to the risks associated with its investment strategy and will guide the Fund to make sustainable environmental and sound social decisions. The ESMS includes procedures and policies for initial due diligence, screening, and monitoring and reporting of projects. However, the Fund will be required to strengthen its stakeholder engagement framework to encompass projects worldwide and to address potentially affected communities or other stakeholders.</p>
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