

Public Information Summary

Host Countries	Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia
Name of Borrower	GIF Growth Limited
Name of Sponsor	GIF
Project Description	The proceeds of the Loan will be used for the purposes of (1) improving access to public services and private markets for the poor, (2) increasing agency for women and girls, and (3) investing in climate adaptation and resilience, in each case by providing finance in the form of Debt Instruments (but not Convertible Instruments) to MSMEs in the Project Countries in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Transaction Documents (the “Project”).
Proposed DFC Loan	\$10,000,000
All-Source Funding Total	\$58,500,000
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	The Project is expected to have a positive development impact by addressing the global MSME finance gap with an innovative strategy targeting early-stage enterprises which benefit underserved populations primarily in low-income and lower middle-income countries. The Borrower’s investment strategy of deploying fit-for-purpose debt and equity instruments is supported by an in-house impact management, gender-lens investing, and climate-lens investing tools. Women are expected to particularly benefit from the Project, with the Sponsor, having adopted a strong suite of gender-lens investing tools for screening potential investments and ongoing portfolio monitoring. As a result, the Project is expected to qualify for 2X based on the employment, leadership, and investment through financial intermediaries criteria.
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>The Project has been reviewed against the DFC’s 2020 Environmental and Social Policies and Procedures manual (“ESPP”) and has been determined to be categorically eligible. DFC investments into pooled vehicles -who will subsequently invest into SMEs and opportunistically in corporate entities are classified as Financial Intermediary B (FI-B) for environmental and social assessment. Based on DFC’s due diligence, the Borrower’s downstream investments are anticipated to pose environmental and social risks that are site specific and can be readily mitigated though the application of sound environmental and social management practices.</p> <p>To ensure that the Borrower’s investments are consistent with the DFC’s statutory and policy requirements, the DFC loan will be subject to conditions regarding the use of proceeds. The primary environmental</p>

	<p>and social issues identified in this transaction relate to the need for an Environmental and Social Management System (“ESMS”) that meets the 2012 IFC Performance Standards.</p> <p>Under the DFC’s ESPP, the Borrower 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. A desk-review based due diligence assessment indicates that because the Project will use DFC support for a pooled vehicle to make subsequent debt investments in SMEs and corporates involved in the agriculture and food, climatech, and financial services sectors across Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, significant adverse impacts concerning 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.</p> <p>The Borrower has an Environmental and Social Management system generally commensurate with the risks associated with its investment strategy but will require some strengthening of its processes as a condition of DFC support. This will include strengthening and updating its ESMS to include grievance mechanism verifications of its portfolio investments, client protection standards for financial service providers, and examination of supply chain risks within its Portfolio Companies.</p>
Grants Assessment	N/A