

**INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC**

Host Country:	Ecuador
Name of Borrower:	Axxis Hospital (the “Borrower”)
Project Description:	Expansion of an existing 84-bed hospital in Quito, Ecuador that specializes in healthcare services for women and children, including the completion of Tower 1 and the development and construction of Tower 2 and the addition of 68 beds in Tower 2 (the “Project”).
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$18,450,000 with a 9.5-year term loan term, including a 24-month, interest-only grace period on principal repayment.
Total Project Costs:	\$30,222,491
U.S. Sponsor:	MELE Associates, Inc. is a U.S. small business headquartered in Rockville, Maryland.
Foreign Sponsor:	N/A
<b>Policy Review</b>	
U.S. Economic Impact:	The Project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy. There is no U.S. procurement associated with this Project, and therefore the Project is expected to have a neutral impact on U.S. employment. The Project is not expected to have an impact on the U.S. trade balance.
Developmental Effects:	The Project will have a highly developmental impact on Ecuador by improving healthcare infrastructure in the country. The Project will expand the only private healthcare facility in Ecuador focused on providing state-of-the-art maternal and pediatric services. The Project will target middle income private health consumers in and around Quito. The Project anticipates hiring more than 300 new employees, and it will utilize modern medical equipment that meets U.S. medical standards. The Project will also increase the availability of medical services available to women. The Project aligns with U.N. Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health & Well-Being).
Environment:	The Project has been reviewed against DFC’s categorical prohibitions and has been determined to be categorically eligible. Construction and operation of hospitals are screened as Category B projects under DFC’s environmental and social guidelines because impacts are site specific and readily mitigated. The primary environmental concerns related to this project are impacts from construction, the need for appropriate management of wastewater and wastes, including medical and radioactive wastes, prevention of occupational exposure to hazards, including communicable diseases, and the need for appropriate emergency response procedures. In addition, DFC considers issues related to quality of care in evaluating health

	care facilities to ensure they contribute to improved public health within the country.
Worker Rights & Human Rights:	Based on representations made by the Borrower, the Project should not result in significant adverse social impacts. The social impacts resulting from the Project can be mitigated to acceptable levels through the adoption of recommended standards and guidelines.