

Public Information Summary

Host Country	Egypt
Name of Guaranteed Party	Commercial International Bank SAE
Project Description	Loan portfolio guaranty to expand the Guaranteed Party's lending to small and medium-sized enterprises
Proposed DFC Guaranty	\$25,000,000
All-Source Funding Total	\$41,666,667
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	<p>Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are key drivers of growth in Egypt responsible for 80% of GDP and over 75% of private sector employment. However, this critical segment of the economy faces a financing gap of \$39 billion, representing 94% of estimated need with only approximately 20% of SMEs reporting having access to any credit. This challenge is particularly acute for women-owned/led SMEs, which face financial access constraints augmented by societal norms and institutional barriers to growth. The country's banking sector has limited confidence lending to this sector, driven mainly by limited credit history and the inability of many SMEs to meet collateral requirements.</p> <p>In response to this challenge, the Project is expected to have a positive development impact in Egypt by supporting an important local commercial lender in expanding its SME lending portfolio. Additionally, DFC's support is expected to contribute to the bank's goal of increasing lending to women-owned/led enterprises to 20% across its portfolio by 2026. Loans issued under the DFC guaranty are expected to have longer tenors than the bank's current SME portfolio. Given the Project's characteristics, it is categorized as Impactful per DFC's Impact Quotient.</p>