Early Warning System

ADB-49074-001 Sustainable Projects

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2015-09-16
Borrower	BRAC Bank Ltd.
Sectors	Construction, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 30.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 30.00 million



# **Project Description**

This project funds the construction and expansion of garment factories in Bangladesh. Additionally, the project will fund improvements of existing factories to meet certain structural, fire, and electrical safety standards.

## Early Warning System Project Analysis

The ADB classified the project as risk category 'FI'.

## **Investment Description**

• Asian Development Bank (ADB)

BRAC Bank will act as a financial intermediary, distributing ADB's funds.

### **Financial Intermediary**

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

• BRAC Bank Limited (Financial Intermediary) is owned by BRAC (Parent Company)



### **Private Actors Description**

As stated on the company's website, BRAC Bank PLC began with the vision to provide banking solutions to the 'unbanked' Small and Medium Entrepreneurs. Taking inspiration from its parent organization BRAC, the largest NGO in the world, BRAC Bank introduced small ticket loans to the small and medium enterprises (SME), to specifically bring the grassroots entrepreneurs under the umbrella of formal banking service. Close to half of the bank's lending portfolio is comprised of small and medium enterprises – popularly known as the 'SME'.

## **Contact Information**

\*no contact information available\*

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#### **Bank Documents**

- Contribution to the ADB Results Framework [Original Source]
- Country Economic Indicators [Original Source]
- Project Disclosure PDF [Original Source]
- Sector Overview [Original Source]
- Senior Loan to BRAC Bank for Sustainable Projects: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis [Original Source]
- Summary Poverty Reduction and Social Strategy [Original Source]
- Sustainable Projects: Report and Recommendation of the President [Original Source]