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#### **Quick Facts**

| Countries              | Nepal                        |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Financial Institutions | Asian Development Bank (ADB) |
| Status                 | Approved                     |
| Bank Risk Rating       | C                            |
| Voting Date            | 2023-11-29                   |
| Borrower               | Global IME Bank Limited      |
| Sectors                | Finance, Industry and Trade  |
| Investment Type(s)     | Grant, Loan                  |
| Loan Amount (USD)      | \$ 20.00 million             |
| Grant Amount (USD)     | \$ 2.30 million              |
| Project Cost (USD)     | \$ 32.30 million             |



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#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the project aims to increase Global IME Bank Limited's capacity for SME lending, particularly to WSMEs, to strengthen their capacity to render services to women borrowers and to improve their knowledge of uncollateralized WSME lending and the performance of underlying loans. The project aims to promote the development of a new financial product and accelerate the progress in gender equality.



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#### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

Environment: FI

Involuntary Resettlement: FI-C Indigenous Peoples: FI-C

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#### **Investment Description**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- A senior loan up to \$30,000,000 (including B Loans of up to \$10,000,000) to support financing for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Nepal.
- A grant of \$1,300,000 under ADF-PSW's blended finance solution to address affordability issues for disadvantaged womenowned SMEs (WSMEs) (i.e., interest concessions for onward lending to WSMEs)
- A contingent grant of up to \$1,000,000, through an unfunded risk transfer arrangement, under ADF-PSW's loan guarantee solution, to cover a portion of the bank's portfolio of uncollateralized loans to WSMEs.
- A technical assistance (TA) from an existing TA of up to \$250,000 to support the bank's digitization initiatives.

#### **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.

• Global IME Bank Limited (Financial Intermediary)



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#### **Private Actors Description**

Global IME Bank Limited provides commercial banking services in Nepal. It offers saving, fixed, and current deposit products; and loans and advances, such as consumer/personal, small business, small and medium enterprises, and corporate loans.

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#### **Contact Information**

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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#### **Bank Documents**

- Global IME Supporting Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Project: FAST Report
- Global IME Supporting Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Project: Gender Action Plan