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Quick Facts

Countries	Sri Lanka
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-02-21
Borrower	Bank of Ceylon PLC, People's Bank PLC (Government of Sri Lanka)
Sectors	Education and Health, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 180.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 180.00 million

Project Description

According to AIIB websiye, the project aims to provide financing support and increase the supply of liquidity to corporate and small-medium sized private enterprises in Sri Lanka affected by the economic upheaval due to COVID-19.

The project will be supported by two sovereign-backed loans, one to each of two state-owned banks, Bank of Ceylon (BOC) and People’s Bank (PB). The project will address the urgent need for liquidity by providing credit to corporates and small and medium-sized private enterprises (SMEs). These companies are facing short-term funding challenges due to the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the continued provision of credit is necessary to support the productive capacity of the country.

BOC and PB will on-lend the proceeds to corporates and SMEs in the form of short-term working capital loans. Sri Lanka will be the guarantor of the loans.

This project will be processed under the AIIB’s COVID-19 Recovery Facility, a framework designed to assist members in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The AIIB categorized the project E&S risks as 'FI'.

Investment Description

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

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.

- Bank of Ceylon PLC (Financial Intermediary)
- People's Bank (Sri Lanka) (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the AIIB, Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank are two State.owned banks operating in Sri Lanka.

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: https://www.aiib.org/en/contact/information-request/index.html

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF AIIB

The AIIB has established the Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People (PPM). The PPM provides Òan opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIBÕs failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project level GRMs or AIIB Management processes.Ó Two or more project-affected people can file a complaint. Under the current AIIB policy, when the bank co-finances a project with another development bank, it may apply the other bank's standards. You can refer to the Project Summary Information document to find out which standards apply. You can learn more about the PPM and how to file a complaint at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html

The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html

Bank Documents

- Project Document (February 25, 2021)
- Project Implementation Monitoring Report (April 2024)
- Project Implementation Monitoring Report (August 2021)
- Project Implementation Monitoring Report (August 2022)
- Project Implementation Monitoring Report (August 2023)
- Project Implementation Monitoring Report (December 2022)
- Project Implementation Monitoring Report (February 2022)
- Project Summary (September 24, 2020) [Original Source]