Early Warning System

DFC-2017-WBCLOLCFINA

WBC - LOLC Finance PLC

Quick Facts

Countries	Sri Lanka
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	LOLC Micro Credit Limited (“LOMC”)
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 14.62 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 14.62 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 15.45 million

Project Description

According to DFC, the proposed project will lead to expansion of LOMC’s micro loan and lease portfolio in Sri Lanka. This Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact in Sri Lanka with increased lending to individuals that are underserved with a particular focus on poor, rural women.The Project will reach into rural areas and villages with a high concentration of unbanked households through its strategic partnership with Sri Lanka Post, the national post office system. This permeation will also allow borrowers access to technical assistance to their loans. It will also create new local professional jobs (many of whom will be filled by women) with benefits and provides support to local communities through its Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

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Private Actor Relationship

US Sponsor: Financial Services Volunteer Corps

Foreign Sponsor: Lanka Orix Leasing Company Limited

Private Actors Description

LOLC is one of the largest microcredit providers in Sri Lanka, with over 250,000 borrowers, 70% of which are women. They are certified under the Smart Campaign, a voluntary set of principles to protect clients from over-indebtedness, predatory lending, and unfair treatment.

Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]