Early Warning System

DFC-2020-BANCOGUAYAQUIL

Banco Guayaquil S.A.

Quick Facts

Countries	Ecuador
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Banco Guayaquil S.A.
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 92.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 122.67 million

Project Description

The proceeds of the loan will be used to support the expansion of the small, and medium enterprise loan portfolio of Banco Guayaquil S.A. (“Banco Guayaquil”) with at least 50% of loan proceeds to be dedicated to women-owned or women-led businesses (the “Project”).

The Project is expected to have a positive developmental impact in Ecuador through provision of a loan facility to a major bank for on-lending to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), with half of DFC loan proceeds for on-lending to women-owned or women-led SMEs. The Project will support these SMEs at a critical period, with Ecuador’s 2020 real GDP forecast to decline 6.3 percent according to the International Monetary Fund, the country’s worst performance in over 40 years if realized. As of 2018, the International Finance Corporation reported Ecuador’s SME financing gap at $15.7 billion (or approximately 16 percent of GDP), with women-owned and women-led SMEs accounting for approximately $1.3 billion of the total.

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This loan has a 8 tenor.

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.

- Banco Guayaquil SA (Financial Intermediary)

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

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