Early Warning System

DFC-2020-WBCCOOPERATIVA

WBC-Cooperativa de Ahorro y Credito Jardin Azuayo

Quick Facts

Countries	Ecuador
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Cooperativa de Ahorro y Credito Jardin Azuayo Ltda.
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 9.75 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 10.30 million

Project Description

Expansion of lending to micro, small, and medium enterprises (“MSMEs”), mainly in rural communities in southern Ecuador.

The Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact by supporting micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) lending in Ecuador, primarily to rural clients including women. The MSME financing gap in Ecuador is estimated at $17.9 billion, or approximately 18 percent of GDP. Women MSMEs in Ecuador amount to over 100,000 and have a greater than $1.5 billion finance gap. The Project is expected to support over 1,500 MSME clients at the peak of its support.

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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.

- Cooperativa de Ahorro y Credito Jardin Azuayo Ltda. (Financial Intermediary)

Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]