

 Early Warning System

DFC-2021-BANCOIMPROSA

Banco Improsa, S.A.



Quick Facts

Countries	Costa Rica
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Banco Improsa, S.A.
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 15.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 87.61 million



Project Description

DFC will provide a direct loan to Banco Improsa, S.A. for the purpose of providing loans to small and medium enterprises (“SMEs”) and women-owned and women-led SMEs in Costa Rica.

The project is expected to have a positive developmental impact in Costa Rica by funding credit to SMEs, including women-owned or women-led businesses. According to the International Finance Corporation (“IFC”), the financing gap among microenterprises and SMEs equals 9% of the country’s GDP. SMEs provide approximately one third of the nation’s employment, and less than one in five SMEs are financed through formal credit. IFC counts 13.6% of Costa Rican SMEs as women-owned or women-led and counts 56% of womenowned or women-led businesses as credit constrained.



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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.

- [Banco Improsa, S.A.](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Contact Information

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Bank Documents

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