Early Warning System

# DFC-2021-BANCOINTERNACI

## Banco Internacional S.A.

## Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | Guatemala |
| **Financial Institutions** | US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) |
| **Status** | Active |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | C |
| **Borrower** | Banco Internacional, S.A. |
| **Sectors** | Finance, Industry and Trade |
| **Ring Fence** | Small & Medium Enterprises |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 15.00 million |
| **Loan Amount (USD)** | $ 15.00 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 30.00 million |

## Project Description

PORJECT DESCRIPTION

A loan portfolio guaranty with Interbanco to catalyze lending to SMEs including those in the Western Highlands Departments of Guatemala.

DEVELOPMENT OBJETIVES

The Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact on Guatemala's economy through coverage of loans to SMEs. In Guatemala, SMEs currently employ an estimated75% of the population, yet they face a $13.7 billion financing gap. Guatemala's economy is estimated to have contracted by three percent in 2020 because of the pandemic, in which SMEs were significantly affected by lockdown measures such as falling demand, bottlenecks in supply chains, and diminishing liquidity. SMEs located in economically vulnerable regions, such as the Western Highlands, are expected to be particularly impacted by COVID-19. The Guaranteed Party estimates that DFC will provide coverage to approximately 150 new loans to SMEs, a minimum of 10 percent of which will be lent to borrowers located in the Western Highlands. In order to incentivize the Guaranteed Party to increase lending to economically vulnerable regions, DFC will offer 60% coverage on loans to borrowers in the Western Highlands compared to 50% for the rest of the portfolio.

### Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

### 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 Internacional, S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

## Contact Information

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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## Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure