Early Warning System

DFC-2021-CKERSFINANCE

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Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Electronica Finance Limited, cKers Finance Private Limited
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 12.50 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 12.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 41.66 million

Project Description

According to DFC documents, the proposed investment is a multiparty loan portfolio guaranty intended to strengthen each guaranteed party’s ability to provide loans to micro, small and medium enterprises, residential consumers, or low-income community-based organizations in India that are investing in or providing distributed renewable energy generation solutions, such as rooftop solar solutions, with the ultimate goal of reducing carbon emissions, thereby creating a positive impact on the environment.

The objectives of the project are to support deployment of off-grid solutions in India largely for rooftop solar systems. It also seeks to support India's renewable energy targets of 175 GW of installed renewable capacity by 2022 which includes a target of 100 GW of solar power. Out of the total installed capacity for solar power 40 GW will be met with off-grid, solar solutions. These goals will be met through direct lending to businesses, as well as to providers of solar solutions.

In addition, this transaction is consistent with the goals outlined in the USAID Country Development Cooperation Strategy for India, which calls for use of renewable energy as a means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the energy capacity.

The Project has been reviewed against DFC’s 2020 Environmental and Social Policies and Procedures manual (“ESPP”) and has been determined to be categorically eligible. DFC loan portfolio guaranties for the expansion of lending to micro, small, and medium enterprises are screened as a Category C for environmental and social assessment. These downstream investments are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts.

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Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]