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Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Middle East Investment Initiative-Palestine
Sectors	Finance, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 3.54 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 3.53 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 3.54 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the technical assistance will increase the developmental impact of a Loan Guarantee Facility (LGF), which supports the development of lending to Palestinian small- and medium-sized commercial enterprises by guaranteeing loans made by privatelyowned commercial banks and local microfinance institutions. Activities include providing training workshops and other capacity building activities, monitoring loan origination and recovery, vetting lenders and borrowers, and other activities to execute the LGF.

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.

- Middle East Investment Initiative-Palestine (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, the Middle East Investment Initiative (MEII) was created in 2005 in response to the growing economic challenges in the region. MEII was developed through efforts of the Aspen Institute Middle East Strategy Group, under the leadership of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Chuck Hagel, in which principals from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), now U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and the Palestine Investment Fund (PIF) participated.

Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]