

Early Warning System

DFC-2021-PUNJABRENEWABL

Punjab Renewable Energy Systems

Quick Facts

Countries	India
Specific Location	Punjab
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	HSBC India
Sectors	Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 13.30 million

Project Description

According to IFC documents, the proposed project is anticipated to have a highly developmental impact through the support of biomass power production in India. Specifically,thisProject will support the Borrowers' construction of seven biomass briquette plants, the output of which is utilized to both power biomass power plants operated by the Borrowers as well as other facilities in the country. India has an increasing demand for energy stemming from its growing population and expanding economy. This increased energy demand is mostly being supplied by fossil fuels with only 15% of supplied energy coming from renewable energy sources. India must develop greener alternatives to help meet the growing demand and to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. The Project is expected to increase the production of biomass fuel, a fossil fuel alternative from 250,000 MT to over1,950,000MT within the next five years. In addition, the project will source its biomass materials from smallholder farmers and create jobs in states with high rates of poverty, unemployment, and informal employment.

The major environmental and social issues associated with the Project are air emissions (particulate matter), appropriate worker health and safety measures, discrimination and harassment targeting members of minority groups including women, child and forced labor, and life and fire safety. The Project is subject to an assessment of climate resiliency.

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Contact Information

No contact information was provided during the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]