Early Warning System

DFC-2022-ARABTUNISIANB

Arab Tunisian Bank Guaranty

Quick Facts

Countries	Tunisia
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Arab Tunisian Bank
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 22.75 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 22.75 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 35.00 million

Project Description

According to the bank document, the investment involves a loan portfolio guaranty to mobilize commercial loans for small- and medium-sized enterprises (“SMEs”) across Tunisia. Loans to SMEs in rural, inland areas of the country will be guaranteed up to 65%, while loans to SMEs in urban economic hubs will be guaranteed up to 50%.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

As stated in project disclosure documents, DFC loan portfolio guaranties for the expansion of lending to small- and medium-sized enterprises are screened as a Category C for environmental and social assessment.

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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.

- Arab Tunisian Bank (Financial Intermediary)

Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]