

 Early Warning System

DFC-2022-BANCOCOVALTOS

Banco Covalto S.A.



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Mexico
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Borrower</b>	Banco Covalto, S.A. Institución de Banca Múltiple
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance, Industry and Trade
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 10.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 57.00 million



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## Project Description

The Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact through the provision of innovative financial goods and services to SMEs in Mexico. The Mexican economy is heavily dependent on the health of SMEs as they comprise 97.2% of all private enterprises, account for over 62% of private-sector employment and contribute to over 30% of GDP. Yet in Mexico, SMEs often lack access to capital as 23% of SMEs are either fully or partially constrained with the current SME financing gap standing at \$163 billion. In addition, the Project anticipates increasing the Financial Intermediary's percentage of women borrowers from 23% of its borrowers to 35%. Through its strategic digital partnerships, the Financial Intermediary will use its innovative technology platform to collect and analysis data to underwrite unsecured business loans to underserved SMEs.



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## Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)



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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
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## Contact Information

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