Early Warning System

DFC-2022-ROOTCAPITALI

Root Capital, Inc.

Quick Facts

Countries	Benin, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Congo, Democratic Republic of, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Root Capital, Inc.
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Finance
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 35.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 35.00 million

Project Description

According to disclosure documents, this project involves:

A guaranty of qualifying loans to small and medium enterprises in the agricultural sector in DFC-eligible countries (“SMEs”) in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia. The guaranty facility will improve resilience by mitigating risk, enabling Root Capital to better absorb force majeure risk, such as COVID-19, and launch new lending products for climate adaptation and mitigation.

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.

- Root Capital (Financial Intermediary)

Contact Information

Project contacts not available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]