

 Early Warning System

DFC-2022-ULINKAGRITECH  
ULINK AGRITECH PRIVATE LIMITED



## Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	INI Farms Private Limited
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 14.00 million



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## Project Description

According to DFC, The Project is anticipated to have a highly developmental impact on the Indian economy through support for a company with inclusive supply chains, which will lead to job creation and human capital development. They claim that smallholder farmers in India are constrained by low productivity, labor intensive agricultural methods, poor post-harvest storage and market linkages, which all contribute to decreased incomes and elevated levels of poverty. The Borrower sources its agricultural commodities primarily from smallholder farmer-collectives and works with these farmers to improve agricultural practices. They state that selective use of fertilizer and pesticides can lead to a 30 to 40% increase in farmers' incomes. Furthermore, the Project's modern infrastructure (packhouses, cold stores, ripening centers) are anticipated to reduce wastage, and increase shelf life by as much as 50% allowing access to long-distance markets and improving food security.



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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.

- [HSBC Bank Plc](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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### Private Actors Description

Ulink Agritech Private Limited, also known as Agrostar, is an Indian agri-tech startup that simplifies the agri-business experience for farmers in rural India by providing timely and actionable information and agri-inputs, and is known for its focus on data and technology.



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## Contact Information

*No contact information provided at the time of disclosure*

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## Bank Documents

- [Project Disclosure](#) [\[Original Source\]](#)

## Media

- [DFC provides guarantee to HSBC for loan to Agritech](#)