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Quick Facts

Countries	Turkiye
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Akbank T.A.S.
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 150.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 187.50 million

Project Description

As stated by the DFC, the project consists of a $150 million Basel III-compliant Tier 2 bond to expand the Borrower’s on-lending to women and women-led small and medium enterprises, including in Turkey’s least developed regions.
Tthe Project is expected to have a positive development impact in Turkey by helping to address the country’s small and medium enterprise (“SME”) financing gap, which is estimated to be approximately $80 billion, or 11% of GDP. More specifically, the Project will seek to improve the livelihoods of women by allocating 100% of project proceeds to improve access to finance to both individual women and women-led/women-owned SMEs. Additionally, the Project will address the ever-present lack of financial service penetration in rural areas by allocating 50% of the project proceeds to women and women-led/women-owned SMEs in the country’s least developed regions, including provinces in southern and eastern Turkey.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Loans for the purposes of providing Tier II capital are screened as Category C projects for the purpose of environmental and social assessment in accordance with DFC's ESPP.

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.

- Akbank T.A.S. (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, Akbank T.A.S. attracts deposits and offers retail and corporate banking services. The Group offers consumer credits, credit cards, wealth management, health and life insurance, pension plans, risk management, project financing, foreign trade and cash management services through its branches in Turkey and overseas.

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Bank Documents

- Project Disclosure [Original Source]