

 Early Warning System

DFC-2023-ORABANKBENIN

Orabank Benin



Quick Facts

Countries	Benin
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Borrower	Orabank Benin S.A.
Sectors	Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 7.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 15.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of an loan portfolio guaranty to support lending to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Benin, particularly those operating in the health sector. At least 30 percent of the value of lending will be disbursed to businesses led by women or persons with disabilities.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

DFC loan portfolio guaranties to financial institutions for the expansion of lending to micro, small, and medium enterprises are screened as a Financial Intermediary C (FI-C) for environmental and social assessment. These downstream investments are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts. Therefore, all those downstream investments have been pre-screened as low risk and further review and consent is not required for these investments.



Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Loan portfolio guaranty

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.

- [Orabank Benin S.A.](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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