

 Early Warning System

DFC-2023-UPGRIDELECTRIL
Upgrid Electrilease Private Limited



Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Upgrid Electrilease Private Limited (Battery Smart)
Sectors	Energy, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 45.00 million



Project Description

According to the DFC, the Project is expected to have a positive development impact in India by providing convenient and affordable lithium-ion battery swapping services by Battery Smart, supporting the expansion of electric autorickshaws and increasing income for low-income autorickshaw drivers.

DFC support will enable Battery Smart to rapidly scale their network, supporting the expansion of electric mobility use across India.



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Private Actors Description

As stated by the DFC, Upgrid Electrilease Private Limited (Battery Smart) is a battery swapping network for electric vehicles in India. They launched in 2019 with a focus on electric mobility and economic growth for “bottom of the pyramid” electric rickshaw drivers and small business owners.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Upgrid Electrilease Private Limited (Battery Smart)	Client	Transport



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