

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-AVAANACLIMATE

Avaana Climate and Sustainability Fund (Fund II)



Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Avaana Sustainability Fund
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 130.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, Avaana Sustainability Fund is a \$130 million venture fund that invests in technology-based companies that enable climate solutions and sustainability. The Fund invests in startups in the following sectors: 1) energy and resource management, 2) e-mobility and related supply chains, and 3) sustainable agriculture value chain and responsible consumption.

The Fund seeks to have a positive development impact in India by providing much needed capital to innovative early-stage companies that use new and existing technologies to address climate change. The Fund plans to invest in concepts that address inefficiencies in high carbon-emitting activities in the region, including energy and resource management, mobility and supply chains, and food and consumption.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the Public Information Summary, DFC direct investments into investment funds that will subsequently support both SMEs and mid-cap companies are classified as a Financial Intermediary - B (FI-B) activity for the purposes of environmental and social assessment. Based on DFC's due diligence, the Fund's downstream investments are anticipated to pose environmental and social risks that are site specific and can be readily mitigated through the application of sound environmental and social management practices.



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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.

- [Avaana Capital Advisors LLP](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

According to Bloomberg, *Avaana Capital Advisors LLP* operates as a venture capital firm. The Company invests in early stage startup companies and provides capital to entrepreneurs.



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Bank Documents

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