

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-BANKOFPALESTI

Bank of Palestine PSC



Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Borrower	Bank of Palestine PSC
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 55.75 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 55.75 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 80.00 million



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## Project Description

According to bank provided information, the investment involves a loan portfolio guaranty for lending to SMEs (as defined below) in West Bank & Gaza (the “Project”). This Project is expected to have a positive development impact in the West Bank and Gaza by helping to address the territories’ small and medium enterprise (“SME”) financing gap. MSMEs – including both microenterprises as well as the SMEs being targeted by the Project – represent 99% of existing enterprises in the West Bank and Gaza and employ more than 96% of workers; however, these businesses face difficulty accessing credit due to widespread informality, lack of awareness in banking knowledge, poor bookkeeping practices, and an unreliable legal environment. The Project will catalyze \$80 million in lending for SMEs, with 31.25% of Project funds anticipated to go to particularly underserved segments including businesses in Area C and Gaza as well as agricultural enterprises.



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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.

- [Bank of Palestine](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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## Contact Information

Borrower information not provided at the time of disclosure

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## Bank Documents

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