

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-COMMUNITYMARKE

Community Markets for Conservation Limited (COMACO)



Quick Facts

Countries	Zambia
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Community Markets for Conservation (COMACO)
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 7.00 million



Project Description

As stated on the project disclosure page, DFC's loan of \$5 million to COMACO will support the operational and capital expenses needed for COMACO to continue growing its operation primarily in Zambia (the "Project"). COMACO's innovative and multifaceted approach of promoting sustainable agriculture, enhancing economic opportunities, and building resilience aims to break the cycle of poverty and food insecurity while adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change.



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Private Actors Description

As stated on their website, COMACO's mission is to "build relationships between farmers and nature for both to thrive together on a scale that can protect entire ecosystems."



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Community Markets for Conservation (COMACO)	Client	Agriculture and Forestry



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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