

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-GJIRAFAINC

Gjirafa, Inc



Quick Facts

Countries	Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Gjirafa, Inc.
Sectors	Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 7.14 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of a \$5 million direct Loan to Gjirafa, Inc. for the expansion of its e-commerce platform and related businesses. These businesses include video and television production, gaming, and streaming activities. Gjirafa, Inc. operates the first e-commerce platforms in the western Balkans. The DFC direct Loan will allow the Company to expand its e commerce operations, specifically by upgrading the IT backbone to handle more transactions, to improve and expand customer engagement and to allow Gjirafa, Inc. to grow its existing activities and businesses in Albania and in North Macedonia.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

DFC loans to investment funds who will support an e-commerce company 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)

7-year loan, \$5,000,000 direct loan.



Private Actors Description

Gjirafa, Inc. operates the first e-commerce platforms in the western Balkans. Their businesses include video and television production, gaming, and streaming activities.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Gjirafa, Inc.	Client	-



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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