

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-HELIOSCLEARFU

Helios CLEAR Fund SCSp



Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Helios Investment Partners LLP
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Energy, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 40.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 18.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 400.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the DFC, the Fund will invest in climate-focused growth businesses, seeking to scale and accelerate green growth in Africa, protect livelihoods from the effects of climate change and support Africa's contribution to global net zero goals.

Predominantly focused on lower-middle-income countries, the Fund will seek investment opportunities across renewable energy, food and agriculture, green transit and logistics, resource efficiency, and climate enablers. The Fund Manager will build on its deep expertise in Africa to make control investments in growth-oriented companies.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

As stated in the project disclosure document, DFC equity investments into Investment Funds who will support investments into SMEs are screened as a Financial Intermediary B (FI-B) for environmental and social assessment.



Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

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.

- [Helios Investment Partners LLP](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by Bloomberg, Helios Investment Partners LLP operates as a private equity firm. The Company focuses on leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, joint ventures, seed stage venture capital, restructurings, and equity investments. Helios Investment Partners serves clients worldwide.



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Under the United States Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), DFC is obliged to respond to reasonably formulated requests for Agency records. However, DFC may apply exemptions from release to certain types of information and may charge fees in responding to requests. DFC has a designated FOIA officer who is trained in how to respond to requests and implement the law. You can learn more about filing a FOIA request at: <https://www.dfc.gov/foia>

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (DFC)

The Office of Accountability is an independent office that addresses complaints about environmental or social issues related to DFC-supported projects. The office provides communities an opportunity to have concerns independently reviewed and addressed. If you submit a complaint to the Office of Accountability, it may assist you by either seeking to address your problems by facilitating a problem solving dialogue between you and those implementing the project and/or investigating whether the DFC complied with its policies to prevent environmental, social, human rights, and labor harms.

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Bank Documents

- [Project Disclosure](#) [\[Original Source\]](#)



Other Related Projects

- EIB-20230054 HELIOS CLEAR FUND SCSP
- FMO-63044 Helios CLEAR Fund SCSp