



DFC-2024-PHONGSAVANHBAN

Phongsavanh Bank LPG



## Quick Facts

Countries	Laos
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Phongsavanh Bank (PSVB)
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 4.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 5.00 million



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## Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of a loan portfolio guaranty to support increased lending under the Village Fund program.

The Project will support up to \$5,000,000 in new loans disbursed to Village Funds in Laos PDR. PSVB administers the Village Fund Program which provides unsecured loans to "Village Funds", small-scale financial services groups. The bank provides loan(s) to each Village Fund to execute projects against a business plan that help generate income and improve livelihoods in their village/community. The Village Fund program is a specialized program tailored to serve village populations that have been underserved by the financial sector and is the only program in Laos PDR that allows village populations to access finance from a commercial bank at reasonable rates.



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## Early Warning System Project Analysis

DFC loans to financial institutions who will utilize the loan to expand their small, and medium enterprise lending 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.



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## 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.

- [Phongsavanh Bank \(PSVB\)](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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### Private Actors Description

According to the Company's website, *Phongsavanh Bank (PSVB)* was the first and is the leading private bank in Lao PDR. It provides a comprehensive range of financial services to over 350,000 retail, SME, corporate and institutional customers through 60 branches and an extensive ATM network.



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## Contact Information

*No contacts available at the time of disclosure.*

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## Bank Documents

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