

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-PSBLITHENATIO

PSBLI The National Bank



Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Specific Location	West Bank
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Middle East Investment Initiative (“MEII”); The National Bank (“TNB”)
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 17.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 193.70 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project involves the provision of loan guaranty and financial lease guaranty facility for micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises ("MSMEs") operating in and households located in the West Bank.

By partnering with local lenders and lessors to de-risk financing MSMEs, the Project will not only increase access to finance in the short term but will increase local financial institutions' confidence in future lending to this enterprise segment. DFC technical assistance ("TA"), operating in coordinating with MEII's existing TA program, will support both the partner financial institutions ("FIs") and MSMEs. The Project is particularly expected to benefit women-owned enterprises through the adoption of strong gender targets, partnership with new FIs targeting women borrowers, and business development support to women micro entrepreneurs. Additionally, the Project will expand eligibility for coverage to home improvement loans for the first time, expected to represent 15% of the guaranty cover.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

DFC loan portfolio guarantees for financial intermediaries to expand their MSME portfolio 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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- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

\$150 million (12-year total facility tenor, 8-year downstream loan origination period), \$17 million (TNB allocation)

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.

- [Middle East Investment Initiative-Palestine](#) (Financial Intermediary)
- [The National Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

Middle East Investment Initiative - MEII is a non-profit organization that leverages public and private resources to deliver finance and technical assistance programs.

TNB is the second largest local commercial bank and the third largest bank in West Bank & Gaza, with a market share of 15%, 16.5% and 15% in terms of assets, loans and deposits, respectively, as of YE2019. TNB has around 632 employees and operates through 21 branches in the West Bank. TNB offers a broad array of financial products and services including retail, corporate, Islamic banking (through its subsidiary the Palestine Islamic Bank), e-banking and SME lending.



Contact Information

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Bank Documents

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



Other Related Projects

- DFC-2024-PSBLIBANKOFP PSBLI Bank of Palestine PSC
- DFC-2024-PSBLICAIROAMM PSBLI Cairo Amman Bank
- DFC-2024-PSBLIQUDSBANK PSBLI Quds Bank
- DFC-2024-PSBLIBANKOFJ PSBLI Bank of Jordan
- DFC-2024-PSBLIJORDANAH PSBLI Jordan Ahli Bank