

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-VICTORYFARMSL

Victory Farms Limited



Quick Facts

Countries	Kenya
Specific Location	Lake Victoria
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Victory Farms Limited
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 20.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 20.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 62.30 million



Project Description

As stated by the DFC, the project consists of capital expenditure and working capital loan to expand the Borrower's sustainable tilapia production, processing, distribution, and retail operations in Kenya and refinance a loan assumed by the Parent for the benefit of the Borrower.

The Project is expected to have a positive development impact in Kenya by reducing post-harvest losses in the aquaculture sector and increasing access to protein in rural areas. Victory Farms' (VF) innovative, cold-chain distribution model relies on embedded data analytics and cooling boxes that do not require electricity, ensuring sufficient cooling even in the event of a black-out.

Not requiring consistent electricity in its retail shops allows VF to market its fish in areas where grid electricity is unreliable, locations that are difficult for fresh product vendors to reach while still offering affordable prices. In addition, VF's model enables female entrepreneurs to earn money reselling the fish. DFC has qualified VF as 2X based on the leadership and consumption criteria.

Given the Project's characteristics, it is categorized as Exceptionally Impactful per DFC's Impact Quotient (IQ).



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Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, Victory Farms and its innovative technologies bring together the best aquaculture practices from around the globe to tackle the challenges of; rapidly declining wild fish catch in Lake Victoria, rising populations and undernourishment. Our mission is to build a commercial tilapia farm that can feed 2 billion Africans with affordable, accessible and healthy protein over the next 2 decades. The company aims to do so while also working toward becoming the most sustainable fish farm on the planet.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Victory Farms Limited (Kenya)	Client	Agriculture and Forestry



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

Client - Victory Farms Limited:

Website: <https://victoryfarmskenya.com/>

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