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Quick Facts

Countries	Kazakhstan
Specific Location	Astana, Almaty
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Completed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2016-10-04
Borrower	ForteBank JSC
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 10.00 million

Project Description

This project finances ForteBank JSC as a financial intermediary for lending to eligible women-led micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Kazakhstan. This loan will be complemented by the development of sustainable credit mechanisms targeted at women-led SMEs through technical assistance to ForteBank JSC.

A special focus will be given to the distribution of funds in the regions outside Astana and Almaty, the administrative and financial capitals of Kazakhstan.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The EBRD categorized the project risk as 'FI'.

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- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

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.

- ForteBank JSC (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the EBRD, Forte is the 8th largest bank (out of 35) in the country with total assets of USD 3.0 billion, equity of USD 494 million and market shares of 4.5% in total assets, 3.3% in customer loans and 4.7% in deposits at 1Q2016. The bank offers a wide range of retail, corporate and SME product offering via its distribution network of 19 branches and 145 outlets in 39 cities and rural settlements of Kazakhstan.

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