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Quick Facts

Countries	Armenia
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2020-01-21
Borrower	Converse Bank CJSC
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 2.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 2.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, this project finances onlending to women-led micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

This loan will be followed by the development of sustainable credit mechanisms targeted at women-led micro, small and medium-sized enterprises through technical assistance to Converse Bank and technical support for women-led micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

Investment Description

- 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.

- Converse Bank CJSC (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

Converse Bank CJSC is an established dynamically growing bank, which offers various services to individuals and legal entities. Among 17 banks in Armenia, Converse Banks ranks the 6th by three indicators: total assets (5.6% market share), loan portfolio (6.2% market share) and customer deposits (6.5% market share) as of 3Q 2019.

Converse Bank CJSC is ultimately owned by Mr. Eduardo Eurnekian, an Argentine businessman with Armenian roots.

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Bank Documents

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- EBRD-50165 Converse Bank MSME Loan