

 Early Warning System

EBRD-55190

FIF - FATEN SME Credit Line II



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Palestine, West Bank, Gaza |
| Financial Institutions | European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) |
| Status | Approved |
| Bank Risk Rating | U |
| Voting Date | 2024-06-25 |
| Borrower | PALESTINIAN COMPANY FOR CREDIT AND DEVELOPMENT (FATEN) |
| Sectors | Finance |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 5.00 million |



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project consists of the provision of a senior MSME loan of up to USD 5.0 million (EUR 4.6 million) in favor of Palestine for Credit and Development (FATEN), a non-profit microfinance institution incorporated in the West Bank and Gaza in 1999. The MSME loan will be structured in two equal tranches (USD 2.5m committed tranche and USD 2.5m uncommitted tranche) and will be utilised by FATEN for on-lending to MSMEs based in the West Bank.

The loan will be accompanied by a 20% first-loss risk cover (FLRC) funded by the European Union through its Initiative for Financial Inclusion (Neighbourhood Investment Facility - SEMED Financial Inclusion Program). The FLRC will be provided for the benefit of FATEN's portfolio of MSMEs to encourage FATEN to continue lending to the most underbanked segments of the economy.

The operation will provide FATEN with uninterrupted supply of finance to be able to support MSMEs in the West Bank particularly following increased financing needs faced by MSMEs in the wake of the Israel-Hamas war, which had severe negative impacts on the economic activity in the West Bank in general, and MSMEs in particular.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Categorised FI (ESP2019).



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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.

- [Faten \(Palestine for Credit and Development\)](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

Palestine for Credit and Development (FATEN) was established in its current form in 1999 as a private non-profit company. In 2014, FATEN was licensed by the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) and is currently operating under its supervision. FATEN is the largest microfinance institution in the WB&G with a market share of 51% in terms of loans as of end of 2023. FATEN operates through 34 branches in the WB&G, covering over 26,600 borrowers.



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Bank Documents

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