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Quick Facts

Countries	Morocco
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2026-04-09
Borrower	Attawfiq Micro-Finance
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 23.38 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 23.38 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the project consists of the provision of a senior unsecured loan of up to EUR 20 million, or equivalent in MAD, in favour of Attawfiq Micro-Finance ("AMF") under the Women in Business ("WIB") programme to support women-led micro, small and medium enterprises (" MSMEs"), with a focus on the ones located in the regions affected by the 8th September 2023 earthquake.

The project aims to promote women's entrepreneurship and participation in business by improving their access to finance and advice through dedicated credit lines and tailored technical assistance programmes. A special focus will be given to distribution of funds in the regions and outreach to new customers. Moreover, the project will support access to finance for women-led MSMEs in the regions affected by the 8th September 2023 earthquake.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Categorised FI (ESP 2024). Attawfiq Microfinance is a new client of the EBRD. Eligible subprojects will support microfinance, which are likely to be of low environmental and social (E&S) risk. The main E&S risks relate to potential impacts arising from the financed subloans.

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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.

- Fondation Attawfiq Micro Finance (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

Attawfiq Micro-Finance (also known as Fondation Attawfiq), established in 2000 as the social branch of Banque Populaire (BCP) Group, is the largest microfinance institution (MFI) in Morocco with total assets of EUR 496m as of YE2025. AMF operates with a network of 500 branches across 11 regions in Morocco, serving more than 296,174 active clients, primarily low-income households, micro-entrepreneurs with a focus on women and micro businesses in rural areas. The institution provides individual and group microloans to support income-generating activities in trade, services, agriculture, and crafts, while also delivering non-financial services.

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You can learn more about the PCM and how to file a complaint at: http://www.ebrd.com/work-with-us/project-finance/project-complaint-mechanism.html

Bank Documents

- PSD Translation (Arabic)
- PSD Translation (French)