

 Early Warning System

FMO-51156
JSC MFO CRYSTAL



Quick Facts

Countries	Georgia
Specific Location	Kutaisi
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2017-03-28
Borrower	JSC Microfinance Organization Crystal
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million



Project Description

As stated by the FMO, to support Crystal's growth, FMO / MASSIF have extended a loan to Crystal. This project is fully in line with FMO's strategy of increasing our impact in Georgia through growing our client base with selected second tier banks and larger MFIs. By supporting Crystal, FMO contributes to improving access to finance for Georgian micro businesses, especially in rural areas. Crystal's inclusive mission and activities fit well within the new Massif's strategy and focus themes. A part of the funding will be used for green lines.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

As stated by the FMO, due to its microfinance activities, Crystal is exposed to limited Environmental and Social risks as a result of small loan sizes. Crystal has an Exclusion List and a Social and an Environmental Policy in place. A dedicated Social Responsibility Officer is responsible for its implementation who reports directly to the Chief Operations Officer, who is also in charge of Credit. The Social Policy and its implementation is rather successful to improve the organizations performance in reaching its social objectives, both with respect to its customers, its employees and its communities. The SR Officer undertakes regular environmental impact assessment for key sectors financed by Crystal.



Investment Description

- Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

Fund: MASSIF

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.

- [JSC Micro Finance Organisation Crystal](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

According to FMO website, JSC Microfinance Organization Crystal (Crystal) is Georgia's fourth largest microfinance lender with 60 thousand customers, 36 branches and a loan portfolio of USD 60m. Headquartered in Kutaisi, a regional city in the northwest of Georgia, it has a strong outreach in the country's rural areas (>60 percent of loan portfolio), especially in its home region.

Crystal is growing quickly, both in balance sheet size and in outreach. It is expanding its branch network, mainly in rural areas elsewhere in the country, which should lead to a doubling of its loan portfolio by 2020. In parallel, the company is improving operational efficiency and strengthening the organization.



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No project contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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Other Related Projects

- FMO-60862 JSC MFO CRYSTAL
- FMO-59691 JSC MFO CRYSTAL