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Quick Facts

Countries	Honduras
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2017-11-08
Borrower	Banco Ficohsa
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	No Restrictions
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.01 million

Project Description

According to FMO's website, this project provides financing to Banco Ficohsa to "give them the opportunity to better understand IFC performance standards."

Investment Description

- Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

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.

- Ficohsa (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** Grupo Financiero FICOHSA (Parent Company)

Private Actor Relationship

There is often limited information publicly available about what development banks are funding through financial intermediaries. In 2021, the Early Warning System partnered with Oxfam International to incorporate information on high-risk projects being funded by financial intermediaries receiving funding from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Dutch Development Bank (FMO).

The information listed below describes the relationship between the different private actors linked to high-risk sectors and subprojects of IFC and FMO's financial intermediary investments and/or the financial intermediary's parent companies made from 2017 through 2020, including any associated ring fences.

The database, however, does not explicitly or implicitly imply that IFC or FMO have material exposure to or are contractually or legally accountable to the sub-projects financed by their financial intermediaries or the financial intermediary's parent companies. It only shows a seemingly financial relationship among the different private actors, the financial intermediaries, and IFC or FMO.

Private Actors Description

"Banco Financiera Comercial Hondureña S.A.(Ficohsa, client ID:C00015418) is the largest bank in Honduras with total assets of US$ 2.9bn. Ficohsa is a universal bank servicing corporate, SME and retail segments. The institution is very active in the financing of (renewable) energy projects in the country and the region. Ficohsa is part of Grupo Financiero Ficohsa, S.A, which also has banking operations in Panama, Guatemala and Nicaragua."

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Energias Limpias Del Yaguala	Parent Company	Energy	owns	El Yaguala Hydro Project	Client	Energy
Grupo Financiero FICOHSA	Investor	Finance	invests in	El Yaguala Hydro Project	Client	Energy
Grupo Financiero FICOHSA	Investor	Finance	invests in	Energias Limpias Del Yaguala	Parent Company	Energy

Contact Information

No contact information available at time of writing.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

As part of FMO's ex-ante disclosure (disclosure of transactions before contracting), you can send requests or questions for additional information to: disclosure@fmo.nl

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF FMO

Communities who believe they will be negatively affected by a project funded by the Dutch Development Bank (FMO) may be able to file a complaint with the Independent Complaints Mechanism, which is the joint independent accountability mechanism of the Dutch Development Bank (FMO) and the German Investment Corporation (KfW). A complaint can be filed in writing, by email, post, or online. The complaint can be filed in English or any other language of the complainant. The Independent Complaints Mechanism is comprised of a three-member Independent Expert Panel and it can provide either problem-solving, compliance review or both, in either order. Additional information about this accountability mechanism, including a guide and template for filing a complaint, can be found at: https://www.fmo.nl/independent-complaints-mechanism