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Quick Facts

Countries	Kenya
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-06-12
Borrower	Equity Bank
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	No Restrictions
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 25.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 25.00 million

Project Description

According to FMO website, the FMO is providing a USD 25 mln Trade finance facility under the Rabobank Trade finance Enhancement Facility Agreement with FMO, to strengthen Equity’s Trade Finance activities. The FMO is supporting Equity Bank as part of our strategy to promote and facilitate trade in and between emerging markets in support of economic growth. Kenya is the major Eastern African hub, therefore crucial for east African and global trade. Through this facility, FMO will support job creation, in agriculture, transport, manufacturing and wholesale sectors in Kenya and the eastern African community.

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.

- Equity Bank Kenya Ltd (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actor Relationship

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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.

Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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.