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Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2019-12-05
Borrower	FIRST CAPITAL BANK PLC (MALAWI)
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	Small & Medium Enterprises
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 5.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 5.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, FMO is providing a 4-year USD 10mln loan that will support on-lending to SME's requiring long-term hard-currency to grow their business and bolster export activities.

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.

- First Capital Bank Malawi (Financial Intermediary)
- FIRST CAPITAL BANK PLC (MALAWI) (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** FMBcapital Group (Parent Company)

Private Actor Relationship

FMO NV

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

First Capital Bank Malawi ("FCBM"), formerly known as First Merchant Bank, is a full-service commercial bank that offers financial products and services to corporate, commercial and retail markets in Malawi. FCBM is the third largest bank in Malawi with a 28% market share in the sector of total assets. It has a customer base of 500,000, served by 32 branches and agencies and 850 employees. FCBM is part of the Southern African banking group, FMB Capital Group, that has banking subsidiaries in Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The group has 840k clients, 1,800 employees, an aggregate loan portfolio of over USD 400mln and total assets of over USD 1,100mln.

Contact Information

Contact information not 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