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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2020-12-21
Borrower	BRAC Microfinance Sierra Leone Limited (BMSL) and BRAC Liberia Microfinance Company Limited (BML)
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 0.06 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.06 million

Project Description

The contracting entities are BRAC Microfinance Sierra Leone Limited (BMSL) and BRAC Liberia Microfinance Company Limited (BML), wholly owned subsidiaries of BRAC International Holdings BV, which operate in microfinance. In 2008, BRAC started its microfinance activities in both Sierra Leone and Liberia. As of July 2019, BMSL has reached over 49,000 clients and BML 36,000 with their two main products: individual microloans for women delivered through groups, and enterprise loans targeting both male and female small-scale entrepreneurs.

In this project, an in-depth market analysis will be conducted and client-centric products and services will be developed. The project has two main goals: i) to have a deeper understanding of economic activities and financial needs of smallholder farmers in Sierra Leone and Liberia, and ii) to diversify the product offerings in the two countries to address the specific needs of the smallholder farmers, especially female farmers in these countries.

The development of financial products and delivery models for smallholder farmers (mainly women) is key in the context of reducing rural poverty, improving food security and supporting economic development. It is expected that interesting learnings can be derived from this project about smallholder financing. In addition, the project is well aligned with MASSIF's impact priorities and contributes to FMOa€™s Gender finance strategy as the main target for this project are women.

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.

- BRAC Liberia Microfinance Company Limited (BML) (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** BRAC International Holdings BV (Parent Company)
- BRAC Microfinance Sierra Leone Limited (BMSL) (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** BRAC International Holdings BV (Parent Company)

Private Actor Relationship

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Bank Documents

- Project Information

Other Related Projects

- FMO-59418 BRAC SIERRA LEONE