

 Early Warning System

FMO-63969

Sucres et Denrees S.A



Quick Facts

Countries	Ivory Coast
Financial Institutions	Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2024-11-13
Borrower	SUCDEN Côte d'Ivoire
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 84.53 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 264.15 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed financing package is part of an EUR 250mIn IFC-led facility (B-loan) and is used to finance the procurement and export of 100% traceable cocoa beans from Cote d'Ivoire. With this facility, SUCDEN-CI will be able to continue and further expand its origination activities of traceable cocoa beans from Cote d'Ivoire.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The E&S category for this project is classified as A, as defined by FMO's Sustainability Policy, aligning with IFC's categorization as A.

The following is copied from IFC's disclosure website, which can also be consulted for additional information: This is a Category A project according to IFC's Policy on Environment and Social Sustainability (2012). Key E&S risks and issues associated with this investment are the same as those for #47216 and are: (i) The robustness of SUCDEN's E&S and Supply Chain risk assessment and implementation effectiveness of its Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) for its direct operations (e.g., warehouses) and cocoa sourcing operations in CDI, including gender-based violence (GBV) risks; (ii) The E&S capacity/competency to ensure timely implementation of SUCDEN's Sustainable cocoa sourcing strategies up to and including September 2028 in CDI; (iii) Provision of fair and safe working conditions in line with PS2 and local labor requirements for direct workers and contractors of SUCDEN-CI; (iv) The efficacy of the risk assessment of its primary cocoa suppliers, including effective implementation of SUCDEN's Supplier Code of Conduct, risk assessment procedures of its cocoa sourcing, and annual independent verification of compliance with SUCDEN and off-takers' sustainability requirements, including avoidance of risks associated with child/forced labor, significant safety hazards (such as use of pesticides), and risks of conversion of Natural and/or Critical Habitats to farmland to be used for cocoa production; (v) The effectiveness of emergency preparedness and road safety policy and procedures; and (vi) The implementation of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan and Community Grievance Mechanism in CDI.



Investment Description

- Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

Funding: FMO NV



Private Actors Description

SUCDEN Côte d'Ivoire ("SUCDEN-CI") sources cocoa beans in Côte d'Ivoire and is wholly owned by SUCDEN S.A., a global agricultural commodity trader with more than 70 years of experience. SUCDEN-CI does not own any farms, nor is expected to own any farm as part of this financing. The beans are sourced from smallholder farmers who are either members of cooperatives or sell to the same intermediaries every year.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	SUCDEN CI	Client	-
-	-	-	-	SUCDEN S.A.	Parent Company	-



Contact Information

Website customer/investment: <https://www.sucden.com/en/>

No contacts available at the time of disclosure.

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Other Related Projects

- IFC-47216 Sucden Cdl
- IFC-50076 Sucden II