

 Early Warning System

IDBI-13079-01

SEAF Caribbean SME Growth Fund



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	IDB Invest (IDBI)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2020-12-08
Borrower	Small Enterprise Assistance Funds ("SEAF")
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million



Project Description

IDB Invest is considering a US\$10 million equity investment in the SEAF Caribbean SME Growth Fund ("the Fund"), an impact investment fund providing growth capital to Small and Medium Enterprises ("SMEs") in the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean Common Market ("CARICOM"). The COVID-19 crisis has further reduced much needed investment capital for the Caribbean countries, so the Fund is expected to have a significant impact in its focus region. With a target size of US\$100 million, the Fund will invest in 8-12 SMEs, seeking market-based financial returns alongside measurable impact, particularly quality job growth and improved gender, governance, and environmental practices. The Fund had its first close of US\$35 million in October 2019, fully funded by private sector investors.

The Fund is managed by SEAF Caribbean Management ("SEAF Caribbean"), a local subsidiary of Small Enterprise Assistance Funds ("SEAF"), a global impact investing group with a 30-year track record of supporting SMEs in emerging and transition markets.



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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.

- [Small Enterprise Assistance Funds \(SEAF\)](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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