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Quick Facts

Countries	Cambodia
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-05-19
Borrower	PRASAC MICROFINANCE INSTITUTION LIMITED
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 20.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 90.00 million

Project Description

According to IFC website, the project aims to provide a senior debt package to PRASAC Microfinance Institution Limited in order to support its further growth in the market, especially its lending to micro borrowers. Further, the development impact of IFC's investment in the Project is expected to be high given that it will:

1. Improve access to finance for productive micro-entrepreneurs with a strong focus in agribusiness, which will in turn stimulate growth, employment generation and poverty reduction.
2. As the Company is present in many remote areas in the country, the Project is expected to allow more individuals obtain formal financial services, such as the mobilization of savings and mobile banking.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

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PRASAC's main shareholders are Dragon Capital Group, Belgian Investment Company for Developing Countries SA, FMO, and Lanka ORIX Leasing Company, each owning 22.25% of PRASAC. The remaining 11% is owned by PRASAC Staff Company, Staff association of PRASAC.

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.

- PRASAC Microfinance Institution Limited (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

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