

 Early Warning System

IFC-39020

VP Bank Quasi-equity



Quick Facts

Countries	Vietnam
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	F1
Voting Date	2017-03-09
Borrower	Vietnam Prosperity Joint Stock Commercial Bank
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	Small & Medium Enterprises
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 57.00 million
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Project Description

According to IFC website, the proposed project consists of a financing facility of up to US\$57 million to Vietnam Prosperity Commercial Joint Stock Bank in order to support VPBank in raising long-term funds for its lending program to micro and small, medium enterprises.

The Project will facilitate increase access to finance in Vietnam, which remains one the most common constraints to business expansion, according to the 2015 World Bank Enterprise Survey. In particular, the Project is expected to support SMEs in the country getting adequate financing. This will allow them to better cope with the investment and capital requirement needs imposed by accelerated economic growth.



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The Project with VPBank involves a financing facility of up to US\$57 million. The Project will be financed by IFC and potentially by IFC Financial Institutions Growth Fund and IFC Emerging Asia Fund, both managed by IFC Assets Management Company, LLC ("AMC").

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.

- [Vietnam Prosperity Joint Stock Commercial Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary)
- [Vietnam Prosperity Joint Stock Commercial Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by VPBank** (Parent Company)



Private Actor Relationship

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.

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