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Quick Facts

Countries	Romania
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2017-05-04
Borrower	Agricover Credit IFN SA
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 16.88 million
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Project Description

According to IFC website, the project consists of an investment of up to RON70mn in the form of a 1-year, senior loan under IFC’s Working Capital Solutions (WCS) product to IFN to support the agriculture sector in Romania. The WCS loan is renewable up to two times at IFC’s option for two additional 1-year periods, for a maximum aggregate facility life of up to 3-years. The WCS loan will be disbursed in local currency to support the Company’s short term loans to small and medium enterprise (SME) farmers.

Specific positive developmental impacts are expected to be:
1. By directly financing the short-term needs of the Company to support the agribusiness sector, small and medium-sized farmers whom IFC cannot finance directly will have increased access to financing and, therefore, a positive impact on economic activity in Romania's agricultural regions.
2. By supporting IFN's portfolio expansion directed at SME farmers, IFC will aim to strengthen the value chain and increase capacity by allowing producers and processors to extend or have several production cycles through additional working capital. This will enable a better competitive position for the SME farmers in the local and regional markets.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

IFN's shareholders are Agricover Holding S.A. (99.99998%) and Agricover S.R.L. (0.00002%). Agricover Holding S.A. is the Group's parent entity, which controls both IFN and Agricover S.R.L. (100%), a company focused solely on agri-business operations of the Group. The ultimate majority owner of the Group is Mr. Jabbar Kanani, a Romanian citizen of Iranian origin. Agricover Holding S.A. and its subsidiaries as outlined above are Mr. Kanani's main assets.

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.

- Agricover Credit IFN SA (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

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