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Quick Facts

Countries	Cape Verde
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-02-28
Borrower	BANCO CABOVERDIANO DE NEGOCIOS
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	Small & Medium Enterprises
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 6.11 million

Project Description

The purpose of the investment is to help BCN increase access to finance to small and medium enterprises (“SMEs”), including women-owned SMEs requiring long term finance, and to help the Bank grow its trade finance business. The proposed investments consist of a 5-year senior loan of up to EUR5.0 million and a Trade Line of up to US$2.0 million.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The proposed ivestments consist of: (i) a 5-year senior loan of up to EUR5.0 million equivalent to US$5.9M, 25% (EUR1.25m, or US$1.5m) of this senior loan will be carved out for financing to Women owned SMEs; and (ii) a Trade Line of up to US$2.0 million to BCN.

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.

- Banco Caboverdiano de Negocios (Financial Intermediary)
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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.

Private Actors Description

BCN’s main sponsor is IMPAR, a leading Cape Verde insurance company controlling 43.5% market share. BCN’s shareholders are IMPAR (51.7%), SEPI (43.9%) and Cape Verde Red Cross (CVCR) (4.4%).

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