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Quick Facts

Countries	Ecuador
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-05-07
Borrower	Banco Bolivariano C.A.
Sectors	Finance
Ring Fence	Small & Medium Enterprises
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 50.00 million

Project Description

The proposed investment in Banco Bolivariano (“Bolivariano” or “the Bank”), an existing IFC client and Ecuador’s (the “Country”) sixth largest commercial bank, consists of a senior loan of up to US$50 million to support the growth of the Bank’s small and medium-sized enterprises (“SMEs”) loan portfolio.

People Affected By This Project

Ecuadorian SME financing gap is estimated at US$15.73 billion, or 16% of GDP. Despite the significant role played by SMEs in the Ecuadorian economy as it produces 25% of GDP, the amount of lending to these companies accounts for only 3.6% of GDP, and 31% of SMEs report being fully or partially credit constrained. IFC anticipates that the project will increase access to SME finance and contribute to narrowing the financing gap for SMEs in Ecuador. IFC's loan to Bolivariano will allow the Bank to support its SME clients with longer-tenor loans.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

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 Bolivariano (Financial Intermediary)
- Banco Bolivariano C.A. (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** Banco Bolivariano (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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