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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2021-02-03
Borrower	BRAC Bank Limited
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 30.00 million

Project Description

According to the bank's website, "The proposed Project is an up to US$30 million Working Capital Solutions (WCS) facility to be extended to BRAC Bank Limited (“BRAC Bank” or the “Bank”) in Bangladesh, under the FIG COVID-19 Emergency Response WCS Envelope (WCS Envelope). The WCS Envelope is designed to provide funding to existing IFC client banks in emerging markets that will then extend new trade-related or working capital loans to companies whose cash flows have been disrupted by the global outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. This proposed Project is a one-year facility, renewable for an additional one year, for a maximum aggregate tenor of two years. This Project will support working capital, trade finance and FX liquidity needs of the sub-borrowers (export/import-based SMEs and Corporates) through BRAC Bank’s Off-Shore Banking Unit."

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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.

- BRAC Bank Limited (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

According to the bank's website, "BRAC Bank Limited was established in 2001 as a private commercial bank based in Bangladesh. The Bank is majority owned by BRAC (46.2%), the world's largest nongovernmental organization that supports various social and environmental causes. Other investors in the Bank are: (i) Foreign investors (39.6%); (ii) Local Institutes (8.0%); Public (6.2%). The foreign investors with more than 2% ownership are the Government of Norway, which held 3.455% shares of the Bank in its Sovereign Wealth Fund, CLSA Global Markets Pte Ltd. which held 2.777% and Citigroup Global Markets Ltd with 2.183% shares as of 31 December 2020. The Bank was listed on both the Dhaka Stock Exchange and the Chittagong Stock Exchange in 2007 and has the largest market cap for a Bangladeshi bank at US$729 mn."

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