

Early Warning System

IFC-44591

Global Partners

Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2022-10-10
Borrower	GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ETHIOPIA
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 160.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 8,000.00 million

Project Description

The Global Partnership for Ethiopia BV (“GPE”) was in May 2021 announced as the sole winner of Ethiopia’s unified telecommunication service license following a competitive bid process run by the Government of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian Communication Authority (“ECA”). Subsequently, the GPE formed Safaricom Telecommunications Ethiopia private limited company (“STE” or “Operating Company”), which was granted the License on 9 July 2021. The License authorizes STE to build, own and operate a nationwide public telecommunication network and offer telecommunications services. The Company and STE plans to roll out, launch and operate its 2G, 3G,4G, and 5G networks across the country, enabling it to provide increased access to quality mobile and fixed connectivity solutions for individuals, corporates, and the government. The

The proposed IFC transaction comprises an up to USD 160 million equity investment in the Company to help fund the STE’s capex requirement. IFC’s investment will support the countrywide mobile network roll-out of STE and help position the Operating Company to comply with the terms of its License, which outlines the requirement for (i) specified population and geographic coverage targets and (ii) reasonable tariffs, universal accessibility and teledensity target, amongst others. IFC will also be supporting a group of regional champions and leading global emerging market investors, including the Voda Family (Vodafone Group, Vodacom Group and Safaricom plc), Sumitomo Corporation and British International Investment (the “Consortium”), in delivering an enhanced digital economy for Ethiopia.

Investment Description

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Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	CDC Group	Parent Company	-
-	-	-	-	Global Partnership for Ethiopia BV	Client	-
-	-	-	-	Safaricom Plc	Parent Company	-
-	-	-	-	Safaricom Telecommunications Ethiopia	Undisclosed	-
-	-	-	-	Sumitomo Corp	Parent Company	-
-	-	-	-	Vodafone Group Plc.	Parent Company	-

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Bank Documents

- Environmental & Social Review Summary (ESRS)

Other Related Projects

- IFC-45197 GPE Debt
- MIGA-14890 Safaricom Telecommunications Ethiopia