# Early Warning System

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## **Quick Facts**

Countries	Mauritania
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2023-03-17
Borrower	Banque Populaire de Mauritanie
Sectors	Finance
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.00 million

## **Project Description**

According to the IFC, the proposed investment project is with Banque Populaire de Mauritanie in a form of unfunded trade facility of up to US\$10 million equivalent with a maximum tenor of 6 months.

# **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

The IFC categorized the project as FI-3.

#### **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.

• Banque Populaire de Mauritanie (Financial Intermediary)

#### **Private Actors Description**

From the IFC's website:

BPM was established in 2012 as a Sharia-compliant systemic universal bank. The Bank was established following an extension of the license of the Mauritania Leasing Company, the first company in Mauritania to offer leasing products that was created in 1998. Today, BPM is the first largest bank in Mauritania in terms of total assets and customers counts.

BPM's majority shareholder is the Ebnou Family based in Nouakchott who holds stakes in multiple prominent businesses in the country. Other shareholders include Banque Nationale de Mauritanie.

BPM is headquartered in Nouakchott, Mauritania, with 45 branches in 18 cities: Nouakchott, Nouadhibou, Kiffa, Rosso, Boghé, Kaedi, Selibaby, Tintane, Ayoun, Zouerate, Chami, Kankossa, Bassikounou, Timbedra, Kobenni, Guerou, Atar, and Magta-Lahjar.

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