Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Kosovo
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2023-05-12
Borrower	KEP TRUST
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 9.81 million

Project Description

The proposed investment is an IFC senior debt investment of up to EUR 9 million to KEP Trust, a leading microfinance institution in Kosovo. The investment will be shared equally between IFC's own account and concessional financing provided by the Global Agriculture & Food Security Program. The proceeds from the proposed investment will be used for on-lending to individual entrepreneurs and micro-businesses in Kosovo, including smallholder farmers, microenterprises, women-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs operating in the agriculture sector and underserved rural areas.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The IFC categorized the project as FI-3.



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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.

• KEP Trust (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

From the IFC's website:

KEP Trust was founded as an economic program in September 1999 by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), the main founder, and by the Prizren Business Club (PRB). ICMC is a registered non-profit organization established in 1951 in the wake of the massive displacement during World War II. PRB is a business association established in 1991 in Prizren. Kosovo.

KEP offers financial services both to micro and small entrepreneurs and to marginalized and underprivileged groups in the community. Since first established, KEP has targeted the economically active poor and low-income groups who have the capacity for self-employment. The MFI has 245 employees serving over 27,000 customers via the head office and country wide.

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