

 Early Warning System

IFC-48210

ISC-Sturgeon II



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Bangladesh
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Voting Date</b>	2023-11-15
<b>Borrower</b>	SEO II GP Limited
<b>Sectors</b>	Agriculture and Forestry, Communications, Education and Health, Finance, Industry and Trade
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Equity
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 5.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 30.00 million



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## Project Description

As stated by the IFC, Sturgeon Emerging Opportunities II LP, L.P is a Guernsey-domiciled venture capital fund focused on investing in early-stage (Pre-Seed, Seed, and pre-Series A) technology companies in Central Asia and Bangladesh. The Fund is targeting a total raise of US \$30 million and is a successor to Sturgeon Emerging Opportunities I LP, a 2020 vintage fund with EUR 21.8 million in commitments.



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## Early Warning System Project Analysis

The IFC categorized the project as FI-2.



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**People Affected By This Project**



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## 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.

- [Sturgeon Capital Ltd](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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## Private Actor Relationship

### Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, the Fund's General Partner is SEO II GP Limited. The Fund will be managed by Kiyan Zandiyeh, Alex Branton and Robin Butler.

As stated by Bloomberg, Sturgeon Capital Ltd. operates as an investment management company. The Company manages investment funds, as well as offers investment strategies and consulting services. Sturgeon Capital is based in the United Kingdom.



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