

 Early Warning System

IFC-49361

KICB-FY24



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Kyrgyzstan |
| Financial Institutions | International Finance Corporation (IFC) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | C |
| Voting Date | 2024-08-15 |
| Borrower | CJSC Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank |
| Sectors | Finance, Industry and Trade |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 15.00 million |



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed Project consists of IFC's investment in a \$15mn unsecured bond denominated in Kyrgyz Som (KGS or LCY) to be issued by CJSC Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank (KICB or the Bank), a long-standing IFC client, to increase access to finance for underserved individuals and micro-enterprises (MEs), including women-owned MEs (WMEs) in the Kyrgyz Republic, as the economy is recovering from the COVID-19 crisis, further exacerbated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine (the Project). KICB will use the IFC's loan proceeds to provide financing to its own clients (70%) and channel via local microfinance institutions (MFIs) (30%). 50% of the financing will be used to finance micro-housing projects for low-income individuals and 50% for micro-enterprises including WMEs.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Overall E&S risks associated with the project are considered to be low and carry minimal or no adverse environmental or social impacts. The project therefore has been classified as category FI-3.



Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The proposed Project consists of IFC's investment in a \$15mn unsecured bond denominated in KGS from IFC's own account.

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.

- [Kyrgyz Investment and Credit Bank \(KICB\)](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

KICB's current shareholders include AKFED (72%), Habib Bank Limited (18%), and the Kyrgyz Republic (10%). AKFED is the key strategic shareholder and sponsor of KICB and long-term IFC counterparty. With over 40 joint projects in Africa, South and Central Asia, IFC and AKFED have a long history of partnership. IFC's experience with AKFED Group has been positive as AKFED has proven to be a strong and committed sponsor.



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