Early Warning System

IFC-49673 Orange Mali S.A

Quick Facts

Countries	Mali
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	В
Borrower	Orange Mali SA
Sectors	Communications, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 79.46 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 138.49 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed IFC financing consists of a senior, unsecured loan comprising an A Loan in the amount of up to €70 million equivalent in local currency to the Company, for IFC's own account, and Parallel loans to the Company mobilized in the amount of XOF 20 billion.

This Project is expected to increase uptake of fixed and mobile connectivity by individuals and businesses through network expansion and modernization in Mali. Successful implementation of this transaction is anticipated to increase the number of 4G connections and fixed broadband subscriptions. Beyond the Project, this transaction is anticipated to sustain the competitiveness of the retail broadband market in Mali by supporting the Company's expansion strategy of extending highspeed connectivity particularly in underserved areas. If successful, this transaction could incentivize other players to further invest in network expansion and modernization in Mali where innovation of digital technologies is still limited.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

This is a Category B project according to IFC's Policy on Environment and Social Sustainability (2012) and is expected to have limited adverse E&S risks and/or impacts that are few in number, generally site-specific, largely reversible, and readily addressed through mitigation measures. Key E&S aspects identified during the appraisal are: (i) adequacy of the company's E&S management system (ESMS); (ii) labor and working conditions for direct employees and contractors alike, including aspects related to occupational health and safety (OHS); (iii) transport management and ensuring the safety of drivers and the public; (iv) security management; (v) assessment and management of biodiversity related impacts; and (vi) stakeholder engagement.

Investment Description

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Through its investment, IFC will be financing the Project, i.e. Orange Mali's capital expenditure plan of about €122 million for part of 2025/2026, which is focused on core network infrastructure, coverage expansion, and improvement of the quality of service (QoS) in urban and rural areas, including in poorly served regions of Mali.

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Private Actors Description

Orange Mali S.A. is the leading telecommunications service provider in Mali (60% market share), with 13.5 million subscribers). It offers a wide range of services, including communication services (voice, data, fixed broadband), mobile money services, and energy (solar kits). The Company was established in 2003 and is majority-owned (69%) by Sonatel SA, the leading MNO in Senegal and an IFC existing client.



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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
-	-	-	-	Orange Mali S.A.	Client	-

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Bank Documents

• Environmental & Social Review Summary (ESRS)