Early Warning System

IFC-49688

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#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Nepal
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	В
Voting Date	2024-10-30
Borrower	NMB Bank Limited
Sectors	Energy, Finance, Industry and Trade, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 40.00 million
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#### **Project Description**

As stated by the IFC, the proposed investment consists of up to US\$50 million equivalent in Nepalese Rupees (NPR) in a 5-year, privately placed, green bond (the Green Bond) to be issued by NMB Bank Limited (NMB or the Bank), an existing IFC client, to facilitate its lending program to eligible climate assets (the Project). IFC subscription of the green bond will be up to a maximum of US\$40 million and IFC will invite other investors to subscribe to the green bond for an additional minimum amount of US\$10 million, with IFC acting as an anchor investor. The proposed Green Bond will be the first by any institution in Nepal. This will also be the first time that foreign investors would be subscribing to a bond issuance by a local issuer. The proposed investment would contribute to developing the long-term (LT) debt capital market, along with climate financing, which are both at nascent stages in Nepal.

The eligible climate assets include 50% EV- retail and distribution and 50% solar- rooftop and utility scale.

### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

The IFC categorized the project risk as FI-2.

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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.

• NMB Bank Limited (Financial Intermediary)

#### **Private Actors Description**

As stated by the IFC, NMB Bank Limited (NMB) is a private commercial bank in Nepal with headquarters in Kathmandu. Originally established as a 'C' class financial institution (Non-bank Finance Companies) in 1996, NMB graduated to an 'A' Class financial institution (Commercial Banks) in 2008, the first company in the Nepalese financial sector to successfully achieve such elevation in standing. NMB Bank is listed on the Nepal Stock Exchange. The promoter group owns 51.00% of the bank's shareholding. The remaining 49.00% shares are held by the public.

#### **Contact Information**

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