

 Early Warning System

IFC-49938

DARP NPL Arena



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-05-30
Borrower	DARP NPL Arena
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 100.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 200.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed project entails IFC's investment in a co-investment vehicle (DARP SPV) to be established by Arena Investors, LP (Arena). The DARP SPV will invest in asset-backed credit portfolios, as well as distressed and special situations opportunities across eligible emerging countries in Asia. The total capitalization of the DARP SPV is up to US\$200 million, consisting of: (i) IFC's investment of up to US\$100 million in the form of a senior secured profit participating loan and (ii) up to US\$100 million investment in the equity tranche to be invested by Arena and other funds raised and managed by Arena.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The proposed Project entails the creation of SPVs which will acquire sub-projects across varied asset classes including NPL portfolios, real estate owned assets and special situations (single assets). The Project will have access to information of individual assets before acquiring them and will not invest in blind pools of assets. The Project will not support any coal related activities such as coal mining, coal transportation, coal fired-power plants, or infrastructure and services dedicated to support any of these activities and higher risk activities that may include (a) involuntary resettlement, (b) risk of adverse impacts on Indigenous Peoples, (c) significant risks to or impacts on the environment, community health and safety, biodiversity and cultural heritage, (d) risk of retrenchment, or (e) significant occupational health and safety risks. The Project is expected to have moderate E&S risks which can be addressed through proper risk mitigation measures and therefore is categorized as FI-2 according to IFC Sustainability Policy. The applicable E&S requirements for the Project include the IFC Exclusion List, applicable national E&S laws and regulations and screening out higher risk assets as well as NPL accounts with significant unresolved E&S reputational risks.



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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.

- [Arena Investors LP](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

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