

 Early Warning System

IFC-52346

SLGP SBL RSF



Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-12-18
Borrower	Siddhartha Bank RSF
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 20.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 40.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed project consists of an unfunded risk sharing facility (RSF) on a 50:50 basis between IFC and Siddhartha Bank Limited (Bank) in Nepal to support up to US\$40 million Nepalese rupee (NPR) equivalent of eligible MSME loans to be originated by the Bank (the Project). IFC's maximum risk amount will be up to US\$20 million NPR equivalent. The Project provides the Bank with a credit risk mitigation instrument to help increase access to finance for MSMEs, including women-owned MSMEs (WMSMEs) and climate MSMEs. It is the first time that IFC is doing an RSF in Nepal. Subject to eligibility confirmation, the Project would be processed under IFC's Small Loan Guarantee Program (SLGP, the Program), a programmatic approach to derisk and scale up financing for SMEs in Nepal and other eligible countries. SLGP is supported by a pooled first-loss guarantee (PFLG) provided by the IDA-PSW Blended Finance Facility.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The proposed project will support Siddhartha Bank Limited (SBL) through an unfunded risk-sharing facility (RSF) for its MSME portfolio. The MSME portfolio includes lending to microfinance institutions and to businesses involving retail and wholesale trading, construction, manufacturing and sectors such as cement, brick kilns and agri-based production with both short term and long-term exposure. The portfolio may also include renewable energy sub-projects. The main E&S risk and potential impacts of this investment relate the activities of the MSMEs, their ability to manage these risks and impacts, and the Banks capacity to identify and manage these E&S risks and monitor MSMEs' E&S performance in line with IFC's applicable E&S requirements.

Hence, the E&S risk of the proposed investment is medium, and the Project is categorized as FI-2 according to IFC's Policy on Environmental and Social Sustainability.



Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The proposed project consists of an unfunded risk sharing facility (RSF) to the client. IFC will cover 50% of an up to US\$40 million equivalent portfolio consisting of eligible loans to SMEs, resulting in an IFC exposure of up to US\$20 million equivalent.

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.

- [Siddhartha Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

The Bank's shareholding is divided among the promoter and the public shareholders in the ratio of 51:49. The Bank is promoted by individuals and private institutions related to the different business houses of Nepal.



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