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Quick Facts

Countries	Pakistan
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-06-17
Borrower	ASA Microfinance Bank Limited
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
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Project Description

According to bank's website, the approved investment is a medium-term senior loan of up to US$15 million with ASA Microfinance Bank Limited, Pakistan (ASA MFB or the Bank). The senior loan proceeds will be fully utilized towards enhancing on-lending to women microfinance (WMF) borrowers and women-led/owned microenterprises (WMEs) across Pakistan (the Project). The Project will be processed under IFC's MSME Finance Platform (the Platform) which is supported by a pooled first loss guarantee of up to US$40 million provided by International Development Association's Private Sector Window Blended Finance Facility (IDA20-PSW BFF) allocated to the Base of the Pyramid (BOP) Envelope under the Platform.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: FI-3 - No Impact

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- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The Project comprises of an IFC senior loan facility of up to US$10 million to ASA MFB.

IFC's Investment as Approved by the Board: US$ 10.00 million (loan)

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.

- ASA Microfinance Bank (Pakistan) Limited (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** ASA International (Parent Company)

Private Actors Description

The Bank is 99.9% owned by ASA International Holding, a large microfinance institution registered in Mauritius and operating in 13 countries across Asia and Africa. ASA International Holdings' parent entity, ASA International Group PLC, is a public company listed on the London Stock Exchange.

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