Early Warning System

IFC-601436 ESRM Ghana



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Quick Facts

Countries	Ghana
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2017-08-07
Borrower	Government of Ghana
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 0.80 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 0.80 million

Project Description

Seeking to address the identified key constraints to the uptake of E&S standards by Financial Institutions (FIs), the program objectives are implemented through the following components:

Component 1: Creating an Enabling Environment. This will be done by working with government and industry associations to enhance E&S regulatory frameworks and standards for FIs. Specifically, this will involve:

- 1. Engaging with regulators and policy setting bodies to support the adoption and application of minimum E&S standards for the banking sector in the market .
- 2. Supporting the development of policy frameworks and guidelines.
- 3. Capacity building support for the regulators involved in developing policy frameworks and guidelines.

Component 2: Building Market Capacity to support the implementation of E&S standards and best practices by FIs. Specifically, this will involve:

- 1. Provision of training to local consultants and training institutions to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and tools to support Fls. This will be done through a training of trainers (TOT) workshop series.
- 2. Establishment of long-term strategic partnerships with local capacity building organizations who will be responsible for delivering E&S training programs to FIs and other stakeholders on a commercial basis.

Component 3: Awareness Raising and Information Dissemination among FIs and stakeholders. Specifically, this will involve:

- 1. Organization of a series of awareness raising seminars to disseminate information and best practices on sustainability related topics and for cross-regional knowledge sharing among key practioners and stakeholders.
- 2. Establishment and development of country specific sub-portals of the FIRST for Sustainability website (www.firstforsustainability.org) including all locally relevant materials and information tailored to the country specific needs and demands.

Component 4: Engagement with local FIs to support their implementation of E&S Management Systems (ESMS). Specifically, this will involve:

- 1. Assessment of ESRM practices and development of improvement plans for the FIs.
- 2. Training on ESRM practices, and tools.
- 3. Advisory on E&S unit including functions, and personnel development.
- 4. Support with reporting procedures.

This component will complement the programs component 2, and will aim to utilize the local consultants trained to implement the firm level engagement.

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Contact Information

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Bank Documents

• Project Information

Other Related Projects

• IFC-606947 Integrated ESG Ghana for Ghana