

 Early Warning System

IIC-12000-02

Fichosa Sub-debt Partnership



### Quick Facts

Countries	Honduras
Financial Institutions	IDB Invest (IDBI)
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2016-12-13
Borrower	Banco Financiera Comercial Hondureña S.A. ("Ficohsa")
Sectors	Finance
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 18.00 million



## Project Description

According to the Inter-American Development Bank Invest (IDB Invest), formerly the Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC), the proposed Fichosa Sub-debt Financing Partnership (the "Project") will contribute to increasing access to finance for small and medium enterprises ("SME") in Honduras, including women-led SMEs. The Project entails a subordinated financing of up to US\$12 million from IDB Group and up to US\$6 million from the China Co-financing Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean to Banco Financiera Comercial Hondurena ("Fichosa"), which will strengthen Fichosa's capital structure and support its continued expansion in the SME sector. The financing is expected to be complemented by an additional US\$12 million subordinated financing from OFID. By partnering with Fichosa, one of the leading private-sector banks in the country, the financing supports the bank's strategic goals in SMEs and women banking in Honduras.

The stated aim of the partnership is to provide medium term funding to SMEs, including women-owned businesses, and the IIC estimates there are likely to be minimal to moderate indirect environmental, social or health and safety (ESHS) and labor impacts and risks. Fichosa's SME portfolio is concentrated in commerce, services, and higher risk investments in agriculture and manufacturing. The country context of Honduras presents complex environmental and social issues, which can affect sub-loans directed towards larger corporate energy and agriculture borrowers, which the IIC says are not eligible under this operation.



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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.

- [Banco Financiera Comercial Hondureña S.A.](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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