

 Early Warning System

WB-P500561

Women Entrepreneurship Development and Access to Finance Program



Quick Facts

Countries	Benin
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-01-15
Borrower	Republic of Benin
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 100.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 100.00 million



Project Description

According to bank's website, the approved project aims to promote access to finance and growth for women entrepreneurs in Benin. It has two main results areas in order to achieve the PDO: RA I: Enhance women entrepreneurial skills and mindset RA II: Increase women entrepreneurs' access to finance The term 'women entrepreneurs' in this operation refers to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (formal and informal) owned by a female (sole proprietorships or at least 51 percent of the share) or led by women as the main managing person responsible of the business. The promotion of 'growth' refers both to an increase in the overall number of formal women entrepreneurs in the economy, the improvement in employment outcomes--such as the creation of new quality jobs--among W-MSMEs supported by this operation, access to new markets and increase business income. The promotion of 'access to finance for W-MSMEs' encompasses both the number of W-MSMEs gaining access to financial services and the volume of mobilized private capital.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental and Social Risk: M



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US\$ 0.00 million

Commitment Amount: US\$ 100.00 million



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary - ESRS \(English\)](#)
- [Appraisal Program Information Document - PID \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary - ESRS \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Program Information Document - PID \(English\)](#)