Early Warning System

WB-P507999

Cameroon Finance for Jobs, Inclusion and Growth

Quick Facts

Countries	Cameroon
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2027-03-23
Borrower	Government of Cameroon - Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (MINEPAT); and other
Sectors	Construction, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 200.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 312.50 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the objective of this project is to increase access to finance, particularly long-term finance, for MSMEs in Cameroon.

The project expands finance for Cameroon's MSMEs by establishing a Partial Credit Guarantee Facility, transforming BC-PME into a sustainable wholesale lender, and upgrading credit and mortgage infrastructure. It aims to mobilize private capital, strengthen financial institutions, and support inclusive, job-creating private-sector growth.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental and Social Risk: Substantial

Potential environmental risks are indirect and downstream, arising from micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) activities financed through participating financial intermediaries (PFIs). These risks may include inefficient use of natural resources, poor waste management practices, small-scale pollution, generation of electronic waste, and environmental degradation associated with agribusiness activities. While environmental risks at the level of individual MSMEs are expected to be limited in scale and severity, cumulative impacts may occur in areas where MSME activities are geographically concentrated.

The Project is not expected to result in land acquisition, physical or economic displacement, or loss of livelihoods. Key social risks relate to potential exclusion of certain groups from access to finance, particularly informal enterprises, women-owned MSMEs, youth-led businesses, and persons with disabilities. Additional risks include weak labor practices within MSMEs, occupational health and safety concerns, and limited awareness or access to grievance redress mechanisms.

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IDA Credit: US$ 200.00 million

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Borrower/Client/Recipient

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Implementing Agencies

National Economic and Financial Committee of Cameroon

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Bank Documents

- Concept Project Information Document (PID)
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Grant E602-CM.pdf
- Official Documents- Letter Agreement for Grant E602-CM.pdf