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## **Quick Facts**

| Countries              | Nepal                                     |
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| Financial Institutions | World Bank (WB)                           |
| Status                 | Proposed                                  |
| Bank Risk Rating       | В   |
| Voting Date            | 2025-07-07                                |
| Borrower               | Government of Nepal - Ministry of Finance |
| Sectors                | Finance, Industry and Trade               |
| Investment Type(s)     | Grant, Loan                               |
| Loan Amount (USD)      | \$ 90.00 million                          |
| Grant Amount (USD)     | \$ 0.65 million                           |
| Project Cost (USD)     | \$ 90.65 million                          |

#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to increase access to finance for the MSMEs contributing to jobs growth.

By expanding operations and entering new markets, MSMEs sustain and generate employment, directly contributing to economic development. By mitigating risks for lenders (via credit guarantee schemes) and improving creditworthiness visibility (via Credit Bureaus), these mechanisms increase MSME access to financing. This access empowers MSMEs to expand operations, leading to higher productivity and job creation, significantly contributing to economic development.

Component 1: Strengthening Risk Sharing Mechanisms (\$85m)

Component 2: Enhancing Credit Reporting Systems (\$5m)

#### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

The environmental and social risk for the project is classified as 'moderate'. The project's focus is on policy reforms and institutional strengthening to improve access to credit of underserved sectors and unbanked population that would be transformational for the financial inclusion, strengthen capital adequacy, establish centralized KYC platform and integrate non-bank related credit information within the country. This will involve soft activities such as providing technical assistance and capacity building. There will be no financing of civil works, thus eliminating environmental and social risks typically associated with physical infrastructure development and land acquisition. However, the project will procure computers, servers, and other IT equipment necessary for improving digital data management and solutions. The anticipated environmental risks and impacts are primarily associated with the end-of life management of this IT equipment, which could contribute to increase and mismanagement of e-waste. Moderate environmental concern is also on micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with new technologies/works which may not fully consider the natural and social environment. The main social risks include inadvertent exclusion of individuals or agencies during policy reform and institutional framework to design access to credit and banking facilities. The credit facility may not fully engage, disclose information, and consider eligible MSMEs and womenowned businesses from accessing credit.



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# **Investment Description**

• World Bank (WB)

IDA Credit: US\$ 90.00 million

Trust Funds (Grand amount): US\$ 0.65 million

#### **Contact Information**

#### **World Bank**

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#### Borrower/Client/Recipient

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## ACCESS TO INFORMATION

To submit an information request for project information, you will have to create an account to access the Access to Information request form. You can learn more about this process at: https://www.worldbank.org/en/access-to-information/request-submission

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## **Bank Documents**

• Concept Project Information Document (PID) (English)