Early Warning System

WB-P517010

Jobs, Opportunities, Business Support and accessible local lending - Eswatini

Quick Facts

Countries	Eswastini
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2027-04-28
Borrower	Government of Eswatini - Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Commerce, industry and trade
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 50.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the objective of this project is to create jobs by improved business environment, expanded access to finance and support services for MSMEs, and trade facilitation in Eswatini.

The proposed operation will focus on three areas:
Component 1: Reduce barriers to business entry for new firm creation, through decreased time and cost to start a business and reduce informality.
Component 2: Increased support to MSMEs through strengthened financial infrastructure and business support services to MSMEs to increase pipeline of bankable MSMEs.
Component 3: Reduce costs for exporters and importers and increased participation of national companies in international trade and improve market access (enablement of AfCFTA).

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Environmental and Social Risk is rated Moderate at this stage. The Moderate rating reflects anticipated direct environmental and social risks associated with minor construction works and operations at the One-Stop Border Post (OSBP), including waste generation, dust, noise, soil erosion, potential exposure to hazardous materials and introduction of alien invasives. Indirect and downstream risks are also associated with expanded access to finance to firm entry, particularly in the agribusiness and MSME sectors, may stimulate increased productive activity resulting in pollution, unsustainable use of natural resources, poor agrochemical management, and inadequate waste disposal if not properly managed.

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US$ 50.00 million

IBRD Commitment: US$ 50.00 million

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Bank Documents

- Concept Project Information Document (PID)
- Initial Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Jobs Opportunities Business Support and acc