

 Early Warning System

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Financial Inclusion and Entrepreneurship Scaling Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-11-04
Borrower	Government of Malawi
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 60.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 60.00 million



Project Description

The project will address the objective mostly through a private sector and market-led approach. Activities under this project will be structured under four mutually reinforcing components, namely:

1. Increasing Financing available to MSMEs: This component will focus on increasing MSMEs access to affordable finance, targeting women and the youth. Activities to be covered under this component will include the following:
 - i. a Line of Credit (LOC) to provide affordable funds to eligible financial intermediaries for onlending to creditworthy MSMEs and entrepreneurs as well as export-oriented SMEs that require longer term financing to fund investment and working capital;
 - ii. A Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) to support the underwriting of guarantees to financial institutions that are extending credit to MSMEs; and
 - iii. Technical Assistance (TA) support to PFIs that access the LOC and PCG financing support, and to strengthen the PFIs' ability to meet MSME credit demand using appropriate, innovative, sustainable, and efficient products and services.
2. Developing entrepreneurship and firm capabilities for MSMEs: This component will facilitate the improvement of entrepreneurship and firm capabilities through demand side interventions. Activities covered under this component will include the following:
 - i. Strengthening the entrepreneurship and firm capabilities ecosystem to improve the survival and growth rates of entrepreneurs and MSMEs by developing a stronger innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem and talent base.
 - ii. Capacity building support to entrepreneurs and MSMEs to improve the survival and the growth rates of entrepreneurs and MSMEs in Malawi through direct capacity building support to MSMEs:
 - iii. Supporting financial literacy (FL) schemes and Entrepreneurship awareness initiatives, targeting entrepreneurs, MSMEs and the general populace , including supporting integration of financial education in primary school and primary teacher training curricula and the development of financial literacy (FL) awareness programs for women and youth.
 - iv. Establishing market linkages for MSMEs to improve the currently limited or non-existent access to markets: This will focus on identifying and implementing specific mechanisms to target women and youth.
3. Developing alternative MSME financing by enhancing structures and instruments for long-term finance: This component will support activities aiming at deepening the financial sector so that it can play a more significant role in the provisioning of long-term finance for MSMEs and long-term private sector investment projects, including for infrastructure projects. Activities covered under this component will include the following:
 - i. supporting the development of institutional channels for long-term finance;
 - ii. enhancing the LTF enabling environment; and
 - iii. market deepening through long-term/infrastructure demonstration transactions.
4. Enhancing the financial infrastructure and strengthening regulatory environment for supporting MSMEs: This component will aim at facilitating the financial inclusion and to increase access to finance for MSMEs by improving the infrastructure underlying the financial sector and the regulatory environment. It will build on the activities that were implemented under the FSTAP. Activities covered under this component will include the following:
 - i. Enhancing the financial infrastructure and increasing financial institutions' ability to expand their financial products and services, as well as building the capacity of stakeholders and users of these systems to encourage financial product uptake.
 - ii. Leveraging the potential of Digital Financial Services (DFS), to expand the delivery of financial services to the underserved populations in a cost-efficient manner. (iii) promoting wider usage of digital financial services.



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