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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-06-21
Borrower	HELIOS INVESTORS FUND IV, L.P.
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.25 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the proposed project consists of an equity investment of US$50 million in Helios Investors IV, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership targeting US$1.25 billion in third-party commitments. The Fund’s investment strategy is to make mid-to-large cap growth equity investments for significant minority and control positions in market-leading, diversified platform companies in Africa.

Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

The proposed project is for an equity investment of US$50 million, not to exceed 20% of total committed capital. The target size of the Fund is US$1.25 billion in commitments.

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- Helios Investment Partners LLP (Financial Intermediary)

Private Actors Description

The Fund will be managed by Helios Investment Partners, LLP, a London-headquartered pan-African focused private equity firm that has invested US$3.6 billion in African businesses over the past 13 years. Established in 2004 by Temitope Lawani and Babatunde Soyoye, Helios is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales. Helios has offices in London, Nairobi, and Lagos, comprising a team of 41 investment professionals including 14 partners. IFC has committed to three other funds managed by Helios - Helios Investors I, Helios Investors II, and Helios Investors III.

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