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Quick Facts

Countries	Lebanon
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-05-12
Borrower	Vitas SAL (Vitas), The Lebanese Association for Development - Al Majmoua
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 10.00 million

Project Description

According to the IFC, the investment proposal is for two senior loans totaling US$10 million. A senior loan up to US$5 million to Vitas SAL (Vitas) and a senior loan up to US$5 million to The Lebanese Association for Development - Al Majmoua (Al Majmoua or AM). The investment aims to providing support to the Two MFIs in Lebanon as a response to alleviate the impacts of the economic and humanitarian crisis faced in the country. Vitas has been a major player in the Lebanese microfinance sector since 1999.

IFC is currently exploring an Advisory services engagement with Vitas and Al Majmoua to support on operational efficiency and risk management, among other areas to be explored.

Al Majmoua's portfolio is primarily concentrated in the services sector (39%), followed by trade (27%) and agriculture (18%). Vitas' portfolio is concentrated in retail trade sector (48%), followed by services (12%), manufacturing (10%), and construction (8%).

Investment Description

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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.

- Al Majmoua (Financial Intermediary)
- Vitas S.A.L. (Financial Intermediary) **is owned by** Vitas Group (Parent Company)

Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, Vitas became a Lebanese microfinance service company in 2003 and in 2007 it became registered with the Central Bank of Lebanon. In 2012, Vitas became part of Vitas Group network, an international microfinance institution operating in multiple countries in the region. Vitas provide loans directly to its clients to support individuals and small businesses in aim to fostering long-term development. IFC started its business relationship with Vitas in 2010.

Vitas is 51% owned by CHF Development Finance International (wholly owned by Global Communities), a US-incorporated non-profit organization, and 49% owned by Saradar Bank, a Lebanon-incorporated bank.

Al Majmoua has been a major player in the Lebanese microfinance sector. It started its operations in 1997 to promote sustainable development by improving the economic and social conditions of low-income individuals, especially micro-entrepreneurs and women. Al Majmoua is an autonomous NGO operating solely in Lebanon. IFC started its business relationship with Al Majmoua in 2014.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Global Communities	Parent Company	Finance	owns	Vitas Group	Subsidiary	Finance
Saradar Bank SAL	Parent Company	Finance	invests in	Vitas Group	Subsidiary	Finance

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