

 Early Warning System

DFC-2022-ABSABANKZAMBI

Absa Bank Zambia PLC



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Zambia
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	FI
<b>Borrower</b>	Absa Bank Zambia PLC
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Guarantee
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 10.00 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 10.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 20.00 million



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## Project Description

According to bank document, the investment is a loan portfolio guaranty to increase lending to SMEs in Zambia's agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and clean energy (for cooking) sectors.

This project is expected to have highly developmental impact by providing a guaranty on loans to SMEs in Zambia. The loan guaranty will enable Absa Bank Zambia to provide loans to SMEs in the agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, and clean energy (for cooking) sectors in Zambia. SMEs which receive loans will also receive sector-tailored technical assistance from Absa Bank Zambia, and from one of USAID's technical assistance projects in Zambia.



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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.

- [Absa Bank Zambia PLC](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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## Contact Information

*\*Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure\**

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## Bank Documents

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