

 Early Warning System

DFC-2016-MEII3NATION

MEII 3 - National Bank



Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Borrower	The National Bank
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 15.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 8.50 million



Project Description

According to bank documents, the project involves the provision of loan guaranty support for SMEs operating in the Palestinian territories. The loans under the Project will be made by downstream financial institutions (each, a “Borrower”) and guaranteed pursuant to guaranty facility agreements (a “GFA”) among OPIC, MEII, and each Borrower. MEII will also provide technical assistance and training (“TA”) to loan officers and mid-level management of the Borrower, enabling those institutions to better assess the creditworthiness of prospective SME borrowers and to structure loans that effectively meet the working capital or longer-term financing needs of those businesses. To address “demand”-side weaknesses, TA efforts will help SMEs on the threshold of bankability demonstrate their creditworthiness to commercial lenders. The goals of the Project, which will replace a highly successful but expiring OPIC loan guaranty facility, are to increase the number and enhance the quality of loans from private financial institutions operating in the Palestinian territories to local SMEs (the “Downstream Borrowers”), and to imp



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- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Private Actors

- [The National Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Contact Information

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Bank Documents

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