

INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Host Countries	Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Senegal, Ivory Coast and Zambia
Name of Borrower	GroFin SGB Fund Limited Partnership
Project Description	The borrower will on-lend to small and growing businesses in 11 African countries as well as provide business support to these entities.
Proposed OPIC Loan	\$5,000,000, 5 year loan.
Total Project Costs	\$8,000,000
U.S. Sponsor	Calvert Impact Capital (Maryland)
Foreign Sponsor	N/A.
Policy Review	
U.S. Economic Impact	This Project is unlikely to negatively impact the U.S. economy. The Project is expected to have a neutral impact on U.S. employment, with no associated U.S. procurement. The Project is not expected to impact the U.S. balance of trade.
Developmental Effects	This Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact in Africa through the Fund's issuance of credit to small- and medium-sized enterprises. African firms lack sufficiently available credit to meet their growth potential, particularly the smaller firms that account for most jobs in the region. The Fund's downstream borrowers will receive three- to eight-year loans that include flexible repayment and technical assistance regarding business strategy, risk management, and operational efficiency. The Fund will incorporate a gender lens investment strategy to increase its lending to women owned/managed businesses, and these firms are expected to receive at least 37 percent of loans. The Fund's focus is largely agribusiness, healthcare, and education, aligning the Project with U.N. Sustainable Development Goals including Zero Hunger (2), Good Health and Well-Being (3), Quality Education (4), Gender Equality (5), and Decent Work and Economic Growth (8).
Environment and Social Assessment	The Project has been reviewed against OPIC's 2017 Environmental and Social Policy Statement ("ESPS") and has been determined to be categorically eligible. Loans for the purposes of SME on-lending are screened as a Category C for the purposes of environmental and social assessment. These downstream investments are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts. Therefore, all of those downstream investments have been pre-screened as Category C and further review and consent are not required for these investments.

To ensure that the Fund's investments in SME's are consistent with OPIC's statutory and policy requirements, the OPIC-guaranteed loans made to the Borrower will be subject to conditions regarding the use of proceeds. Climate change resilience assessments for Category C projects are not required because the Fund's activities involve financial transactions, which are not vulnerable to climate change.

The primary environmental and social issues associated with the Project include the need for an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) commensurate with the risks posed by the Fund's lending activities in accordance with the applicable 2012 IFC Performance Standards in addition to policies that are responsive to contextual social risks in the downstream pipeline.

Under OPIC's ESPS, the Borrower is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard ("PS") 1 and 2. Because the project involves financial services, micro-finance, and SME on-lending significant adverse impacts with respect to community health and safety, biodiversity, land acquisition and resettlement, indigenous peoples and cultural heritage are not anticipated. Therefore, PS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered at this time.

The Fund has various overarching policies and procedures that when taken as a whole, form an ESMS, which is commensurate to the associated risks of the Project and will guide the Fund to make sound social and sustainable environmental investment decisions. The Fund's ESG policy states that the Fund will adhere to local laws, follow the IFC Performance Standards, World Bank EHS Guidelines, and the CDC's Third ESG Toolkit for Fund Managers. The policy includes a provision that requires all subprojects of the Fund to incorporate these same standards.