

Public Information Summary

Host Country	Central African Republic
Name of Insured	Solar Energy Transformation Fund LLC
Project Description	Solar Energy Transformation Fund LLC (“SET”) will be providing financing for the solar power production of telecommunication towers across Central African Republic (the “Project”).
Investment Amount	\$6,000,000
Investment Type	Debt
Proposed Insurance Amount	\$6,000,000
Policy Review: The Office of Development Policy has provided clearance for this Project based on a structure with a Master Insurance Contract with SET over a period of ten years in countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America (the “Master Contract”).	
Developmental Objectives	This subprojects under the Master Contract are expected to have a highly developmental impact by expanding the availability of debt financing to growing off-grid solar companies operating primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa. The World Bank estimates that over 1 billion people live without access to electricity, most of whom live in rural areas, and that off-grid solar solutions offer an inexpensive and rapid way to expand energy access. SET estimates that half of the customers served by its borrowers will be located in rural areas, and an estimated 40 percent will be women. Women and children bear the greatest burden of energy poverty, which off-grid energy solutions can help to alleviate.
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>The subprojects under the Master Contract have been reviewed against DFC’s categorical prohibitions and has been determined to be categorically eligible. Projects involving loans to non-bank financial intermediaries (NBFIs) for the purposes of providing loans to companies that provide solar products and services in off-grid or grid-deficit regions are screened as Category C projects under DFC’s environmental and social guidelines. The environmental, health, safety and social impacts from the subprojects under the Master Contract are considered minimal.</p> <p>SunFunder Inc., the SET fund manager, has an Environmental and Social Management System which SET is required to follow and, which screens</p>

	<p>and assess potential environmental and social risks of projects it supports. SunFunder provides a healthy and safe work environment for its employees.</p> <p>The subprojects under the Master Contract will be required to operate in a manner consistent with the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards, DFC's Environmental and Social Policy Statement and applicable local laws.</p> <p>DFC's statutorily required language regarding the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age of employment, and prohibition against the use of forced labor, will be supplemented with provisions concerning non-discrimination, and hours of work. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Loans for each subproject to solar companies will be restricted with respect to their operations, including the employment of minors and other applicable labor law requirements.</p> <p>SunFunder (the SET fund manager) has developed and implemented policies and procedures for human resource management and for social management, including labor risks, commensurate with the risks associated with the Fund and consistent with the requirements of the IFC Performance Standards.</p> <p>This review covers the commensurate human rights risks associated with solar financing.</p>
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