

Public Project Profile

Host Country:	Mexico
Name of Borrower:	Banco Compartamos, S. A., Institución de Banca Múltiple
Project Description:	Loan proceeds will be used to expand the Borrower's microfinance loan portfolio.
Proposed DFC Loan:	\$15,554,000
Total Project Cost:	\$20,000,000
U.S. Sponsor:	Citibank, N.A.
Foreign Sponsor:	N/A
U.S. Economic Impact:	The Project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy. There is no U.S. procurement associated with this Project, and, therefore the Project is expected to have a neutral impact on U.S. employment. The Project is expected to have a negative five-year U.S. balance of payments impact.
Developmental Effects:	This project provides much needed capital to qualified Microfinance Institutions in order to provide micro loans to low income borrowers in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. The project will encourage private sector development and provide significant downstream benefits to consumers and suppliers by targeting micro-entrepreneurs.
Environment	Microfinance and small business lending facilities are screened as Category C projects, but subject to conditions related to the use of proceeds. Excluded activities include lending to entities engaged in categorically prohibited activities or activities likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
Labor/Human Rights	<p>DFC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the right of association, organization and collective bargaining, hours of work, and the timely payment of all wages. Loans to MFI borrowers will be restricted with respect to the MFI borrowers' operations, including the employment of minors and other applicable labor law requirements. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project.</p> <p>In consultation with the Department of State, the project, under a larger Framework Agreement, received a human rights clearance on March 4, 2014.</p>