

## Public Information Summary

<b>Host Country(ies)</b>	Uganda
<b>Name(s) of Borrower(s)/Guaranteed Party(ies)</b>	Equity Bank Uganda Limited (“EBUL” or “Equity Bank”)
<b>Project Description</b>	Loan portfolio guaranty with 60% coverage to increase lending to individuals, groups, and SMEs in Uganda’s refugee and host communities.
<b>Proposed DFC Loan/Guaranty</b>	\$6,000,000
<b>All-Source Funding Total</b>	\$10,000,000
<b>Policy Review</b>	
<b>Developmental Objectives</b>	<p>The Project is expected to have positive development impact in Uganda by expanding microfinance and SME lending to refugee-owned enterprises and other enterprises in Ugandan host communities, with a particular focus on women-owned or led enterprises. Uganda hosts Africa’s largest refugee population and remains the third largest refugee hosting nation in the world, with an estimated 1.5 million refugees displaced primarily from South Sudan and Democratic Republic of the Congo. Additionally, Ugandan MSMEs face severe constraints in access to finance, with an estimated financing gap of over \$5.4 billion.</p> <p>The Project expects to support microfinance and SME lending in districts with large refugee populations, where these constraints are particularly acute.</p>
<b>Environment and Social Assessment</b>	<p>The Project has been reviewed against DFC’s 2020 Environmental and Social Policies and Procedures manual (“ESPP”) and has been determined to be categorically eligible. DFC loan portfolio guaranties for the expansion of lending to small, and medium enterprises (“SMEs”) are screened as Financial Intermediary C (FI-C) for environmental and social assessment. These downstream investments are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts. Therefore, all those downstream investments have been pre-screened as low risk and further review and consent is not required for these investments.</p>

To ensure that the Guaranteed Party's on-lending is consistent with the DFC's statutory and policy requirements, the DFC loan portfolio guaranty will be subject to conditions regarding the use of proceeds. The primary environmental and social issues identified in this transaction relate to the need for an updated Human Resources Policy which must include a child and forced labor and comprehensive non-discrimination statement, and GHG emissions methodology that meets the 2012 IFC Performance Standards.

Under the DFC's ESPP, the Guaranteed Party 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. A desk-review based due diligence assessment indicates that because the Project will use DFC support for the expansion of its SME lending portfolio in Uganda, significant adverse impacts concerning community health and safety, biodiversity, land acquisition and resettlement, indigenous peoples, and cultural heritage are not anticipated; therefore, PS 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered at this time. The Guaranteed Party does utilize private, armed security and therefore, relevant aspects of IFC PS 4, Community Health, Safety, and Security are triggered. The Guaranteed Party represents training for security personnel is adequately aligned with the IFC PS.

The Guaranteed Party has an environmental, social, governance and climate risk management system (the "Policy") which meets the requirements set forth in the IFC Performance Standards 1 and 2 and the DFC ESPP. The Guaranteed Party has human resources policies, grievance mechanisms, and employee training materials commensurate with the size and scale of its operations and lending strategy. The DFC will require the Guaranteed Party to update and strengthen its HR policies on non-discrimination and child and forced labor, and include the consideration of GHG emissions in the E&S Policy to meet the DFC's 2020 Environmental Policy and Procedures.