

## INFORMATION SUMMARY FOR THE PUBLIC

Host Country:	Liberia
Name of Borrower:	Liberian Enterprise Development Finance Company
Project Description:	LEDFC is a non-bank financial institution focused on SME lending in Liberia.
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$20,000,000 (thirteen-year tenor)
Total Project Costs:	\$36,000,000
U.S. Sponsor:	Mrs. Yvonne Nduom and Dr. Papa Kwesi Nduom
Foreign Sponsor:	None.
<b>Policy Review</b>	
U.S. Economic Impact:	U.S. Economic Impact Summary: 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:	Developmental Summary for Public Project Profile: This Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact in Liberia by increasing access to finance for SMEs. Access to financial services is very low in Liberia, ranking 101 out of 190 in the World Bank Doing Business report for 2017. The physical presence of commercial banks in Liberia's rural areas is extremely scarce with only four branches per 100,000 adult population, and less than one branch per 1000 km <sup>2</sup> , significantly lower than other members in the Economic Community of West African States. Women entrepreneurs in Liberia also face challenges, representing 6% of commercial bank credit out of 18% for all SMEs in Liberia. Operating out of four branches across Liberia, 30% of the Project's portfolio will target women business owners and 40% of the Project's portfolio will target rural areas. The Project aligns with UN Sustainable Development Goal #8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and #10 (Reduce Inequality within and among countries).
Environment:	Loans to financial institutions for the purposes of SME lending are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social policies and are 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. The financial institution will be required to develop an Environmental and Social Policy and enhance its eligibility screening process to include more detailed risk-based due diligence of potential borrowers.

Social Assessment:	<p>The Project will be required to operate in a manner consistent with the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standards, OPIC's Environmental and Social Policy Statement and applicable local laws. OPIC's statutorily required language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the rights of association, organization and collective bargaining, minimum age of employment, and nondiscrimination. Loans to SME borrowers will be restricted with respect to SME borrowers' operations, including employment of minors and other applicable labor law provisions. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project, including contracted workers. The Project will be required to enhance its procedures to screen and monitor potential borrowers for social risk, including labor, commensurate with the risks associated with the anticipated Portfolio. The Project will also be required to develop written procedures to guide its community grievance mechanism, and enhance its employee grievance mechanism to align with the requirements of Performance Standard 2. This review covers the commensurate human rights risks associated with SME on-lending in Liberia.</p>
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