

Information Summary for the Public

Host Country(ies):	Nicaragua
Name of Borrower:	Financiera Fama, S.A. (“Fama”)
U.S. Sponsors:	Accion International (Accion Gateway Fund LLC)
Foreign Sponsors:	Fundacion para el Apoyo a la Microempresa Juan Alvaro Munguia Alvarez Triodos Investment Management
Project Description:	Expansion of Borrower’s commercial lending business to capitalize on significant unmet demand among micro, small and medium companies in Nicaragua.
Total Project Cost:	\$7,730,000
Loan Provided Under OPIC-WorldBusiness Capital Framework Agreement:	\$7,500,000
Developmental Effects:	This Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact by expanding the availability of growth capital to MSMEs in Nicaragua. The Borrower will use this loan to offer loans to MSMEs in the lower-income segment of the population, including women entrepreneurs and rural-based enterprises. Access to credit presents a significant obstacle for MSMEs in Nicaragua. A study by the IFC shows that only 15 percent of MSMEs in Nicaragua have access to credit, and 21 percent cite access to finance as a major barrier to their business growth. This Project will allow Fama to augment the size of its MSME loan portfolio and further financial inclusion and social development in Nicaragua through its microcredit offering at reasonable rates and longer tenors. This Project supports UN Sustainable Development Goal #1 (No Poverty) and Goal #8 (Decent Work and

	Economic Growth).
Environment:	Loans for purposes of on-lending to micro-,small- and medium-sized enterprises are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines. Environmental, health, safety, and social impact concerns are considered minimal. However, in order to ensure that the Borrower's loans are consistent with OPIC's statutory and policy requirements, the loan will be subject to conditions regarding the use of proceeds
U.S. Economic Impact:	The Project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy. The Project will procure legal services from the United States, which will have a de minimus impact on U.S. employment. The Project is expected to have a negative five-year U.S. balance of payments impact.
Workers Rights:	<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.</p> <p>OPIC's statutorily required language will be supplemented with provisions concerning nondiscrimination and the use of loan proceeds, which will be restricted with respect to the borrower's operations, including the employment of minors and other applicable labor law requirements. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers engaged by the Project.</p> <p>This Project involves micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) on-lending in Nicaragua. The Borrower has developed policies and management systems that addresses social risk, including labor, commensurate with the risks associated with the Borrower's anticipated Portfolio.</p>

Human Rights:	The above requirements also cover the commensurate human rights risks associated with MSME on-lending in Nicaragua.