

**Grassroots Business Investors Fund I, L.P.
Information Summary for the Public**

Host Countries:	Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Peru, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia
Name of Borrower:	Grassroots Business Investors Fund I, L.P.
U.S. Sponsor:	Grassroots Business Partners, Inc. a Delaware non-stock corporation with 501(c)(3) status (“GBP”).
Foreign Sponsor:	N/A
Project Description:	The loan will allow Grassroots Business Investors to expand its loan portfolio of small and medium enterprises in Central and South America, Africa and East Asia.
Total Project Costs:	Approximately \$68,000,000 (over 2 closes). First close estimated at \$48,000,000.
Proposed OPIC Loan:	A 10-year direct loan of \$20 million is proposed to provide financing to high impact small and medium enterprises in OPIC-eligible countries globally.
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a strong developmental impact in the host countries. The Borrower’s mission is to support High Impact Businesses, which are for-profit SMEs that provide sustainable economic opportunities for farmers, artisans, and micro-enterprises, or provide affordable basic services to people living at the base of the economic pyramid. The High-Impact Businesses that the Borrower supports are typically small- or mid-sized enterprises that fall through gaps in the traditional banking sector because they require longer-term, quasi-equity financing that is not typically offered by microfinance institutions or social investment funds. Thus, this project will have a positive impact on augmenting the financial sector by making such financing accessible for these types of underserved businesses. This project will also have positive technology and knowledge transfer effects. GBP, the non-profit entity, provides capacity building grants to most of its investees that are used for accessing market information, training employees, providing strategic planning and financial management, and financing affordable management systems. Further, the project’s ten target countries are mostly low-income, each with 25 percent of their populations living below the poverty line.
Environment:	Investments in financial services and technical assistance enterprises are screened as Category C projects under OPIC’s environmental and social guidelines. Environmental, health, safety and social impact concerns are minimal. However, in

	<p>order to insure that the Project’s loans are consistent with OPIC’s statutory and policy requirements the loan will be subject to conditions regarding use of proceeds.</p> <p>The Project will develop and implement an overarching policy statement of the environmental and social objectives and principles that will be used to guide the Project and achieve sound and sustainable environmental and social performance and a grievance mechanism to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances about the Project’s environmental and social performance.</p>
<p>U.S. Economic Impact:</p>	<p>The project is not expected to have a negative impact on the U.S. economy or employment. There is no U.S. procurement associated with this project. Thus, the project is expected to have a neutral impact on U.S. employment. The project will have a negative five-year U.S. balance of payments impact.</p>
<p>Workers Rights:</p>	<p>OPIC’s statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the right of association, organization and collective bargaining. GBP’s investments in SMEs will be restricted with respect to the investee’s 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. The Project will be required to operate in a manner consistent with the requirements of the International Finance Corporation’s Performance Standard 2 on Labor and Working Conditions.</p>
<p>Human Rights:</p>	<p>This project received a Human Rights Clearance on December 6, 2010.</p>