

Information Summary for the Public

Host Country:	Jordan
Name of Borrower:	Arab Bank
U.S. Sponsor:	CHF
Foreign Sponsor:	NA
Commitment Date:	1/10/2012
Project Description:	OPIC will guaranty local currency loans by the Lenders to small and medium enterprises, microfinance institutions, non-banking financial institutions and other approved borrowers.
Total Project Cost:	\$22,573,363
Proposed OPIC Loan:	\$15,000,000
Developmental Effects:	This project will have a positive developmental impact in Jordan through the provision of a guarantee that will support local currency loans to SME borrowers operating in a variety of sectors. The majority of new loans originated by the bank will have relatively long tenors, with around half of these loans going to businesses outside of Amman. This project is part of a loan guarantee facility in Jordan to spur growth in the SME sector to address the country's high unemployment levels.
Environment:	Projects involving loans to banks for the purposes of SME on-lending are screened as Category C projects under OPIC's environmental and social guidelines. Environmental, health, safety and social impact concerns are minimal. However, in order to insure that the Borrower's loans are consistent with OPIC's statutory and policy requirements, proceeds of the OPIC

	loan will be subject to conditions regarding use of proceeds.
Workers Rights	OPIC's statutorily required standard worker rights language will be supplemented with provisions concerning the right of association, organization and collective bargaining. Loans to SME borrowers will be restricted with respect to the SME borrowers' operations, including the employment of minors and other applicable labor law requirements. The project will also 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. Standard and supplemental contract language will be applied to all workers of the Project.
Human Rights	OPIC issued a human rights clearance for the Project on April 13, 2011.