

Public Information Summary: CHF Lebanon Replacement Facility

Host Country:	Lebanon
Proposed OPIC Guaranty:	OPIC shall extend a guaranty to CHF in the amount not to exceed \$25 million.
Total Project Costs:	Total anticipated project costs are \$37 million.
U.S. Sponsor and Recipient of the OPIC Guaranty:	CHF International, a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in New Jersey.
Servicer:	Ameen S.A.L., a for-profit entity incorporated in Lebanon and registered as a financial institution.
Project Description:	OPIC is proposing to provide an investment guaranty in an amount up to \$25 million to CHF International, which will, in turn, extend a guaranty to Ameen and its banking partners for the purpose of continuing to extend small and medium enterprise, micro-housing, housing improvement loans, and possibly consumer finance loans to qualified local borrowers.
Policy Review	
U.S. Economic Impact:	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, and 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.
Developmental Effects:	With the OPIC guaranty, Ameen and the banks through which this facility will operate will provide working capital and expansion capital to microborrowers in Lebanon. Through its loans to these borrowers, the banks and Ameen will help stimulate entrepreneurship and raise the standard of living for those underserved by traditional banking institutions. An estimated 80% of funds will target microborrowers located in rural areas of the country, and 30% of funds will target women-owned enterprises. Ameen will provide technical assistance to microborrowers in the form of financial statement development, strategic planning, and business management. As a signatory to the global Smart Campaign, the banks and Ameen will ensure proper client protection practices.
Environment:	Projects involving loans or guaranties 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 rights of association, organization and collective bargaining. Loans to micro- and SME borrowers will be restricted with respect to the

	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 provisions will be applied to all workers engaged in the Project.
Human Rights:	OPIC issued a human rights clearance for this Project on July 25, 2012.