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The Republic of Rwanda

Building an Inclusive Financial Sector in Rwanda Program (BIFSIR)

The Investment Committee Meeting was held at MINECOFIN Main Board Room from 12:00-13:30 and was chaired by the Director General of Financial Sector Development Department in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

The proposed agenda was presented and adopted with no amendments as below.

Agenda items

1. Welcome Remarks;
 2. Presentation on Agent Banking proposal;
 3. Presentation on refinancing proposal.
 4. A.o.B
1. Adoption of the agenda - The agenda of the meeting was adopted as presented.
- i) **Investment Committee Members Present:**
1. Eric Rwigamba: Director General- FSD-MINECOFIN (Chairperson)
 2. Erick Sile: UNCDF Regional Office (online)
 3. Janvier Ntalindwa: UNDP
 4. Dongrib KIM: KOICA-Rwanda
 5. Kevin Kavugizo: National Bank of Rwanda (observer)
- ii) **Technical Team members Present:**
6. Frank Bahizi: Finance Manager SPIU, MINECOFIN
 7. Yoon Kyung Lee: M&E Advisor, BIFSIR-UNDP
 8. Arthur Sabiti: National Technical Advisor-BIFSIR-UNCDF
 9. Desiderata Kayitaba: UNCDF

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1. Welcome Remarks:

In his remark, the Chairperson welcomed all members to the meeting after the quorum was in place. He underlined the importance of the decisions taken by both steering and investment committee in line with BIFSIR's mandate of facilitating financial inclusion in Rwanda as entrenched in government of Rwanda's vision 2020, the economic development and poverty reduction strategy and the financial sector development program (FSDP II)

He further expressed the appreciation to the development partners particularly the UNCDF, UNDP and KOICA for their continued support towards financial inclusion in Rwanda and reiterated the Government's commitment to make it happen.

2. Presentation on Agent banking proposal submitted by Umutanguha Finance Ltd (UF)

The National technical advisor (NTA) for BIFSIR presented to the meeting the UF agent banking proposal that was developed targeting rural unbanked population.

He further informed the meeting that the technical team conducted a due diligence using an in-house developed excel that measure governance, operations, asset quality whereby UF scored 87/100 points. Based on these points, the technical team's point of view was to fund this proposal

After deliberations on the proposal, members of the investment committee recommended that the project is viable and recommended to support it as it is in line with the government of Rwanda's financial sector development program, EDPRS II and UNDP priorities to scale up the usage of technology based financial services to the Rwandan population. Subsequently, the steering made the following decisions

- 1- The steering committee approved to fund the proposal with a grant of 250,000 USD to be disbursed in two tranches.
- 2- However, the committee recommended that the technical team (supported by the chairperson) ensures that before the funds are disbursed, the applicant institution submits a clear implementation roadmap that indicate milestone activities, risks involved and the risk mitigation plan.

3. Presentation on refinancing proposal

The refinancing proposal for the BDF amounting to 460,000 USD was presented to the meeting by the NTA to support a selected FSP to reach more un-served but bankable MSEs through

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credit and capacity building by lending to intermediary FSPs on fair terms and conditions tailored to market.

The following decisions/recommendations were made by the steering committee on the proposal for refinancing:

- 3- Considering the viability of the proposal in relation to the overall mandate of BDF, the Steering Committee approved the request with the funding of 460,000 USD as grant and requested the technical teams to commence the contracting processes without delays.

AOB

The meeting was informed that BIFSIR is planning to conduct field visit on 06th June 2014 to assess the project's particular success and its impact on financial inclusion.


The meeting also reiterated on the importance of timely reporting to be able to track the progress of the project implementation and provide necessary guidance well in time.

Since there was no any other business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 13:00 PM.

Chairperson


Eric Rwigamba
Director General - FSDS

Secretary


Mr. Frank Bahizi
Finance Manager - SPIU

Arthur K SABITI
National Technical Advisor – BIFSIR

