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## Environmental and Social Data Sheet

### Overview

Project Name: BANCO DO BRASIL GENDER AND AMAZON PORTFOLIO  
 Project Number: 2022-0835  
 Country: Brazil  
 Project Description: The operation will support economic activities for the private sector in the Amazon region through microloans to female-owned or female-run microenterprises and through renewable electricity generation installations for self-consumption.

EIA required: Some sub-projects may require an ESIA.

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise<sup>1</sup>: no

### Environmental and Social Assessment

The present operation consists of two sub-loans, the first one (71% of the total loan) dedicated to financing micro businesses (below 10 employees) led/owned by women in the Amazonian region of Brazil, and the second one (29% of the total loan) dedicated to solar PV in the Amazonian region. This Environmental and Social Assessment concerns the energy component of the operation, which is a Framework Loan (FL) to finance the implementation of mainly small-sized solar PV plants in Brazil. The Borrower and Financial Intermediary (FI) is Banco do Brasil (BB), which will on-lend the funds for the installation of the plants to its customers.

#### Environmental Assessment

The FL intends to bring about environmental benefits by supporting renewable energy projects that help to mitigate climate change. All projects will be small-sized ones (mainly rooftop-mounted and ground-mounted solar PV plants with individual capacity below 1 MW). Given the small size of the projects, they are expected to go for a simplified environmental procedure. Banco do Brasil finances projects only when they are fully authorised. In addition, BB's Credit Policy provides for the observance of environmental criteria in the analysis of loans and financing granted. Therefore, credit borrowers are required to present documents that prove environmental regularity (environmental licences, environmental impact reports, water permits, whenever applicable).

Overall, no significant negative impacts on sensitive natural habitats or other biodiversity areas are expected for the projects. Positive local environmental benefits are expected during operation, given the substitution of polluting power generation options with a cleaner alternative, which is expected to avoid GHG emissions. Specifically, the FL will contribute 100% to Climate Action (mitigation) and will support Brazil's targets for increasing the share of renewable energy sources in its annual electricity generation. The Project also contributes to the achievement of Brazilian objectives in the context of the country's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution

<sup>1</sup> Only projects that meet the scope of the Carbon Footprint Exercise, as defined in the EIB Carbon Footprint Methodologies, are included, provided estimated emissions exceed the methodology thresholds: 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year absolute (gross) or 20,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e/year relative (net) – both increases and savings.



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agreed following the COP21, where a target of 43% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030 (versus the 2005 levels) has been defined.

### **EIB Paris Alignment for Counterparties (PATH) Framework**

The counterparty Banco do Brasil SA is in scope and screened into the PATH framework due to its size. The counterparty already meets the requirements of the EIB PATH framework and since 2010, it has been disclosing social and environmental information in its Annual Report subject to independent auditing. The latest reports include TCFD's recommendations. Therefore, no further steps such as contractual undertakings or advisory activities are envisaged to be required in line with the PATH Framework.

### **Social Assessment**

Through its Sustainability Guidelines for Credit and in accordance with the respective national legislation, Banco do Brasil adopts exclusion criteria when carrying out business with customers that subject workers to degrading forms of work including child labour. Given the small size of the (solar PV) projects, their promoters and the wide range of potential suppliers and installation companies, BB will be required to undertake reasonable efforts in case of concern to mitigate against the risk of forced labour in the supply chain of solar PV modules. This will include enhanced due diligence where practically achievable, and ensuring that relevant obligations are passed on in supplier contracts.

Allocations under the Framework Loan are expected to bring about a broader social benefit by generating clean and renewable power at a cost reasonably below the cost of fossil-fuel based alternatives in Brazil.

### **Other Environmental and Social Aspects**

In order to conduct ESG evaluation of its loan portfolio, BB awards ratings ("A" to "C") according to the environmental and social complementarities found for each facility. Such evaluation has been submitted for an independent opinion (the latest in November 2023) for the purpose of alignment with the best domestic and international standards for reviewing sustainable projects and businesses (including European Union Sustainable Finance Taxonomy).

Banco do Brasil has a strong sustainability policy focused among others on the application of the National Policy on Climate Change, including energy efficiency and growth of the share of renewable energy sources in the energy matrix, reforestation and sustainable change in agricultural practices. Key commitments and objectives are compiled in the Sustainability Plan - Agenda 30 BB in alignment with the SDGs.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

The FI has adequate capacity to identify, assess, manage and monitor Environmental, Climate and Social (ECS) impacts and risks of the sub-projects benefiting from EIB support. The FI has systems, processes and procedures in place and adequate resources to implement its E&S policy and procedures, which are deemed to be acceptable to manage ECS risks related to this operation. The following loan undertakings will be included in the legal documentation:

- BB shall ensure that projects benefiting from EIB support comply with national and EIB E&S standards.
- BB will be required to undertake reasonable efforts to ensure that the projects which it finances are screened for any labour issues in the supply chain, and will endeavour where possible to cascade down similar requirements in its finance contracts. In line



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with this, BB, inter alia and on a best effort basis, will require the solar PV installation companies to obtain certificates from suppliers certifying no violations of labour rights for the production of panels.

- BB shall not finance solar PV plants located in critical habitat areas or in indigenous land as defined by the EIB E&S standards.
- The Bank will require the FI to store and keep updated any E&S related documents that may be relevant for the project (e.g. environmental studies, environmental monitoring reports or equivalent documents). When relevant and applicable, the FI shall deliver to the EIB the EIA report and other relevant environmental documents.
- Projects (i) with significant negative social impacts, or (ii) requiring physical resettlement, and/or (iii) with impact on indigenous people, shall not be eligible.
- Projects in areas with a high biodiversity value and nature conservation areas shall not be eligible.

In view of the above findings and conditions, the operation is deemed satisfactory from an environmental and social compliance perspective.