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## **PROJECT SUMMARY IN DESING (\*)**

## The Small Farmers Climate Adaptation Fund "SMAF"

PITCH ELEGIBILITY DATE	COI	JNTRY(IES)
07/20/2021	Cos	ta Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala,
	Hor	duras, México, Perú
PARTNERS(S)		
Add-Value Management Services S.A.		
PRELIMINARY CLASSFICATION ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT		
B13 (**)		
TOTAL BUDGET	IDB Lab	LOCAL COUNTERPART
		AND COFINANCING
	US 4,400,000	

## **DESCRIPTION**

As climate change threatens farmers of LAC, MFIs face limitations in accessing the long-term sources of funding required to promote the adoption of climate adaptation measures by their small farmers clients. Rural MFIs are also in need of support in building the technical know-how to promote sustainable agricultural lending techniques.

This Fund is the first focused climate adaptation and agriculture microfinance investment vehicle (MIV) in the region, from the region & for the region, structured and managed by Add-Value Management, and designed in collaboration with the International Center of Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), and the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS). The SMAF will provide debt financing and technical assistance to MFIs.

The primary beneficiaries of the SMAF are smallholder farmers involved in agricultural activities such as crops, livestock, and dairy production located in rural areas of eight Latin American countries, namely: México, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Perú and Nicaragua. Smallholder farmers in these countries will have access to finance and technica assistance.

Add-Value is a fund management company founded in 2017 primarily to design, structure, and manage the SMAF. Add-Value is based in San José, Costa Rica, a primary strategic location to conduct business in Central America, Mexico, the Andean Region, and the Caribbean. Add-Value is formed by group of experienced impact fund managers with a long track records in structuring and managing funds for the microfinance industry un Latin America and the Caribbean

IDB Lab/GCF involvement could unlock other parties' interest in financing the SMAF.

IDB Lab will be supporting the nascent climate-related and innovative finance ecosystem in Central America and the Andean region, as well as strengthening MFIs financing in the area of green recovery and climate change adaptation, as well as supporting SMAF in the ethical adoption of technology.

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