
Kenya



ABSTRACT

Microfinance in Kenya consists of microfinance facilities and regulations which has been developing since the mid-1990s. The Kenyan microfinance market is now one of the largest in the world. Kenya also occupies the world-leading position in mobile banking, which is a force to reckon with in driving financial inclusion.

The operations of microfinance institutions in Kenya are governed by the Microfinance Act, issued by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK). CBK is the supervisory authority that licenses and regulates commercial banks and microfinance banks. With the adoption of this act, institutions could apply for micro finance licenses at the Kenyan Central Bank either as a national or community institution.

The study provides a detailed overview of the inclusive finance sector, contextualized in the political and socio-economic environment of the country. It is available for investors, donors and other participants of the sector who need to:

- evaluate new markets where to develop their activities;
- monitor the existing exposure in the country and deepen the knowledge of a market by spotting challenges and opportunities;
- identify FIs with a great potential for financing and technical support.

