

Burundi



ABSTRACT

Burundi ranks 159th out of 185 countries in the Ease of Doing Business 2013 index. Although still ranking towards the end of the list, Burundi is among the economies which improved the most in the ease of doing business in 2011-2012 and in the ease of starting a business in the past year. In the 5 past years, several positive developments have marked the financial sector. Banking regulation was strengthened, government increased capitalization requirements and the financial sector was opened to competition from banks in the region. The microfinance sector in Burundi is made up of several stakeholders working either in the informal sector or in the formal (structured) sector.

The study focuses on the financial system and on the structure and dynamics of the inclusive finance sector, contextualized in the legal, fiscal, 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.

