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GUIDE TO THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary (MOS) reports on the status of projects in the World Bank’s pipeline from the time the operation is identified to the signing of the Loan, Credit, or Grant Agreement. It is a detailed accounting of the projects included in the country lending programs that are actively being prepared for implementation. The lending programs reflect the Bank’s strategy for each member country as set out in the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) presented to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. On average, it takes about 13 months for the Bank to process a project from concept to approval. After a financing agreement is signed or a project is dropped from the program, the project entry is deleted from this summary. Each issue of the summary contains a list of projects reported for the first time and the list of projects deleted from the current issue. Program, Familiarity with the Bank’s project cycle, summarized in the following paragraphs, can help potential bidders identify business opportunities with Bank borrowers. Each entry in the MOS indicates at what point the operation is in the project cycle.

Project Cycle

During IDENTIFICATION, the client government and the Bank identify a specific operation as being likely to support the country’s development strategy and the Bank’s CPF.

During PREPARATION, the client government identifies and discusses the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project. Preparation usually requires feasibility studies followed by more detailed studies of the alternatives that promise to yield the most satisfactory results. An environmental assessment is usually carried out during this phase. (See below for more information on environmental assessment.) In the preparation stage of the project cycle, clients often supplement their own efforts by hiring consultants to carry out a major part of the work. Contractors and suppliers of equipment and goods need to start making contacts with country officials during this stage.

During APPRAISAL, the Bank conducts a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project (technical, institutional, economic, and financial), laying the foundation for implementing the project and evaluating it when completed. Project appraisal is conducted by Bank staff and may be supplemented by individual experts. The preparation of the Project Appraisal Document concludes this stage.

During NEGOTIATIONS, discussions are held with the client government, and the agreements reached are written into the loan documents. Upon completion of negotiations, the project is presented to the Bank’s Board of Executive Directors for approval. After approval, the financing agreement is signed.

Project IMPLEMENTATION normally starts within a few months after the project financing agreement is signed. Countries, through their implementing agencies, have full responsibility for executing World Bank-financed projects, including procuring goods and works and hiring consultants. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects and obtain information on what goods and services will be needed and when and how to submit bids and proposals.

Consultants are often used during project implementation to provide technical assistance and other project implementation support. Consultants in particular should contact the responsible implementing agency early in the project preparation period to express their interest.

Contracts for consulting services, as well as some for goods and works, may also be procured prior to loan/credit/grant approval. This is known as advance contracting.

The information contained in (MOS) is intended to enable companies to assess their interest in supplying Bank-financed projects. Further information should be requested from the country’s project implementing agency. The likelihood of a timely response is greater if the queries are brief and to the point. When possible, travel to the country; direct contact with relevant agency officials is recommended.

Firms should contact the World Bank only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans, credits, and grants may be obtained from the World Bank’s Procurement Policy and Services Group’s website at http://www.worldbank.org/procure (click on “Bidding/Consulting Opportunities” on the left navigation bar). Business opportunities under World Bank-financed appear twice a month in UN Development Business and are available via the internet at <www.devbusiness.com>. The website also includes invitations to bid and submit proposals, notices of contract awards, and General Procurement Notices.
Environmental Categories

The type, timing, and scope of environmental analysis to be performed by Bank clients are confirmed when a given project is identified. Projects are assigned one of the following categories, depending on the nature, magnitude, and sensitivity of environmental issues:

**Category A:** The project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts. Full environmental assessment is normally required.

**Category B:** The project may have specific environmental issues. Partial environmental assessment is normally required.

**Category C:** Likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required.

**Category FI:** Involves investment of Bank funds through a financial intermediary, in subprojects that have adverse environmental impacts. An environmental framework may be required.

**Category U:** No category given.

The World Bank has three basic lending instruments: (i) Investment Project Finance which provides financial support for goods, works and services for a pre-defined specific project; (ii) Development Policy Finance (DPF) which supports countries’ policy and institutional reforms in a sector or the economy as a whole and provides quick-disbursing budget support; and (iii) Program-for-Results (PforR) which finances a small part of a large government program, with disbursements linked to results or performance indicators. DPF and PforR operations are not included in the (MOS) because these instruments are not designed to provide procurement opportunities since the funds are disbursed directly to government accounts.

*A typical summary entry looks like this:*

**MOS: A Typical Record**

1. **Morocco**
2. **Energy and mining**
3. (R) MA-Clean and Efficient Energy: The project development objective is to support the Borrower to increase supply of clean energy and to meet demand more efficiently among targeted customers. Concept completed on 12 November 2019. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145689.
4. US$125.0/24.0 (IBRD/CF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l’Electricite et de l’Eau Potable (ONEE) Tel: 21222466809, E-mail: fait@onee.ma, Contact: Mohamed Fait, Director.

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The Global Environment Facility (GEF)

In addition to projects financed by the World Bank, the *World Bank Monthly Operational Summary* reports on projects financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The GEF was established in 1991 by a Resolution of the World Bank Executive Directors as a pilot program to assist in the protection of the global environment and to promote environmentally sound and sustainable economic development. The GEF operates as a mechanism for providing new and additional grant and concessional funding to meet the agreed incremental costs of measures to achieve agreed global environmental benefits in the focal areas of climate change, biodiversity, international waters, land degradation chemicals, sustainable forest management (SFM)/REDD+, and under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and the Special Climate Change Fund—adaptation to climate change. The GEF consists of an Assembly of 183 participating countries, a Council, a Secretariat a Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, and 14 Implementing Agencies – ADB, AfDB, CI, DBSA, EBRD, FAO, IADB, IFAD, IUCN, UNDP, UNIDO, World Bank, and WWF.

As one of the Implementing Agencies of the GEF, the World Bank assists its member countries conserve and
sustainably use their biological diversity, reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases and adapt to climate change, manage shared water bodies and reduce their emissions of ozone-depleting substances by accessing GEF resources to cover the incremental costs of additional actions on these global issues.

To be eligible for GEF co-financing, projects must be consistent with at least one of the GEF’s ‘Operational Programs’ and meet the GEF project eligibility criteria.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its website: www.thegef.org/gef

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**Projects Deleted from This Issue**

The deleted projects are not included in this document.
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Angola Agriculture and Agribusiness Development Program: The project development objective is to increase farmer incomes, agricultural productivity, and value addition.

Background:
While Angola has achieved middle income status, its Human Development Index is extremely low and 50% of the population lives below the poverty line. With the economy’s reliance on oil, a strong Kwanza puts limits on international competitiveness in key sectors, namely manufacturing and agriculture. However, with strategic public investments, agriculture sector development has the potential to contribute to economic diversification, and to the reduction of poverty that persists mainly in rural areas. National and sector policies and programs have identified agriculture as a priority sector: The National Development Plan 2013-17 (NDP) has identified agriculture as an engine for food security, poverty and inequality reduction, and calls for increasing the sector’s competitiveness. The medium term agriculture sector development plan (PDMPSA) promotes the transformation from subsistence to commercial and market oriented agriculture.

Proposed approach:
The first area of support is related to rural infrastructure, service delivery, and private sector participation necessary to unleash the potential of smallholder farmers. Public investments are required to expand rural infrastructure (e.g. irrigation, roads, bridges, storage facilities) for small and large farmers, and support the provision of services to smallholders (e.g. extension, inputs, linkages with the market). In addition, public-private partnerships can be identified to provide commercial opportunities for agribusiness firms and smallholders, creating market opportunities for the smallholder sector, including the development of rural finance mechanisms.

The second area of support relates to capacity building. There is a need to invest in an improved policy making process that will create an enabling environment for a more competitive agricultural sector that provides jobs and food security. Support can be aimed at the development of a sector investment plan, with input from the African Union’s Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program (CAADP) and sector stakeholders in Angola. The policy making process can also be supported by strengthening the analytical capacity, as well as the policy dialogue process to ensure that policy and investment decisions are based on empirical evidence, and represent the sector’s needs. In the short term, a number of joint studies will be conducted to inform the joint program design. Identification completed on 7 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Angola Fiscal Management Development Policy Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 26 March 2015. US$ 200.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(R) Water Sector Institutional Development Project II: A. Proposed Development Objective(s):
(i) Increase water service objective in key cities; and
(ii) Strengthen institutional capacity and regulatory frameworks for water supply services in the Provincial Water and Sanitation Utilities (PWSUs) serving the key cities. Identification completed on 12 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Benin

Industry and trade

Bj-Ng Cross-Border Invest Opportunities: The objective of the project is to spur cross-border investments between Benin and Nigeria in dedicated value chains or industries where Benin retain a clear competitive advantage. The ambition would be to allow business companies to serve not only the domestic market but more importantly the Nigerian market. Identification completed on 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Benin Decentralized Community Driven Services Project - Addl Financing: To improve access to decentralized basic social services and to mainstream the CDD approach for
such services. Approval completed on 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Secretariat for Decentralized Community Driven Services Tel: (229) 9003-3601, E-mail: sepsdcc@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Germain Ouin Ouro

Public Investment Management and Governance Support Project: The project development objective is to strengthen public investment management effectiveness and enhance public sector accountability in Benin. Concept completed on 9 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147014. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Unite de Gestion des Reformes Tel: 229-21-31-09-00, E-mail: zodo@yahoo.fr, Contact: Joel Zodjihoue, Coordonnateur.

Botswana

Health and other social services

Social Protection Modernization Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Burkina Faso

(N) Reproductive Health Project - Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Burkina Faso Sahel Growth Pole: Per the country’s poverty reduction strategy, Burkina Faso seeks to maximize social and economic benefits derived from the sector. In September 2012, the Minister of Economy and Finances of Burkina Faso contacted the World Bank to help develop a mining growth pole in the North/Sahel region as a way to improve significantly the quality of life in mining communities. This activity responds to the fundamental problem reflected in the government’s inquiry: economic benefits from the mining sector are not sufficiently accruing to North/Sahel mining communities.

This project will develop and enhance local economic activities in Burkina Faso’s North/Sahel mining communities. It will be composed of the following four elements:

1. Helping potential suppliers so they can increasingly sell to mines,
2. Building local industries by enhancing other income-generating activities,
3. Improving delivery of basic services in mining communities, and

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Economic Governance and Citizen Engagement Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 3 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

BF Infrastructure, Urban Development and Mobility Project: The Project Development Objective is to contribute in removing infrastructure, connectivity and mobility constraints for urban and rural communities and promote regional capitals and their rural hinterlands economic functions development.

The project will finance infrastructure, urban development and mobility activities to support the implementation of the transport sector strategy of Burkina Faso for the period 2011-2015 and the national policy of housing and urban development as well as the priority actions of the “Schémas Directeurs d’Aménagement et d’Urbanisme (SDAU)” of the 13 regional capitals. Identification completed on 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Urban Water Sector Project - Additional Financing: The overall objective of the project is to increase access to sustainable water and sanitation services in selected urban areas. This will contribute to achievement of the water and sanitation MDGs. The project will achieve the objective through: (a) facilitating access to services through programs for constructing social water service connections, public standpipes, and on-site sanitation facilities; and (b) consolidating the achievements of the urban water supply sub-sector reforms and strengthening capacities to deliver and manage services. The project will help to provide clean water to 527,000 additional people and to provide improved sanitation services to 246,000 additional people.” Approval completed on 12 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149556. US$ 80.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Office National de l’Eau et de l’Assainissement (ONEA) Tel: (226) 5043-1900, Contact:
Burundi

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

(R) Burundi Coffee Sector Competitiveness Project: The project development objective (PDO) is to increase coffee productivity and improve its quality among small-scale coffee growers in Burundi. Negotiations authorized on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151869. US$ 55.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. INTERCAFE Tel: 25779923317, E-mail: nkurunzizafra@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Francois Nkurunziza, Intercafe Executive Committee President.

Health and other social services

BI-Social Safety Nets: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

City Competitiveness for Job Creation: The proposed PDO is to enhance competitiveness and increase job creation in the agribusiness, tourism and related sectors in Bujumbura. Identification completed on 11 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Government Effectiveness Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is: to strengthen government institutional capacity to improve fiscal management.

This objective will be achieved by supporting government efforts to mobilize domestic revenue, improve public expenditure management and controls, produce timely statistics for policy making, and improve mining sector regulatory capacity and practices. Negotiations authorized on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149176. US$ 22.0/5.2 (IDA Grant/GBEL). Consulting services to be determined. MINISTRY OF FINANCE Tel: 25779988725, E-mail: mushdes@yahoo.fr, Contact: Desire Musharitze, Coordinator of the cellule.

Transportation

(R) Burundi- Infrastructure Resilience Emergency Project: The Project’s objective is to enhance the climate resilience of key transport and drainage infrastructure in Greater Bujumbura while strengthening the country’s capacity to manage and prevent natural disasters. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150929. US$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined.

Cabo Verde

**Industry and trade**

Competitiveness for Tourism Development: The development objective of the proposed project is to increase investment and improve the competitiveness of Cabo Verde. This will be achieved by (i) strengthening the institutional capacity and regulatory framework to increase investment, (ii) supporting the establishment of a National Tourism Destination to diversify the tourism product, and (iii) strengthening the capacity of entrepreneurs to implement business ideas and generate employment. Identification completed on 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

CV Public Sector Governance Project: The efficient provision of infrastructure and other public goods in small economies is challenging given their large fixed costs, indivisibilities in production and limited economies of scale. In this context, attracting private partners can be difficult. In Cape Verde this has resulted in the purely public provision of key infrastructure, with important implications both for the government’s fiscal accounts and the efficiency of service delivery, which significantly affects the country’s competitiveness. Cape Verde’s five major SOEs, have long been a source of contingent liabilities for the government and the quality of the service delivery that they provide is poor due to their generally weak commercial and financial performance.

The reform of SOEs is at the core of the government’s reform agenda. Monitoring both the financial performance of SOEs and the quality of their service delivery is imperative to ensure continued fiscal sustainability and create the infrastructure conditions necessary to achieve the country’s development objectives. In pursuit of the first objective, fiscal sustainability, over the last three years the government has been working to strengthen SOE management and oversight. However, the effectiveness of state oversight and ownership is hampered by institutional settings and capacities. State ownership and oversight of SOEs is ensured by the Ministry of Finance and Planning (MFP), legally responsible for this function, through the Directorate of State Participations (DSPE - Direção de Serviço de Participações do Estado) at the General Directorate of Treasury. The effectiveness of this institutional framework is limited by the capacity of the SOE Unit and its institutional authority.

This project will provide technical support the Ministry of Finance and Planning and the DSPE to strengthen the institutional...
design governing the relations between the SOEs and their controller, and improve the supervisory and ownership functions of the DSPE. Identification completed on 1 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 4.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Cameroon**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Community Development Program Support Project-Phase III:** 12. The development objective of phase III (PND-PIII) is to enhance the capacity of communes for the implementation of the communal development plans, and extend the ongoing process in support to decentralization in new district communes. The main beneficiaries will be the 329 communes that have been supported during phase I and phase II and that already have communal development plans, plus 31 additional district communes. At the end of this phase, the program will achieve national geographic coverage. Indeed, all the 360 district communes of Cameroon will be covered by the program (100% national coverage). Concept completed on 11 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Proiect: P144637. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. PNDP Tel: 23767934904, E-mail: pndp@pndp.org.

**Energy and mining**

**CM-Electricity Transmission and Reform P:** The proposed Cameroon - Electricity Transmission and Reform project will support electricity transmission network investments which are unlikely to be financed under private financing. The project will also support the ongoing electricity sector reform which aims at creating a state owned Transmission Company. Identification completed on 9 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**PFM Reform Project:** The proposed project will finance the following technical assistance to: (i) consolidate the existing efforts in the implementation of performance management tools in support of program budgeting approach, (ii) reinforce capacity of the national players of the public procurement in order to implement the new procurement strategy and (iii) prepare the various feasibility studies for the deployment of an integrated financial management system. Identification completed on 6 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

**Cameroon Transport Sector Support Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 6 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Central African Republic**

**Energy and mining**

**CAR Rehabilitation and Reinforcement of the Electricity Sector:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

**CF - LONDO (‘Stand-Up’) Project:** The proposed PDO is to provide temporary employment to vulnerable people for local reconstruction purposes throughout the entire territory of the country.

The higher-level objective is to promote social cohesion while improving local governance and supporting economic recovery, through the provision of wage jobs, community engagement and rehabilitation of infrastructure.

The proposed project also provides an innovative alternative to traditional disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) programs, which have a poor track-record in the Central African Republic. Identification completed on 3 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health System Support Project Additional Financing:** The revised project development objectives are to: (a) increase utilization and improve the quality of maternal and child health services in targeted rural areas the Recipient’s territory; and (b) provide emergency health services to the general population. Negotiations authorized on 2 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153030. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**R) Emergency Public Services Response Project:** The project development objective is to re-establish an operational government payroll and related financial management systems. Negotiations authorized on 3 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P154304. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance / CS REF Tel: (236)
distances—close to 20 percent of GDP—from the Comorian diaspora, the country benefits from large and growing remittances. The growing role of this sector in the region. With longstanding government services, representing about 10 percent of GDP. Despite talent to a mere 4 percent of GDP. The third largest sector is government services, mainly in France. The diaspora also represents the main source of visitors from abroad. 2. Confirming a new commitment to reform, the Union of the Comoros adopted a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) for the period 2010-2014, which was endorsed by partners, including the World Bank. 5 The strategy has the following core objectives: (i) stabilize the economy and lay the groundwork for strong and equitable growth; (ii) strengthen key sectors by focusing on institution-building and ensuring a broader role for the private sector; (iii) strengthen governance and social cohesion; (iv) improve the health status of the general public; (iv) promote education and vocational training with the aim of developing human capital; and (v) promote environmental sustainability and civilian security. 3. In support of its PRSP, the government has finalized a comprehensive Public Financial Management strategy for the coming decade (2010-19) and adopted a detailed Action Plan for 2010-12. The proposed strategy is organized around four pillars 6: (i) modernizing the legislative and regulatory framework and strengthening institutional capacity; (ii) rationalizing budget preparation; (iii) strengthening budget execution; and (iv) increasing transparency through improved internal and external controls. The action plan (the first in a series of rolling triennial plans) provides a detailed, sequenced and budgeted list of actions mapped to specific lead institutions within the administration. Its implementation relies on two committees that include Union and island representatives: The CREF (which acts as a secretariat of the Comité Budgétaire) that is responsible for the implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation of the national PFM reform strategy, and the HASC that is in charge of leading the civil service reform, including management of personnel rosters, new recruitments into the civil service and implementation of the organic frameworks. 4. Notwithstanding this new dynamism for PFM reforms, important challenges remain. The 2007 Public Expenditure and Financial Assessment (PEFA) review rated Comoros at the lowest possible score, on 22 out of 28 key indicators. This evaluation emphasized weaknesses at all levels of public financial management (from formal institutions and procedures to actual implementation and processes), and puts Comoros squarely in the ‘lower performance league’ of African countries. 5. Major weaknesses contribute to reduce the Government’s efficiency in terms of budget preparation, execution, and reporting. Despite recent improvements and efforts to enhance cooperation via the Comité Budgétaire, budget preparation remains no participatory with consultations between Union and Islands fragmentary and unstructured. As a result, the budget is established mainly on the basis of economic and financial constraints, and is largely disconnected from policy priorities. With revenues barely covering wages and recurrent expenditures, there is limited scope for using the budget as a tool for resource allocations. In addition, the budgetary nomenclature is still based on administrative classifications and does not permit establishing a direct link between the budget (preparation and monitoring) and the government’s policy priorities or tracking priority expenditures through the budget cycle. With respect to execution, the legal and procedural framework is outdated and moreover poorly understood even by those in charge of the administrative phase of execution (credit managers). As a result normal procedures are often circumvented through a proliferation of exceptional procedures and significant gaps appear between budgeted and actual amounts. Thus the informational and authorization functions of the budget are severely undermined. At the Treasury level, serious structural weaknesses were again compounded during the reconciliation

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TD-Public Financial Mgmt CB AF: The additional financing will scale up some existing activities (technical assistance to the computerization of the public financial management system) while supporting new ones (implementation of the organic finance law, debt management). Approval completed on 12 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 10.2 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance Tel: (235-22) 520-452, E-mail: pamfip@intnet.td, Contact: Chandanie Wijayawardene, Director General.

Comoros

Health and other social services

(R) Comoros Social Safety Net Project: The Project Development Objective is to increase poor communities’ access to safety net and nutrition services. Approval completed on 19 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150754. US$ 6.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. FADC Tel: 2697732882, E-mail: fadc@comoretelecom.km, Contact: Mme Doulfat Dhilkamal, Executive Director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Economic Governance Technical Assistance - AF: 1. Comoros’ three islands form one of the smallest African countries. With an estimated 760,000 inhabitants, spread among three islands, the country remains mired in poverty. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita is estimated at US$785 and, based on 2004 estimates, about 45 percent of the population lived below the poverty line, an incidence that has probably increased since then. Poverty incidence varies considerably across regions and is typically higher in rural areas and on the island of Anjouan. The primary sector of the economy (mainly subsistence agriculture, a few cash crops, and fisheries) and retail services dominate the economy, representing about one-half and one-fifth of the country’s GDP, respectively. Cash crops comprise mainly three high-value export crops—vanilla, cloves and ylang-ylang—and constitute most of the export earnings in goods, equivalent to a mere 4 percent of GDP. The third largest sector is government services, representing about 10 percent of GDP. Despite the potential in tourism, the country has failed so far to tap into the growing role of this sector in the region. With longstanding outmigration, the country benefits from large and growing remittances—at close to 20 percent of GDP—from the Comorian diaspora, mainly in France. The diaspora also represents the main source of visitors from abroad. 2. 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period, which saw a breakdown in communication and systems across levels of Government. As a result key public accounts documents are simply never produced. 6. PFM information systems and financial control mechanisms are generally rudimentary and obsolete, and lack an integrated financial management information system. Except for the recently implemented ASYCUDA++ for customs operations, the only systems in place are software applications for wage bill calculation and external debt management. 7. Comoros’s civil service absorbs an inordinate share of the Government’s resources, while delivering poor quality services to the population. During the period of decentralization, most central administrative structures were simply duplicated in each autonomous island (without regard for administrative efficiency or financial sustainability). Correspondingly the civil service roster increased from less than 6,000 in 1999 to some 12,000 in 2008, with a concomitant rise of wage and salaries expenditures from 6.2 to 9 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), a loss of institutional memory and a dilution of already scarce human resources. Moreover, the often discretionary nature of these appointments has weakened the significance of personnel, wages paid by checks, organic frameworks). In addition, the policy dialogue with the Ministry of Finance highlighted the weak macroeconomic management capacities which undermine the country’s ability to formulate expenditure policy decisions based on sound assumptions and data. To address this challenge, the authorities have requested the Bank’s support to conduct economic management studies to inform budget preparation processes and sectoral analysis. 12. The purpose of the additional financing is to support the implementation of those activities. More specifically, the additional activities are following: (i) Acquire and roll out a system covering budget preparation, budget execution, and accounting and reporting; (ii) design and build the required network (LAN and WAN) so that the module could be used by the Treasury services throughout the territory (iii) support the implementation of the HR assessments and reviews (physical census of the civil servants, wages paid by checks, organic frameworks) (iv) economic management studies to inform budget preparation processes and sectoral analysis. 13. Moreover, the original date closing date is set for December 31, 2013. Therefore an extension of the closing date of the parent project is proposed until December 31, 2015. 14. No other changes are proposed to the project’s development objectives as the additional activities fit within the originally conceived objectives. Approval completed on 12 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 3.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Economic and Governance Project (ABGE) Tel: (263) 773-9900, E-mail: moinacharani@yahoo.fr, Contact: Moinafatima Charani, Coordinator, ABGE.

Congo, Democratic Republic of

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Forest Dependent Communities Support Project: The objective of the project is to empower targeted Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) to benefit from and engage in REDD+ policies and FIP activities. Concept completed on 14 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149049. US$ 6.0 (CSCF). No consultants are required. National Steering Committee Tel: 243-0998668497, E-mail: cpndgmrdc@gmail.com, Contact: Kapupu Diwa Mutimanwa, Président du CNP.

Education

Quality and Relevance of Secondary and Tertiary Education Project: The proposed PDO is to improve the quality and relevance of Junior Secondary Education, formal TVET and corresponding areas of Tertiary Education. Project interventions in Junior Secondary and Tertiary Education will prioritize STEM education, while in formal TVET are limited to selected priority sectors and targeted geographic areas. Concept completed on 25 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149233. US$ 130.0/70.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Vocational Education Tel: 243811762786, E-mail: makeryvet@hotmail.com, Contact: Maker Mwangu Famba, Minister.
Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Governance II: This is additional financing for the ongoing GCEP operation P104041, as per the recommendation of the MTR, conducted in November 2010, and as per the detailed request from the Minister of Finance, received in January 2011. Additional financing will fund activities in a 4th provinces (Kasai Occidental) additional activity on supporting procurement reform additional activity on public service identification process additional cost for IT investments due to price increases and expansion of the initially planned activities. Approval completed on 9 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126115. US$ 67.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Interior Tel: (243-99) 290-5743, E-mail: prcgrdc@gmail.com, Contact: Popaul Kizungu Chihiza, Project Coordinator.

DRC-Statistics Development Project: 1. the development objectives of this project are threefold: (1) to improve the quality and the timeliness of statistical information; (2) to make data accessible to users; and (3) to promote the demand for statistics. 2. The project will ensure sustainability of reliable and timely statistics service delivery through: human resources capacity development; the improvement of the capacity of the National Statistical System to attract and retain qualified and motivated staff; the improvement of the institutional organization; and the development of adequate infrastructures including ICT solutions for statistical information production and dissemination. Identification completed on 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

DRC - Goma Airport Safety Improvement Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve the safety, security, and operations of Goma International Airport. Approval completed on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153085. US$ 52.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport Tel: 243-813-331-291, E-mail: ptmrdt@yahoo.com, Contact: Lazare Dakahudyno Wakale Minada, Coordonnateur du Projet; Régie des Voies Aériennes (RVA) Tel: 243-811-681-123, E-mail: rva.dg@rva.cd and regiedesvoieaeseriens@yahoo.fr, Contact: Abdala Bilenge, Directeur General a.i.

DRC High Priority Roads Reopening and Maintenance - 2nd Additional Fin: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 3 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 120.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Congo, Republic of

(R) Urban Development and Poor Neighborhood Upgrading Project: The project development objective is to: (1) improve access to infrastructure and basic services for people living in selected unplanned settlements in Brazzaville and Pointe-Noire, and (2) strengthen government and municipalities’ capacity for urban upgrading. Appraisal completed on 5 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146933. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Cote d’Ivoire

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Obsolete Pesticides Management Project: The project’s Project Development Objective (PDO) is the same as the Global Environmental Objective as required for a GEF project. The PDO is to reduce adverse health and environmental impacts in Côte d’Ivoire of POPs pesticides by reducing or eliminating their ongoing use and managing existing stockpiles. The PDO will be achieved by strengthening capacity and the regulatory framework for the management of pesticides, reducing farmers’ dependence on the most problematic pesticides, safeguarding contaminated sites, and managing stockpiles consistent with the country’s obligation under the Stockholm Convention. Although the project primarily focuses on POPs pesticides, many activities will have a wider applicability for other classes of pesticides. Concept completed on 12 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131778. US$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. The World Bank.

Education

(R) Youth Employment and Skills Development - Additional Financing: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to temporary employment and skills development opportunities for young men and women in Cote d’Ivoire’s territory. Approval completed on 26 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151844. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Gazelle Gas Field Development Project: This PRG will cover the obligations of the ivorian power sector to pay for gas produced from the Gazelle field by a private operator, Vioco. Identification completed on 12 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

(R) CI- Productive Social Safety Net: The project development objective (PDO) is to provide cash transfers to poor households in selected regions and develop the foundations of a social safety net system. Negotiations authorized on 2 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143332. US$ 50.0
(IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs and Vocational Training (ME- MEASFP) Tel: 22507806444, E-mail: kkipeya@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Koné Kipéya Brahma, Director, Cabinet.

Industry and trade

CI-Integrated Growth & Competitiveness: The proposed Cote d’Ivoire Integrated Growth and Competitiveness operation supports structural transformation around priority value chains, through a complement of spatially targeted instruments facilitating PME/PMI access to infrastructure and logistics, financial and non financial support, and business environment reform. Identification completed on 25 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Cote d’Ivoire Local Governance and Local Development: The development objective of the Project is to contribute to rural/urban development and poverty reduction through supporting provision of priority public goods and services at the commune level, as well as to promote good local governance through support of decentralized and deconcentrated participatory local governance systems at the commune and provincial/district levels. Identification completed on 21 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

CI Governance and Institute Dev Addit Fin: The project development objective (PDO) is to achieve enhanced transparency and efficiency in the management of public finances and improved governance and efficiency in the cocoa sector. Approval completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147016. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (R) Second Agricultural Growth Project: The Project Development Objective is to increase agricultural productivity and commercialization of small holder farmers targeted by the project. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148591. US$ 350.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Tel: 251116461971, E-mail: minagr3@ethionet.et, Contact: Keberu Belayneh, AGP Coordinator.

Finance

Ethiopia: SME Finance Project: The objective of the Small and Medium Enterprise Finance Project (SMEFP) is to provide working capital, investment finance and lease finance to SMEs in Ethiopia on a commercial basis. The project will also aim at improving the overall enabling environment for facilitating SME Finance in Ethiopia. Identification completed on 29 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Ethiopia PFM Project: This project is the PFM project for Ethiopia. The two main components of this project are currently planned to be (i) the roll out of the Oracle IFMIS and (ii) support for ERCA and the regional revenue authorities. In addition, support will be provided for smaller activities relating to debt management, procurement, auditing and accounting and improving expenditure management in Line Ministries. Identification completed on 30 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Urban Productive Safety Net Project (UPSNP): The PDO of the proposed project is to support the GoE in providing access to safety nets and livelihood services to the poor in selected urban areas. Concept completed on 6 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151712. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Urban Development Housing and Construction Tel: -, E-mail: -, Contact: -, -.

Transportation

Ethiopia- Expressway Development Support Project: The objective of the Project is to enhance efficiency and safety in the movement of goods and people along the Zeway-Arsi Negele section of the Modjo-Hawassa development corridor, whilst strengthening the Recipient’s institutional capacity to develop and manage high capacity highways and expressways. Appraisal
completed on 23 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148850. US$ 370.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ethiopian Roads Authority Tel: 251-1151-56603, E-mail: zgebriel@yahoo.com, Contact: Zaid Wolde Gebriel, Director General.

Ethiopia - Addis Ababa Urban Land Use and Transport Support Project: The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to improve safe, reliable and efficient urban accessibility in select project areas in Addis Ababa.

The proposed project will help develop the capacity of the Addis Ababa Road and Transport Bureau to evaluate, plan, develop, and manage both supply and demand aspects of the urban transport system by bringing an accessibility approach to select project areas through 4 sub-components: transport systems management; public transport improvements; integrated urban planning and transport, and long-term planning and institution building. Identification completed on 11 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection


Gabon

Education

Gabon Skills Development Project: The Ministry of Education of Gabon is seeking the World Bank’s expertise for designing a skills development project. Gabon is a middle-income country, and qualifies for IBRD lending. The task involves designing an appropriate skills development operation and the related implementation details for a FY14 QIII envisaged Board date. Identification completed on 21 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Access to Basic Services in Rural Areas and Capacity Building Project: The project development objectives (PDO) are to expand access to water and energy services in target rural areas and to establish mechanisms to improve sustainability of service provision Appraisal completed on 22 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144135. US$60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Water Resources Tel: 24107127515, E-mail: dguéond@yahoo.fr, Contact: Désiré Guedon, Minister Energy and Water Resources.

Information and communications

GA - E-Government Applications: eGabon Project’s objective is to contribute to the development of a local ICT industry capable of creating digital content, applications and services including through the rolling out a National health Information System and fostering the development of eHealth applications in the territory of the Gabonese Republic. Identification completed on 8 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Gambia, The

Energy and mining


Health and other social services

(R) GM Maternal and Child Nutrition and Health Results Project: A Proposed Development Objective

The development objective of the project is to increase the utilization of community nutrition and primary maternal and child health services in selected regions in the Recipient’s territory. Appraisal completed on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154007. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Nutrition Agency (NaNA) Tel: 2204498851, E-mail: modoucheyassinphall@yahoo.com, Contact: Modou C. Phall, Executive director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

GM-Integrated Financial Management and Information System Project-Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 20 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Tel: (220) 422-5713, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales.
Ghana

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Local Communities: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 12 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining


Finance

Ghana Climate Innovation Center: Building on infoDev’s SME development and incubation success, the Climate Technology Program (CTP) was launched. The CTP supports developing countries to profitably develop and scale climate technology businesses that target national priorities in green growth, climate resilience and job creation. The main vehicle for this is the Climate Innovation Center (CIC), locally run specialized business incubators which provide climate technology entrepreneurs with a comprehensive suite of financing and services. infoDev will undertake a feasibility study to consider developing a CIC in Ghana. InfoDev believes that Ghana has high potential to benefit from the establishment of a CIC to meet its climate change challenges, particularly in renewable energy, sustainable agribusiness, water and resource management, buildings and transport. If approved following the 6-8 month feasibility assessment, establishment of a CIC would require a 5-year implementation and scale-up phase. Average budget is USD 15-20m. Identification completed on 8 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 17.2 (INFO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Economic Management Strengthening: The purpose of the “Economic Management Strengthening (EMS)” is to build capacity and strengthen the policymaking framework that will help the government make better informed and more technical decisions. The main objective is improving the MTEF and extending it to a fiscal framework that includes revenue forecasting and debt management.

Component 1: Strengthen the Fiscal Framework - improving coordination between following units: budget, public investment, revenue, and debt management. Requires human capacity and in systems processing, with the objective of ensuring transparency and accountability. The main objective is improving the MTEF and extending it to a fiscal framework that includes revenue forecasting and debt management.

Component 2: Strengthening Debt Management - improving governance framework, ensuring control and internal audit systems and procedures are adhered to, having regular and random security systems checks and back-ups among others; Implementation of the Debt management Reform Plan.

Component 3: Regulation of state owned enterprises by MoF or SEC requires well trained staff on industrial economics, microeconomics, and accounting.

Component 4: Public Investment Management - Ensure the effective management of procurement and disbursement processes on the one hand and productive use of personnel on the other hand.

Component 5- Development of domestic capital market, requires capacity building in the areas of monetary and financial economics, regulation and supervision of financial intermediaries, on risk management. Identification completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

AF Ghana Social Opportunities Project: The Project Development Objectives (PDO) of this Additional Financing is to improve targeting of social protection programs and provide income support to poor households through LEAP grants and LIPW infrastructure in targeted districts. Approval completed on 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146923. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Contact: Abdullah Al Shatter, Deputy Minister for Projects Programming; Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development Tel: (233-302) 818-1782, E-mail: kofibi.edu@yahoo.com, Contact: Robert Austin, National Coordinator.

Ghana Productive Jobs for Youth: The proposed project would support the Government’s effort to support productive jobs for youth through a combination of supply and demand side interventions. Identification completed on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Ghana: Public Financial Management Reform Project: The project development objective (PDO) is to improve the
budget management, financial control and reporting of the Government of Ghana. Negotiations authorized on 9 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151447. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: 233302665132, E-mail: chieddirector@mofep.gov.gh, Contact: Major M. S. Tara (Rtd), Chief Director.

**Health and other social services**

**Additional Financing to Rural Community-Driven Development Project:** The objectives of the Project are to lay the foundation of a social safety net strategy in Guinea Bissau by: (i) increasing access to basic priority social and economic infrastructures and services in participating communities, (ii) providing income support to vulnerable groups, and (iii) testing the building blocks for a larger system. Identification completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Additional Financing to Rural Community-Driven Development Project:**

**Transportation**

**Ghana Transport Sector Project - Additional Fin:** Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P149444. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Roads and Highways and Ministry of Transport Tel: (233-302) 661-575. E-mail: duaquaye@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. D. D. Darku

**Guinea-Bissau**

**Education**

**Rural Community-Driven Development Project Add Fin:** Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 7 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146746. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Project Coordination Unit Tel: (245) 320-7407, E-mail: handem_jr@hotmail.com, Contact: João S. Handem Jr., Project Coordinator.

**Energy and mining**

**Emergency Electricity and Water Rehabilitation Project - Additional Financing:** This Additional Financing of $2.1m will aim to (i) cover any cost over-run on the 5 MW of thermal power plus fuel oil reservoir planned under the EEWRP with a budget of $6m, and/or (ii) cover any needed scale up of TA for reform/transformation of utility EAGB into a well-managed commercial entity, which has a budget of $1.5m under EEWRP. Both of these components were constrained due to limited IDA CRW funds under emergency operation. Bids for 5 MW thermal power are expected in February 2011, by which time it will become clear to what extent there is a shortage of funds for this component. Approval completed on 17 May 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125374. US$ 2.2 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration Tel: (245) 320-7286, E-mail: hembalo@hotmail.com, Contact: Luis Alberto Gomes, Coordinator.

**Kenya**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project:** The proposed development objective is to reduce vulnerabilities and promote inclusive agricultural and other livelihoods of the small-scale and marginal farmers in the targeted communities. Concept completed on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153349. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Devolution and Planning Tel: 254-2252-299, E-mail: psplanning@devolution-planning.go.ke., Contact: Eng. Peter P. Mangiti, Principle Secretary.

**Education**

**Kenya GPE Primary Education Development Project:** The project development objectives are to improve early grade mathematics competency and to strengthen management systems at school and national levels. Negotiations authorized on 6 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146797. US$ 88.4 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education Tel: (254-20) 240-089, E-mail: ps@education.go.ke, Contact: Dr. Belio Kipsang, Principal Secretary.

**Energy and mining**

**KE Electricity Modernization Project:** The proposed project development objectives (PDOS) are: (a) to increase access to electricity; (b) to improve reliability of electricity service; and
(c) to strengthen KPLC’s financial situation. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120014. US$ 250.0/75.0/300.0 (IDA Credit/CIF/ACPC). Consultants will be required. Rural Electrification Authority Tel: 254-20-4953000, E-mail: nmunyu@rea.co.ke, Contact: Eng. Ng’ang’a Munyu, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Ministry of Labour and Social Protection Secretariat Tel: 254-20-2250680, E-mail: ps@energymin.go.ke, Contact: Winnie Mwasiaji, Social Protection Secretariat Coordinator.

KE-Menengai Geothermal: The Project will help develop geothermal resources in the Menengai field and make them available for electricity generation; and support transmission lines to connect Menengai to the national grid. Identification completed on 8 December 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit/AFD/AFDB/CIF/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. Geothermal Development Company (GDC) Tel: (254-20) 242-7516, E-mail: md@gdc.co.ke, Contact: Dr. Joseph Njoroge, Principal Secretary.

(R) KE Electricity Modernization Project: The purpose of the Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) is to serve as a credit enhancement tool to improve the risk profile of KPLC for commercial lenders and support KPLC obtain commercial loans for longer tenors at competitive interest rates. The PCG is currently envisioned to take the form of debt service payment support, first loss guarantee and/or principal repayment guarantee for the extended period of the tenor. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Additional Financing: Kenya Electricity Expansion Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 3 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Financial Sector Support Project: The project’s development objective is to strengthen the legal, regulatory and institutional environment for improved financial stability, access to and provision of affordable and long term financing. Negotiations authorized on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151816. US$ 37.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Economic Affairs, National Treasury Tel: 254202210237, E-mail: cmusau@piu.go.ke, Contact: Charles Musau, Project Manager & Financial Sector Specialist.

Health and other social services

Additional Financing for Cash Transfers for Orphans and Vulnerable Children: To increase social safety net access for extremely poor OVC households and to build the capacity of the government to more effectively deliver the National Safety Net Program. Approval completed on 30 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146161. US$ 10.0/56.4 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services Tel: NA, E-mail: mwasi-ajlw@yahoo.com, Contact: Winnie Mwasiaji, Social Protection Secretariat Coordinator.

(R) Kenya Youth Opportunities: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 22 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Kenya Health Sector Support Project for Results: The objectives are to: (i) increase the delivery and the use of quality maternal and newborn health services in targeted counties with high burden of maternal and new born mortality; and (ii) improve Universal Health Coverage with focus on equity and country health systems development. Identification completed on 16 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and communications

Kenya Transparency and Infrastructure Project Additional Financing 2: The RCIP Program, the CIP 1,2,3 Projects and following CIP Projects have two overarching development objectives (i) to contribute to lower prices for international capacity and extend the geographic reach of broadband networks (the "connectivity development objective") and (ii) contribute to improved Government efficiency and transparency through egovernment applications (the "transparency development objective"). Approval completed on 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149019. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. ICT Authority Tel: (254-20) 208-9061, E-mail: vkalo@ict.go.ke, Contact: Mr. Victor Kyallo, vkalo@ict.go.ke.

Transportation

Kenya Secondary Roads and Agriculture Development Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 30 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Projects - Additional financing: The proposed new PDO is to improve living conditions and strengthen security of tenure in informal settlements in selected urban centers in selected counties in Kenya. Identification completed on 9 January 2015.
Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.3 (SPTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project: The development objective of this project (KWSCR-2) is to sustainably increase bulk water supply to Mombasa County and Kwale County, and increase access to water and sanitation in Kwale County. Approval completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145559. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Tel: 254-20- 271-6103, E-mail: rkgaita@gmail.com, Contact: Robinson Gaita, Director.

(R) Addl Financing - Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project: The project development objectives of KWSCR-1 are to: (i) increase availability and productivity of irrigation water for project beneficiaries; and (ii) enhance the institutional framework and strengthen capacity for water security and climate resilience in certain areas of the country.

Within the PDO, “capacity for water security and climate resilience” primarily includes improved water services, flood protection, and analytical capacity to understand and manage hydrological variability. Appraisal completed on 9 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151660. US$ 54.0/3.5/8.0 (IDA Credit/F7BK/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lesotho

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Social Protection Project: The objective of the proposed project is to support the Government of Lesotho in establishing an efficient and effective national social protection system to reach the poorest and help them improve their livelihoods. Concept completed on 26 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151442. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Development Tel: (266-2) 222-6080, E-mail: ramoea@health.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. Rapelang J. Ramoea

Transportation

(N) Lesotho Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity Project (LTIC): Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Lesotho WSIP2 AF LHWP Ph2 Hydropower: To support the Kingdom of Lesotho in: (i) developing and sustaining an environmentally sound, socially responsible, and financially viable framework for the MDWSP, (ii) increasing the quantity of safe, bulk water supplied to Teyateyaneng, (iii) strengthening institutions and related instruments in the water sector; and (iv) advancing strategic infrastructure investments. Approval completed on 20 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.1/6.4 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Lesotho Highlands Development Authority Tel: (266-22) 311-281, E-mail: lhwp@lhda.org.ls, Contact:

Liberia

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Liberia Forest Sector Project: The proposed sector investment operation is part of the Forest Investment Program resulting from the partnership between the Government of Liberia and the Government of Norway. Supported by a letter of intent signed on September 23, 2014, the Government of Norway will provide US$150 million to support Liberia’s REDD Strategy. This financial support has been divided in three distinct yet-inter-related projects: (i) Forest sector Budget support; (ii) Forest Sector investments and technical assistance; and, (iii) results-based payment operation for verified emission reductions which will be conducted in a later phase. This AIS refers to the second project, Forest Sector Investments and technical assistance, which will be implemented under the leadership of FDA, in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, EPA, the Land Commission and the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy. The project will support activities to create an enabling environment for the implementation of the REDD+ Strategy as well as investments for early implementation in selected sites of strategic land use options identified in the country’s REDD+ Strategy. The project will support several components such as: (i) development of institutional capacities, which will strengthen the enabling environment for effective decentralized implementation of forest sector management, and particularly the REDD+ Strategy, with engagement of local communities. This will also include communications, awareness raising, consultation and gender-responsive participation activities related to the project’s results; (ii) design, roadmap, capacity building, institutionalization and methodological framework for the implementation of a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system that will allow for credible measurement, reporting and verification of REDD+ activities; (iii) development and implementation of a Safeguards Information System (SIS) covering all measures proposed in the REDD+ Strategy and relevant activities, in accordance with the Warsaw Framework on REDD+ and international best practice; (iv) land use planning and analysis of the country’s land cover including all biophysical forest and degraded lands. The project will support the establishment of integrated spatial planning and decision-making processes, integrating goals of conservation, restoration, production and productivity; (v) enlargement and strengthening of Liberia’s protected area network through a consultative process and contributing to the goal of allocating 30% or more of Liberia’s forest estate under protected area status;
(vi) analysis, design and implementation of alternative models of agriculture investment including an identification of land areas that are suitable for deforestation-free supply chain investments with specific crops such as palm oil, cocoa, paper, pulp and climate smart rice; (vii) cost-effective analysis, design and initial implementation of a mechanism/scheme for payments for ecosystem services (PES). The payments will only be disbursed to the communities once there is satisfactory monitoring and verification that the services have been provided. Identification completed on 25 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (BIOA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Liberia Renewable Energy Project: The project will support off-grid electricity solutions—through mini-grids and stand-alone renewable energy services—that will supplement the expansion of centralized generation and transmission facilities. Identification completed on 11 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Liberia: LACEEP Additional Financing: The proposed IDA Additional Financing focus on expanding access to electricity services in the areas of the Greater Monrovia and of the Bomi corridor through the expansion of the network and connections to final users, as well as on strengthening the operational capacities and performance of LEC. Identification completed on 10 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Youth Opportunities Project: The Project Development Objectives are to improve access to income generation opportunities for targeted youth and strengthen the government’s capacity to implement its cash transfer program. Negotiations authorized on 11 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146827. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Development Planning Tel: 231888234715, E-mail: akonneh@mfdp.gov.lr, Contact: MR. Amara Konneh, Minister of Finance.

(N) Liberia Social Safety Nets Project: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Liberia Land Administration Project: The objective of this project is to consolidate and strengthen land administration system in Liberia by (i) providing continued support towards the policy and legal reforms; (ii) supporting capacity building in land administration through the provision of training, equipment and infrastructure required for an efficient land administration system. The proposed key result areas include: (i) basic land policies and laws adopted, (ii) land records safeguarded, (iii) new land agency established and operational, (iv) key land administration functions revived, and (v) alternative land dispute resolution services mainstreamed.

The project will contribute to the country’s long term program to secure access to land for all Liberians while improving the performance of land administration and management institutions and systems. Improved land governance is important to support shared and sustained growth, peace, stability and sustainable management of natural resources.

The project will support three main components: (i) support to policy and legal reforms and institutional building, (ii) enhancement of land administration functions, and (iii) reforming and piloting the land title registration system. Identification completed on 10 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

South Eastern Corridor Road Asset Management Project: 16. The Project Development Objectives (PDOs) are to support the Recipient’s effort to reduce transport costs along the South Eastern Ganta-Zwedru corridor and to improve institutional arrangements and capacity in the road sector. Concept completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149279. US$ 100.0/40.0 (IDA Credit/LRTF). Consulting services to be determined. Infrastructure Implementation Unit (IIU).

Madagascar

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Madagascar Agriculture Rural Growth and Land Management Project: The proposed project development objective is to increase farmer incomes, agricultural productivity, and value addition through the facilitation of linkages between the private sector and rural communities and through improved land tenure security.

Background:

The structure of the economy of Madagascar has changed relatively little since Independence, with the agricultural sector (including the agriculture, livestock, forestry, and fisheries sub-sectors) accounting consistently for 25-30 percent of overall GDP and 80% of the population living in rural areas. Following an effective electoral process in 2013-14, the Government will focus on accelerating economic growth and employment, and improving
rural livelihoods. In doing so, government policies and investments will need to guide and direct the expected increase in local and international investment towards a socially inclusive growth model, avoiding large scale land deals which contributed to political unrest in 2008 and 2009.

In setting out to stimulate rapid and sustained agricultural growth, the new government of Madagascar will have to overcome a number of challenges in the sector: (i) vulnerability to food insecurity arising from locust infestations and drought, (ii) low agricultural productivity, (iii) underperforming agricultural markets, and (iv) land tenure insecurity among smallholder farmers, and (v) weak institutions, inconsistent policies, and poor governance.

Modernizing and commercializing the agriculture sector is imperative for Madagascar to be able to feed a growing population. The manner in which food supply will continue to be able to meet demand will depend on the development of key value chains, involving production, trade, processing, and retailing. Value chains develop through private investment, supported by public services and regulation. At the production level, to ensure that the agriculture sector development process takes place in a socially inclusive manner, there will be a special emphasis on continued support to the rural land administration system.

The proposed project responds to the new Government’s agricultural development priorities and fits within the existing programmatic approach, the Programme Sectoriel Agricole (PSA). The revival of the agriculture sector is also the goal of the agricultural policy (PSAE) that was adopted under the CAADD planning process. The policy aims to achieve 5% annual sector growth, reduce poverty, and promote smallholder farmer linkages to markets. The proposed operation is therefore in line with the policy and the draft CAADP Compact which would be signed in the near future now that political stability has returned to the country.

Project approach:

The proposed project would support the development and scaling up of out-grower and contract farming schemes, and facilitation of other business models by which farmers and agribusiness companies are linked.

Agricultural production and value chain development: Project support would be aimed at farmers, traders, processors and other value chain actors and could take the form of TA, business development services, market facilitation services, promotion of new technologies, provision of critical public infrastructure, and facilitation of PPP arrangements to attract public-private investments, e.g. in irrigation and storage infrastructure. The development of value addition based industry has significant job creation and economic growth potential and would be an important target group. Possible implementation mechanisms could include matching grants through a catalytic fund. Beneficiaries would include farming communities that stand to benefit from new or expanded private agribusiness investments, while intermediate beneficiaries would include businesses that have the potential to include farming communities in their business model and/or have the potential to provide significant employment. These include existing and new investments by IFC.

Land administration: Project support would be provided to local land administration offices to complete the new land certification system that had been developed before the latest political crisis started. The system has been tested, is highly effective, and project support would provide land tenure security to millions of smallholder farmers, providing them with an incentive to invest in their land and enhance their productivity and incomes.

Investment promotion and oversight: There is a need to improve the institutional capacity of agriculture investment promotion and oversight at the national and at the local levels. In addition to implementing an enabling environment for investors, investment oversight mechanisms are needed to ensure that investors and communities follow the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and to ensure that agricultural investments offer benefits to farming communities.

Risk management: With MIGA, WB Treasury, IFC and the private sector, a suite of risk management instruments would be designed for use by government and private entities to cover national/regional disaster risk, localized weather risk, and commodity risk. In addition, risk management and financial services would be developed, such as warehouse receipt-based credit. Identification completed on 9 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

MG-Electricity Sec Operations & Governance Improvement Project(ESOGIP): The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve performance, management, and governance of the power sector of Madagascar by simultaneously addressing three key areas for sustainable development: (i) planning (including access) and implementation of outcomes; (ii) operations for electric service provision; (iii) financial viability. Concept completed on 4 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151785. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy - JIRAMA.

Health and other social services

AF-Emergency Support Critical Education Health and Nutrition Services: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to preserve critical education, health and nutrition service delivery in targeted vulnerable areas in the recipient’s territory. Approval completed on 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148749. US$ 9.8/0.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. PNNC, Contact:
Social Safety Net Project: The Development Objective of the proposed Project is to improve access to income support and primary education for selected extreme poor and vulnerable groups, and lay the foundation for a social safety net system. Concept completed on 6 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149323. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. FID Tel: 0320700779, E-mail: "FID - Rasendra RATSIMA" <dirgen1@fid.mg>, Contact: Rasendra Ratsima, Directeur General; Ministry of Population, Social Protection and Gender Tel: 0340750503. E-mail: onyramah@gmail.com, Contact: Ony Ramah, DIRECTION DU PARTENARIAT ET DE LA PROMOTION.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Sector Performance Loan: The proposed project is a SIL which aims at strengthening public sector performance in Madagascar in selected high impact areas through strengthening technical, organizational and institutional capacity for improved fiscal management and service-delivery. Specific areas of support are still to be determined on the basis of dialogue with government. The preliminary analysis on the basis of the first mission in April 2014 has highlighted PFM, performance M&E, tax administration/customs as potential project components, which will be confirmed in the next mission in June 2014. Identification completed on 12 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 35.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Malawi

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Shire Valley Irrigation Project: To sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes for targeted households in the districts of Chikwawa and Nsanje in the Shire Valley by establishing market-linked smallholder farming ventures and professionally operated irrigation services. Concept completed on 9 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125473. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MOAFS) Tel: (265-1) 789-033, E-mail: xtluhanga@yahoo.com, Contact: Jeffrey Luhanga, Principal Secretary.

Agricultural Commercialization and Rural Growth Project: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security Tel: (265-1) 788-817, E-mail: xtluhanga@yahoo.com, Contact: Jeffrey Luhanga, Principal Secretary.

(R) Malawi Flood Emergency Recovery: The Project Development Objective is to "sustainably restore agricultural livelihoods, reconstruct critical public infrastructure to improved standards in the flood-affected districts, and improve the Government of Malawi's disaster response and recovery capacities". Negotiations authorized on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154803. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Malawi Education Sector Improvement Project (MESIP): To improve equity, efficiency and learning outcomes for basic education in Malawi. Identification completed on 24 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 44.9 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

(R) Additional Financing Strengthening Safety Nets Systems Proj. (MASAFIV): The Project Development Objective of the proposed project is to strengthen Malawi's social safety net delivery systems and coordination across programs. Approval completed on 26 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148617. US$ 6.8/68.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Local Development Fund - Technical Support Team (LDF-TST) Tel: 26501775666, E-mail: Charles Mandala <cmandala@ldf.gov.mw>.

Industry and trade


Water, sanitation and flood protection

MW-Lilongwe Water Project: The Project will improve water supply to Lilongwe through construction of a bulk water supply system, including the Diamphwe Dam, water treatment plant and transmission main. The project will also provide TA to Lilongwe Water Board to improve performance and assess future sanitation needs. The project may have a component of PPPs. Identification completed on 20 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 71.0/100.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/EUIB/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mali

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

(R) Mali Obsolete Pesticides Disposal and Prevention Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to reduce risks from existing publicly-held obsolete pesticide stocks and associated waste; and strengthen the institutional
framework for risk mitigation of obsolete pesticides. **Appraisal completed on 18 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146247. US$ 1.0/3.2 (DANI/GEFU).** Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Education**

**Higher Education Support Project:** The development objective of the proposed Mali Higher Education Support Project (HESP) is to improve the relevance of selected higher education programs and the stewardship of the higher education system in Mali. Negotiations authorized on 12 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151318. US$ 14.0/19.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research Tel: 22320792492, E-mail: s.boukadary@gmail.com, Contact: Sekou B. Traore, Secretaire General.

**Social Service Delivery Project:** The project will support higher accountability, effectiveness and utilization of education and health services through a results-based approach. It will build on the results of the Service Delivery Indicators (SDI) Surveys in education and health. The project is included in the Mali FY14-15 ISN. Identification completed on 25 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**Banda Gas to Power Guarantee:** The Gas to Power Project will use natural gas discovered offshore of Mauritania for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to SOMEMLEC in Mauritania, SENELEC in Senegal and EDM in Mali using the existing OMVS regional grid. A PRG is required to guarantee gas payments to the producer Tullow Oil estimated at $104m. Government of Mali needs to provide a counter-guarantee to cover the proportion of the energy that will be exported to EDM estimated at $17m (equivalent to IDA allocation of $4.25m given 1:4 leverage for IDA PRGs). Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145664. US$ 32.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Mali Rural Electrification Hybrid System Project - GPOBA:** The Mali Rural Electrification Hybrid System Project (US$25 million – IDA; US$ 15.5 million - Climate Investment Funds) prepared under the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP) aims i) to increase the share of renewable energy generation in rural electricity supply and ii) to contribute to increased access to modern energy services in rural areas. The proposed GPOBA component (US$ 5 million) will support the objectives of the Program by partially subsidizing the investment cost of mini-grids’ densification/extension, SHSSs and internal wiring to make access to clean energy affordable to low income households in rural, isolated areas. Promoting OBA approaches in the rural electrification program is important for unlocking additional US$1.6 million of private sources of funding for rural energy development, maximizing the benefits of renewable energy generation (hybridization of mini-grids with solar energy under IDA project) through increased access, enhancing the performance of private operators while making off-grid connections affordable to the poor. The grant will be managed by AMADER and implemented by selected private operators. Approval completed on 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (GPBA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Kenie Hydropower Project:** PRG operation in support of the development of the Kenie Hydropower Project in Mali Identification completed on 21 October 2013. US$ 30.0/70.0 (GUID/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**Mali: Competitiveness and Growth Poles:** The proposed operation will support the design and implementation of a growth pole pilot under an innovative public private partnership model. The project will foster competitiveness and job creation in sectors including agropoles, mining. Identification completed on 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

**(R) Mali - Economic & Environmental Rehabilitation of the Niger River:** The main objective of this operation is to improve economic and environmental services of the Niger River in Mali to the benefit of the population and ecosystems in the Inland River Delta. This objective will be achieved through reducing key constraints to Inland Water Transportation (IWT), implementing measures aimed at decreasing sedimentation and bank erosion in critical spots and creating opportunities for improved livelihood of the local population. **Concept completed on 18 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151909. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit).** Consulting services to be determined. Agence de Bassin du Fleuve Niger - Mali.

**Mauritania**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Mauritania Sustainable Landscape Management Project under SAWAP:** Project Objective: The project aims at promoting sustainable land and water management and ecosystems services production. The proposed project will support the Government’s effort in operationalizing its biodiversity strategy and the Great Green Wall Initiative in Mauritania. It will also support
the Government’s priority investments defined in the recently developed Integrated Rural Development Program, IRDP, 2015-2020. Project Description: The GEF resources will contribute to addressing the key institutional, policy and technological barriers to SLWM identified by the country. Enabling environments for SLWM practices with biodiversity considerations will ensure the sustainability of the agricultural practices and alternative livelihood options promoted in the baseline projects as well as consistency and coordination in natural resources management. Additionally, the project will support investments for the implementation of watershed management plans as well as for agroforestry, natural forest regeneration and other sustainable community and small holder forestry management practices, green belt and dune stabilization and wind break in the Senegal valley to protect the agricultural perimeters, among others. LDCF resources will also be deployed to cover some of the additional costs to improve the climate resilience of the Government and community livelihood investments. The resources will be focused at reinforcing adaptive capacities to reduce sea level rise, flooding and sand dune encroachment threats. This will be achieved by developing tools for improving planning, policy and practice for monitoring and mitigating the effects of sea level rise and dune encroachment on targeted areas. Project Components The following components are proposed: (i) Governance and Knowledge management; (ii) community based sustainable land and water management practices; (iii) Conservation and valorization of biodiversity and ecosystems; and (iv) project management and monitoring. As the project will be blended with the “Mauritania Agriculture Sector Support Project” (PASAM), activities related to the community based sustainable land and water management practices component will be developed in conjunction with the Productive Investments and Services component of PASAM. Key result indicators proposed: (i) increase in land area with SLWM practices in targeted areas, compared to baseline (hectares, reported by crop, range, wetlands, forest, protected areas); (ii) changes in vegetation cover in targeted areas, compared to baseline (unit and methodology pending); and (iii) targeted institutions with increased adaptive capacity to reduce risks and respond to climate variability, compared to baseline. Complementarity with other baseline projects: The proposed project will be fully blended and complement the development objective of the USD10 million IDA funded operation “Mauritania Agriculture Sector Support Project (P143759) which aims to increase output and productivity of selected agricultural products in the project area, through irrigation development. The Project is also expected to complement the Mauritania’s leg of the regional Senegal River Basin Multipurpose Water Resources Development Project 2, namely improving livelihoods of selected community groups through development and sustainable management of the basin water resources. This regional project is currently under preparation for Burkina-Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal ($12M for Mauritania). Identification completed on 18 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**MR-Banda Gas to Power Guarantee:** The gas to power project will use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouackchott. The power will be sold to SENELEC in Mauritania, Senelec in Senegal and EDM in Mali using the existing OMVS regional grid Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P107940. US$ 130.0 ( GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy Tel: (222-46) 431-537, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l’Electricite.

**Health and other social services**

**(R) Mauritania Social Safety Net System:** The objectives of the proposed Project are to support the establishment of key building blocks of the national social safety net system and to provide targeted cash transfers to extreme poor households. Negotiations authorized on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150430. US$ 15.0/4.0 (IDA Grant/AFRH). Consulting services to be determined. AGENCE TADAMOUN Tel: 2223630126, E-mail: arram2001@yahoo.fr, Contact: mohamedou ould ahmedou, Coordonnateur Programme.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Mauritania Public Sector Governance Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 16 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 10.9 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Mozambique**

**Education**

**MZ- AF to Education Sector Support Project:** The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) pilot various types of community-based ECD interventions; (b) include provision of nutrition services for pregnant mothers and young children; and (c) create an ECD unit within the Ministry of Education. Approval completed on 1 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124729. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Mozambique Tel: (258-21) 480-700, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister.

**(R) Additional Financing for Mozambique Higher Education Science and Technology Project:** The objectives of the Project are to: (a) increase the number and raise the quality of graduates at the undergraduate and graduate levels; (b) strengthen the national research capacities to produce research outputs of relevance to the Recipient’s strategic economic sectors; and (c) strengthen the institutional framework for TVET. Negotiations authorized on 19 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146602. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit).
Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mozambique Additional Financing to Education Sector Support Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 70.6/57.9 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Mozambique Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Project: The project development objective is to increase farmer incomes, agricultural productivity, and value addition through the facilitation of linkages between the private sector and rural communities.

Background:

Agriculture is the largest sector in the Mozambican economy, contributing a quarter of GDP and employing about 80 percent of the workforce. Thus, agriculture offers considerable scope to narrow persistent income disparities between rural and urban areas and reduce poverty in regions that have benefited little from the economic gains of recent years. Agricultural sector growth, which has averaged about 7 percent per year since 2003, has been an important contributor to overall economic growth. Agriculture has grown mainly through an increase in labor and area expansion following resettlement of refugees in rural areas after the civil war ended in 1992. While the sector’s growth rate may appear robust, it is well below its potential.

Mozambique remains a net food importer, mainly rice to supply urban centers. Total maize production grew by only 3.5 percent per year from 2005/06 to 2010/11, and cassava by only 2.5 percent—barely sufficient to keep pace with Mozambique’s 2.7 percent annual population growth. Growth in productivity of food staples has been extremely low, and yields of rice, maize, cassava, and sweet potato are among the lowest in the region. Agricultural export trade is growing steadily, encouraged by a liberalized trade regime. Although cash crops including sugarcane, tobacco, cotton and cashew account for a small proportion of total area cultivated, they represent the vast majority of agricultural exports. Ongoing private sector investment and technical assistance from development partners have fueled the emergence of new, export-oriented value chains, particularly for crops such as bananas, mangos, sesame, baby corn, and green beans. Contract farming and out-grower schemes, linking smallholders with processing entities or large commercial farms, are increasingly providing commercial opportunities for smallholders to join emerging value chains.

Demand for food, especially higher-valued products such as horticulture and livestock products, will increase as incomes rise. Urbanization and wealth-associated shifts in consumer preferences will increase overall demand for food, as well as demand for processed foods. Hence, the development of the agricultural sector should focus on (1) expansion and scaling-up of market-led agriculture and value addition to increase incomes, enhance food security among larger numbers of households, and create jobs in responding to emerging demand for processed foods; and (2) intensification to achieve productivity gains that are needed to increase competitiveness and build resiliency in the sector to mitigate any real exchange rate appreciation or other adverse effects of structural changes in Mozambique’s economy.

The agriculture sector is made up of four broad types of enterprises: (1) small-scale subsistence farmers; (2) small- and larger-scale farmers connected to markets; (3) vertically integrated agribusiness firms (operating out-grower schemes); and (4) agribusiness service providers (input suppliers, aggregators). Developing the agriculture sector will require integrating more of the first group into value chains that are driven by demand and propelled by agribusiness firms (the third and fourth groups) of which more need to be attracted to invest. These different actors face different constraints and require different types of support.

The agriculture sector investment plan (PNISA) aims to transform the sector, based on public investment to attract private investment, and by gradually introducing commercial models. The proposed project fits within the PNISA and responds to a demand for a market and investment-led program by the Government of Mozambique.

Project approach:

The proposed project would support the development and scaling up of out-grower and contract farming schemes, and facilitation of other business models by which farmers and agribusiness companies are linked.

Value chain development:

Project support would be aimed at farmers, traders, processors and other value chain actors and could take the form of TA, business development services, market facilitation services, promotion of new technologies, provision of critical public infrastructure, and facilitation of PPP arrangements to attract public-private investments, e.g. in irrigation and storage infrastructure. The development of value addition based industry has significant job creation and economic growth potential and would be an important target group. Possible implementation mechanisms could include matching grants through a catalytic fund.

Beneficiaries would include farming communities that stand to benefit from new or expanded private agribusiness investments, while intermediate beneficiaries would include businesses that have the potential to include farming communities in their business model and/or have the potential to provide significant employment. These include investments by IFC, such as the Portucel pulpwood project where complementary non-forestry agriculture production and value addition can be facilitated and supported. The ongoing IFC investment in the Nacala Corridor railway line may offer opportunities for agribusiness investment that could be supported by the proposed project. Other agricultural
development corridors include the Beira Corridor, the Zambezi Valley and the Limpopo Valley Corridors.

Risk management:

With MIGA, WB Treasury, IFC and the private sector, a suite of risk management instruments would be designed for use by government and private entities to cover, including national/regional disaster risk, localized weather risk, and commodity risk. In addition, risk management and financial services would be developed, such as warehouse receipt-based credit.

Investment promotion:

The importance of agricultural investment promotion and facilitation was recognized by the creation of CEPAGRI, the agriculture investment promotion agency. Between the Investment Promotion Center (CPI) and CEPAGRI, there is scope to improve the institutional capacity of agriculture investment promotion, which would be supported by the project. In addition to investment promotion, oversight capacity is required to ensure that investors and communities follow the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture, and that the provisions and procedures developed by the Ministry of Agriculture for the transfer of land use rights are followed, ensuring that agricultural investments offer benefits to farming communities. Identification completed on 24 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 80.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/NDF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Mozambique GEF Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development Project: To increase the effective management of the Conservation Areas and enhance the living conditions of communities in and around these Conservation Areas Approval completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132597. US$ 6.3 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. .., Contact:

Transportation

Mozambique Roads & Bridges Mgmt Maintenance Program Phase 3: THE PROJECT WILL SUPPORT THE REHABILITATION OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND BRIDGES. Identification completed on 1 March 2010. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0/16.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/CIF/NDF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) MZ-Additional Financing for Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Program - Ph-2 (AF3): The project development objective of this phase of the APL is to improve access of the population to all-season roads through maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrading of the classified road network. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150956. US$ 73.6 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. ROAD FUND (Fundo de Estradas) Tel: 258-21-305589, E-mail: cgrachane@fe.gov.mz, Contact: Cecilio Granchane, Chairman; National Road Administration (ANE), Contact: Atanasio Mugunhe, Director General.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Cities and Climate Change PPCR AF: The proposed Additional Financing (AF) is one of the pilot investments expected to be financed by the Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR). These pilots aim at to reduce current and future weather induced impacts on poor population and on Mozambique's fragile economy. This specific pilot will support green infrastructure investments in the City of Beira aiming at protecting existing natural drainages courses to increase the city resilience to floods. Approval completed on 23 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146059. US$ 6.5/9.3 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Administration for Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure (AIAS).

Water Service & Institutional Support II: (i) Increase water service coverage in key cities; and

(ii) Strengthen institutional capacity and regulatory frameworks for water supply services in the Regional water utilities in the North and Central Regions of Mozambique. Concept completed on 26 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149377. US$ 186.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Water Supply Investment Fund (FIPAG) Tel: (258-21) 491-529; Water Regulatory Council (CRA) Tel: (258-21) 312-825.

Niger

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Agriculture Climate Smart Support Project: The proposed development objective is to increase food production and enhance resilience through adoption of climate smart agriculture practices in the targeted communities and households in Niger Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 116.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Niger - Electricity Access Expansion Project (NELACEP): 16. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase access to electricity Concept completed on 3 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153743. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Petrol Tel: 22790645556, E-mail: as.toune@live.fr, Contact: Alio Touné, Chief of Staff; Nigelec Tel: 22720722461, E-mail: arzikam@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mahamadou Arzika, Secrétaire Général.
Finance

Niger Investment Climate Support: To assist the implementation of the Niger Government action plan, a number of development partners, including the Danish Cooperation have decided to increase their support for investment climate improvement. DANIDA has, therefore, committed DNK 21 million (about CFAF1.842 billion or US$3.874 million) in support of investment climate reform activities. Strong synergy is being sought with other development partners providing similar support, notably with the World Bank through its IDA-financed Competitiveness & Growth Support Project (PRACC). This will involve delegating development partners providing similar support, notably with the World Bank through its IDA-financed Competitiveness & Growth Support Project (PRACC). This will involve delegating management of Investment climate improvement activities to the World Bank (through PRACC) in the form of a trust fund. Identification completed on 15 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.4 (AFRF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nigeria

Education

(R) Nigeria Partnership for Education Project: The PDO is to improve access and quality of basic education in selected States, with particular attention to girls’ participation. Negotiations authorized on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143842. US$ 100.0 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Education Tel: (234-803) 385-4351, E-mail: stepbfme@yahoo.com; Universal Basic Education Commission Tel: (234-806) 565-9090, E-mail: kagara-bello@yahoo.com.

NG Post - Basic Education and Skills Development Project: The Project Development Objectives is to produce more and better qualified technical and vocational graduates, and higher quality and relevance for job requirement. Identification completed on 12 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project: Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. & Total Elf Petroleum Nigeria Ltd. Joint Venture - Independent Power Project at Obite - OML 58 Overall Project: 1. Capacity: 340 - 440 MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbines (CCGT). 2. Location: OML 58 (operated by the NNPC and TEPNG JV). 3. Fuel: Direct Gas supply from OML 58. 4. Grid export: 330 KV HV transmission line to Onitsha - to be built by PHCN. 5. Power Sale: 20 years PPA with PHCN. 6. Fiscal: AGFA Regime 7. Financing: NNPC/TEPNG/Banks 8. Securitization: Under discussion with the World Bank for a possible PRG to cover the payment risk of PHCN. Status of the IPP (as of July 2009): 1. Land has been acquired and secured at OML58 for the Independent Power Plant (IPP) and domestic gas upgrade projects. The on-site gas will be supplied to the IPP to generate electricity. 2. Construction work on OML58 gas upgrade project has already been started. 3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the IPP project has been approved by the Federal Ministry of Environment. 4. Commercial tendering for the Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) contract is underway. 5. High Voltage (HV) transmission line project has been handed over to Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) in February 2009 (as per directives of the Government). 6. Agreement with PHCN on changes to the original development agreement are awaited. 7. Nigerian National Petroleum Corp & Total Elf Petroleum Nigeria Ltd. Joint Venture (NNPC/TEPNL JV) is awaiting PHCN to start work on the HV Line project (with information on investment decision; completion dates; etc) to enable it to reach financial close on the IPP. Development of IPP - next steps to the Final Investment Decision: 1. The development phase of the IPP is targeting Final Investment Decision (FID) date of Feb 2010. 2. EPC commercial offers have are being received in early September 2009. 3. Confirmation of the fiscal regime is needed from Federal Ministry of Finance 4. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) tariff negotiations with NNPC and PHCN will start end of September 2009. NERC’s approval of the tariff will be sought once the tariff has been negotiated. 5. Confirmation from PHCN of the FID and completion dates of the HV line are needed to set the respective dates for FID and completion date of the IPP. 6. IPP Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) is expected to be secured by February 2010. 7. External financing is expected to be confirmed by February 2010. 8. Final investment decision (FID) by NNPC/TEPNG JV is expected by February 2010 - investment decision for the HV line must occur at the same time. Securitization Agreement: 1. A Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) is proposed to secure the PPA payments from PHCN - to ensure IPP project bankability. 2. MIGA Guarantee to be considered to compensate in the event of early termination. Time for FID: 1. Pre-Development phase: Interim Letter Agreement was signed on 26th January, 2007. 2. Development phase: A number of activities were conducted till July 2009, as follows: 3. EPC request for offers. b. EPC Prices. c. EPC Award. d. HV Line transfer. e. PPA Tariff Negotiations. f. Discussions on Securitization. g. Discussions with Banks. 3. FID Date of February 2010: Following milestones are expected to be achieved, subject to the achievement of financial close on the HV transmission line by PHCN: a. Signature PPA. b. Securitization. c. Financing. 4. Construction phase: Construction activities are expected from March 2010 to December 2011. 5. Commissioning phase: Following timeline is expected, subject to the availability of HV line: a. First Gas Turbine Synchronization by December 2011. b. Second Gas Turbine Synchronization by February 2012. c. Commercial Operation Date (COD) by October 2012. 6. Signed PPA to be in force for 20 years beyond COD. Approval completed on 1 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120207. US$ 150.0/395.0 (GUAM/GUAR). Consultants will be required. Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading Company Ltd Tel: (234-803) 685-6383, E-mail: ruundaka.wonodi@nbet.com.ng, Contact: Rumundaka Wonodi, Managing Director / CEO.
Nigeria Electricity and Gas Improvement Project Additional Financing: Additional financing to the Nigeria Electricity and gas improvement project to cover additional PRGs for Gas supply to government owned power plants, in particular the Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji plants held by the NIGER DELTA POWER HOLDING COMPANY. The NDPHC is scheduled to commission power generation units in three of the NIPP plants at Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji. The units to be commissioned will have a combined initial generation capacity of 575 MW. The 3 plants will have a final generation capacity of 1,974 MW upon completion. These plants urgently require executed Gas Sales Supply Agreements (GSAs) with prospective gas suppliers and IOCs who have emphasized the need for a payment guarantees to enter into long term supply agreements for the fuel deliveries. In accordance with World Bank PRG guidelines, the Federal Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria is required to nominate parties with whom the World Bank can enter into negotiations on PRGs. Therefore, I am writing to request that the World Bank extends the coverage of NEGIP to include NDPHC’s NIPP plants and to nominate the NDPHC as a party with whom the World Bank can enter into formal negotiations on the potential provision of PRGs for the individual projects. Approval completed on 19 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126190. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Power Holding Company of Nigeria Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager.

(N) Second Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 23 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0/305.0 (CIF/GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Social Protection Project: The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to establish the building blocks of a national social safety net system for effectively targeting and delivering cash transfers to extreme poor and vulnerable households. Concept completed on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151488. US$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance Tel: 234-803-726-4126, E-mail: kelechiohiri@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Kelechi Ohiri, Social Protection Advisor.

Industry and trade

Staple Crop Processing Zones Support Project: The Project development objective (PDO) is to increase market linkages for farmers and strengthen the institutional framework for inclusive public and private investment in selected agribusiness clusters.

The Project will contribute to the broader objectives of the FGN’s SCPZ Program consisting of ‘increasing food production and reducing the demand for imports, adding value through processing, reducing cost of doing business for processors, and attracting new investment to create jobs, especially in rural areas, and to drive the economy’. The expansion of the agribusiness-farmer linkage models under the SCPZ program through the right mix of public and private investments will ultimately, improve agricultural productivity, generate shared growth and substantially reduce poverty in rural areas. Concept completed on 14 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148616. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Tel: 23408075005555, E-mail: todunlami@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Niyi Odunlami, Sr. Advisor/HMA.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

State Employment and Expenditure for Results Project: The project has two major tasks: Youth employment and access to socio-economic services will support small public works and institutional strengthening to generate youth employment (2) carrying out of technical, vocational and agricultural training (3) carrying out community development subprojects through grants. The second task will support reforms of the public financial management systems, processes and institutions in the participating states. Approval completed on 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133071. US$ 100.0 (ECID). No consultants are required. Federal Ministry of Finance Tel: (234-9) 8336-6661, E-mail: turakibatta@hotmail.com; National Planning Commission.

Nigeria Public Financial Management Reform and Performance Project: The proposed IPF seeks to support the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to reform its public financial management systems, processes, and practices, and thus improve PFM outcomes in support of strengthened service delivery across key sectors of the economy. The project will build on the foundation established under the Economic Reform and Governance Project (which closed in June 2013) and will include not only cross-cutting PFM related reforms but also reforms specific to key priority sectors as may be identified by the Government. The task is part of the Bank’s work program under the Nigeria CPS 2014-17. Identification completed on 20 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Enhancing Resilience to Disasters & Climate Change:** The objective of the project is to strengthen the ability of federal and state governments to respond to current climate related disasters, and to build resilience to future climate change. Identification completed on 27 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Senegal**

**Energy and mining**

**Senegal Taiba Ndiaye Independent Power Producer Project:** The project development objective is to increase electricity generation at a lower marginal cost through Independent Power Producer investments in Senegal. The immediate Project beneficiaries are current and prospective commercial and household electricity consumers—including the poor, women and girls, who face unreliable service due to supply limitations, high cost, and access constraints. Additional power generated by the project will help increase productivity and spur economic growth among these beneficiaries. The GoS is also a key beneficiary since the proposed IPP will save Senegal tens of millions of dollars in annual fuel costs alone by displacing the emergency diesel projects. The proposed IPPs would also reduce the need for more public resources for investment in power generation, enabling more funds to be deployed for poverty alleviation and other social needs. Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143605. US$ 40.0/92.0/28.0 (GUID/2MU/LZPC). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Rwanda**

**Energy and mining**

**Rwanda Electricity Sector Strengthening Project:** The overall objective of the project is increased access to electricity services. The proposed operation will focus on two areas of intervention: (a) increased access to electricity services and (b) the power sector performance and management. Identification completed on 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**RW-Urban Development Project:** Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 11 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 85.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Sao Tome and Principe**

**Education**

**STP Quality Education for All - AF:** The Development Objective of the proposed operation is to improve the system of in-service teacher training and to strengthen the management of human resources in the education sector in São Tomé and Principe. Approval completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150828. US$ 3.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education Tel: 2392223366, E-mail: bjesus.jorge@gmail.com, Contact: Jorge Bom Jesus, Minister.

**Industry and trade**

**STP Competitiveness and Growth Project:** The project aims to increase productivity and improve competitiveness of the private sector through improved access to finance and business development services. Identification completed on 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 1.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Public Financial Management Strengthening Technical Assistance Project: To enhance budget credibility, transparency and accountability mechanisms in the use and management of central Government financial resources.

The project aims to support the modernization of the Public Financial Management system and the implementation of a Public Sector performance based system in Senegal. It includes five components: (1) Strengthening Fiscal Policies and Planning; (2) Improving Budget Execution and Reporting Processes; (3) Strengthening the Capacity of External Audit and Legislative Oversight; (4) Project Management; and (5) Supporting the Implementation of a Public Sector Performance-Based Management and Results Monitoring System. Approval completed on 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146859. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. PFM Reform Secretary Tel: (221) 821-4587, E-mail: ctdiopmef@yahoo.fr, Contact: Cheikh Tidiane Diop, Coordinator.

Sierra Leone

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Smallholder Commercialization and Agribusiness Development Project: The project development objective is to raise productivity and improve commercialization of smallholder production systems through better integration in agriculture value chains. The project will be implemented through a commodity-based approach and it is expected that increased incomes will accrue to farmers who will be producing and supplying to selected agricultural commodity supply-chains through well-defined productive business relationships with selected agribusiness companies. The project will help the farming community to quickly recover from the effects of the Ebola epidemic through increased productivity, agricultural commodity sales and income.

The key indicators for the PDO level results include: (i) Increased productivity (yield/ha) and volume of sales (% compared to baseline); (ii) Number of farmers participating in business relationships with agribusiness companies; and (iii) Number of direct beneficiaries (of which % female). Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

SL Agribusiness Development Support Project: The project development objective is to raise productivity and commodity sales of smallholder farmers and/or farmer-based organizations through better integration in agriculture value chains. The project will be implemented through a commodity-based value-chain approach and it is expected that increased incomes will accrue to farmers who will be producing and supplying to selected agricultural commodity supply-chains through well-defined productive business relationships with selected small and medium scale agribusiness enterprises. The increased agricultural productivity and volumes of sales as well as better terms of trade achieved through secure markets provided by the agribusiness enterprises is likely to increase food security, income and employment among farmers. The expected results include: (i) 20% increase in farmers’ yield in selected commodities supported under the project; (ii) 50% increase in volume of commodity sales leading to increased incomes; (iii) at least 100 agribusiness firms, including at least 20 agri-input suppliers supported to engage in productive supply contracts with local FBOs and Cooperatives; and (iv) at least 50,000 smallholder farm households to directly benefit from project activities.

Due to the ebola epidemic, food production is likely to be reduced due to labour-related production constraints during the current cropping season, caused by the mortality and/or morbidity as well as the restricted movement of agricultural workers,

Transportation

Dakar - Bamako Railway Improvement Project: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 27 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transport & Urban Mobility Additional Financing: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 27 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Senegal Urban Water and Sanitation Project: The proposed project development objective is to improve access to reliable water and sanitation services in selected urban areas in a financially sustainable manner. Concept completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150351. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. PEPAM Tel: (221-33) 859-0499, E-mail: projeau@orange.sn.

(R) Additional Financing - Stormwater Management and Climate Change Adaptation Project: To improve flood prevention management in peri-urban areas of Dakar and to promote city sustainability management practices, including climate resilience, in two selected urban areas Negotiations authorized on 29 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P152150. US$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
particularly in hard hit areas (Kenema and Kailahun, and more recently, Port Loko, Moyamba and Bombali districts) where quarantines have been enforced. The two initial Ebola epicenter districts (Kailahun and Kenema) are considered the bread-basket for the country producing over 20% of the national food supply. The two districts also contribute significantly towards the production of key cash crops such as cocoa. As such, the sector development program for the next decade will have to start with addressing the immediate challenges to food security and the reduced cash crop production brought about by the Ebola epidemic. The proposed project will support the agricultural sector’s recovery by providing matching grants to agribusiness enterprises and Farmer-Based Organizations (FBOs) in order to raise agricultural productivity and incomes which in turn will contribute towards the resuscitation of the rural economy. Identification completed on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Education**

**Tertiary Education Support Project:** Building on analytical work carried out in 2013, this project will support the strengthening of Sierra Leone’s higher education system, focusing on improved service delivery, quality, governance, and access. Identification completed on 28 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**SL: Western Area Power Generation Project:** In May 2014 the Government of Sierra Leone requested IDA for a guarantee for the proposed Western Area Power Generation Project (WAPGP) to be developed as an independent power producer selling to electricity the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA).

WAPGP is part of the Government’s plan for private sector participation in the generation subsector to meet electricity demand. The Project is proposed as a 128 MW Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) fired power plant to be located on an existing industrial site about 4 km outside Freetown. The Project is to be constructed in phases over three to four years, of which the first phase is 50MW. Identification completed on 12 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

**SL-Third Decentralized Service Delivery:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 14 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**SL-Growth Poles Project (FY15):** Using a spatial growth approach developed during the Sierra Leone growth poles diagnostic and adopted by the Government, the proposed Project aims at (i) strengthening the capacity of the Government to plan, coordinate and implement the growth poles program to leverage additional resources for private and public investment; (ii) financing a feasibility study for a deep sea port and supporting infrastructure that will facilitate export of mining resources within growth poles; and (iii) providing business development training and facilitating access to finance for local enterprises supply goods and services to large companies within the project area. Identification completed on 3 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

**Resilient Cities Project:** The development objective of the proposed project is to increase access to and improve the quality and sustainability of urban infrastructure and services (Urban planning, transport, water, and sanitation) for residents of Freetown. The proposed project will aim to address immediate needs to improve the quality of urban services and improve livability of Freetown while strengthening the medium-term planning and coordination process for the metropolitan area. The project will therefore identify short-term needs that represent a bottleneck for transport, water and sanitation services within the context of a city-wide structure plan and FCC-led coordination process. These key pieces of infrastructure will address general service gaps while paying specific attention to ‘last-mile’ service delivery in the poorest areas of Freetown. Identification completed on 11 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Somalia**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Strengthening Pastoral and Agropastoral Resilience in Somalia:** The project will aim at enhancing resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in drought prone areas of Somalia. It will also facilitate the regional integration of the country by linking Somalia to the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)-coordinated initiative for ending drought emergency in the Horn of Africa. Identification completed on 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B: Project: P148943. US$ 30.0 (MSC). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**Somalia Core Economic Institutions SCORE:** To enable access to markets and create jobs Identification completed on 22
December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (SOMP). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Information and communications**

(R) **ICT Sector Support in Somalia Phase II:** The overarching Project Development Objective (PDO) for this series of projects is “to support the ICT Sector in Somalia by contributing to establishing an enabling environment and by encouraging efficiency and equity in access to connectivity”. **Negotiations authorized on 9 April 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152358. US$ 14.0 (SOMP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Posts and Telecoms Tel: 254-712-977415, E-mail: projectictsom1@gmail.com, Contact: Mohamed Ware, Project Manager.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Somalia Capacity Injection:** The objective is to fill key strategic and critical positions in the civil service and strengthen capacity of selected line ministries and central agencies to perform core state functions. Approval completed on 14 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 40.0 (SOMP). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) **Public Financial Management Capacity Strengthening Project II:** The Project Development Objective is to establish and strengthen institutional capacity for the management of public funds in Central Finance Agencies and targeted sectors. **Negotiations authorized on 7 April 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151492. US$ 20.0 (SOMP). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**


**South Africa**

**Energy and mining**

**Technical Assistance Project for Development Carbon Capture and Storage in SA:** The focus of the proposed project is the Pilot CO2 Storage Project (PCSP). This component comprises an estimated 90 percent of the activities and funding of the entire project. A separate and stand-alone second component is the CO2 Capture Pilot Plant (CCPP) project, which will not be a source of CO2 emissions for the storage project, but will create a platform for learning about and adapting the carbon dioxide capture technology to specific conditions in South Africa, and subsequently contributing to reducing the cost of the technology deployment. Both components are described separately throughout the Concept Note. While interlinked, in terms of covering the entire CCS technology chain, each component can be completed separately and independently.

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN PILOT CO2 STORAGE PROJECT (PCSP)**

The Pilot CO2 Storage Project (PCSP) constitutes the next critical phase of CCS development in South Africa (Phase III in the Roadmap). The PCSP will be the proof of concept for CCS in South Africa and an essential step for the prospective full-scale integrated CCS demonstration scheduled under the Roadmap. The PCSP involves the injection, storage and monitoring of 10,000 - 50,000 tons of CO2 under South African conditions.

The selection of a suitable geological site for the PCSP will be a critical decision in the CCS Roadmap. The choice will be determined by the requisite capacity, injectivity and containment as determined by internationally acceptable methods and standards. Other factors that will weigh heavily in the selection include cost, environmental impacts and public support/acceptance.

The cost factor determines that the PCSP be preferably undertaken on-shore and in a conventional CCS storage formation (such as a depleted oil/gas field or a deep saline formation). Accordingly, two on-shore basins present themselves as potential sites, namely the Zululand Basin and the Algoa Basin.

In respect of the above considerations, the PCSP has the following primary objectives:

1. Demonstrate the safe and secure CO2 handling, injection, storage and monitoring in South African conditions, in particular South African geology;

2. Increase the South African human and technical capacity for the development and operation of CO2 handling, injection, storage and monitoring;

3. Raise awareness of the potential importance of CCS to the South African public;

4. Work with government to ensure that the development and operation of the PCSP can occur within the South African legal and regulatory environment.

Finance

Land Bank Financial Intermediation Loan: The project’s development objective is to scale up Land Bank’s wholesale financing, specifically to emerging farmers, and to strengthen its institutional capacity. Concept completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P150008. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Land Bank Tel: 27-86211-4745, E-mail: lserithi@landbank.co.za, Contact: Lebogang Serithi, Chief Financial Officer.

South Sudan

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

South Sudan Agriculture Development and Food Security Project: he project seeks to revitalize the agriculture sector in South Sudan through capacity building, institutional strengthening and technology dissemination. Tentatively, its PDO is to enhance the production of major staple crops and increase farmer’s income Identification completed on 20 December 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0/15.0 (IDA Grant/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

South Sudan Higher Education Project: The project will contribute to the development of the higher education system in South Sudan. Identification completed on 11 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

South Sudan Energy Sector Technical Assistance Project: The project development objective (PDO) is to strengthen the capacity of the Recipient for improved energy sector planning and management supporting access enhancement. Negotiations authorized on 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145581. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Electricity, Dams, Irrigation and Water Resources Tel: (211-95) 720-0111, E-mail: knunu_2000@yahoo.com, Contact: H.E Jemma Nunu Kumba, Minister.

Health and other social services

South Sudan Health Rapid Results AF: The additional financing to Rapid Results Health Project will ensure continuity of high impact primary health care services in Upper Nile and Jonglei States of South Sudan. The project development objectives (PDOS) are: (i) to improve the delivery of high impact primary health care services in Recipient’s states of Jonglei and Upper Nile; and (ii) to strengthen coordination and monitoring and evaluation capacities of the Ministry of Health. The additional financing will provide support to the two original components: i) Component 1 will support Delivery of high impact Primary Health Care services; ii) Component 2 will strengthen capacity of MOH at the national level. The project will also support performance based contracting, exact details of the amounts to be financed from the HRITF (possibly for amounts up to US$15 million) are still being discussed. Approval completed on 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146413. US$ 10.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. .., Contact:

Urban Youth Livelihood: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Institutional Development and Capacity Building Project: To improve selected government systems and capabilities with respect to human resource management and public financial management in target ministries and agencies. Negotiations authorized on 22 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143975. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor, Public Service and HRD Tel: 211956324250, E-mail: angethedut@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Ms. Angeth Acol de Dut, Undersecretary, Public Service.

Transportation

South Sudan Rural Road Project - First Additional Finance: To enhance all season road connectivity to agricultural services for rural communities in high agricultural potential areas. Identification completed on 16 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges Tel: (249-957) 102-093, E-mail: alamj2@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: James Alam, Chief Engineer Roads.

Sudan

Health and other social services

Sudan Social Safety Net Project: The project will provide income support to selected poor and vulnerable families through Cash for Work and/or Cash Transfers to cushion the devastating effects of conflict, food price increases and natural disasters on the household economy. It will also lay the foundations for better social protection targeting, coordination and transparency. Identification completed on 8 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (MDNS). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Swaziland

Industry and trade

SZ: Private Sector Competitiveness: The development objectives of the proposed project are: to increase private investments and exports; and to increase jobs in the agribusiness and tourism sectors. Concept completed on 8 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151433. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Planning and Development Tel: 26876024434, E-mail: vusie@mepd-acms.org, Contact: Vusie Dlamini, Head of ACMS.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

SW-PUBLIC SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tanzania

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania Investment Project: The objective is to support increased access to finance for SMEs in the SACGOT area and explore innovative financing instruments to finance SMEs in agribusiness, which could include venture capital support, collateralization through warehouse receipts, and charter banks. Concept completed on 4 May 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125728. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (255-22) 211-1174, Contact: Ramadhani M. Khijjiah, Permanent Secretary.

(R) Tanzania: Second Agricultural Sector Development Project-BRN Support: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 7 November 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 220.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Tanzania: Expanding Rice Production: To increase the productivity and production of rice among smallholders in targeted areas of Morogoro and Zanzibar Approval completed on 12 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144497. US$ 22.9 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives Tel: 255 (22) 2862064, E-mail: psk@kilimo.go.tz, Contact: Ms. Sophia Kaduma, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources - Zanzibar Tel: 255777-420186, E-mail: jalsaady@yahoo.com, Contact: Juma A. Juma, Principal Secretary.

Private Sector Competitiveness Project Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) Tel: (255-22) 724-951, E-mail: ps@pmo.go.tz, Contact: Chandanie Wijayarawdene, Director General.

Tanzania: Resilient Natural Resource Management for Growth: The Government of Tanzania has requested support to address challenges in multi-sectoral water resources development to accelerate and sustain growth and alleviate poverty. The Bank is exploring support through a long-term programmatic approach that begins by supporting the development of a more multi-sectoral approach to what has traditionally been a "silied" approach to water resources management. The context is that there is a need to effectively manage existing and evolving water-related problems cannot be done with a business-as-usual approach (e.g. poverty & growth needs, climate risks). The focus on "Big Results Now" in Tanzania are not possible in a timely, effective, and sustainable manner without water-related agencies working closer together (e.g. for agricultural investments, managing inter-sectoral conflicts). There is also a need for substantial institutional modernization of water-related offices given level of challenges, state-of-the-art globally, and upcoming loss of significant skills due to retirement of ageing skilled staff in water-related institutions. The proposed activities will focus on major areas: A. Support for Information & Institutional Modernization - Inter-sectorial Team for Analytical services - Water-related Office Modernization (incl. computerization, Operational Centers, Internships) - Integrated Water Resources Monitoring System & Enhanced Access (meteorology, hydrology, water quality, groundwater, earth observation integration, information integration, analysis, and outreach/public access) B. Support for Targeted Investment Planning and Implementation - Targeted Basins (e.g. Great Ruaha, Usangu Plains) to improve on-the-ground water management - Targeted Instruments (e.g. PES) and Issues (e.g. Forecasting) - Targeted Investment Preparation Identification completed on 12 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) TZ-Zanzibar Improving Student Prospects Project: Improve quality of basic education and facilitate market-relevant skills development Identification completed on 23 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Tanzania Singida Wind Power Project: The Government of Tanzania (GOT) intends to develop the 100MW Singida Wind Project in Northern Tanzania in form of a Public Private Partnership. The current lead investor of this Project is a consortium of private local firms and Aldwych International PLC, of the UK.
TZ Guarantees for Power Sector Gas Supply Expansion:
The proposed operation consists of providing credit enhancement mechanisms to address the low credit worthiness of the natural gas production and supply, and power sectors in Tanzania. The proposed operation will enable the development and expansion of natural gas fields by private developers in several locations, and independent power generation activities. The proposed instrument will be a series of Partial Risks Guarantees (PRGs) back-stopping liquidity payments under Gas Supply Agreements (GSA) and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) entered between private sector developers and the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and/or Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO). Identification completed on 25 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: TSh 250,432. US$ 100.0/250.0 (GU/DZPCI). Consultants will be required. Wind EA, Contact: Mark Gammons

(T) TZ Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources:
To strengthen the Governments capacity to manage the mineral sector to improve the socioeconomic impacts of large and small-scale mining for Tanzania and Tanzanians and enhance private local and foreign investment. Negotiations authorized on 28 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: TSh151,224. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Add. Financing for Tanzania Energy Development & Access Expansion Proj: Additional Financing for Tanzania Energy Development & Access Expansion Project (TEDAP) to cover cost overruns in Components A and C (Transmission and Distribution). The Project contributes to Tanzania’s Poverty Reduction Strategy MUKUTAII, especially Goals 2 (“Reducing income poverty through promoting inclusive, sustainable, and employment-enhancing growth”) by extending access to energy services and improving the service quality in key growths areas. The Project is also fully in line with the current Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) and supports the achievement of the Bank’s twin goals, reducing poverty and boosting shared prosperity.

The PDO remains unchanged and are as follows: i) to improve the quality and efficiency of the electricity service provision in the main growth centers in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Kiliimanjaro; and (ii) to establish a sustainable basis for energy access expansion and renewable energy development in Tanzania. The project’s global environmental objective is to abate greenhouse gas emissions through the use of renewable energy in rural areas to provide electricity. Identification completed on 25 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

TZ-Rural Electrification Expansion Proj: The proposed project will assist the Government of Tanzania in expanding rural electrification through provision of on-grid and off-grid connections. The proposed Project Development Objectives are (i) to increase significantly the number of rural electricity connections to households, businesses and other facilities, and (ii) to scale-up renewable energies in the generation of electricity.

Increasing access to and reliability of power supply is at the center of industry competitiveness and job creation, one of two core clusters of the CAS. Providing access to electricity removes the key infrastructure gap for many rural businesses and enhances their productivity, especially in the agricultural sector, Tanzania’s rural population largely depends on. Identification completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Housing Finance Project: The revised PDO is as follows: To facilitate the development of the housing finance market through the provision of medium and long-term liquidity to lenders. Approval completed on 24 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. BANK OF TANZANIA, E-mail: avmkenda@bot.go.tz, Contact: Albert Mkenda, Program Manager (PIU).

Health and other social services

TZ-PSSN Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Industry and trade

TZ Growth Poles Project: The project aims at supporting the development of private sector enterprises in Tanzania, building on the results of the current Private Sector Development project.

The design of the projects and its components will be informed by the findings of the Country Economic Memorandum, to which the team is currently contributing. Identification completed on 21 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project: The objective of the project is to improve urban services and institutional capacity in the Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Area and to facilitate potential emergency response. Approval completed on 2 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123134. US$ 300.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/NDF). Consulting services to be determined. Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) Tel: 255-754770592, E-mail: sdavisben@yahoo.com, Contact: Davis B. Shemangale, Project Coordinator.

Tanzania Strategic Cities Project AF: The Government of the Tanzania (GoT) has asked for Additional Financing (AF) under OP/BP 10.00 in the amount of US$80 million to the Tanzania Strategic Cities Project. The requested additional support is needed to scale up the project’s investments. The original project has been under satisfactory implementation since 2011.

The additional financing is sought to finance the following three board types of investments: (i) Enhancements to the functionality and sustainability of the works completed and ongoing under the current project, such as drainage/pedestrian amenities and additional land-fill cells and solid waste equipment. (ii) Investments -mainly urban roads and some storm drains- from the ‘long-list’ that were originally prepared and screened during original project appraisal in FY2010/11, but not included in the project due to limited IDA availability. (iii) Newly identified sub-projects which are also mostly urban roads and two new land-fills. Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148974. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Prime Minister’s Office - Regional Administration and Local Government Tel: (255-26) 232-1908/2848, E-mail: NA, Contact: Chandanie Wijayawardene, Director General.

TZ-Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Proj: (a)The Program Objective and Indicators

The Program Objective. The program objective of the Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Program (DESMGP) is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Port of Dar es Salaam and the access and egress of port traffic, for the benefit of all public and private stakeholders.

This Program Objective will be realized through a sequential improvement in spatial and operating efficiency, institutional capacity and reform, and infrastructure enhancements both in the port of Dar es Salaam, and its immediate hinterland. The proposed program will double the capacity of the port to 28 million ton by 2020 in the first phase and triple it to 34 million tons by 2025 in the second phase. The total cost of the proposed program (Phase 1 and 2) is envisaged to be US$750 million, excluding the complementary private investment in the port.

The Program Level Indicators. Progress towards the attainment of the program objective will be assessed through the following program indicators:

(i). Enhanced spatial and operational efficiency;

(ii). Increased capacity in the port;

(iii). Greater private sector participation in service provision; and

(iv). Increased capacity in key access infrastructure.

The partners in the program. The proposed program is a partnership between the Government of Tanzania, the Tanzania Ports Authority, other public and private stakeholders, and a coalition of development partners including the Trademark East Africa (TMEA), the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and the World Bank (WB).

(b)The Project Development Objective (PDO)

The Project Development Objective for Phase 1 of the Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Program (DESMGP) is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Port of Dar es Salaam through defined interventions to reduce the wait time for vessels accessing the port, facilitate the berthing of larger capacity vessels, support greater private sector participation, and improve the management of the port, for the benefit of all public and private stakeholders.

In the first phase, this PDO will realized by the following three components, which directly reflect the identified priorities for the port sector in the BRN: (i) Component 1: Improving the Physical Infrastructure (Estimated cost US$ 400 million). Component 2: Improving the Operational and Spatial Efficiency (Estimated cost US$35 million). Component 3: Institutional Strengthening and Implementation Assistance (Estimated cost US$30 million). Concept completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150496. US$350.0/100.0 (IBRD/DFID). Consultants will be required. Tanzania Ports Authority Tel: (255-22) 211-0401, E-mail: mkipande@tanzaniaports.com.
Dar es Salaam Urban Transport Improvement Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Tanzania Water Sector Support Project - Additional Financing: The Additional finance will contribute to the country’s water sector development program (WSDP) achieve its first phase target of providing access to the originally planned beneficiaries of 10 villages per local Government Administration (LGAs). This target was down sized during restructuring of the project due to shortage of funding. Given the increased attention given to the rural water supply in governments recent initiative of Big Result Now (BRN), the AF will be a timely resource to assist government achieve its objective. It will also be uninterrupted continuation of the Bank support during the transition from phase I to Phase II of the program. The AF will finance RWS schemes and completion works in urban component while at the same time provide program management assistance to Government’s effort to streamline the new BRN initiative with the WSDP arrangement. It is expected that development partners such as the DFID will join the initiative. It is also envisaged that preparation of the follow on project to support the second phase of government’s WSDP will be initiated in parallel to implementation of the Additional financing. Approval completed on 16 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146700. US$ 44.9/13.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/DFID/KFW). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Tel: (255-22) 245-1530, E-mail: b.psmw@mowi.go.tz, Contact: EgR. Bashir J. Mrindoko, Permanent Secretary.

Second Water Sector Support Project: The overall WSDP II program Development Objective is “Improving integrated water resources management by strengthening water sector institutions and increasing access to water supply and sanitation services”. The Project Development Objective is to strengthen integrated water resources management in Tanzania to support productive sectors; and improve water supply service delivery in urban areas of Tanzania. Concept completed on 17 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150361. US$ 225.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Tel: 255767361574, E-mail: mfutakamba27@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Mbogo Futakamba, Permanent Secretary.

Togo

Education

Education and Institutional Strengthening Project 2: The Development Objective is to: (i) improve the quality of teaching and learning in early grades of primary schools; and (ii) strengthen access and equity in primary schools particularly in deprived prefectures. Approval completed on 6 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 27.8 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education Tel: 22890046218, E-mail: akudjo@yahoo.fr, Contact: Ayayi Kudjo, Secrétaire General MEPS.

Energy and mining

Togo: Mining Governance and Development Project Preparation - Phase I: To streamline the institutional arrangements of key organizations in the EI sector to increase their efficiency and accountability for effective management of the sector. Appraisal completed on 10 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149277. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Mines and Energy Tel: 22822220, E-mail: minesenergie@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dammipi Noupokou, Minister of Mines.

Health and other social services

Community Development and Safety Nets Project Additional Financing: The proposed Project Development Objective is to provide poor communities with greater access to basic socio-economic infrastructures and social safety nets. Approval completed on 7 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146598. US$ 12.1 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Technical Secretariat of the Community Development and Safety Nets Project Tel: (228) 220-7597, E-mail: pdc-togo@yahoo.fr, Contact: Yawavi Agboka-Abalo, Coordonatrice du Secretariat Technique.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation & Energy Project - Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to infrastructure and urban services in Lome; and (b) support the Government’s efforts to demonstrate concrete improvements in the lives of its citizens, a critical step for sustaining social and political stability in the country. Approval completed on 4 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 14.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agence deExecution des Travaux Urbains (AGETUR) Tel: (229) 313-645, E-mail: agetur@intnet.bj, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman.

Uganda

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

(R) Agriculture Cluster Development Project: The development objective is to raise on-farm productivity, production, and marketable volumes of selected agricultural commodities in specified geographic clusters. Approval completed on 9 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145037. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined.
Uganda Multisectoral Food Security and Nutrition Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase production and consumption of micronutrient-rich foods and utilization of community-based nutrition services in smallholder households in project areas. Approval completed on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 27.6 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries Tel: 256414320004, E-mail: ps@agriculture.go.ug, Contact: Mr. Vincent Rubarema, Permanent Secretary.

Education

Skills Development Project: The project development objective is to enhance the capacity of institutions to deliver high quality, demand-driven training programs in target sectors. Negotiations authorized on 3 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145309. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Sports Tel: 256-41-425-7038, E-mail: nassaliukwago@education.go.ug/permasec@education.go.ug, Contact: Rose Nassali Lukwago, Permanent Secretary; Ministry for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Tel: 256-41-432-0004, E-mail: psmai@info.com.co.ug, Contact: Vincent Rubarema, Permanent Secretary.

Uganda Post Primary Education and Training Program 2: This is a follow on operation to the first Uganda Post-Primary Education and Training (UPPET) APL approved in 2009 and due to close at the end of June 2014. The development objectives of UPPET 1 were to: (a) improve access to post-primary education, (b) improve the quality of post-primary education and training; and (c) improve efficiency in the delivery of post-primary education.

The second phase will build and expand on the successes of the first phase and focus on (i) strengthening public private partnerships to improve access to and quality in Universal Secondary Education (USE) provision; (ii) enhancing teacher effectiveness including improving teacher competencies, improved accountability and motivation at the post-primary level; and (iii) strengthening math and science education at the post primary level. Identification completed on 8 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Uganda Grid Expansion and Reinforcement Project (GERP): The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase transmission capacity of Uganda interconnected system. Concept completed on 11 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133305. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug, Contact: Hon. Irene Muloni, Minister.

(R) Uganda Energy for Rural Transformation III: The Project Development is to increase access to electricity in rural areas of Uganda. Appraisal completed on 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133312. US$ 135.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development Tel: 256-41-233331, E-mail: gturyahikayo@rea.or.ug, Contact: Mr. Godfrey Turyahikayo, Executive Director.

Health and other social services

Uganda Reproductive Health Voucher Project: 13.The project development objective is to increase access to skilled care among poor women living in rural and disadvantaged areas during pregnancy and delivery. Approval completed on 6 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P141402. US$ 13.3 (GPBA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: +256 414 340872, E-mail: ps@health.go.ug, Contact: Dr. Asuman Lukwago, Permanent Secretary.

(R) Third Northern Uganda Social Action Fund (NUSAf 3): The Project Development Objective (PDO) is “to provide income support to and build the resilience of poor and vulnerable households in Northern Uganda.” Appraisal completed on 13 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149965. US$ 130.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Office of the Prime Minister.

(N) Improving Capacity to Deliver Maternal Services of Front Line Facilities in Uganda: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 19 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) UG Governance and accountability: Lending TA to support continuing modernization of PFM, PIM and Procurement systems as well as Public Sector Management system. **Identification completed on 23 June 2014.** Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

Uganda: Albertine Region Sustainable Development Project: To improve regional and local access to infrastructure, markets, and skills development in the Albertine Region. **Approval completed on 26 March 2014.** Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145101. US$ 145.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Uganda National Roads Authority Tel: 256-414318000, E-mail: executive@unra.go.ug, Contact: Eng. Bernardo Ssebbuga-Kimeze, Acting Executive Director; Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD) Tel: 256-414342931, E-mail: ps@mlhud.go.ug, Contact: David Gadindadde-Musoke, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Education Tel: 256-414234451, E-mail: permasec@education.go.ug, Contact: Dr. Rose Nassali, Permanent Secretary.

**Zambia**

Energy and mining

Zambia Environmental Remediation and Improvement Project: Improve the capacity of the Government of Zambia to: i) address environmental health risks to affected local population, and liabilities associated with the mining sector operations, particularly in Kabwe area; and ii) improve environmental governance in the mining sector through improved monitoring and public disclosure of environmental health information.

These objectives will be achieved through:

i) Establishing a mechanism to identify, finance, implement and monitor feasible environmental and social measures for prioritized contaminated areas; and
ii) Strengthening the regulatory and institutional capacity of ZEMA to improve environmental management in the mining sector.

iii) Improving job opportunity for affected people, particularly Women through collaborative partnership with private sector mining companies and neighboring communities. **Identification completed on 24 February 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

(R) Girls Education and Women’s Empowerment and Livelihood Project: The project development objective is to support the Government of Zambia to increase access to livelihood support for women and access to secondary education for disadvantaged adolescent girls in extremely poor households in selected districts. **Negotiations authorized on 1 April 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151451. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Community Development Mother and Child Health (MCDMCH) Tel: 260211235341, E-mail: echomba@zamnet.zm, Contact: Prof. E. Chomba, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Gender and Child Development (MGCD) Tel: 260211230031, E-mail: daisy.ngambi@gmail.com, Contact: Victor Mbumwae, Director, Planning; Ministry of Education, Science, Vocational Training, and Early Education Tel: 260977798024, E-mail: ngonyaamwaanga@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms. Ngonya H. Miyoba, Ag. Chief Education Officer.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(R) Lusaka Sanitation Project: The Project Development Objective it to increase access to sanitation services in selected areas of Lusaka and strengthen LWSC’s capacity to manage sanitation services. **Negotiations authorized on 7 April 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149091. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company Tel: 260211251712, E-mail: gndongwe@lwsc.com.zm, Contact: Mr. George Ndongwe, Managing Director.

**Zimbabwe**

Finance

ZW-Public Financial Mgt Enhancement Proj: This project will focus on budgeting, IFMIS, payroll management, cash management, Internal and external auditing, public procurement at the central as well are sub-national levels including state enterprises and to improve the demand side of accountability and oversight of parliament, media and civil society of public funds. **Identification completed on 30 September 2014.** Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (ZIMR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

(R) West Africa - Mauritanian Fish. APL: The Global Environmental objective of the WARFP SOP-C1 (formerly APL-C1) is the same as the PDO: to strengthen governance and management of targeted fisheries and improve handling of landed catch at selected sites. **Approval completed on 16 March 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131327. US$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy Tel: 22233470916, E-mail:
Praobm@yahoo.com, Contact: Samboly Ba, Advisor to the Minister; Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Tel: 22464298782, E-mail: akaba@yahoo.fr, Contact: Abdourahmane Kaba, Secretary General.

South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project 1: The Global Environment Objective is to improve the management effectiveness of selected priority fisheries at regional, national and community level. Approval completed on 27 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.5 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. DGRH, Contact: Youssouf Mohamed Ali, Deputy Director; Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Zanzibar, Contact: Mr. Musa Jumbe, Director of Fisheries; Indian Ocean Commission, E-mail: harijihons.razaka@coi-ioc.org, Contact: Mr. Leon Martial Raza, Officer in Charge; Ministry of Fisheries Tel: (258-82) 316-0078, E-mail: adengo@mozpesca.gov.mz, Contact: Mrs. Angelica Dengo, Head of International Cooperation Department; Deep Sea Fishing Authority, Contact: Mr. Zahor El Kharousy, Director General.

First South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve the management effectiveness of selected priority fisheries at regional, national and community level. Approval completed on 27 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132123. US$ 42.7/32.8/15.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GFCO). Consultants will be required. DGRH Tel: 3366911, E-mail: yousmed69@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Youssouf Mohamed Ali, Deputy Director; Ministry of Fisheries Tel: 00, E-mail: adengo@mozpesca.gov.mz, Contact: Mrs. Angelica Dengo, Head of International Cooperation Department; Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Mainland Tel: 255754035314, E-mail: yobudeba@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Yo-hana L. Budeba, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Zanzibar Tel: 25577742875, E-mail: kassimjuma52@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Kassim G. Juma, Principal Secretary; Deep Sea Fishing Authority Tel: 25577011011, E-mail: zahorim@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Zahor El Kharousy, Director General.

Regional Great Lakes Integrated Agriculture Development Program: The objective is to support the recovery and reintegration of communities and reestablishment of sustainable livelihoods in the conflict affected areas. Identification completed on 21 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 225.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa Multi Donor Trust Fund: This is a request for an extension of and additional financing for the ongoing Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) (P1126840/TF071192). It is currently financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), UK's Department for International Development (DFID); the European Commission (EC); and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and managed by the Agriculture, Rural Development and Irrigation unit (AFTAI), ASARECA, a sub-regional not-for-profit association has been operating based on a 10 year Strategic Plan (2008-2018) developed to support the sustainable competitiveness of Eastern and Central Africa agricultural research systems through support to prioritized areas of research for development. The strategy was designed to be implemented in 2 five year phases with corresponding Medium Term Operational Plans (MTOPs) which detail implementation of the strategy. The ASARECA MDTF was established at the World Bank in 2008 to support the first phase of the strategic plan, OPI (2008-2013). It has been under implementation for the past 4 and a half years and implementation has been satisfactory. It is scheduled to close on December 31, 2013. Donor support has been very strong for the OPI. Original donor pledges totaled $55 million. This target was not only met, but exceeded following an additional contribution of $5.6 million in the second half of 2012. Total contributions to date have passed $60 million. A number of the MDTF participating donors are in favor of and have recommended a 5 year extension of the MDTF to support a smooth transition to ASARECA’s second MTOP (OPII) (2014-2018). The associated proposed Additional Financing would support implementation of OPII. Initial confirmed funding to launch implementation has already been secured from two donors. Identification completed on 23 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa MDTF - Additional Financing: This is a request for an extension of and additional financing for the ongoing Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) (P1126840/TF071192). It is currently financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), UK’s Department for International Development (DFID); the European Commission (EC); and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and managed by the Agriculture, Rural Development and Irrigation unit (AFTAI). FARA has been operating on a 10-year Strategic Plan (2007-2016) developed to add value to the support provided by the sub-regional organizations (SROs) to strengthen African National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS). The strategy was designed to be implemented in 2 five year phases with corresponding Medium Term Operational Plans (MTOPs) which detail implementation of the strategy. Due to delays in obtaining donor funding under the original MDTF, the Strategic Plan period was adjusted to cover the period 2009-2018. The FARA MDTF was established at the World Bank in 2009 to support the first phase of the strategic plan, MTOP I (2009-2013). It has been under implementation for the past three and a half years and implementation has been satisfactory. It is scheduled to close on December 31, 2013. Several of the MDTF participating donors are in favor of and have recommended a 5-year extension of the MDTF (in line with the Bank’s revised guidelines on extension of closing dates, April 2013) to support a smooth transition to FARA’s second MTOP (2014-2018). The associated proposed Additional Financing would support implementation of MTOP II. Initial confirmed funding to launch implementation has already been secured from
one donor. Identification completed on 11 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) Tel: (233-302) 772-823, E-mail: yakinbamijo@fara-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director.

(R) Volta River Basin Strategic Action Programme Implementation: The proposed global objective is to improve the capacity of the VBA for transboundary water resources management. Appraisal completed on 9 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149969. US$ 3.5/7.2 (CIWA/GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Volta Basin Authority (VBA) Tel: 22650376067, E-mail: chibey@gmail.com.

Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance livelihood resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in cross-border drought prone areas of selected countries and to improve the capacity of the selected countries' governments to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. This second phase prepared through an Additional Financing aims at including Ethiopia in the project, as it has participated in most of the preparation process, together with Kenya, Uganda and IGAD. The RPLRP offers an innovative, comprehensive, and flexible response to pastoralists' vulnerability to drought by delivering key regional public goods to enhance their livelihoods. Building on a high-level agreement, the RPLRP embodies the first attempt in the HoA to deliver country-specific outputs directly linked to region-driven goals. RPLRP innovation also applies to the use of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Whenever possible, the RPLRP will be implemented through a sustainable landscape approach along cross-border livestock routes and corridors. These routes and corridors will be central in targeting geographical cross-border clusters of sub-counties in Kenya and woredas in Ethiopia to deliver investments and services using this cross-border cluster approach. Selected clusters will receive a comprehensive package of investments and services. Approval completed on 21 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150006. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Tel: (251-9) 2771-8854, E-mail: faberra@mofed.gov.et, Contact: Fisseha Aberra, Director of International Financial Institutions.

Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project - South-Sudan: The proposed additional credit would help finance the costs associated with scaling up and expanding the project's scope to enhance its impact by including pastoralists and agro-pastoralists residing in South-Sudan as its project beneficiaries.

The Project Development Objective (PDO) and project components under the AF will remain the same as in the two first phase of the RPLRP. The proposed AF will expand target intervention areas to include well-defined geographic areas within the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) of South-Sudan. Identification completed on 29 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project: To improve the management effectiveness of selected priority fisheries at regional, national and community level. Identification completed on 13 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 67.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/GFCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP - 1D): Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Survey Harmonization Project: To strengthen the ability of national statistical organization of WAEMU member countries to regularly produce and publicly disseminate high quality, comparable household data and inter nationally comparable analyses on living conditions. Identification completed on 21 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 40.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project: To sustain their rapid economic growth for further reducing extreme poverty and increasing share of prosperity, African countries need to carry out necessary economic transformation. This requires an increase in science and technology capacity, skilled workforce, and applied research to accelerate technology absorption, raise productivity and generate new competitive sectors. However, Africa is at the bottom of knowledge economy indicators in these areas. To support the pursuit of necessary change and improvement in this critical area by African countries, the Bank launched a regional initiative of Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence (ACE) in 2013. The ACE initiative was successfully launched in nine western African countries with a total of US$150 million investment approved by IDA in 2014 (ACE Phase 1). With the demand indicated by some eastern African countries, building on the lessons learned from ACE Phase 1, the proposed investment project (ACE Phase 2) aims to launch a regional ACE initiative in east/south Africa. The initial targeted eight eastern and southern African IDA countries are Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, but IBRD countries in the region are welcome to participate if their interest arises.# # The proposed ACE Phase 2 (ACE II) is intended to support the promotion of regional collaboration and specialization among participating universities in areas that address economic growth priorities both national and regional, as well as to strengthen the capacities of these universities to deliver quality training and applied research needed by the society. More specifically, ACE II will cover two main aspects. One is the
regional harmonization. In coordination with the African Union, ACE II will focus on regional harmonization of training highly-skilled personnel, particularly at the graduate level, which includes regional quality assurance framework, standards for higher education, diploma/certification recognition, etc., in order to promote mobility of both faculty and students within the region. The other aspect is to provide support through ACE to those states, either small or fragile, which lack of capacity or readiness to implement projects or train high-skilled personnel for meeting their growth or reconstruction needs (e.g., Somalia, South Sudan, Burundi, Comoros, and Seychelles). Specific activities under both aspects will be discussed and reviewed with relevant regional committees, government ministries, national agencies, universities and other key stakeholders as well as within the Bank during the project preparation. The selection of participating universities will be done through a transparent competitive mechanism agreed with the participating countries. ACE II preparation will employ a broad consultation approach. On the client side, two-level of consultation is envisaged: (1) at the regional level, among/with the relevant regional bodies and potential participating countries; and (2) at the country level, among/with relevant ministries, national agencies and universities. Within the Bank, consultations will be carried out with the AFR management, country TTLs and involved Global Practices. These consultations will help to set up and build consensus on priority areas which should be financed under the project. As part of the preparation, a regional steering committee will be formed to guide, facilitate and coordinate the process. A focal point in each participating country will be designated to coordinate needed preparation work in the country. Identification completed on 17 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P115063. US$ 120.0/100.0/78.0/40.0/52.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/FRDE/WADB/WAEM). Consultants will be required.

**Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project**

Add. Fin.: The project seeks to support the Recipients to promote regional specialization among participating higher education institutions in Cote d’Ivoire in areas that address regional challenges and fill skill needs, contributing to the economic growth of the region but which were not covered in previous ACEs, by strengthening the capacities of these universities to deliver quality training and applied research. Identification completed on 5 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

**Regional Transmission Development APL:** The objective is to support the development of the transmission backbone linking Tete Province with the south of Mozambique. Concept completed on 11 September 2008. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108934. US$ 150.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Electricidade de Mozambique (Electricity of Mozambique) Tel: (258-21) 304-407, E-mail: cyum@edmdipla.co.mz, Contact: Mr. Carlos Yum, Director and Project Coordinator.

**WAPP (Phase 3) Adjarala Hydroelectric Project:** WAPP APL: The goal of West Africa Power Pool (WAPP) is to establish a well-functioning, cooperative, power pooling mechanism for West Africa, as a means to increase access of citizens of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to stable and reliable electricity at affordable costs. [APL1 refers to the countries involved in this horizontal and vertical APL structure, and covers WAPP projects undertaken in the WAPP Zone A. Phase 3 indicates that this is the third project in this APL series.]

The development objective of the WAPP Adjarala Hydropower Project (APL 1, Phase 3) is to increase power supply and reduce the cost of supply. Concept completed on 25 May 2013, Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P115063. US$ 120.0/100.0/78.0/40.0/52.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/FRDE/WADB/WAEM). Consultants will be required. Communaute Electrique du Benin (CEB) Tel: (228) 2216132, E-mail: dg@cebnet.org, Contact: Mr. Djibril Latifou, Directeur Général.

**Regional Transmission Interconnection between Mozambique and Malawi:** Regional transmission interconnection between Mozambique and Malawi to integrate Malawi into the Southern African Power Pool. Identification completed on 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 120.0/4.5 (IDA Credit/AFR5). Consultants will be required. Electricidade de Moçambique (EdM) Tel: (258-21) 353-632; ECOM Tel: (265-1) 822-000, 824-274.

**3A Tanzania-Zambia Interconnector:** The objective of the project is to connect Tanzania’s electrical grid with Kenya’s and later Zambia, create power-sharing between the two countries, reduce energy costs, promote sustainable and renewable power generation, better protect the region’s environment, and pave the way for more dynamic regional cooperation between the countries of East Africa. The project marks the second phase of a regional East Africa power integration program, which started with the financing of the Ethiopia-Kenya Electricity Highway project, approved by the WB Board in July 2012. The project also builds on the currently on-going Tanzania Backbone Transmission project. Identification completed on 12 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**OMVG Interconnection Project:** The project developmental objective is to enable electricity trade between Senegal, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and The Gambia. Negotiations authorized on 2 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146830. US$ 200.0/134.0/106.0/51.8/93.7/23.9/32.0/53.6 (IDA Credit/AFDB/EUDB/FRGC/ISDB/KFAE/KFW/WADB). Consultants will be required. OMVG Tel: 221338895100, E-mail: jvanska@omvg.sn, Contact: Justino Vieira, Executive Secretary.

**Niger River Basin Management Project:** The objective of the project is to strengthen the institutional framework for regional cooperation in water resources in the Niger River Basin. Approval completed on 17 November 2014. Environmental
Health and other social services

(R) Sahel Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases: The project development objective is to: Increase delivery and use of harmonized community-level services for the prevention and treatment of malaria and selected neglected tropical diseases in targeted cross-border districts in the Sahel region. Appraisal completed on 8 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149526. US$ 121.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (APOC) Tel: (226-50) 342-959; WHO/AFRO.

3A EA PH Laboratory Networking Project Additional Financing: The ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa has underscored the importance of redoubling disease preparedness, prevention and control efforts in East Africa. The five EAC member states (Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Burundi) have prepared Ebola contingency plans with some activities initiated under the parent project. To date, three of the countries (Burundi, Tanzania and Uganda) have requested additional financial support from the Bank to address critical unmet needs in disease preparedness, prevention, and control. Following the visit of President Kim to the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia has now sent a formal request to be included in this regional project. This additional financing aims to respond in an efficient and timely manner to these requests. The parent project represents a good vehicle for providing support as proposed activities are fully in line with both the Project Development Objective and three project components. The project development objective remains to establish a network of efficient, high quality, accessible public health laboratories for the diagnosis and surveillance of TB and other communicable diseases. The three mutually reinforcing components will assist the participating countries to diagnose communicable diseases of public health importance and to share information about those diseases to mount an effective regional response. The region has an elevated risk of public health threats from diseases which are: (i) outbreak prone (Ebola and other hemorrhagic fevers, cholera, meningitis); (ii) endemic (multi-drug resistant tuberculosis); and (iii) pandemic potential (influenza). Component #1-Regional Diagnostic and Surveillance Capacity will provide support to render functional the laboratory network. The Diagnostic Services sub-component (1a) will fund: (i) construction or upgrading of public health laboratories at existing hospitals to boost biosafety capacity to deal with outbreaks of infectious diseases; (ii) support for establishing basic isolation units at a select number of facilities; (iii) provision of laboratory and medical equipment and materials, including waste management equipment, basic hygiene and infection control equipment, and personal protective equipment; (iv) specimen referral support for transporting pathogens during outbreaks; (v) acquisition of computer equipment, laboratory information systems and videoconferencing capacity; and (vi) provision of funds to participating hospitals to allow for improvements in laboratory quality systems, supporting lower-level facilities, conducting community outreach and surveillance activities, performing contact tracing during outbreaks, and strengthening communications and social mobilization. The Disease Surveillance and Preparedness sub-component (1b) will support countries to comply with their commitments under the International Health Regulations by: (i) strengthening skills through expansion in IDSR training and a move towards a One Health concept; (ii) improving etiological confirmation of pathogens; (iii) reinforcing laboratory networking and district capacity in cross border areas to report, investigate, and adequately respond to disease outbreaks through the establishment of cross-border committees, tabletop and field simulation exercises, and application of the EAC framework for cross-border surveillance and response during outbreaks; (iv) supporting governments to elaborate disease preparedness plans for potential public health threats, including setting up Emergency Operations Centers and systems; and (v) strengthening communications and data sharing through the roll out of the mobile phone reporting system under design. Component #2-The Joint Training and Capacity Building Component will expand training and capacity building for laboratory, medical and public health personnel, in order to increase the pool of experts in the sub-region and improve the effectiveness of public health laboratories and the efficiency of handling disease outbreaks. Training will be cascaded the regional to the national and local levels in a systematic fashion. Regionally recognized training programs would be scaled up nationwide to maximize the impact of proposed activities. Examples of the main training programs to be prioritized for scale up include: Field Epidemiology and Laboratory Training Program (FELTP), infection control, IDSR, SLMTA, lab management, and emergency preparedness. The project would also support the roll out of the e-learning modules (i.e. infection control, information systems, lab management) developed under the parent project. Component #3-Joint Operational Research and Knowledge Sharing/Regional Coordination will finance relevant operational research and knowledge sharing activities, which aim to evaluate the impact of disease prevention and control efforts, and identify models for promoting greater collaboration between animal and human health specialists. The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community and the East African Community would continue playing critical roles in convening countries, harmonizing medical laboratory training curriculum and disease outbreak guidelines and protocols, facilitating harmonization between animal and human health disciplines, and assisting countries to agree on a division of labor whereby some public health laboratories would play a regional role as part of the laboratory network (i.e. Uganda virology laboratory in Entebbe and KEMRI laboratory in Kenya). Identification completed on 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 99.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Disease Surveillance and Response in West Africa: Strengthen regional capacities to control and/or eliminate priority communicable and/or zoonotic diseases in West Africa by:
(sub-objective 1) strengthening regional institutions for cross-border and inter-country collaboration; and

(sub-objective 2) developing regional capacity for integrated multi-disease surveillance. Identification completed on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.


Industry and trade

(N) EAC Accelerated Regional Integration: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 23 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Great Lakes Trade Facilitation - SOP2: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 61.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and communications

(R) Regional Communications Infrastructure Program Phase 5 - Uganda: To support the Recipient’s efforts to:

(i) lower prices for international capacity and extend the geographic reach of broadband networks (the connectivity development objective); and

(ii) improve the Government’s efficiency and transparency through e-Government applications (the transparency development objective).

Project would be financed by $30 million IDA, complemented by anticipated funding of US$12 million in co-financing from the African Development Bank and a US$12m parallel investment from the private sector, which may also require the help of an IDA Partial Risk Guarantee. The financing package is US$54 million in total.

The proposed project is composed of three components, as described below:

Component 1: Enabling Environment (US$10m, of which US$2m from AfDB and US$8m from WBG)

1A) Strengthening the National Communications Authority (US$8m from WBG)

The 2012 Communications Act provides for the establishment of an independent regulator. The World Bank is already providing some initial regulatory training but a more ambitious program of work is required, covering the development of an enabling legal and regulatory framework, including a license framework that promotes competition and is technologically neutral; an effective interconnection and access pricing framework; a governance framework and a Universal Access framework. Capacity-building will also be required especially for managing scarce resources, such as spectrum and the numbering plan. This component will also include establishing an ICT data collection and analysis unit within the future regulator.

1B) Applications development and piloting, including Mobile Money and eGovernment (US$2m from AfDB)

There is considerable appetite for the development of locally relevant applications, particularly delivered over mobile platforms. The sector vision for South Sudan is to become ‘An inclusive, empowered, dynamic and prosperous ICT-anchored nation that is an active participant in the Global Information Society’. Mobile money is a leading candidate for applications development and a workshop on mobile money, jointly organized by the Bank, IFC, the World Bank and the Ministry of Telecommunications and Postal Services was held on 30 April 2013. There is interest from DFID in using mobile money to make conditional cash transfers as an incentive to keep girls in education. A pilot program involving up to 60,000 students is planned for Lainya County, starting in Sep/Oct 2013. Technical assistance to this pilot program could be provided during the PPA phase. The mobile money platform, once developed, would be available for many such uses.
Component 2: Connectivity (US$42m, of which US$20m from the WBG; US$10m from AfDB, and US$12m in parallel financing from the private sector)

A Government network and data centers (US$10m from AfDB)

An earlier Multi-Donor Trust Fund grant, via Operations Policy and Country Services (OPCS), has provided for a satellite-based government network with VSATs (very small aperture terminals) in each of the ten states, linked to a hub in Juba. This is now being tested and will soon be available for use, to provide secure government email. An investment grant would provide some initial funding for the satellite segment and would mean the next phase could be extended and upgraded to terrestrial links (e.g., microwave, fiber). The Satellite based government network could operate in stand-by mode in case there is a cut in the optical fiber cable.

As is the case for other programs under RCIP, demand stimulation and the development of sectoral applications is considered an important part of the program. Some of the funding that is set aside for the government backbone network could be used for advance purchase of capacity on behalf of government departments, using competitive tendering allowing competition among the private sector members of the PPP. This would provide an incentive for the private sector to invest in additional backbone capacity, which is currently almost completely lacking in South Sudan.

2BAccelerating the roll-out of a fiber backbone network, under a Public Private Partnership (US$20m in WBG funding and credit guarantees plus around US$12m in parallel private sector investment)

There is a desperate need for a fiber link between landlocked South Sudan and at least one of the fiber backbones in neighboring countries in order to reduce costs, and improve the performance and reliability of Internet access. However, the private sector is currently unable to provide funding and also lacks a fixed-line operating license to negotiate rights of way, across state borders. The World Bank can provide assistance to create an open and transparent framework, and play the role of an honest broker.

It is proposed that international connectivity be introduced in up to three phases:

• The first link would join Juba to Lokichoggio in Kenya, passing through the Eastern Equatorial capital of Torit, with fiber being laid alongside a new road that is being financed by a consortium including the World Bank, AfDB and EXIM Bank (South Sudan – East Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Program, P31426, which includes an ICT component of US$15m). This is a relatively short distance (350km) to the nearest fiber and has the added of advantage of only needing to transit through one country to reach the four undersea cables off the coast of East Africa.

• The second link would join Juba to Gulu in Uganda, passing via the border crossing of Nimule. Again, this has the advantage of following the course of a road, one of the few paved roads in the country, over a relatively short distance (300km).

• A third link would go from Kapoeta, on the newly-created fiber to the Kenyan border and branch off to pass through Ethiopia to Djibouti, which is served by eight international cables.

The cost of installing a national fiber optic network with onward connectivity to multiple international submarine landing stations, in Mombasa or Djibouti, is not economically viable for any single operator. Given the routing steps and multiple backhaul arrangements required, the South Sudan government and operators have indicated a preference for an end-to-end solution for obtaining international connectivity. This will be structured as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with a consortium consisting of the South Sudan government and operators contracting a company to provide the needed connectivity on an open access basis. There is interest from the private sector in exploring the possibilities for Partial Risk Guarantees (PRG) to offset their commercial and regulatory risk. A consultant is being hired under SS-EARTTDF to structure the PPP. It is considered possible that the private sector might contribute up to US$12m (leveraging US$3m in IDA PRG credits for cost sharing on infrastructure roll-out).

Component 3: Project Implementation Unit (US$2m WBG)

The final component for the investment grant in South Sudan would be funding for a project implementation unit (PIU). A PIU has already been established jointly with MTRB for the ICT component of the SS-EARTTDF program. However, given the technical nature of this activity and the larger scale, RCIP-6 will need its own PIU with its own technical staff and will need to maintain liaison with the future regulator and the private sector. Identification completed on 18 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0/12.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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(R) West Africa Regional Fisheries Program SOP-C1 – Mauritania & Guinea: The development objective of this first phase of West Africa Regional Fisheries Program SOP-C (formerly APL-C) is to strengthen governance and management of targeted fisheries and improve handling of landed catch at selected sites. Approval completed on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126773. US$ 22.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy Tel: 2223470916, E-mail: Praobm@yahoo.com, Contact: Samboly Ba, Advisor to the Minister; Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Tel: 22464298782, E-mail: akaba@yahoo.fr, Contact: Abdourahmane Kaba, Secretary General.
Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa Multi-Donor Trust Fund: This is a request for Additional Financing to support the existing ASARECA MDTF (P112600, TF071104). A Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) was established at the World Bank in 2008 to support a program of integrated agricultural research for development, as described in ASARECA’s 5-year OP (2008/09-2013/14). The MDTF is intended to facilitate donor interaction, coordination and harmonization (including harmonization of procedures and formats to be applied by ASARECA), which is essential to effectively and efficiently assist the further institutional development of ASARECA. The project has been under implementation for the past 3.5 years and implementation progress has been satisfactory. Original donor pledges were expected to reach $55 million and this target has been met. New contributions totaling $4 million will be used to scale up the results of existing sub-projects within the remaining timeframe of the grant (19 months). No new activities are planned. Identification completed on 21 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.6 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

**Transportation**

Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Program - SOP2: The objective of the Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Program - Phase 2 is to facilitate the movement of goods and people along the North-South Corridor and at the key border crossings in Malawi, whilst supporting improvements in road safety and health services along the corridor. Negotiations authorized on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145566. US$ 69.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Roads Authority Tel: 2651753699, E-mail: trevorhiwa@ra.org.mw, Contact: Trevor Hiwa, CEO.

(R) EA Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Project (Second Phase of Program): Program Objective: The objective of the Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Program is to enhance connectivity of South Sudan with its Eastern Africa neighboring countries, and its access to sea ports. This objective will be realized through a sequential improvement in the physical and institutional infrastructure in participating countries, namely: South Sudan and Kenya and promoting trade and development facilitation intervention on the Juba – Nadapal – Eldoret development corridor.

Project Objective: The objective of the Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Project, Second Phase of Program (SOP2) is to improve the movement of goods and people along the Lesseru – Nadapal corridor in the north western part of Kenya, in particular and to enhance connectivity between Kenya and South Sudan, in general. Negotiations authorized on 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Olwiyo – Nebbi – Goli road Road Project: As part of the development of the Gulu-Kisangani road corridor the objective of the project to rehabilitate the 114 km paved road from Olwiyo to Nebbi, and to upgrade the 15 km gravel road, from Nebbi to Goli, to bitumen pavement. Identification completed on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lake Victoria Transport Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 24 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

NEL TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: The project activities will strengthen (i) regional cooperation and integration, (ii) water resources management, (iii) water resources development, and (iv) stakeholder engagement and coordination. They will improve river basin planning, advance investment projects to pipeline status through feasibility type studies and packaging of prepared investments, and strengthen stakeholder participation in investment planning as well as strategic communication. The NEL region will be broadly covered, in addition to targeted activities in the Mara, Kagera and Sio-Malaba-Malakisi sub-basins. Identification completed on 13 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 13.0 (CIWA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sahel Disaster Resilience Project: The proposed project is a regional investment project aiming to help the countries in the Sahel to build regionally coherent hydro-meteorological systems and to facilitate collaboration on disaster risk management at national and regional level. The PDO is to increase resilience to extreme weather and climate events in the Sahel region through fostered regional and national collaboration for disaster risk management as well as improved delivery of national hydrological and meteorological information and services. The project would be implemented in several phases: Capacity building and technical assistance targeted to the regional organizations would benefit all Sahelian countries, while two countries will initially benefit from specific investments in disaster risk management, hydrological and meteorological services. Country level investments are tailored to the needs of the specific country, but would follow a similar framework, which can be rolled out in further countries. The project would consist of following components; (i) preparing regional emergency response and recovery financing, (ii) strengthening regional technical organizations for water resources and disaster risk management; and (iii) modernizing national disaster risk management and hydro-meteorological systems. The project aims to strengthen and build upon existing structures at national and regional level, such as the well-established food security early warning system, and where necessary support the formulation of new structures and services.
Identification completed on 11 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) LVEMP APL-1 Additional Financing: The objectives of the Project are to contribute to: (i) the improvement of the collaborative management of the trans-boundary natural resources of the LVB among the Partner States; and (ii) the improvement of environmental management of targeted pollution hotspots and selected degraded sub-catchments for the benefit of communities who depend on the natural resources of LVB. Negotiations authorized on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153466. US$ 20.0/2.0/0.5 (IDA Grant/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Senegal River Basin Integrated Water Resources Management Project: This Trust Fund will be linked to the (PDO) is to help improve agriculture-based livelihoods for project beneficiaries. Concept completed on 27 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150631. US$ 24.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction Tel: 855-12854261, E-mail: lased@ezecom.com.kh, Contact: H.E. Dr. Sareth Boramy, LASED II, Project Director; Ministry of Interior Tel: 855-92351666, E-mail: pcheam@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: H.E. Cheam Pe A, LASED II, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery (MAFF) Tel: 855-12833777, E-mail: kunso@camnet.com.kh, Contact: HE. Dr. So Khan Rithykun, Director General, GDA/MAFF.

KH - Livelihood Enhancement and Association of the Poor (LEAP): Despite the impressive economic progress in the last decade, Cambodia is still one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia, ranking as a low income country. In spite of the significant reduction in poverty, the hard won gains remain fragile. The vast majority of the families who were lifted out of poverty did so by only a small margin, implying that those families moved from being poor to being just near-poor are at high risk of falling back into poverty. For example, the loss of just 1,200 riel per person per day in income (about US$0.30) would throw an estimated three million people back into poverty, doubling the country poverty level to 40 percent from 20.5 percent. Poverty in Cambodia remains predominantly a rural phenomenon. However, migration to urban areas has also increased urban poverty and vulnerability, in particular in peri-urban areas of Phnom Penh.

The project (design and implementation) will build on positive experiences gained during an extended piloting phase in the province of Siem Reap along with an intensive impact evaluation that provides guidance for the design of the targeted poverty reduction activities. This pilot phase has implemented successful income generating activities by community members, along with strengthening of social capital, thereby contributing to poverty reduction for both rural and urban poor at local levels.

ID project P131323 and it will support activities that are complementary in nature to this project. Identification completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.1 (AFW1). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

East Asia And Pacific

Cambodia

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

KH-Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development Project II: The proposed project development objective

The development objective of the proposed project is to help improve livelihoods of targeted poor households in selected provinces and communities. The PDO is expected to be achieved by providing targeted poor beneficiaries with (a) access to finance and linking them to markets and key value chains for their livelihood activities; (b) support for creating and strengthening self-sustaining livelihood-related community-level institutions, such as agriculture marketing cooperatives; and (c) improving delivery of key services, such as capacity building to develop and strengthen technical and managerial business skills of targeted poor beneficiaries;

Key performance indicators will include (i) the percentage of beneficiary HH that take up new / additional livelihood strategies or diversify and improve income sources compared to the baseline; (ii) the (increased) value of family-owned assets among project beneficiaries; and (iii) the self-perception by the poor of their strengthened ability for collective action.

The Project is envisaged to have the following four principal components: (i) an investment fund, (ii) Identification and scaling-up of pro-poor livelihood initiatives, (iii) capacity building for community associations, and (iv) project implementation/management support. Identification completed on 26 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Second Health Sector Support Program Additional Financing: The proposed additional IDA in the amount of US$15 million, grant amount of AUD 30 million, and RGC counterpart financing of US$10 million would finance the existing project activities for another 18 months, pending approval of an extension.
along with the AF. The PDO would remain the same, namely: to support the implementation of the Government’s Health Strategic Plan 2008-2015 to improve health outcomes through strengthened capacity and mechanisms by which the Government and development partners can achieve more effective and efficient sector performance.

The expected outcomes of extending this project include:

Extension of coverage of Health Equity Funds to cover the costs of health services for all of the poor in Cambodia, equal to approximately 400,000 additional beneficiaries. Improvement in the quality of health care services by: training more health professionals, purchasing additional essential medical equipment, upgrading additional health facilities to ensure they have water and electricity, and refinement of existing performance based incentives.

Further increases in utilization of key essential public health services such as vaccines, contraceptives, and supervised delivery which are proxies of the maternal and child health MDGs Identification completed on 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/KHFS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: (855-23) 722-873, E-mail: admin.hssp@online.com.kh, enghuot@online.com.kh, Contact: H.E.Prof. Eng Huot, Program Director.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Local Governance and Development Program:** The objective is to assist the Royal Government of Cambodia in its implementation of the National Program for Sub National Democratic Development in both local governance and local development objectives. Concept completed on 6 July 2010. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P096505. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. NCDD Secretariat, Ministry of Interior Tel: (855-23) 362-175, 720-038, E-mail: info@ncdd.gov.kh; Nga.chamroeun@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: HE Ngan Chamroeun, Project Manager and Deputy Director General.

**Voice and Action: Social Accountability for Improved Service Delivery:** The PDO is to help support the improvement of service delivery in schools, health centers and communes, for rural households in selected districts. This will be achieved by local government and service providers engaging with communities in the ISAF process (access to information, open budgets, citizen monitoring) to improve performance and responsiveness. Concept completed on 7 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146160. US$ 5.0 (JSDF). Consulting services to be determined. Save the Children, Cambodia Tel: 85523223403, E-mail: henkvanbeers@savethechildren.org, Contact: Henk Van Beers, Director, Program Development and Quality.

**Cambodia PFMMMP-Additional Financing P151984:** The project development objective is to enhance public financial management by strengthening: (a) revenue mobilization and (b) budget execution processes through the implementation of the Financial Management Information System (FMIS). Progress against the principal objective will be measured by the contribution made to the PFMRP’s Key Performance Indicators and Targets set forth under the Stage Two of the PFMRP. Negotiations authorized on 12 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151984. US$ 7.5 (KHFM). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Royal Government of Cambodia Tel: 855-23-722-964, E-mail: mef.cabinet@gmail.com, Contact: H.E. Dr. Aun Pornmoniroth, Minister.

**Transportation**

**KH - Road Asset Management Project II:** Background and linkage with CPS: The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has requested this project as one of the priorities as part of the World Bank Group’s new Interim Strategy Note for Cambodia, which will be closely aligned with the 2013 NSDP. The follow on Road Asset Management Project (RAMP-II) will form a major part of government’s efforts to achieve the objectives of “increasing competitiveness and connectivity” as well as “fostering growth of rural economy and poverty reduction”. The RAMP-II would seek to scale up the activities and impacts of the current project in road network management and maintenance program to support “competitiveness and connectivity” by supporting analysis of the MPWT's overall road program, influencing investments in the sector in accordance with economically justified, prioritized plans and programs; and demonstrating that outsourced competitive bidding is an efficient approach to road maintenance. It would: (i) adjust project design to the financial and institutional capacity of the Borrower, (ii) integrate project activities into the MPWT functions, and (iii) follow a gradual approach for the implementation of policy and institutional reforms. Project Development Objective: The objective of the project is to support road preservation works on priority national roads selected to maximize economic benefits, and to strengthen MPWT road maintenance planning, contracting and management. Project Component: RAMP-II will include following two components: (a) Road Asset management; and (b) Capacity development. Under component A - Road asset management: The RAMP-II will support the preservation of MPWT’s road network and provide the necessary implementation support. The periodic maintenance works to be undertaken in the project have been defined using the RMDS/HDM4 system upgraded by the current RAMP. It will also support, increasing routine and periodic maintenance through increasing Government contributions. This will be carried out using force account, and using an output/performance-based contract approach successfully piloted under PRIP and current RAMP. The implementation support includes: (i) the preparation of designs and bidding documents for the civil works; (ii) advice to MPWT on technical designs, cost estimates, bidding documents, contract management, and safeguard activities for works; (iii) support for the operation of the Road Data Collection and Management Unit (RDCMU) and for effective implementation and operation of RDMS; (iv) construction supervision of civil works throughout the project; and (v) Supporting Performance based contracts. Under Component B - Capacity Development Component, the RAMP-II will support the capacity
development at the institutional, organizational and individual level for MPWT to perform its road asset management functions effectively and efficiently. It includes (i) institutional administrative and (ii) technical capacity development for road asset management within the General Department Public Works; (iii) HIV/AIDS awareness and human trafficking campaigns; (iv) community based road safety campaign, and (v) training on safeguards, monitoring and evaluation, financial audits and technical audits, and (iv) administrative and operations costs for the RAMP team. The expected outcomes: Four major outcomes of the project are: (i) expanding maintenance of the national road infrastructure nationwide and facilitating interventions in priority areas, (ii) allocating adequate maintenance funding during the budgeting process; (iii) knowledge building in MPWT on road network management, maintenance technology and contract management; and (iv) private sector involvement in competitive bidding and performance quality. Monitoring and Evaluation: The PDO level indicators are (i) Roads rehabilitated, Non-rural and (ii) Travel time reduced, and (iii) Roads in good and fair condition as a share of total classified roads (percentage). Twice a year the implementation support will be carried out by the Bank with full participation of MPWT and its provincial departments to monitor the project outcomes. Identification completed on 6 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for project preparation related consultants. Ministry of Public Works and Transport Tel: (855-23) 427-845, E-mail: mpwt@online.com.kh, Contact: Sovicheano Pheng, Under Secretary of State.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management Project- Phase III: This is a part of the regional operation to support the implementation of the integrated water resources management in the Lower Mekong Basin, following Phase I (Lao PDR and the Mekong River Commission) approved in 2012 and Phase II (Vietnam) (Board presentation scheduled in November 2013). The Royal Government of Cambodia has requested this project as one of the priorities under IDA 16, and the proposed project will be part of the new ISN which is in the early stages of development. Project Development Objectives: The overall objective of the regional Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management Project is to: support implementation of the integrated water resources management in the Lower Mekong Basin at the regional, national and sub-national level. The specific objective for the third phase project (M-IWRM 3) is to support the improvement of the fisheries management in the northern Cambodia and establish river basin management in northern Cambodia, which are shared with Lao PDR and Vietnam. Project Components: M-IWRM 3 will include the following two components: (a) Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management in Northern Cambodia, and (b) River Basin Management in northern Cambodia. Expected Outcome: the two major outcomes of the project are: (a) establish community-based fisheries co-management for sustainable fisheries and aquatic resources management in a partnership between the concerned communities and the Government in the area of regional importance, and (b) establish a mechanism to develop a water resources management plan in Cambodian part of the Sesan-Srepok Basin and 4P Basin in northern Cambodia incorporating the viewpoints of multi-sectors, local stakeholders, and Vietnam (which is the upper riparian country). Monitoring and Evaluation: key indicators include: (a) number of the community fisheries in the project target provinces (Steng Treng and Kratie) which designate protected areas, enforce fisheries management, and provide supplementary livelihood activities to the concerned villagers, (b) establishment of river basin management organizations in the target sub-basins of the Mekong which develop a basin management plan incorporating the viewpoints of the concerned stakeholders, and (c) establishment of a mechanism for sharing and joint analysis on hydrological data with MRC as well as Vietnam. An annual survey will be conducted jointly by the Government of Cambodia (Fisheries Administration and Cambodia National Mekong Committee) and the MRC to monitor the project outcome. Linkage with the current CPS. The current CPS stipulates improving natural resources management as one of the pillars. The outcomes stipulated under this project will directly contribute to this pillar through greater sharing of the responsibilities and benefits associated with natural resource management with local stakeholders and improve management of water resources in the Mekong watershed which is noted to be critical for security and poverty reduction in Cambodia. Identification completed on 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Cambodia National Mekong Committee (CNMC) Tel: (855-23) 216-514, E-mail: watbotkosal@gmail.com, Contact: Botkosal Watt, Deputy Secretary General.

China

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Landscape Approach to Wildlife Conservation in Northeast China: 10. The project development objective is to help create the ecological conditions for recovery of threatened biodiversity in priority ecological landscapes in the far northeast of China, using the Amur Tiger as an indicator species.

11. The project would do this through: (a) enhancing the extension and effectiveness of protected area/network management, (b) increasing wildlife carrying capacity through restoration, expansion and connectivity of critical habitats, including the expansion of biodiversity-friendly landscapes adjacent to protected areas; (c) promoting more effective law enforcement and monitoring in both protected areas and the greater landscape to reduce mortality of flagship species; and (d) reducing human/wildlife conflict by increasing benefits to and buy-in from local communities for wildlife conservation. Concept completed on 4 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122383. US$ 3.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. State Forestry Administration Tel: 861084238577, E-mail:
Wsw_sfa@sina.com, Contact: Mr. Wang Weisheng, Deputy Director General, SFA.

**Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture Development Demonstration in Poor Areas Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to develop and demonstrate rural value chain models that promote equitable organizational arrangements, participation, and the sustainable increase of income of target households in the Project Provinces. Negotiations authorized on 25 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133326. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Leading Group Of Poverty Reduction and Development, Int. Poverty Reduction Center in China Tel: 86-10-84419638, E-mail: zuo@iprec.org.cn, Contact: Dr. Zuo Chengsheng, Director General.

**GEF Mainstreaming Integrated Water and Environment Management:** The PDO is to increase water productivity and reduce pollution discharges in selected counties to minimize the negative impacts on the ecosystem of Bohai Sea.

The above objective will be achieved through the following specific activities:

- To prepare and implement SAPs at the river basin level and IWEMPs at the county level in broader areas, integrating the use of target ET and target EC to guide and control water extraction, utilization and pollution emissions;
- To carry out research on the application of policies, innovative technologies, encouraging a shift towards more efficient modes of production;
- To apply innovative technologies and policy interventions in the pilots to improve water productivity, reduce water pollution and strengthen environmental protection;
- To strengthen the capacity of the central and local governments for integrated water and environmental management; and
- To construct civil works or infrastructure (to be fully financed by government counterpart funds during the second or third year of project implementation) to increase water productivity and reduce pollution discharges during the second or third year of project implementation in line with SAPs and IWEMPs prepared during the early stage of project implementation. Concept completed on 6 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145897. US$ 17.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources Tel: (86-10) 5919-6365, E-mail: huangbo1114@126.com.

**Jiangxi Farm Produce Distribution System Development:** To promote the upgrading and standardizing of Jiangxi’s farm produce wholesale markets, uplift market service, expand the distribution channel, regulate the distribution and lower the logistic cost of farm produce, the proposed project intends to solve the problem of “difficult to sell” farm produce through the development of the distribution system of Jiangxi’s special local agricultural products. Identification completed on 2 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Finance Department of Jiangxi Province Tel: (86-791) 8728-7699, E-mail: cxm8286@sina.com.

**Climate Smart Grassland Ecological Construction Project:** This project aims to support the Ministry of Agriculture to demonstrate climate smart grassland management approaches and livestock production techniques to reduce GHG emission from and increase carbon sequestration in its Northwest grassland areas. Identification completed on 19 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Tel: (86-10) 5919-6365, E-mail: huangbo1114@126.com.

**Hunan Environmental Cleanup of Contaminated Agricultural Soil:** This project aims to support the Department of Agriculture of Hunan Province to improve agricultural production base safety and quality through better manage crop production environment (soil, water, and other agricultural inputs), technology demonstration, and institutional and rural community capacity building. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Guangxi Rural Poverty Alleviation Demonstration Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 15 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**R) Developing Market-based Energy Efficiency Program in China:** The objective of the project is to support development and implementation of China’s priority energy efficiency programs, with a focus on improving energy savings measurement and verification system and developing market-based mechanisms.

The achievement of the Project Development Objective would be measured through the following high-level outcome indicators: (a) energy savings measurement and verification system improved; and (b) market-based mechanisms for energy savings designed.

The project-level intermediate output indicators are:

- (a) Innovative EE fiscal incentives designed
- (b) Implementation capacity improved in selected pilot cities
- (c) Energy savings M&V methodologies and guidelines developed
- (d) Capacity of stakeholders built for MRV system
(e) Priority EE policies and programs supporting 13th FYP designed

(f) Market-based mechanism designed

(g) Capacity of stakeholders built for market-based mechanisms

(h) Energy savings achieved

(i) Avoided CO2 emissions Appraisal completed on 8 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132748. US$ 17.8 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Economic Construction Department, Ministry of Finance Tel: 8610-68552502, E-mail: mv_pmo@163.com, Contact: Mr. Dihai Xiang, Director; Economic Construction Department, Ministry of Finance Tel: 8610-68552502, E-mail: mv_pmo@163.com, Contact: Mr. Dihai Xiang, Director.

Hebei Rural Renewable Energy Development Project:

The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to demonstrate sustainable biogas production and utilization to reduce environmental pollution and supply clean energy in rural areas of Hebei Province. Approval completed on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132873. US$71.5 million (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Economic Construction Department, Ministry of Finance Tel: 86-311-67661793, E-mail: wb-hebei2012@163.com, Contact: Wang Xiangxue, PMO Director.

Hebei Clean Heating Project:

The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the efficiency and environmentally performance of heating services in project areas of selected municipalities of Hebei Province. Concept completed on 8 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148599. US$91.0 (IBRD). Consultants services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined. Foreign Debt Management Center, Hebei Provincial Agriculture Department Tel: 86-311-67661793, E-mail: wb-hebei2012@163.com, Contact: Wang Xiangxue, PMO Director.

China: Clean Cooking and Heating:

The proposed project aims to help scale up access to clean and efficient cooking and heating solutions in China through capacity building, policy development and supporting pilot programs. Identification completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145533. US$ 15.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection Tel: 0311-66651593, E-mail: hehui@vip.163.com, Contact: Hui He, Director.

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Health and other social services

Lushan Earthquake Reconstruction and Risk Reduction Project:

The Lushan Earthquake on April 20, 2013 significantly affected Lushan County, Ya’an Municipality (Yucheng, Mingshan District; Hanyuan, Yingqing, Shimian, Tianquan, Lushan and Baoxing County). The key impacts include: 2.84 million people affected, 196 dead, 21 missing, more than 14,000 injured, and 72,400 collapsed houses, 295,600 severely damaged houses, and 1,173,300 damaged houses. The earthquake caused RMB85.171 billion (USD13.87 billion) in direct economic losses, or 40 times the GDP of Lushan in 2012. The Government of China has requested World Bank assistance to support reconstruction and earthquake risk reduction investments to be concentrated in six townships in Qionglai County, Chengdu Municipality; and, Lushan, Baoshing, Tianquan, Yinjin Counties and Linshan and Yucheng Districts in Ya’an Municipality. The proposed project is intended to finance activities to restore public facilities such as schools, hospitals and shelters; low-income housing, and critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water supply, etc. and reduce the vulnerability of these infrastructure and facilities to natural hazards, and earthquake in particular, in the selected counties. Identification completed on 7 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Anhui Aged Care Project:

The project development objective is to build a system of aged care services in Anhui province that provides a mix of quality services at home, in community settings and in facilities. These services would be affordable for users and financially sustainable, and would draw on the resources of the government, the private sector (commercial and NGO) and communities. Identification completed on 14 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$136.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

China Contaminated Site Management Project:

The project development objective is to assist China to fulfill its obligations under the Stockholm Convention to minimize releases of PFOS into the environment by: (i) eliminating PFOS for exempted purposes; and (ii) applying BAT/BEP for acceptable purposes. Identification completed on 26 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 24.3 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Reduction and Phase-out of PFOS in Priority Sectors:

The project objective is to assist China to fulfill its obligations under the Stockholm Convention to minimize releases of PFOS into the environment by: (i) eliminating PFOS for exempted purposes; and (ii) applying BAT/BEP for acceptable purposes. Identification completed on 26 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 24.3 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

CH-Second Gansu Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection and Development Project:

The project is a follow on
project from the current Gansu Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection and Development Project which will be closed by December 31, 2014. The project will support the investment for the protection and development of prioritized sites with cultural and natural heritage significance in Gansu province. The proposed project will cover about a dozen project sites located on center and eastern part of Gansu province with $100 million IBRD loan finance by the Bank. Identification completed on 22 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office Tel: (86-931) 883-9676, E-mail: gansupmo@126.com, Contact: Mr. Ning Xiaoki, Deputy Director of the PMO.

Development of Mercury National Implementation Plan: This project aims to support the Ministry of Environmental Protection to develop a National Implementation Plan on Mercury under the newly established Miamata Convention on Mercury. Identification completed on 19 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 6.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

YinXi Railway: The proposed development objective is to improve direct rail connectivity for passengers and businesses located along the corridor between Yinchuan in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and Xi’an in Shaanxi Province, through Gansu Province. Concept completed on 11 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127869. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. China Railway Corporation Tel: 861051841825, E-mail: xufengen@163.com, Contact: Mr. Xu Feng, Director.

CN-Hubei Xiaogan Logistic Infrastructure: The PDO is to promote more efficient logistics in Xiaogan while mitigating environmental and social externalities from increased freight activities. Concept completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132562. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Xiaogan Municipal Urban Construction Investment Company Tel: 8613907293625, E-mail: 873595148@qq.com, Contact: Xiong Jianping, Director.

(R) Yunnan Highway Asset Management Project: Improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of highway asset management in Yunnan. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132621. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Yunnan Highway Bureau Tel: 86-871-6351-6130, E-mail: yngljishb@163.com, Contact: Mr. Gui Kun, Director.

(R) China: Gansu Rural-Urban Integration Project: The project development objective is to provide residents in Wuwei Municipality and Linxia Prefecture with improved connectivity between rural and urban areas. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132775. US$150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Gansu Provincial Project Team Tel: 13993165516, E-mail: gsshxx@163.com; zhangjian0935@sina.com, Contact: Mr. Zhang Jian, Director of International Division, Gansu Finance Dept..

(R) Sichuan Chongqing Cooperation: Guang’an Demonstration Area Infrastructure Development Project: The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve Linshui County and Qianfeng District infrastructure and investment support services. Approval completed on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133456. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Guangan Municipality Tel: 86-82-62321503, E-mail: fuchunlin999@163.com, Contact: Xiong Xiangjian, PMO Director.

Wuhan Integrated Transport Development: The proposed PDO is: to improve the integration of transport services, improve reliability of the transport system, improve road safety, reduce travel times by public transport, and decrease operational costs of the transport system in Wuhan and Anlu. Concept completed on 23 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148294. US$120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Anlu City World-Bank Loan Project Management Office Tel: 86136-3581-7581, E-mail: alshbgs@163.com, Contact: Wen Jiawei, Deputy Director General; Wuhan Urban Construction Utilization of Foreign Investment Project Management Office Tel: 86-27-85874312, E-mail: Whcwwxbm@163.com, Contact: Dai Ke Jun, Director.

Henan Xinxian New Urbanized Community Development: The Henan Xinxian New Urbanized Community Development Project is located in Xinxian City of Henan Province, involving 9 counties or districts. The project development objective is to upgrade the living quality of farmers through demonstration of urbanized community development and to provide an applicable urbanization model for the middle part of China. The objective will be achieved through carrying out application studies and pilots on policy and approach, construction of community infrastructure, and development of community facilitates and services. The total project cost is estimated as USD 200 million, of which the Bank financing is USD 100 million. The project would consist of the following proposed components: (a) application studies and pilots on policies and approach; (b) community infrastructure construction; (c) community facilities and services development; and (d) project management and capacity building. Identification completed on 23 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Urumqi Urban Transport Project II: The proposed project is aimed at improving traffic congestion in Urumqi, and reducing energy consumption and emissions from transport sector through improvement in public transport services, providing better public transport-supporting infrastructure, and introducing intelligent transportation system and traffic management.

The proposed project components include (to be confirmed): (i) construction of bus rapid transit and bus priority lanes, and associated infrastructure; (ii) implementation of comprehensive transportation information system, intelligent urban traffic control system, intelligent public transport system, urban transportation planning decision making support system, urban transport emergency response system and development of comprehensive urban ITS center; (iii) construction of public transit hubs, bus terminals, bus parking and maintenance facilities, bus stations and procurement of clean energy buses and public transport operation support vehicles; and (iv) capacity building and thematic studies to support bus ownership restructuring and regulatory reform. Identification completed on 5 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$140.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. ANHUI PMO Tel: 86-551-63656197, E-mail: apcdpeo@vip.163.com.

Three Gorges Modern Logistics Center Infrastructure Project: The proposed project aims to support the development of a modern logistics center at the downstream of the Three Gorges Dam in the Yichang Municipality of China’s Hubei Province. Located at a transitional zone between West Hubei and the Jianghan Plain, and between the upper and middle streams of the Yangtze River, Yichang plays a pivotal role in linking the eastern and western regions of China through multimodal transport. Over recent years, faced with rapidly growing inland waterway shipping volumes on the Yangtze River, the locks of the Three Gorges and Gezhou dams have become bottlenecks to regional and national freight transport itineraries. The proposed project aims to alleviate these bottlenecks by providing transport and logistics infrastructure and services to support effective cargo handling (e.g., loading/unloading, consolidation/deconsolidation) and multimodal connectivity in and around the Baiyang Area of the Yichang Yunchi Logistics Park and the Yichang Main City Port Area in Yichang. Identification completed on 20 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. ANHUI PMO Tel: 86-551-63656197, E-mail: apcdpeo@vip.163.com.

Shaanxi Poor Rural Areas Community Development Project: To improve access to infrastructure services and livelihoods in selected communities in the poor rural areas of Shaanxi Province. Identification completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Huainan Mining Area Rehabilitation Project: The project development objective is to remediate and create a public space at the JiuDa mining site in Huainan city. Negotiations authorized
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on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133000. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Huainan Project Management Office Tel: 0086-554-6667251, E-mail: huainanpmo@163.com, Contact: Mr. Chen Yongduo, PMO Director.

Guangxi Integrated Environment Management: The proposed project objective is to improve the water and sanitation services in Guangxi Approval completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133017. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Guangxi PMO Tel: 86-773-2825859, E-mail: glsxmb@163.com, Contact: Ms. Wang Chunhui, Deputy Director.

Shanxi Internet of Things for Environmental Protection: the project aims to implement "Total Life Cycle Environment Management" of major pollution sources, build a new and integrated environment protection management system, and enable more scientific, timely and accurate decision making regarding environment management. The Project will play an important role in improving the environment protection management in China's central and western areas, promoting the industrial structure transformation in resource based regions, promoting a conservation culture, preventing the environmental risk, pushing forward the innovation in environment management and accelerating the development of the environment protection sector. Identification completed on 9 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environmental Protection of Shanxi Province Tel: (86-351) 637-1083, E-mail: duanzw8341@163.com.

Poyang Lake Basin Water Environment Management Project: The project development objective is to reduce pollutants inflow to Poyang Lake. The project includes the following components: Component 1: Wastewater Collection. Main activities include construction of 475km of wastewater collection pipes and canals. Component 2: Wastewater treatment and solid waste treatment. Main activities include construction of 9 wastewater (83,000Ton/day) and sludge (500T/day) treatment plants. Number of solid waste treatment plants/stations (1650T/day). Component 3: Ecological water body treatment. Main activities include construction of ecological ponds (gullies), wetlands etc. for water sanitation of 600 villages. Component 4: Ecological recovery of mining area. Main activities include establishment of 12 ecological restoration engineers. Component 5: Public Participation and training. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Fiji

Transportation

Transport Infrastructure Investment Project: The development objective is to improve the resilience and safety of land and maritime transport infrastructure for users of project roads, bridges and rural jetties and wharves. Approval completed on 11 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150028. US$50.0/100.7 (IBRD/ASDB). Consulting services to be determined. Fiji Roads Authority Tel: (679) 310-0114, E-mail: neil.cook@fijiroads.org, Contact: Neil Cook, Chief Executive Officer.

Indonesia

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Forest Investment Program: Forest Management Unit Development: The Project aims to help Indonesia reduce institutional barriers to sustainable forest management and REDD+ implementation at the national and sub-national levels. The sub-objectives of the Project are:

a. At the national level, to strengthen institutional, financial, and technical capacity and support FMU policy dialogue within the national Government

b. At the sub-national level, to generate knowledge by investing in participatory forest land-use planning

c. At the site level, to assist a small number of pilot FMUs to become operational and to engage with local communities and other stakeholders to improve livelihood and economic activities from sustainable forest management Concept completed on 10 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144269. US$ 17.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry Tel: /Fax: (62-21) 572-0227, Contact: Office of the Secretary-General

Energy and mining

ID-Renewable Energy for Electrification Project: The development objective of the proposed project is to improve electricity access in Indonesia’s islands using cost-effective renewable energy generation sources. Concept completed on 4 April 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128568. US$ 150.0 (KFW). Consultants will be required. PT PLN Tel: 62-21-7251234, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtaji Syamsuddin, Mr.

Indonesia: Geothermal Energy Upstream Development Project: Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE), a subsidiary of the national oil company, and a leading state-owned geothermal developer has requested the World Bank to assist with upstream
development of five or six geothermal fields located in Sumatra, Java and Sulawesi. The project will specifically support drilling activities in connection with estimation of geothermal resources at prospective fields, which is the riskiest part of the geothermal development process. The proposed project will support PGE’s plan to scale-up geothermal development of up to 1000 MW additional electricity generating capacity by 2018, which is 25% of the GoI development target for geothermal energy.

A concessional financial element of roughly $75 million is foreseen as the primary tool to mitigate the drilling risk. This will take the form as a grant or soft loan from bilateral donors or from funds under the CIF framework.

The development objective of the proposed project is to increase the utilization of clean geothermal-based electricity in order to reduce pollution and improve the environment. This will be achieved through support to resource estimation of prospective geothermal fields under the control of Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE) and subsequent development of the steam resources in the most promising fields. Identification completed on 8 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE) Tel: (62-21) 3983-3222, E-mail: info@pgeindonesia.com, Contact: Narendra Wijdjanto, Finance Director CFO.

Indonesia: Matenggeng Pumped Storage Hydro-Electrical Project: The development objective is to increase the peak capacity of the power generation system in Java-Bali in an environmentally and socially sustainable way and strengthen the institutional capacity of the project implementing entity (PLN) in hydropower planning, development and operation.

The proposed project will provide support for PLN’s development of a pumped storage power development project in Matenggeng, central Java, aiming to improve the long term overall efficiency of the power industry in the country. The total project cost (excluding price contingency) is estimated at US$ 600 million and it is proposed by PLN that around US$ 500 million will be financed by the Bank.

The basic design of the Matenggeng project as well as related environmental and social studies are being financed under the ongoing Upper Cisokan Pumped Storage Project.

Component 1: Matenggeng Pumped Storage Power Project

The development consists of (i) a lower reservoir with around 10 million cubic meters of volume and impounded by a dam with a maximum height of 90 meter, (ii) an upper reservoir with around 10 million cubic meters of volume and impounded by a dam with a maximum height of 100 meters; (iii) two inclined shafts connecting the lower and upper reservoirs; (iv) an underground powerhouse with an installed capacity of 880 MW; (v) associated 500 kV transmission lines to connect the power station to the Java-Bali power system.

Component 2: Community Development Component

A livelihood restoration or community development component, incorporating, at a minimum, the execution of the resettlement and livelihood restoration programs for all project affected persons, will be financed under the project. The component would also finance a broader community development program. Identification completed on 26 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. PLN (Persero) Tel: (62-21) 722-1332, E-mail: murtqaq@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtzaq Syamuddin, Mr..

Large Enterprises Energy Efficiency Proj: The development objective of this activity is to strengthen the enabling environment for the development of energy efficiency investments in large industrial enterprises in Indonesia.

The strengthening of the enabling environment, supported by the GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings. Concept completed on 23 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148620. US$ 5.5 million. GEF grant, is expected to incentivize local banks to undertake EE financing in the large enterprises sector resulting in significant energy savings.

Indonesia: Poko Hydropower Project: The development objective of the proposed project is to supply electricity from renewable energy resources for economic development and rural electrification expansion in South and West Sulawesi in a least-cost and environmentally and socially sustainable way. Identification completed on 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$360.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PLN (Persero) Tel: (62-21) 722-1332, E-mail: murtqaq@pln.co.id.

Finance

Regional Infrastructure Development Fund: The objective of the proposed operation is to increase investments in infrastructure at the subnational level. Identification completed on 6 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Indonesia National Urban Slum Upgrading Program: increasing access to basic services for the urban poor in target communities Identification completed on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Industry and trade

National Affordable Housing Program: The objective of the program is to improve access to affordable housing for low-income households. Identification completed on 14 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Indonesia Infrastructure Finance Facility - Additional Financing: The objective of the Project is to strengthen Indonesia Infrastructure Finance (IFF) to increase provision of private sector financed infrastructure in accordance with the national strategic plan. Identification completed on 13 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

The National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (PAMSIMAS AF): To increase the number of underserved and low income rural and peri-urban populations accessing improved and sustained water and sanitation services and practicing improved hygiene behaviors as part of the Borrower’s efforts to achieve WSS-Universal Access, through programmatic mainstreaming and scaling-up of a nationwide community-driven approach Identification completed on 17 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kiribati

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Kiribati Road Rehabilitation Project Additional Financing: The project will improve the condition of South Tarawa’s main road network and help strengthen road financing and maintenance capacity. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154012. US$ 6.0/7.0 (IDA Grant/PRIF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Kiribati Aviation Investment Project Additional Financing: This is additional financing for the Kiribati project under the Pacific Aviation Investment Program (PAIP), a regional APL (horizontal) to undertake investments in aviation sector infrastructure. It will add funding to the Kiribati Aviation Investment Project (KAIP) - P128938 to cover a financing gap on that project. Identification completed on 27 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.0/5.0 (IDA Grant/PRIF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communication, Transport, & Tourism Development Tel: 686-26-004, E-mail: tmwemwenikeaki@gmail.com, Contact: Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, Secretary.

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Second Lao Environment and Social Project (Additional Financing to the Protected Area and Wildlife Project): The revised PDO and the revised Global Environment Objective (GEO) are to help strengthen selected environmental protection management systems, specifically for protected areas conservation, enforcement of wildlife laws and environmental assessment management. Negotiations authorized on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152066. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Environment Protection Fund Tel: 85621252739, E-mail: soukata@laoepf.org.la, Contact: Mr. Soukata Vichit, Executive Director.

Energy and mining

(R) Power Grid Improvement Project: The project development objective is to help improve efficiency and reliability of power distribution in the selected load areas served by EDL. Appraisal completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149599. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. ELECTRICITE DU LAOS Tel: 856-21-316-133, E-mail: khamphiou2@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Khamphiou Phounsavath, Deputy Director Business Dept.

Health and other social services

(R) Lao PDR Health Governance and Nutrition Development Project: The objective of the proposed operation is to support the Government of Lao PDR in improving pre-primary and primary education quality.

This will be done by: (i) providing additional funding at school, district and provincial levels, as well as strengthening overall capacity to manage these resources to achieve minimum education quality standards and (ii) enhancing the teaching and learning environment in schools through improved teaching practices, instructional resources and analytical products to support early grade literacy. Appraisal completed on 28 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149130. US$ 16.8 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Sports Tel: 856-020-55515647, E-mail: lbouapao@gmail.com, Contact: H.E. Lytou Bouapao, Vice Minister.

Second Global Partnership for Education: The objective of the project is to support the Government of Lao PDR in improving pre-primary and primary education quality.

(R) Lao PDR Health Governance and Nutrition Development Project: The objective of the proposed operation is to help increase coverage of reproductive, maternal and child and nutrition services in target areas. Concept completed on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project:
P151425. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) LA-Poverty Reduction Fund II - AF: Help improve the access to and utilization of basic infrastructure and services for the Project’s targeted poor communities. The PDO would be achieved through inclusive community and local development processes with emphasis on ensuring sustainability. Appraisal completed on 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153401. US$ 11.6 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Marshall Islands

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Republic of the Marshall Islands: The objective of the Pacific Island Regional Ocean Program is to sustainably increase the economic benefits captured by Pacific Island Countries from the ecosystem services provided by the Western Pacific Ocean. This abundant oceanscape, and the ecosystem services it provides, is a shared natural capital asset for the entire region. It provides valuable services such as the provision of fish for food products, and key biodiversity and habitats that support tourism, as well as carbon storage. The project’s objective will be achieved by financing the countries to collaborate to improve the governance of the use of this shared natural capital asset, establishing an enabling institutional framework for sustainable private investment in industries dependent on ocean ecosystem services, notably tourism. Three broad investment components are proposed: i) Development of economic opportunities in tuna fisheries through improvements in governance and through investment in value addition (where explicit economic benefits are identified); ii) Development of collective management systems to improve coastal and reef fisheries management; iii) Development of regulatory frameworks and market systems to manage human impacts and promote investment in wider ecosystem services. A horizontal Adaptable Program Loan (APL) will be pursued, whereby the overall investment program is prepared and agreed, with the first group of several countries ready to launch as APL 1, and then additional countries join when ready in subsequent phases of the APL, until all eligible countries have joined. With the approval of the overall program and first APL, the Executive Board of Directors would delegate the authority for approval of subsequent phases of the APL to the Regional Vice President, to enhance efficiency. In order to implement the shared objective and approach of the proposed program, each phase of the APL would finance activities that would be implemented at the regional level (through an established regional organization), as well as activities that would be implemented nationally in each participating country. More specifically: Component 1 Economic Development of Pacific Island tuna fisheries: The majority of financing and implementation of this component would be at the regional level via GEF and IDA funds, and would include all of the eligible countries participating (via implementation by a regional organization). Component 2 Coastal Fisheries Management: Implementation of this component would be undertaken at the national level with regional coordination (and learning exchange), largely via parallel financing from partners. Component 3 Environmental Regulation and Supporting Markets: Implementation of this component 3 would be developed largely at the regional level, via parallel financing from partners. While component 1 would be implemented almost entirely at the regional level, all three components have high spillover effects given the shared nature of the countries’ transboundary living ocean resources. This investment framework would provide a common platform for support by a wide range of partners participating in the Global Partnership for Oceans (via parallel financing), linked to equity investments where feasible by the IFC. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151760. US$ 6.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority Tel: 69265782562, E-mail: gjo

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(N) Pacific Resilience Program: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Micronesia, Federated States of

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Federated States of Micronesia: The Development Objective of the PROP to strengthen the management of selected Pacific Island oceanic and coastal fisheries, and the critical habitats upon which they depend. This will provide the basis for sustainable and increased economic benefits to the region from this resource. More specifically, the program will strengthen: (i) the national and regional institutions responsible for the management of the oceanic fisheries; (ii) the local and national institutions responsible for the management of the coastal fisheries; and (iii) the institutions responsible for the conservation of the natural habitats that support them. As such, the program will provide a direct contribution to the Bank’s twin goals to reduce poverty and boost shared prosperity in the region, as: (i) strengthened and more sustainable management of the tuna fisheries will increase the size of this resource and the value of access to it for foreign investment, which PICs can capture in the form of public revenues re-invested for poverty reduction and/or foreign direct investment in local value addition to expand job opportunities, depending on the local context; (ii) stakeholder-managed coastal fisheries will be better managed and more productive, enhancing rural livelihoods and food security throughout the region and particularly for the bottom 40 percent of income distribution; and (iii) both
of these outcomes will depend on healthy ocean habitats to support fisheries. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151754. US$ 5.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) Tel: 6913202700, E-mail: info@norma.fm, Contact: Eugene Pangelian, Deputy Director.

**Mongolia**

**Energy and mining**

**Mongolia: Second Energy Sector Project**: The project is to follow-up on the achievements of the recently completed Energy Sector Project (LN 3503-MN and LN 4673-MN). Its focus will be on rehabilitation and expansion of electricity distribution facilities in aiming utilities in order to improve service, accommodate new connections and reduce losses. Identification completed on 16 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

**E-Health Project**: To improve integration and utilization of health information and e-health solutions for better health service delivery in selected pilot sites. Approval completed on 6 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131290. US$ 19.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: 976-11-51260474, E-mail: tsolmongerel@moh.mn, Contact: Tsolmongerel Tsilaaav, Director, Strategic Policy and Planning.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**MN: SMART Government**: The development objective of the project is to use information and communication technologies to improve accessibility, transparency, and efficiency of public service in Mongolia. Approval completed on 6 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130891. US$ 19.4 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Office of the Cabinet Secretariat Tel: 976-51-260809, E-mail: davaa@cabinet.gov.mn, Contact: Mr. Ch. Davaajamts, Chief Technology Officer.

**Myanmar**

**Energy and mining**

**Myingyan Power Generation Project**: AIS - Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project. The main challenges facing the Myanmar electricity sector can be divided in two-time horizons. In the near-term (2013-2015), the main challenges are: (i) to maximize efficiency of power generation, reduce losses in transmission and distribution networks, and reduce electricity shortages; (ii) to improve financial viability of sector enterprises; (iii) to secure affordable funding for capital investments in urgently need power generation. In the medium to longer term, the main challenge facing the energy sector is to secure reliable, affordable and environmentally and socially sustainable energy supply. These challenges are detailed in the Outline of Energy Development Policy, prepared by the Bank and broadly agreed with Myanmar’s National Energy Management Committee in 2013. Demand for electricity in Myanmar has grown significantly in recent years. The annual peak load demand reached 1,850 mega-Watts (MW) in 2013, growing on average 7.7 percent per annum in the past five years. During this same time, the electric energy supplied to the national grid grew on average almost 12 percent per annum. Electricity shortages and supply disruptions remain prevalent in the country. The World Bank Group (WBG) is responding to the near-term challenges in multiple ways. The Myanmar Electric Power Project was approved in September 2013 and will be financing 110 MW of new generation capacity to be added to the national grid. The project provides technical assistance on designing the National Electrification Plan and preparing a project to implement electrification program, power sector financial viability, and electricity tariffs and subsidies review. The IFC is advising the Ministry of Electric Power to develop a business model for private participation in power generation. The IFC is also reviewing investment prospects in the distribution sector through the Yangon Electricity Supply Board, and in grid and off-grid private power generation projects. To continue WBG support to the Myanmar power sector, this proposed project aims to facilitate the development of new power generation capacity by the private sector by offering an IDA guarantee to mitigate selected risks facing private sector lenders and investors to Myanmar, and help reduce the cost of electricity supplied by independent power producers (IPP). With advisory support from IFC, the Myanmar’s Ministry of Electric Power has launched a competitive tender for the development of the Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project (Myingyan IPP) by the private sector with scheduled commercial operations planned for late 2015. The project cost is expected to be between US$ 250 and 300 million and will be financed mostly by international lenders and investors. To support project development, the Government is in preliminary discussions with the Bank Group on risk mitigation solutions for the project, such as IDA Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) and MIGA guarantees. The availability of WBG risk mitigation solutions is expected to broaden the appeal of the project to a wider group of private lenders and investors, enhance competition in project development, which may result in a lower overall project cost. Specifically the IDAPRG will facilitate the participation of international commercial lenders and provide additional financing alternatives for project developers, in addition to bilateral and multilateral development financial institutions operating in Myanmar. The expected PDO is to increase the available electricity generation capacity by the private sector in Myanmar. The expected results will be a successful development of a new gas-fired power generation plant by the private sector within specification, schedule and budget. The IDA Guarantee will help mobilize international commercial debt financing for the first internationally tendered private power project in Myanmar. The project indirectly helps contribute to the achievement of the WBG twin goals as electricity supplied to the national
power grid from the project will also increase quantity and quality of electricity supply, including to low income population, as Myanmar continues to expand access to electricity. While this project does not include connecting new households, it will help produce additional electricity needed for the electrification in Myanmar. The competitive cost of gas-fired CCGT power generation will also reduce pressure of tariff increases for household consumers—or reduce cost for some consumers—which is more proportionally beneficial to low income population. The PDO indicators may include: (i) New installed capacity (MW) (ii) Electric energy generation (kWh); and (iii) Amount of private funding mobilized (million US$). The intermediate result indicators may include: (i) Financial close date (ii) Commercial operations dates (for open cycle and combined cycle). The Myingyan IPP may include: (i) Financial close date (ii) Commercial operations dates (million US$). The intermediate result indicators may include: (i) New installed capacity (MW) (ii) Electric energy generation (kWh); and (iii) Amount of private funding mobilized (million US$). The intermediate result indicators may include: (i) Financial close date (ii) Commercial operations dates (for open cycle and combined cycle).

National Electrification Project: The project development objective is to help increase access to electricity in Myanmar. Concept completed on 29 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152936. US$ 300.0/200.0 (IDA Credit). Implementing agency(ies) to be determined. Ministry of Electric Power Tel: 95-67-410-206, E-mail: moepdm@mepe.gov.mm, Contact: Aung Than Oo, Deputy Minister.

Finance

Myanmar Financial Inclusion: Financial inclusion is a key priority in Myanmar’s development agenda. The Government of Myanmar has recently formulated a Financial Inclusion Roadmap that aims at increasing the percentage of adults with access to basic financial services from 30% to 70% by 2020.

The development objective of this IDA operation is to help increase access to financial services by the poor in Myanmar. To achieve this objective, the IDA operation will finance selected government actions, instruments, and activities, including:

(i) Expanding mobile banking, digital finance, and innovative instruments to reach out the poor
(ii) Strengthening commercial banks and microfinance institutions
(iii) Modernizing payment system infrastructure; and
(iv) Building capacity of the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue to monitor and mitigate risks in the financial system.

During the Concept Note stage, the team will formulate a results framework to monitor and evaluate progress and quality of financial inclusion in Myanmar. Identification completed on 17 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) National Community Driven Development Project: The development objective is to enable poor rural communities to benefit from improved access to and use of basic infrastructure and services through a people-centered approach and to enhance the government’s capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Appraisal completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153113. US$ 380.0/22.4/11.0 (IDA Credit/ITAL/JSDF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management Project: The program development objective for the Series of Projects (of which the AIRBM will be the first) is to strengthen integrated, climate resilient management and development of the Ayeyarwady River Basin and national water resources.

The project development objective of the AIRBM is to contribute to the development of integrated river basin management on the Ayeyarwady river. Approval completed on 9 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146482. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Ministry of Transport Tel: (95-6) 741-1030, E-mail: dgdwir@mptmail.com.mm, Contact: Htun Lwin Oo, Director General.

Papua New Guinea

Health and other social services

PNG Urban Youth Employment Project Additional Financing: The project is made up of three components:

i. The Youth Job Corps (YJC) consists of a community awareness, mobilization and screening campaign followed by basic life skills training and 40 days of labor-intensive employment for eligible youth;

ii. The Skills Development and Employment Scheme consists of additional Pre-Employment Training (PET) for about 20 days, and a further 5 months of on-the-job training for eligible youth;
Community Service Obligation (CSO) policy together with the environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Identification completed on 14 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Pro‘ect: P147008. US$ 6.6 (IDA Credit). Implementing agency(ies) to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

BANGSAMORO FINANCING FACILITY: Generate investment in agriculture and agri-business related activities to create sustainable jobs and income generation opportunities in Bangsamoro. Identification completed on 25 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$136.0/136.0 (IBRD/JICA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Access to Sustainable Energy Project: The proposed grant finances a 20-million euro subsidy fund supporting clean energy solutions and access. It also provides grant support of 9-million euro for institutional strengthening of electricity sector agencies in the Philippines. The institutional strengthening component will be Bank executed. Identification completed on 23 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 36.7 (PHFS). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Energy Tel: (63-2) 840-2134, E-mail: ixconde@doc.gov.ph, Contact: Irma Exconde, Assistant Director; LGU Guarantee Corporation Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lguc.com, Contact: Lydia Orial, President and CEO.

Health and other social services

Multi Donor Facility - PH Mindanao Reconstruction & Development: To improve social and economic recovery in targeted conflict-affected communities of Mindanao through activities which promote confidence-building, peace and demand-driven governance. Approval completed on 26 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147008. US$ 6.6 (PHMF). Consultants will be required. Mindanao Land Foundation, Inc. Tel: (63-64) 278-3077, E-mail: minland-cmo@minland.ph, Contact: Damaso Vertido, Executive Director; International Labour Organization Tel: (63-2) 580-9900, E-mail: johnsonl@ilo.org, Contact: Mr. Lawrence Jeff Johnson, Director; Community and Family Services International Tel: (63-91) 7812-8523, E-mail: vherandez@cfsi.ph, Contact: Vladimir Hernandez, Director, Philippine Programs.

Philippines Cross-Sectoral Public Health Enhancement Project: The project is envisaged as budget support operation to help the Government of the Philippines to scale up national and sub-national level cross-sectoral activities for more effective health promotion and disease prevention. The key health issues that the project intends to address through cross-sectoral actions include: child malnutrition, maternal malnutrition and safe motherhood, childhood immunization, access to safe water and sanitation facilities, dietary risk factors of non-communicable diseases, school health, disaster resilience of health care services. The project will catalyze adoption/implementation of national level cross-sectoral policies and actions for health promotion and disease prevention. It will also support development and execution of locally-planned health enhancement action plans at the

Philippines

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Inclusive Partnerships for Agricultural Competitiveness: The higher level objective of the project would be to contribute to poverty reduction, employment generation, and increased households’ incomes in the targeted clusters. While the PDO would be subject to further refinement over the course of project preparation, the proposed PDO at this stage is to improve access to markets and enhance the competitiveness of smallholder farmers in the targeted ARC clusters. This will be achieved by strengthening farmer organizations, investing in productive partnerships, and upgrading support services delivery. Identification completed on 25 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined.
sub-national level. The project will use performance based financing at both levels. The flow of funds from the World Bank to the Government will be linked to a set of high level indicators (disbursement linked indicators). The flow of funds from the Central Government to the Local Governments will be also be related to performance on a number of results targets agreed between the Local and Central Governments. The Project will be managed by the Department of Budget and Management, but other departments will also be involved: Department of Health, Department of Finance, Department of Education, Departments of Social Welfare, Department of Interior and Local Governance. Identification completed on 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Philippines National Program Support for Social Protection Project: To support DSWD in the effective delivery of the national conditional cash transfer (CCT) and livelihood programs to: a) incentivize the use of health and education services by poor children; and b) increase employability prospects of CCT beneficiaries. Concept completed on 17 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153744. US$450.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Manila BRT Line 1 Project: To improve the over-all performance of the urban passenger transport system along a few corridors in Metro Manila in terms of quality and level of service, affordability, safety, and environmental efficiency. Identification completed on 16 July 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$53.0/25.0 (IBRD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation and Communications Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, E-mail: reneklimcaoco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Llimcaoco, Under Secretary.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management Project: The project would initiate comprehensive institutional, technical and community approaches to restoring the water quality and enhancing the economic benefits of the large Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system. The project is undoubtedly ambitious, and “full” achievement of the goals will take a period of perhaps 20 years of sustained Government and civil society commitment and effort. Accordingly, the project concept proposes a pragmatic approach, with the sequencing of activities in a way that supports the establishment and operationalization of the necessary institutions, a process that may take some time, while also providing for interim mechanisms that will enable planning and investments to proceed for the “clean-up” and enforcement of environmental laws. Project financing would require a blend of loan and grant funds, and the nature of the task suggests an Adjustable Program Loan (APL) would be appropriate, with the first phase being relatively modest, in keeping with the substantive governance issues to be addressed. The project concept has a solid legal base through the Clean Water Act, and a host of other well formulated environmental laws including the Supreme Court Directives in 2008 and 2011. Incomplete implementation of those laws and regulations is, however, an issue the project would need to address. The project would have five main components: 1) Establishment of the Institutional Framework and Mechanisms for integrated and comprehensive management of the Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system; 2) Implementation of priority environmental infrastructure and LGUimplemented subprojects for water quality and sedimentation mitigation; 3) Monitoring of key pollution and sedimentation parameters; 4) Regulatory strengthening and Third-Party Monitoring and Reporting on Compliance with Environmental Laws and Regulations; and 5) Community and Civil Society Volunteer Support and Education. Identification completed on 17 November 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Tel: (63-2) 929-6626/27/28/29, E-mail: tehanna08@gmail.com, tehanna17@yahoo.com, Contact: Analiza Teh, Undersecretary.

Studies for Sustainable Flood Mgmt.: The proposed development objective is to prepare priority projects that aim to improve flood management and resilience in the Greater Metro Manila Area. Negotiations authorized on 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145391. US$ 7.0 (PHFS). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for technical studies (dam and land raising), social and environmental assessments, including detailed social surveys. Department of Public Works and Highways Tel: 304-3000, E-mail: singson.rogelio@dpwh.gov.ph, Contact: Mr. Rogelio Singson, Secretary.

(R) Metro Manila Flood Management-Phase 1: The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to reduce flood risks to people and property in flood-prone areas of greater metropolitan Manila that are served by targeted pumping stations. The PDO will be achieved through an integrated set of interventions to modernize existing pumping stations and make improvements to appurtenant infrastructure; switch pumps from diesel to electric power where needed; construct new pumping stations to accommodate urban expansion; increase short-term water retention capacity in the drainage areas; reduce the volume of indiscriminately dumped solid waste into waterways by means of community-based programs where feasible; and support community-driven resettlement of informal settler families encroaching in easements for drains and waterways linked to the project pumping stations to safer in-city locations. Concept completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153814. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Samoa

Information and communications

WS: Pacific Regional Connectivity Program: Phase 3 -
**Samoa:** The development objective of the Project is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of ICT services to support social and economic development in Samoa. Concept completed on 8 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128904. $US$ 16.0/18.5/1.5 (IDA Grant/ASDB/PRIF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Tel: 6857771133, E-mail: a.ahsam@mcit.gov.ws, Contact: Tu’aimalo Ahsamu, CEO.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

Pacific Resilience Program: The objective of the Program is to strengthen early warning, resilient investment planning and financial protection capacity of participating countries. Identification completed on 14 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. $US$ 13.8 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Solomon Islands**

**Energy and mining**

**ELECTRICITY ACCESS EXPANSION PROJECT:** The OBA subsidy will buy down the investment cost for grid and micro-grid pre-paid metered connections and basic wiring. The project will be managed by the national power utility company, Solomon Islands Electricity Authority (SIEA). It will be implemented by SIEA for grid densification and Rural Energy Service Companies (RESCOs) and local communities for micro-grid densification/extension. The project will use self-selection targeting in peri-urban areas and geographic targeting in rural areas, whereby all rural beneficiaries will be eligible for subsidies under the project. Identification completed on 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. $US$ 6.4/4.7/3.0 (CIF/GPBA/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Tina River Hydropower Development Project:** The proposed project would consist of a 15 MW hydropower plant located on the Tina River, east of Honiara comprising: (i) a 50m-high roller-compacted-concrete (RCC) dam located in a narrow gorge on the Tina river; (ii) a 3.3km headrace tunnel, 3 m in diameter, to convey water from the dam to the power station; (iii) a powerhouse about 3-4 km downstream from the dam site that will house 3x5 MW Francis turbine machines; (iv) 2 parallel (on separate towers) 33kV single circuit transmission lines connecting the power station to the existing Lungga diesel power station; and (v) access roads; and other ancillary facilities. Financing requirements are currently estimated at around US$120 million. The feasibility studies were substantially completed in March 2014 and include confirmation of a viable site, preparation of preliminary designs for the project and a full safeguards scoping assessment. The project, except the access roads will be implemented by a company to be set up by a private developer to be selected, on a build-own-operate-transfer basis under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the state-owned SIEA, which will be guaranteed by the SIG. Concept completed on 17 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P152779. $US$ 2.0/2.0/2.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/GAUL/GUID/ZPCO). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for various preparatory studies (environmental and social impact assessment, market and pricing, geological, feasibility) and for dam safety advisory and environmental and social panel of experts. Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification Tel: (677) 28-609/25-937, E-mail: ps@mines.gov.sb, Contact: Rene Sore, Permanent Secretary.

**Health and other social services**

Solomon Islands Rapid Employment Project Additional Financing: The proposed new PDO is: to assist targeted vulnerable urban populations in the Recipient’s territory to (i) increase their incomes through the provision of short term employment; (ii) improve their knowledge, experience and basic employment skills that are valued in the workplace and society; and (iii) improve their access to services and markets through repaired, more climate resilient roads and access infrastructure. Appraisal completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152709. Consulting services to be determined. Honiara City Council Tel: (677) 21-133/4, E-mail: cityclerk@solomon.com.sb, Contact: Charles Kelley, City Clerk; Ministry of Infrastructure Development Tel: (677) 25-783, E-mail: msv24247@gmail.com, Contact: Moses Virivolomo, Permanent Secretary.

**Timor-Leste**

**Transportation**

(N) Tibar Bay Port Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 19 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. $US$40.0/10.0/50.0/50.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/ASDB/EUIB/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Timor Leste Branch Roads Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 1 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. $US$41.3/8.3/25.5 (IBRD/IDA Credit/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Tonga**

**Information and communications**

(N) TONGA E-Government Support Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 10 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. $US$ 1.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Transportation

Tonga Transport Sector Consolidation Project - Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.5/2.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Infrastructure Tel: (67-6) 23-100, E-mail: rfaoliu@infrastructure.gov.to, Contact: Ringo Faoliu, CEO.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Pacific Resilience Program: The objective of the Program is to strengthen early warning, resilient investment planning and financial protection capacity of participating countries. Identification completed on 14 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.3/8.3/1.5/4.6 (IDA Credit/GFDR/SCCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tuvalu

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Tuvalu: The development objective of this Program is to strengthen the management of selected Pacific Island oceanic and coastal fisheries, and the critical habitats upon which they depend. This will provide the basis for sustainable and increased economic benefits to the region from this resource. More specifically, the Program will strengthen: (i) the national and regional institutions responsible for the management of the oceanic fisheries; (ii) the local and national institutions responsible for the management of the coastal fisheries; and (iii) the institutions responsible for the conservation of the natural habitats that support them. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151780. US$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance Tel: 68820202, E-mail: secfin@tuvalu.tv, Contact: Hon. Maatia Toafa, Minister of Finance.

Vanuatu

Transportation

(R) Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project: The project development objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport and associated infrastructure in Vanuatu. Negotiations authorized on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154149. US$ 59.5/0.3 (IDA Credit/PRIF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(N) Pacific Resilience Program: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Vietnam

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Sustainable Agriculture Transformation Project: The project development objective is to improve farming practices and value chains in the targeted project areas, and promote institutional strengthening of relevant public agencies in effective support to implementation of the Agricultural Restructuring Plan. Negotiations authorized on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145055. US$ 275.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, E-mail: hongvkh@gmail.com, Contact: Mme. Nguyen Thi Hong, Director General, Planning Department; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Contact: Mr. Tran Kim Long, Director General, International Cooperation Department; Agriculture Project Management Board.

Additional Financing to Livestock Competitiveness and Food Safety Project: The project development objectives (PDOs) are to increase the production efficiency of household-based livestock producers, to reduce the environmental impact of livestock production, processing and marketing, and to improve food safety in livestock product supply chains (mainly meat) in selected provinces. Appraisal completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148733. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Additional Financing to Livestock Competitiveness and Food Safety Project: The project development objectives (PDOs) are to increase the production efficiency of household-based livestock producers, to reduce the environmental impact of livestock production, processing and marketing, and to improve food safety in livestock product supply chains (mainly meat) in selected provinces. Appraisal completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151946. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Tel: (84-4) 3792-1099, E-mail: lifsap@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Ton That Son Phong, Director, Livestock Competitiveness and Food Safety Project.
Vietnam Dam Rehabilitation and Safety Improvement Project: The Project Development Objective is to support the implementation of the Government dam safety program by improving the safety of prioritized dams and reservoirs as well as to protect people and assets of the downstream communities. Concept completed on 12 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P152309. US$ 420.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam Tel: 8439343361, E-mail: wbdivision@sbv.gov.vn, Contact: Government of Viet Nam

Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Project: The Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Program is designed to support the Government of Vietnam (GoV) in strengthening integrated climate resilient management and development of the Mekong Delta, across different sectors and institutional levels. The Program is envisioned to be a long-term World Bank engagement in the Mekong Delta, with the first phase spanning the period of 6 years.

In this first phase, the Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Project will support the GoV in identifying “low risk” investments and helping build regional and provincial-level planning capacity for sustainable Delta-wide development. In parallel, the Project will help to enhance the information systems, and strengthen the institutional arrangements for adaptive management of the Mekong Delta, and scope out longer term development options to be financed under future projects. The Project would comprise of a combination of structural and non-structural investments, and will be informed by the World Bank financed Building Resilience in the Mekong Delta TA (P149017). Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Renovation of General Education Project: The Project Development Objective is to raise student learning outcomes by: (i) revising and implementing the curriculum following a competency-based approach; and (ii) improving the effectiveness of instruction by creating and disseminating textbooks aligned with the revised curriculum. Negotiations authorized on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150058. US$ 77.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training Tel: 018498583386, E-mail: dvninh@moet.edu.vn, Contact: Doan Van Ninh, Chair of Standing Unit.

Vietnam Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness: This task is a lending operation whose goals is to improve the pre-service and in-service training of teachers and ancillary activities that contribute to more effective classroom practices by teachers. Identification completed on 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training Tel: (84-4) 3868-4667, E-mail: hdminh@moet.edu.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Duc Minh, Director General.

Energy and mining

Vietnam Industry Energy Efficiency Financing (VIEEF): The Project Development Objective is to improve energy efficiency in the industrial sector, and contributing to achieving the government’s energy efficiency objectives. There is no constraint on the type and size of industrial sectors to be included in the project. The eligibility will be determined by assessing the energy savings requirements and financial viability of the enterprise.

The Project Development Objective will be achieved through (a) an IBRD Loan to support energy conservation investment lending to selected participating financial institutions (PFIs); and (b) a grant from donors to provide technical assistance and capacity building for improving energy efficiency to PFIs, IEs and ESCOS. Identification completed on 5 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 200.0/5.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Vietnam Regional Industry Competitiveness: The Project aims to improve competitiveness of the Thanh Hoa Province which is one of the poorest provinces in Vietnam. It aims to do so through promotion of competitive SMEs, including women-owned firms, along the value chain of the planned large investments in the Nghi Son Special Economic Zone located in the province, including a refinery in which the IFC is also investing. The project would facilitate the development and emergence of an SME sector in upstream and supporting activities to the refinery and other large investments by identifying and addressing bottlenecks such as access to finance, inadequate technical capacity, market access, etc. It would also support and facilitate the development of downstream industries using inputs from refinery and other large projects. As such, the project would foster and support local enterprise and productive job creation. The instruments and approaches to be developed under this project (e.g., financing instruments, etc.) would be applicable to other regions and the country as a whole for SME and industry development. Identification completed on 29 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 96.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Vietnam Tel: (84-4) 2221-8345, E-mail: LuyenNV@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Nguyen Van Luyen, Division Head, Local Industry and Trade Department.

Vietnam HCFC Phaseout Project Phase II: The Project Development Objective is to reduce HCFC consumption in order to contribute to the Government of Vietnam’s efforts to comply with its Montreal Protocol phaseout obligations for HCFCs to be met by January 1, 2020. The HCFC phaseout will be done in a manner that maximizes the climate co-benefits through the introduction of no to very low global warming potential (GWP) alternatives.
Identification completed on 13 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.0 (MPIN). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Service Delivery Reform: The proposed operation would support the rebalancing of the health service delivery system through a comprehensive approach towards strengthening of the primary health care system, including targeted reforms in the hospital sector that change their current incentives for service provision. An important component towards rebalancing of the service delivery system will be to focus on quality improvement particularly at the primary health care level. Identification completed on 9 September 2010. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: (84-4) 3846-4914, E-mail: phamtuan@vnn.vn, Contact: Dr. Pham Le Tuan, Director.

(N) PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LAND GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES INFORMATION: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 26 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Ho Chi Minh City Green Transport Development: The project development objective is to improve the performance and efficiency of public transport along a high priority corridor in HCMC. Negotiations authorized on 14 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126507. US$ 124.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ho Chi Minh City Peoples Committee Tel: (84-8) 822-3651, E-mail: luongminhphuc@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Luong Minh Phuc, Director, UCCI.

Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway Pilot PPP Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support the GoV attract private sector expertise and capital for the construction and operation of the Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway. This would be the first transaction under the GoV Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Pilot Program for infrastructure investments. Concept completed on 14 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P149484. US$348.0/277.0/152.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/ZPCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport Tel: 84438628987, E-mail: ppp@pmu1.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Dinh Phuc, PMU1 Director General.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Second Ho Chi Minh City Environmental Sanitation Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve wastewater services in a sustainable manner in selected areas of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) and increase awareness on sanitation. Approval completed on 23 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127978. US$250.0/200.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing Management Agency Tel: 84839142903, E-mail: images@vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Phan Chau Thuan, Director.

HCMC Flood Risk Management: The proposed Project Development Objective is to reduce flood risk and improve drainage in selected areas in Ho Chi Minh City. Concept completed on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P149696. US$422.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. HCMC Steering Center for the Flood Control Program Tel: 84983157177, E-mail: nhadung.ttcn@tphcm.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Hoang Anh Dung, Deputy Director.

Vinh Phuc Flood Risk and Water Management Project: The development objective of the project (PDO) is to strengthen flood management and wastewater management in the central catchment of Vinh Phuc Province.

Regional

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program: To strengthen the shared management of selected Pacific Island oceanic and coastal fisheries, and the critical habitats upon which they depend. This will provide the basis for sustainable and increased economic benefits to the region from this resource. More specifically, the Program will strengthen: (i) the national and regional institutions responsible for the management of the oceanic fisheries; (ii) the local and national institutions responsible for the management of the coastal fisheries; and (iii) the institutions responsible for the conservation of the natural habitats that support them. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131655. US$ 4.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources Tel: (688)20-827, Contact: Mr. Solomua Ionatana, Principal Fisheries Officer; Forum Fisheries Agency Tel: (677) 21-124, E-mail: timothy.adams@ffa.int, Contact: Mr. Timothy...
Pacific Regional Program: Practical Climate Resilient Approaches and Tools for Food and Water Security and Coastal Zone Management: Over the coming decades, climate change will significantly impact the ability of Pacific island countries to maintain adequate food and water supplies and will put at risk vital infrastructure that underpins their economies. Identifying and implementing appropriate adaptation responses is a priority need. By concentrating on the priority areas of food security and infrastructure activities under the "Pacific Regional Program Component 2: Identifying and Implementing practical CCA and Related DRR Knowledge and Experience" will demonstrate how practical knowledge and experience can strengthen capacity at the regional, national and local levels in support of national climate change adaptation and disaster risk management responses. Identification completed on 21 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.1 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.


Transportation

Pacific Island Regional Road Safety Project: The project development objective is to improve regional capacity for road safety management, and to strengthen the multi-sectoral coordination and integration of road traffic and crash data in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories. Concept completed on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151159. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of the Pacific Community Tel: 6793370733, E-mail: carolinet@spc.int, Contact: Caroline Tupoulahi-Fusimalohi, Planning Advisor.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

South East Asia Disaster Risk Management Project: The project development objective is to reduce the vulnerability of people and assets to natural hazards in targeted disaster-prone areas of Lao PDR, Cambodia and Myanmar. The proposed program will focus on disaster risk management investments that offer immediate opportunities for mutually beneficial regional cooperation. The main activities to be financed under the project are national and regional financial protection mechanisms, hazard-specific risk mitigation investments, and improved forecasting and early warning. The program will include three national investment packages for the countries of Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar as well as a technical assistance project on regional level to promote coordination and system harmonization in the area of disaster risk management. Identification completed on 21 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Pacific Resilience Program: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 10 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.3/0.9 (IDA Grant/SCCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Europe And Central Asia

Albania

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Environmental Services Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support sustainable land management practices and increase communities’ monetary and non-monetary benefits in targeted Project areas which are mainly in erosion prone rural upland areas.

This PDO is to be achieved through the support of alternative livelihoods and provision of environmental services and through sustainable utilization of wood and pasture products in the long term. The Project will particularly focus on enhancing the financial, economic, and institutional sustainability of land use and natural resources management, and will help build capacities of Albania farmers, community organizations and government institutions to efficiently use EU funding. Approval completed on 6 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150450. US$ 10.6 (FSCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Tel: 35542259900, E-mail: ardi ana.sokoli@moe.gov.al, Contact: Ardiana Sokoli, Director.

Information and communications

Integrated Land Management Project: The objectives include: (a) completing property registration and enhancing data quality; (b) engaging the government in National Land Policy dialogue; and (c) integrating existing IT system with the government’s wider e-Governance agenda and formulating a national spatial data infrastructure (NSDI) strategy. Identification completed on 4 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Albania Public Finance PBG: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 27 March 2015. US$ 226.7
(GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (355) 69 207-4196, E-mail: eluci@minfin.gov.al.

Armenia is undertaking a comprehensive reform to improve the efficiency of public sector services through modernization and innovation. The Government has established a Delivery Unit in the Prime Minister’s office responsible for monitoring progress in multiple reform areas. One of these reform areas is “Digital Albania.” Within this framework, the Government has requested World Bank support in financing a project that would offer a simplified model for delivering public services, including potentially a creation of a citizen service center as a one-stop shop for provision of public services. Identification completed on 22 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P142982. US$32.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Results-based Road Maintenance and Safety Project: The Project Development Objectives are to: (a) maintain the condition and improve the safety of Borrower’s Primary Road and Primary-Secondary Road networks, and (b) strengthen sustainable and efficient road asset management and safety practices, for the benefit of road-users. Approval completed on 27 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132982. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Albanian Road Authority Tel: 0035542259898, E-mail: vladimir.bisha@arrsh.gov.al, Contact: Vladimir Bisha, Deputy Director.

Armenia

Energy and mining

(R) Electricity Transmission Network Improvement Project: The proposed project development objectives (PDO) are to improve the reliability of the power transmission network and system management, and support the Borrower’s efforts in ensuring adequate electricity supply Approval completed on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146199. US$52.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. High Voltage Electric Networks Tel: 37410-720-010, E-mail: hvenbec@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Aram Ananyan, General Director; Yerevan Thermal Power Plant Tel: 37410-472-760, E-mail: mailbox@ycpp.com, Contact: Mr. Hovakim Hovhannisyan, General Director.

(R) Geothermal Exploratory Drilling Project: The proposed project development objective is to confirm whether the geothermal resource at Karkan site is suitable for power generation and, if confirmed, to involve the private sector in development of a geothermal power plant. Approval completed on 14 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152039. US$ 8.6 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund Tel: +37410-

Citizen-centered public services: The Government of Albania 58-80-11, E-mail: director@r2e2.am, Contact: Ms. Tamara Babayan, Director.

Health and other social services

(R) Armenia Social Investment and Local Development Project: Improve the quality and use of and access to community and intercommunity infrastructure. Approval completed on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148836. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Armenia Social Investment Fund Tel: (374-10) 247-123, E-mail: asif@armeniasif.am, Contact: Ashot Kirakosyan, Executive Director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Sector Modernization Project III: PSMP III will reinforce and expand Government of Armenia’s public sector reform agenda which was started in the two previous operations (PSMP I and PSMP II). The new project will include more comprehensive reforms which includes, among others, (a) deepening policy based budgeting, strengthening public investment systems (PIMP in Armenia to assist the MoF and other relevant authorities to design and implement enhanced budget preparation procedures including capital budgeting; (b) further reforms in e-procurement which was supported by PSMP II, (c) modernize government financial management information system (GFMIS); and (d) expand reforms in e-service in other agencies and regions (similar to e-police, ehealth) started in the two previous projects. Identification completed on 14 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$21.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Local Economy and Infrastructure Development Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve infrastructure services and institutional capacity for increased tourism contribution to local economy in selected regions of Armenia. Concept completed on 26 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150327. US$55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for cultural heritage; architectural design of tourism facilities and urban regeneration; detailed design, feasibility studies; and environmental and social assessments. Foreign Financing Projects Management Center (FFPMC) at the Ministry of Finance Tel: /Fax: (374-10) 523-471, E-mail: info@ffpmc.am.

Lifeline Road Network Improvement AF: This is an Additional Financing to the Lifeline Road Network Improvement Project (LRNIP) which would have the same PDO, to improve access of rural communities to markets and services through upgrading of selected lifeline roads, and to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Transport and Communication to manage the lifeline
road network. It would consist of a Lifeline Road Improvement and a Project Management and Institutional Strengthening component. Identification completed on 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transportation and Communications Tel: (374-10) 563-391, E-mail: minister@mts.am.

Azerbaijan

Education

Higher Education Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen the higher education system and increase the capacity of higher education institutions to provide quality and relevant education to their students. Appraisal completed on 28 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148539. US$833.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education Tel: 994-12-488-6646, E-mail: rustamov@edu.gov.az, Contact: Elvin Rustamov, Project Director.

Health and other social services

Health Sector Reform II Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) would be to improve quality and availability of health-care services and strengthen the capacity of the Health authorities to manage the health system (stewardship). The proposed Project will have 4 components: (a) Building MoH capacity for stewardship; (b) Improving delivery of health care services; (c) Developing human resources; (d) Project management, monitoring and evaluation. The proposed Project would closely follow the Health Sector Reform Project-HSRP, which is due to close July 1, 2013. Identification completed on 22 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$30.0 (IBRD), Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: (994-12) 493-2977, E-mail: sabdullayev65@yahoo.com.

Additional Financing to IDP Living Standards and Livelihoods Project: The objective of the Project is to improve living conditions and increase the economic self-reliance of targeted internally displaced persons. Identification completed on 12 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

State Agency on Service to Citizens and Social Innovation: The Azerbaijan State Agency on Service to Citizens and Social Innovation (ASAN) under the President of Azerbaijan was established in July 2012 and began functioning from September 6, 2012. The President of Azerbaijan asked the World Bank to meet with the Agency and explore cooperation and piloting innovative approaches to delivery and financing of public services. The Agency is designed as a high-profile umbrella entity to facilitate delivery of key public services in a transparent, efficient, ethical and non-bureaucratic manner. It has been allocated AZN 2 million from the President’s Reserve Fund for 2012 and is establishing its first 3 pilot service facilities (ASAN xidmet centers) in rented premises in Baku; the first will be functional by December 31, 2012 and the other 2 by June 30, 2013. ASAN has ambitious expansion and development plans on an accelerated timetable and through this project the Bank will provide assistance to:

(i) agency capacity-building, especially human resource development (HRD) functions, ethical behavior training, software applications (e.g. workflow automation and Document Management System);

(ii) establishing information & communications technology (ICT) which includes call centers. The Agency is urgently seeking to develop standards, protocols and implementation arrangements for such a service;

(iii) developing and optimizing electronic services (e.g. SMS notifications from and to users) and upgrading and modernizing infrastructure to facilitate e-service delivery;

(iv) development and implementation of the legal, regulatory and institutional framework for e-services (including their governance and infrastructure)

(v) establish mobile service delivery units and developing and implementing service facility design standards; and (vi) support policies and procedure to promote service delivery mechanisms leading to more gender-equal outcomes. Identification completed on 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$25.0 (IBRD), Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

SOCIAL PROTECTION MODERNIZATION PROJECT: To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Social Protection system Identification completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

REGIONAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: The proposed Project development objectives are (i) to improve access to markets and services through the reconstruction and rehabilitation of project roads and (ii) to progress towards maintenance sustainability of the Borrower’s road network. Appraisal completed on 29 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122200. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. AzerRoadService (ARS) Tel: (994-12)493-0045, E-mail: info@piu-ahp.az, Contact: Adil Gobjetov, Director, Project Implementation Unit.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

National Water Supply & Sanitation Project - Additional
Financing: The Development Objective (DO) of the AF is to scale up improvement of the quality and reliability of water supply and expand water supply and sanitation services in selected regional (rayon) centers in Azerbaijan. This objective will be achieved through rehabilitation and reconstruction of water supply and sanitation infrastructure in rayons outside the Greater Baku Area. Identification completed on 23 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$130.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Belarus

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

(R) Forestry Development Project: The Project Development Objective is to enhance silicultural management and reforestation and afforestation, increase the use of felling residues and improve the public good contribution from forests in targeted forest areas. Approval completed on 27 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Belarus Competitiveness Enhancement Project: The proposed project will enhance business environment, promote FDI as well as support innovation and entrepreneurship. It will also increase SME export competitiveness by facilitating trade through improving product standards by harmonization to EU norms. Identification completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

PFM Modernization Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 19 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Finance

SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL2: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to help increase the access of homeowners, farmers, the enterprise sector and government agencies to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards. Negotiations authorized on 29 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127788. US$2.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Europa RE Tel: 41-44380-5090, E-mail: heinz.vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Heinz Vollenweider, Chairman of Board.

Health and other social services

Bosnia and Herzegovina Health Project: The Project will contribute to improvement of quality and efficiency of secondary and tertiary care. Identification completed on 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$22.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Bosnia and Herzegovina: Management of Fiscal Resources for Growth: The operation’s objective is to strengthen the efficiency and transparency of the management of fiscal resources for boosting growth in BiH. This DPL utilizes a window of opportunity to advance the reform agenda on public finances, where the Government has demonstrated clear commitment among which are the areas of fiscal resources and debt management, public procurement, transparency. The effective and transparent management of fiscal resources will help improve not only fiscal stability and transparency in the economic governance of the economy, but also contribute to growth by opening opportunities for private sector development and job. The reforms supported by this operation are politically difficult, but bring notable benefits for strengthening the efficiency and transparency of public finances at the state and at the entities level. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Employment Support Program: The project will support active labor market interventions to expand their coverage and scope and support public employment services and centers for social work to improve their functions to facilitate entry to the labor market. Identification completed on 20 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Second Solid Waste Management Project Additional Financing - EC IPA: The objective is to improve the availability, quality, environmental soundness, and financial viability of solid waste management services in participating utilities/regions. Approval completed on 29 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (P7U4). Consulting services to be determined. FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism Tel: (387-33) 726-374, E-mail: swmp@fmoit.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Anto Covic, Team Leader; RS Ministry of Spatial Planning Tel: (387-51) 339-504, E-mail: s.cvic@mgr.vladars.net, swmp2@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Sveti Cvicic, Team Leader.
**Bulgaria**

**Finance**

Deposit Insurance Strengthening Project: The proposed project will support the authorities’ efforts to restore the stability of financial sector in the light of the recent bank failures. In particular, the project will help improve the financial and institutional capacity of Bulgaria's Deposit Insurance Fund, in order to maintain the confidence of depositors and make the strengthen the financial safety net. Identification completed on 9 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152441. US$230.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Croatia**

Croatia Export Financing Guarantee Operation: The main project development objective is to support HBOR's move towards market-based funding, through a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG). Secondary objective include supporting investment projects in Croatia by providing medium and long-term funding. The design of the instrument underlying the proposed IBRD guarantee is driven by the HBOR's debt management objectives and the expected on-lending operations that will be catalyzed. The structure should allow the borrower to secure the much-needed financing at reasonable costs, while also minimizing transaction risk in a climate of volatility. In addition, the volume targeted should be matched against HBOR's ability to deliver on-lending quickly and efficiently, in order to minimize any potential negative carry costs, associated with disbursing the funding early and earning marginal returns while eligible project lending is organized. Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P133471. US$ 256.4 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development Tel: (385-1) 459-1586, E-mail: bberkovic@hbor.hr, Contact: B. Berkovic

**Industry and trade**

Croatia Innovation & Entrepreneurship VC: 24. The project development objective is to strengthen risk capital financing for innovative SMEs and startups. Concept completed on 9 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P152130. US$20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. HAMAG – BICRO Tel: 38514881041, E-mail: Monika.Sucur@hamagbicro.hr, Contact: Ms. Monika Sucur, Advisor to the Management Board.

**Georgia**

(R) Georgia National Innovation Ecosystem (GENIE) Project: The project development objective is to enhance the national innovation ecosystem in Georgia to stimulate the growth of innovative activities and expand rural Internet connectivity. Concept completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152441. US$40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

East-West Highway Corridor Improvement: The proposed project is to improve a section of the East-West highway transport corridor. As a back bone of the transport infrastructure in Georgia, the main East-West Highway corridor which is an important focal point of Government interventions, traverses areas with difficult topographic and geological conditions and as such a new proposed Project requires state of the art solutions to address the technical challenges. The WBG will draw from its global experience and provide support for the bridge and tunnel engineering design. The World Bank will also coordinate with the Government and other development partners (ADB, EIB, JICA, EU, etc.) the strategic prioritization of investments in the East-West Highway to ensure maximum mobilization of resources and to consolidate the institutional capacity that has been built to date. Identification completed on 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Roads Department Tel: (995-32) 381-633, E-mail: roaddepdalakishvili@yahoo.com.

Secondary Road Asset Management Project: The proposed project will support sustainable urban development and improved connectivity in an area around the Chorokhi River outflow into the Black Sea, linking the south of Batumi and Gonio. The Project will support environmental rehabilitation and conservation measures in the area as well as the construction of a bridge, pathways. Identification completed on 2 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Roads Department Tel: (995-32) 381-633, E-mail: roaddepdalakishvili@yahoo.com.

Third Regional Development Project: The Project Development Objective is to improve infrastructure services and institutional capacity to support increased contribution of tourism in the local economy of the Samtskhe-Javakheti and Mtskheta-Mtianeti regions. Negotiations authorized on 22 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150696. US$60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Georgia Municipal Development Fund Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, E-mail: gamashukeli@mdf.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Giorgi Amashukeli, Executive Director.
Kazakhstan

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Forestry Development Project: The Kazakhstan Forestry Development Project will further develop sustainable forest management in the following potential areas: establishment of plantations for fuelwood and/or wood processing; increasing the productivity from the existing forest estate; continuing the support for forest fire management in fire prone areas; establishment of shelterbelts to support agriculture and local communities, to ameliorate degraded lands and protect roads. Identification completed on 23 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kazakhstan Third Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project: The objective of the Project is to improve irrigation and drainage service delivery to support farmers in the Project areas. Identification completed on 10 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$350.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Kazakhstan - Youth Corps program: The proposed Project Development Objective is to promote young people's community engagement and life skills through a community-based service learning program, especially for vulnerable youth. Approval completed on 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127966. US$21.8 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science of RK Tel: (7-7172) 742-335, E-mail: m_kozhakhmet@edu.gov.kz, Contact: Madiyar Kozhakhmet, Director of the Youth Policy Department.

(R) KZ SKILLS AND JOBS PROJECT: The proposed Project Development Objectives (PDO) are to improve employment outcomes and skills of target beneficiaries and to improve the relevance of technical and vocational education and training and higher education programs. Approval completed on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150183. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Healthcare and Social Development Tel: 77172-74-37-23, E-mail: mintrud@enbek.kz, Contact: Tamara Duysenova, Minister.

Education Modernization Project: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools. Identification completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

Kazakhstan Energy Efficiency Project: The Development Objectives of the proposed project are to improve: (a) energy efficiency in public and social facilities; and (b) the enabling environment for sustainable energy financing. Approval completed on 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130013. US$21.8 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. KazakhEnergoExpertiza Tel: 00777172968609, E-mail: 1050@kazee.kz, Contact: Serik Turchekenov, Vice President.

Finance

Kazakhstan: Southeast Europe and Central Asia Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to assist Kazakhstan with developing modern catastrophe insurance market infrastructure that will support the launch of innovative catastrophe insurance products covering the risks of extreme weather variability.

12. By facilitating and increasing access to financial protection, the Global Environmental Objective (GEO) will have been achieved, namely the reduction of economic vulnerability for homeowners, the enterprise sector, and government agencies to the adverse impact of natural disasters and climate change. The proposed project activities support GEF’s focus on climate change and more specifically, GEF’s objectives on climate change adaptation. By increasing access to sound catastrophe and weather risk insurance products, SEECA CRIF is also in line with the GEF strategy on adaptation. By supporting proper catastrophe risk management and risk transfer, SEECA CRIF reduces economic losses at both local and national level from extreme weather related events, thereby reducing economic vulnerability and creating a more climate resilient country.

13. SEECA CRIF activities are also cross-cutting and collaborative, ensuring the engagement of major stakeholders in Kazakhstan, including several ministries, the National Bank, insurance sector and agriculture. Moreover, because much of the technical work will be focused on establishing complex catastrophe insurance infrastructure and systems, stakeholders will gain the requisite skills and knowledge to better understand catastrophe risk and effectively adapt to such risks and climate change. Furthermore, public awareness of climate change and the benefits of catastrophe and weather risk insurance will be raised through information campaigns and the new law on compulsory Disaster Insurance and supporting its regulations, resulting in increased demand for catastrophe and weather risk insurance products.

14. Although the project has been designed specifically for Kazakhstan, it can be easily replicated in other countries adversely affected by climate change through the extension of existing market infrastructure and insurance services to be developed for Kazakhstan to other country markets. Concept completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152230. US$5.5 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Europa Re.
SME Line of Credit: The objective of the LoC was to serve as a demonstration effect that international best practices for financial intermediation based on market-based principles could be applied to the Kazakhstan context. Identification completed on 3 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Support to Social Modernization: Health Insurance: The proposed Project Development Objectives is to contribute to improve access, quality, and efficiency of health service delivery, and reduce the financial risk of the population due to health shocks. Concept completed on 10 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152625. US$90.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Development, E-mail: tokezhanov@mail.ru, Contact: Bolat Tokezhanov, Project Coordinator.

Industry and trade

Kazakhstan: Fostering Productive Innovation Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to promote high-quality, nationally relevant research and commercialization of technologies. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150402. US$88.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science, Tel: 77172741580, E-mail: t.balykbaev@edu.gov.kz, Contact: Mr. Takhir Balykbaev, Vice Minister.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Central Asia (CAMP4CA) - Additional Financing: The Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Central Asia (CAMP4CA) aims to support the integrated development of climate-smart information, institutions, and investment capacities throughout the countries of Central Asia. This is expected to be achieved through strengthened coordination mechanisms; improved information gathering, sharing and analysis for decision support; and demonstration, as well as scaling up, of innovative climate-smart actions. Financing for CAMP4CA, a regional program, is being processed in phases given different internal processing requirements among Central Asia countries. For Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, $47 million in IDA resources are to be presented to the Board in March 2015. The present Additional Financing covers Kazakhstan’s participation, through IBRD for delivery in FY16. GEF is being explored for Turkmenistan (to be also processed as additional financing). Identification completed on 25 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Center West Regional Development Corridor: The Center West Corridor is a road corridor improvement project expected to generally follow existing road alignments starting in Astana to Aktobe linking the port of Aktau in the Caspian Sea, connecting two identified “urban agglomerations” as well as two “second-tier” towns, i.e. Kostanay and Aktau. The Central-West corridor constitutes a key gateway from the Center of the country to the west through Caspian Sea and beyond through the Caucasus to Europe, and to the east, to the port of Lianyungang on the Pacific Ocean. High volumes of bulk cargo are currently being transported by rail so this corridor will tap higher value commodities and expanded trade, improve connectivity between regional agglomerations and promote regional development. Identification completed on 12 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153497. US$1000.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Center South Road Corridor Project: To improve the transport and freight connectivity and productivity between the growth poles of Almaty and Astana through the second-tier city of Karaganda, and improve road operations and road asset management. Concept completed on 26 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153501. US$2183.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Hazardous and Persistent Organic Pollutants Waste Management Project: The proposed Development Objective is to create a hazardous and POP’s waste treatment facility with appropriate environmental controls and to remediate selected PCB contaminated sites, reduce public and environmental exposure to these now contaminated lands

The Project will achieve its objective through: (i) creation of a facility to treat hazardous and POP’s waste with appropriate environmental controls; and (ii) remediation of selected historic PCB contaminated waste disposal sites; and (iii) disposing the PCBs waste, PCB equipment and PCBs contaminated soil with hazardous waste classification from these sites, remediated under the Project, in the constructed facility in line with the Stockholm Convention. Concept completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114830. US$34.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy, Tel: 77172740257, E-mail: b.shakhanov@energo.gov.kz, Contact: Beibut Shakhanov, Director, Waste Management Department.

Syr Darya Control and Northern Aral Sea Project, Phase 2: The project development objectives (PDOs) are to improve flood management capacity and improve water provision for developing aquaculture and other socioeconomic activities in the project areas along the lower Syr Darya. Appraisal completed on
Kazakhstan Solid Waste Management Project: Kazakhstan is facing a serious problem to effectively manage its solid waste. According to the country’s environmental authorities, Kazakhstan has accumulated 23 billion tons of solid waste and the amount is increasing at an alarming rate of 700 million tons each year. Currently, municipal waste is placed in landfills without pre-sorting or neutralization. Most landfills do not meet sanitation requirements and need remediation. Little effort is put in separating municipal waste at source. The country recycles only 3-5% of all garbage. About half million tons of paper and cardboard, 300,000 tons of glass, 200,000 tons of metal and 500,000 tons of plastic are disposed of as trash each year. The Kazakhstan Government has recently approved a long-term waste management program for the modernization of solid waste management for 2014-2050. The government is committed to improving municipal SWM systems with a range of activities from improving waste collection and disposal facilities, to increasing waste recycling and reduction efforts, to legal and institutional strengthening and public awareness and participation. Solid waste management is an area highlighted the Partnership Framework Arrangements between the Kazakh Government and international development and financing institutions including the World Bank. A SWM project is included in the pipeline of PFA for the World Bank. The proposed project aims to assist the government to modernize and improve SWM systems in selected municipalities in Kazakhstan namely Almaty and Astana as suggested in the PFA. The investment activities, subject to further discussion with the government, may cover waste collection, disposal, separation and recycling, as well as technical support to institutional and implementation capacity strengthening and public-private participation. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kosovo

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Kosovo Water Security and Canal Protection Project: The development objective of the project is to improve the Iber-Lepenc Canal efficiency and strengthen the Iber Basin protection and management. This will be achieved through investing in ensuring the canal structural safety, improving the canal conveyance and operational efficiencies, protecting the canal water from the major pollution effluents, and developing the technical capacity of the service provider, the Iber Company, as well as of the water-resource regulator, the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (TBC). Concept completed on 23 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133829. US$17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning Tel: (381-38) 2003-2307, E-mail: arben.citaku@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Arben Citaku

Education

Education System Improvement Project: The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the capacity and accountability mechanisms of institutions responsible for pre-university education. Concept completed on 1 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149005. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Tel: 381(0) 38 244 974, E-mail: xhavit.dakaj@rks-gov.net, Contact: Xhavit Dakaj, General Secretary.

Energy and mining

Kosovo Power Project: IDA partial risk guarantee in support of a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company, to be selected under the Lignite Power TA Project (P097635). Concept completed on 4 August 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US$ 40.0/725.0/725.0 (GUID/ZBIL/ZEXP). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister.

Kosovo Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Project: The project development objectives are to: (i) reduce energy consumption and fossil fuel use in public buildings through energy efficiency and renewable energy investments; and (ii) enhance the policy and regulatory environment for renewable energy and energy efficiency. Approval completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143055. US$ 31.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Kosovo Energy Efficiency Agency Tel: 3813820021550, E-mail: Bedri.Dragusha@rks-gov.net, Contact: Bedri Dragusha, Chief Executive Officer.

Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Mining Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kyrgyz Republic

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY AND NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The proposed project development objective is to increase agricultural productivity and food security of rural households in selected areas nationwide. This is to be achieved through an improvement in irrigation service delivery
through rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage (I&D) infrastructure at on-farm level; improved water management by Water Users Associations (WUAs) and farmers; provision of agricultural advisory services and training; and scaling-up of key nutrition interventions. Concept completed on 8 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132754. US$ 38.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Water Resources. Tel: 996312549110, E-mail: onfarmir@elcat.kg. Contact: Barataly Koshmatov, PIU Director.

Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management: The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity for sustainable forest ecosystem management. The Global Environmental Objective is the same as the PDO. Concept completed on 30 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131102. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic. Tel: +996 312 610-016. E-mail: min-eco@elcat.kg, min-eco@elcat.kg, envforest@elca. Contact: Ata-janov Sabir Sadykjanovich, Director of the SAEPF.

Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Investment Support to the Dairy Sector Development Program: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Village Investment Project: The Project Development Objectives are (a) to build local capacity for participatory development and (b) improve access to quality community infrastructure services in targeted project areas. Approval completed on 27 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146970. US$ 6.6/5.4 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Community Development and Investment Agency (ARIS). Tel: (996-312) 301-805. E-mail: office@aris.kg. Contact: Kubanychbek Iskakovich, Executive Director.

(R) Urban Development Project: The PDO of the proposed project is to improve (i) access and quality of municipal services and (ii) the energy efficiency of urban infrastructure in participating municipalities. This will be achieved through mobilizing financial resources (i) to improve access and quality of municipal services such as water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, and municipal roads, (ii) to improve the energy efficiency of existing urban infrastructure such as municipal social infrastructure buildings (i.e. schools, etc.), street lights and municipal mechanical equipment, and (iii) to strengthen the capacity of participating municipalities and utilities to plan and deliver local services. Concept completed on 22 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P15416. US$ 6.6/5.4 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Third Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project: The project will be designed building upon the experience gained and the lessons learned from two predecessor projects - the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (P036977), 2002-2008, and its repeater, the Second Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project (P110267), 2009-2014.

The objectives of the Project are proposed to remain in line with those of RWSSP2. RWSSP3 will provide continued assistance to the Borrower in: (i) improving access to potable water services for the participating communities, (ii) improving hygiene, sanitation and water-related practices in these communities, and (iii) advancing sector reforms and institutional capacity strengthening in line with the overall sector modernization objectives. Identification completed on 16 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 13.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of

Energy and mining

Lukovo Pole Water Regulation and Renewable Energy Project: The objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the national and regional power systems. Concept completed on 14 July 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P112730. US$70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. ELEM Macedonian Power Plants. Tel: (389-23) 149-166. E-mail: nevenka.jakimova.filipovska@elem.com.mk. Contact: Nevenka Jakimova Filipovska, Head of Development Division.

Macedonia Energy Efficiency Fund for Public Buildings: The project would develop and capitalize a revolving fund to finance energy efficiency improvements in public buildings. The fund would directly support the Government’s National Program for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings and meet its energy savings targets for the building sector as committed under the Energy Community Treaty. Identification completed on 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$20.0/10.0 (IBRD/ECSE). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy. Tel: (389-2) 309-3489. E-mail: ne-riman.dzeladini@economy.gov.mk.

Information and communications

Digital Macedonia: The development objective of this project is twofold: (i) to support GoM in its transformation of public service delivery through a shared public sector infrastructure platform and innovative applications with particular focus on poor communities in targeted areas; and (ii) to increase Macedonia’s
competitiveness and support income generation and poverty reduction for under- and unemployed by extending broadband Internet connectivity to vulnerable groups, and building on this connectivity by leveraging and catalyzing the growth of ICT-enabled jobs. Identification completed on 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$12.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Road Upgrading and Development Project: The objective is to improve transport efficiency and traffic safety on a sections of Corridor VIII, and improve road management and road safety in the country. Identification completed on 22 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Moldova

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Forest and Sustainable Land Management: Under the CPS Pillar 3, ‘Promoting a Green and Resilient Moldova’ the Forestry and Sustainable Land Management Project will contribute to the improvement of forest management in state and local public authority owned forest, and establish and manage shelterbelts to reduce land degradation and improve agricultural productivity. This activity will help address issues of rural poverty and climate change through improved management of natural resources and afforestation. Identification completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment.

Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project Additional Financing: The Project Development Objective is to enhance the competitiveness of the agro-food sector by supporting the modernization of the food safety management system, facilitating market access for farmers, and mainstreaming agro-environmental and sustainable land management practices. Negotiations authorized on 12 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P154238. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

District Heating Efficiency Improvement Project: The objective of the proposed project is to contribute to improved operational efficiency and financial viability of the District Heating company and to improve quality and reliability of heating services delivered to the population of Chisinau. Approval completed on 21 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132443. US$40.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy Tel: 37322250554, E-mail: valeriu.triboi@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Valeriu Triboi, Deputy Minister; CHP-2 Tel: 37322476061, E-mail: cet2@mdl.net, Contact: Mr. Anatolie Lichii, Director General; Moldova Energy Projects Implementation Unit (MEPIU) Tel: 37322496796, E-mail: mepiu@mei.md, Contact: Mr. Tudor Moiseev, Director General; Termocom Tel: 37322495097, E-mail: eniv@mail.md, Contact: Mr. Veaceslav Eni, Liquidator.

Moldova District Heating Efficiency Improvement Partial Credit Guarantee: The objective of the proposed project is to improve the operational efficiency and commercial viability of the district heating (DH) services in Chisinau. This component is Component 2: Debt restructuring and financing of debt repayment (IDA Partial Credit Guarantee: US $ 40 million, IDA allocation: US$ 10 million). This component will support the Government in preparing a debt restructuring plan and provide a guarantee for credit enhancement on Moldova Sovereign or new integrated company borrowing. Such credit enhancement would be essential to raising commercial financing on terms that would allow repayment of the debt stock on a sustainable, long-term basis to limit the financial burden of the restructuring on Chisinau residents and Moldova. For a new entity such as the integrated company, a structured Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) from the Bank would also help it start establishing credit on the loan and capital markets. Using an IDA PCG is expected to leverage Moldova’s IDA capital envelope. The partial nature of the PCG provides for risk sharing with the market while offering comprehensive risk cover for a specified component of the financing. Depending on market conditions, a PCG cover of 30-50% of debt service cash flows (principal + interest) may be sufficient to considerably improve the available financing terms. This means that a $10 million tranche of IDA country allocation used as a $40m Bank PCG could help raise $80-120 million of financing from commercial sources. Currently, Partial Credit Guarantees (PCGs) are only available for IBRD countries. OPCS, in consultation with CFP/SDN and other corporate and regional units is developing a revised policy package which will introduce the PCGs in IDA countries. Such proposals have been discussed at CODE and have received positive response from all stakeholders. It is expected that the revised Guarantee policy paper and associated OP/BPs for the use of IDR and IDA Guarantees would be presented to CODE in December 2012, and to the Board in Q3FY13. It should be noted that only 25% of guarantee exposure would be counted against the country exposure limit - such leverage for IDA guarantees was approved in 2004. Therefore, for the proposed IDA PCG operation of $40 million, only $10 million would be counted against the country limit. Concept completed on 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143870. US$ 80.0/138.0 (GUAR/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy Tel: (373-22) 250-554, E-mail: vadim.ceban@mec.gov.md.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Tax Administration Modernization Project: The development objective of the Tax Administration Modernization Project
Local Roads Improvement Project: (R) 19. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve accessibility to education, health and market facilities by provision of a safe and sustainable local roads network in selected areas of Moldova. Concept completed on 10th April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150357. US$30.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Montenegro

Health and other social services

Health System Efficiency and Quality Improvement Project: The Project is aimed to further support the government’s reforms of health system through improved governance, enhanced financial incentives and organization of health care.

The Project will build on Montenegro’s Health Care Development Strategy and on the accomplishments and lessons learnt from the First Montenegro Health Improvement Project.

The Project will (i) strengthen capacity in policy making, planning and regulation including improving health care management capacity, support for monitoring and evaluation of health outcomes, health performance review and support to further improving pharmaceutical policy, health technology assessment and accreditation, (ii) continue reforms towards long term financial sustainability through further development of financing models in primary, secondary and tertiary levels of health care, (iii) support for improved access to services through continuation of service delivery reorganization towards greater utilization of primary care and out-patient care with a focus on addressing non communicable diseases at primary health care level in an integrated manner and (iv) strengthen health management information system to allow timely access to patient information by health care professionals, effective management of resources by health care providers, and allow the Health Insurance fund to hold service providers accountable. Identification completed on 11th February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$12.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Montenegro Competitiveness and Job Creation: Investment Lending Operation to support Competitiveness and Job Creation in Montenegro Identification completed on 29th September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Revenue Administration Reform: The development objectives are to improve the efficiency of collecting tax and social contribution revenues, to increase compliance, and to reduce the burden on taxpayers to comply.

The long-term vision is a tax administration that operates with streamlined risk-based business processes that contribute to the efficient collection of taxes and social contributions that are owed from all sources of economic activity. Increased compliance will generate a more robust revenue stream to provide essential services to citizens and the modernized tax administration will
improve the business environment by reducing the burden on compliance on taxpayers, increase the country’s competitiveness, and attract foreign investment. Currently, Montenegro ranks 86th in the ease of paying taxes in the 2014 Doing Business rankings, down one ranking from last year. Modernization will also support the country's goal for EU accession and economic integration with EU member states. Concept completed on 24 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149743. US$20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Montenegro Tax Administration Tel: +382 206 58 063, E-mail: poreska.uprava@tax.gov.me, Contact: Milan Lakicevic, Director.

**Fiscal and Debt Management:** The Project Development Objective of this proposed operation is to strengthen the institutional capacity of the government of Montenegro in order to enhance the efficiency of using fiscal resources and to improve the management of public debt. The project will strengthen the overall efficiency and transparency in which public resources are managed. The results which this proposed operation seek to achieve are as follows: 1) Reduction of the deviation of the budget outturn from the plan, which would be a result of improved macroeconomic planning and forecasting for the achievement of the fiscal targets. This would bring realism in the planning process toward the achievement of fiscal targets. 2) Significant reduction in arrears, which will improve the efficiency and transparency of budget execution 3) Extended maturity of public debt, which would increase the quality of the public debt portfolio and reduce the risks associated with conducting new borrowing, refinancing, rollover, swaps. The PDO level results indicators will be designed to correspond to a series of disbursement linked indicators (DLIs) that will be used to measure the achieved results of this operation. Identification completed on 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$34.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Montenegro Additional Financing EU/IPA Ag & RD Institution Build. Proj:** The objective of the additional financing is to increase coverage and scope of the EU/IPA Agriculture and Rural Development Institution Building Project (P144994). Identification completed on 23 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (P7SD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Poland**

**Health and other social services**

**Poland health service delivery project:** The Project will support the Government of Poland in initiating the transformation of service delivery to respond more effectively to the new demographic and epidemiological profile of the population. The reform program will support the downsizing and restructuring of hospitals in better organized networks, the introduction of more integrated service delivery models, and regulatory changes to enhance the quality of health services and their outcomes, improve incentives and accountability for results. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Romania**

**Education**

(R) **Romania Secondary Education Project:** The proposed Project Development Objectives are to improve the transition from upper secondary to tertiary education and increase the retention in the first year of tertiary education in project-supported education institutions Approval completed on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P148585. US$243.1 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Scientific Research Tel: 40214056223, E-mail: sorin.cimeanu@gov.edu.ro, Contact: Mr. Sorin Cimeanu, Minister of Education and Scientific Research.

**Health and other social services**

**Integrated Social Services Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$126.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Russian Federation**

**Education**

**Innovative Dev-t of Preschool Educ. of Rep. of Sakha (Yakutia) Project:** The Project Development Objective is to improve the quality of preschool education and increase access to kindergartens in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Negotiations authorized on 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127405. US$117.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for an architect's assistant, permafrost engineer, ECD specialists' assistant with background in Russia and CIS. Ministry of Education of Sakha (Yakutia) Tel: (7-4112) 422-921, E-mail: nsitni@yandex.ru, Contact: Natalia Sitnikova, Head of General Education Department.

**Enhancing Workforce Skills for Regional Development:** The project development objectives (PDO) are to increase the relevance of the skills of technical and vocational education and training graduates to the needs of the labor market in selected pilot regions and to expand best practices to other selected dissemination regions in the Russian Federation. This will be achieved through developing, pilot testing and disseminating modern models of efficient training of skilled workers and technicians in the regional vocational education systems to support
the social and economic development of the regions of the Russian Federation. Negotiations authorized on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144167. US$330.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science Tel: (7-495) 629-2425, E-mail: klimov-aa@mon.gov.ru, Contact: Alexander Klimov, Deputy Minister.

**Energy and mining**

**Russia Energy Efficiency Financing Project:** The Project Development Objective is to improve the efficiency of energy use in Russia by scaling-up commercial lending by banks for EE investments in the industrial and public sectors. The global environmental objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by scaling-up EE investments. The PDO will be achieved through combined financial and technical assistance (TA), supported by a US$500 million IBRD loan and a US$97.1 million GEF grant to GPB, and a US$13.02 million GEF grant to REA.

The Project will provide assistance to three key groups of stakeholders. International experience shows that the success in enabling investments in EE depends on participation of and interactions among three groups; banks, project owners, and service and equipment providers. The Project will directly target selected representatives from all three groups. Several Russian banks will receive training and some technical assistance to develop their EE lending business, so that they could enter the market to finance EE projects. The GPB, the third largest bank in Russia, will receive an IBRD loan that will co-finance its EE credit line. A visible presence of GPB in the market of EE financing, demonstration of a viable EE lending business, and dissemination of experiences will encourage EE lending uptake by other banks.

The Project will help several regions improve their EE plans and develop bankable EE subprojects. In five regions; Kaluga, Novosibirsk, Samara, Yaroslavl and Yekaterinburg, GEF will support REA TA efforts to regional and municipal authorities in improving their EE programs and to several project owners in the regions in preparing bankable projects. This should boost the demand for EE services and equipment providers, while demonstrating viable procurement, contracting and financing models. National dissemination of results and lessons learned will spur on other regions, municipalities, and energy consumers to follow the example, which could help address a critical issue facing commercial financing of EE projects. The shortage of EE investment depends on participation of and interactions among three groups; banks, project owners, and service and equipment providers. The Project will directly target selected representatives from all three groups. Several Russian banks will receive training and some technical assistance to develop their EE lending business, so that they could enter the market to finance EE projects. The GPB, the third largest bank in Russia, will receive an IBRD loan that will co-finance its EE credit line. A visible presence of GPB in the market of EE financing, demonstration of a viable EE lending business, and dissemination of experiences will encourage EE lending uptake by other banks.

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**Finance**

**Microfinance Development Project:** The objectives of the project are to: (i) develop a proper legal, regulatory, and supervisory framework to enable safe and sound growth of the microfinance and credit cooperative sectors; and (ii) develop the industry’s capacity to meet sectoral regulations and institutional standards. Approval completed on 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P095554. US$20.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance Tel: (7-495) 648-3541, E-mail: p0530_ka@minfin.ru, Contact: Alexey Savatyugin, Deputy Minister.

**Health and other social services**

**Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups through Physical Training:** The Project Development Objective is to enhance social inclusion for selected disadvantaged groups in pilot municipalities, through increased access to, and use of, sports and recreation activities and services. Negotiations authorized on 4 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126283. US$70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Sports, Tourism and Youth Policy Tel: (7-495) 601-9440, E-mail: varaksin@minstn.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. Pavel Varaksin, Lead Expert.

**Regional Health System Modernization:** The Project development objective is to improve the efficiency and quality of health services of Tyumen Oblast. The proposed project is linked to Strategic Theme 2 - Expanding Human Potential - of the CPS for the Russian Federation for the Period 2012-2016. Specifically the proposed Project belongs to area of engagement 2.1 - Education, Health and social protection - and will contribute to outcome 9: Increased quality and improved access, targeting, coverage and efficiency of social services for human development. The proposed project is expected to contribute to the WBG goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity through the provision of quality cancer health services to the citizens of Tyumen Oblast. Identification completed on 8 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**Additional Financing for St. Petersburg Economic Development Project:** To support St. Petersburg in (i) promoting conducive policy and the regulatory environment for the expansion of private sector enterprises; (ii) facilitating a larger and more efficient private market for land and real estate; (iii) strengthening City fiscal management capacity; and (iv) preserving and enhancing cultural assets in St. Petersburg. The higher
level objective is to enhance St Petersburg’s prospects for economic diversification and growth. The AF will contribute to these objectives by leveraging the city’s cultural assets to sustain tourism, generate jobs and create opportunities for local businesses. Negotiations authorized on 26 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146463. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation Tel: 7-495-6238444, E-mail: novikov@mkrf.ru, Contact: Mr. Artem Novikov, Deputy Director of Estate and Investment Policy Department.

Russia Special Economic Zones Enhancement Project: The project development objective is to attract investors to, and increase investment in, select pilot zones in the Russian SEZ program. Concept completed on 16 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147011. US$132.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (7-495) 694-0353, E-mail: mineconomi@economy.gov.ru, Contact: Dimitry V Skripichnikov Ministry of Economic Development Tel: 7 (495) 694-0353, Contact: Evgeny Elin, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development of the Ru.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Integrated Environmental Monitoring Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the national and selected regions’ capacity to generate environmental monitoring data and provide accessible, quality and reliable environmental monitoring information to various users from the public and private sectors.

Specifically, the Project will facilitate improved efficiency of state environmental monitoring through introducing international standards of environmental monitoring, developing the existing subsystems of state environmental monitoring and integrating them into a unified information and analytical system. Negotiations authorized on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143159. US$350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Tel: 749-9254-1560, E-mail: vatletsov@mnr.gov.ru, Contact: Gleb A. Vatletsov, Director of the Department.

Transportation

Improvement of Urban Transport Systems Project: The project aims to improve urban mobility, accessibility, safety and environmental sustainability of transport systems in selected cities of the Russian Federation. Negotiations authorized on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132301. US$117.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport Tel: 7-495-626-10-88, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister.

Improvement of Urban Transport Sys (GEF): The proposed project aims (i) to improve the quality and condition of urban transport while reducing adverse environmental impacts of transport in three pilot cities, through physical investments and operational and technological improvements, and (ii) to strengthen the institutional and technical capacity in several Russian cities in planning and managing urban transport systems. Concept completed on 15 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145582. US$ 9.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport Tel: 7-495-626-10-88, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister.

Russian Development Bank Infrastructure Financing Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Vnesheconombank (Russian Development Bank) Tel: (7-903)798-0107, E-mail: Pavlov_AV@veb.ru, Contact: Mr. Alexander Pavlov, Deputy Director.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

ARCTIC PROGRAM: This project is to improve Russia’s environmental management systems to deal with growing environmental risks and pollutions in the Arctic Zone caused by climate change and increasing human activities. Identification completed on 29 July 2011. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (7-495) 694-0353, E-mail: mineconom@economy.gov.ru.

Arctic Environment: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 1 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.5 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Serbia

Industry and trade

Serbia Competitiveness and Jobs: The proposed PDO is to improve the investment climate, foster innovation, and enhance the job opportunities of registered unemployed. Concept completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152104. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Deputy Prime Minister’s Office Tel: 381113620149, E-mail: mpopovic@gov.rs, Contact: Milos Popovic, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Serbia - Real Estate Management Project: To improve the efficiency, transparency, accessibility and reliability of Serbia’s real property management systems. Approval completed on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147050. US$44.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Republic Geodetic Authority Tel: 381112650886, E-mail: zpopovic@rgz.gov.rs, Contact: Zoran Popovic, Acting Director General; Ministry of Construction Transport and Infrastructure.
Tel: 381113616273, E-mail: dejan.trifunovic@mgsi.gov.rs, Contact: Dejan Trifunovic, State Secretary.

(N) Public Sector Employment and Performance: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tajikistan

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

FVWRMP - Phase II: The Tajikistan Fergana Valley Water Resources Management Project - Phase II will build on the achievements and lessons learned from the first phase. The project aims to improve the quality of irrigation service delivery in the project area by (i) rehabilitating irrigation and drainage infrastructure, (ii) strengthening the institutional framework for irrigation and drainage management (including the newly established Irrigation Agency and WUAs), and (iii) supporting water sector reforms to improve the financial viability of irrigation. The project will, on a demand-driven basis, pursue farm restructuring and will help farmers take full advantage of the restructuring by switching to production of higher value crops. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Environmental Land Management and Rural Livelihoods - Additional Financing: The project development objective is to enable rural people to increase their productive assets in ways that improve natural resource management and resilience to climate change in selected climate vulnerable sites. The proposed Additional Financing, to be supported with IDA resources, will enable the scaling up of the project’s rural production and land resource management investments. Additional lowland, middle hill and upland districts will be supported in adopting innovative rural production and land management measures at the village level, as well as in introducing sustainable community-managed pasture/fodder-based livestock production systems and sustainable on-farm water management practices in irrigated cropland. Additional support will be provided for capacity building and institutional support comprising facilitation assistance and technical advice; support for local level service organizations; training, dissemination and knowledge management services; and analysis, research, and monitoring. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.8/2.0 (IDA Grant/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Additional Financing for Tajikistan PAMP II: The proposal would scale up and broaden geographical coverage of the ongoing Tajikistan Second Public Employment for Sustainable Agriculture and Water Resources Management Project. The implementation of the ongoing project has exceeded expectations and benefitted the most food-insecure population in the southern Khatlon oblast of Tajikistan. The disbursement rate for the first year of the project implementation has also exceeded the planned targets with the project assessed well on track in achieving its development objectives. The additional financing is proposed to extend support to the Government of Tajikistan in addressing the challenges of macro-economic instability expected in the country as a result of economic slowdown in the Russian Federation. Measures to increase short and medium-term employment opportunities are needed in response to these external events. The proposed AF will be used to finance the rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage infrastructure and to support Water User Associations in four districts in Khatlon and one district in the Regions of Republican Subordination. In the short-term additional financing will increase rural opportunities through public works. In the medium-term it will raise farm incomes and improve the incentives for young people to remain in rural areas, by improving access to irrigation and increasing the returns to crop and livestock production. Identification completed on 22 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Higher Education Project: The overarching objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the higher education system and its education institutions to provide high quality and relevant education to its graduates. Specifically, the proposed Development Objective is:

To strengthen the higher education system through policy, program, and governance reforms that (i) provide more equitable access and retention, (ii) enhance internal and external quality assurance capacity, and (iii) enhance relevance of academic programs to better reflect labor market demand. Concept completed on 5 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148291. US$8.3/6.8 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science Tel: 992372214605, E-mail: moert.k@maorif.tj, Contact: Mr. Nuriddin Saidov, Minister of Education and Science.

Energy and mining

Tajikistan Winter Energy Project: The project objective is to mitigate the impact of winter energy shortages on inhabitants of select urban and rural settlements of Tajikistan by supporting development and implementation of heat supply options for and energy efficiency demand side measures in housing stock and public buildings. Identification completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Implementation Unit.
Health and other social services

(R) Additional Financing to TJ Health Services Improvement Project: The revised Project Development Objective (PDO) is to contribute to the improvement of the coverage and quality of basic primary health care (PHC) services in selected districts. 
N/Enviromental Assessment Category B. Project: P153975. US$ 5.5/4.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tajikistan: Migrant crisis support: To mitigate the impact of the reduced formal migration opportunities to Russia for Tajik citizens by enhancing the employment prospects for Tajik workers. Identification completed on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Targeted Social Assistance Rollout Project (AF): Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Communal Services Development Fund: The project development objective (PDO) is to improve basic communal and municipal services in participating cities and towns. Approval completed on 17 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133449. US$ 13.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Khochagii Manziliu Komunali Tel: 992 372 21 77 98, E-mail: kmhk@tojikiston.com, Contact: Mr. Ali-murod Todoimurodov, DG.

Public Finance Management Modernization Project 2: The development objective of the project is to improve effectiveness, control and accountability of public expenditure of the Republic of Tajikistan. Negotiations authorized on 27 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150381. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: 992372213290, E-mail: min_fin@tojikiston.com; alik_tj@mail.ru, Contact: Shhuurat Maqsudzoda, Head of Department.

TJ: CASA-1000 Community Support Program: The proposed project will finance investments (infrastructure, technology) in the energy and water sectors in recognition of the links between these services and human development outcomes. Benefits will accrue at the community level. The project will adopt a community-based approach to allow for participatory and inclusive decision-making on community priorities. Identification completed on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (CASA). Consulting services to be determined.

Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Tajikistan Second Dushanbe Water Supply Project - Additional Financing: The AIS is being created to provide additional financing for the ongoing Second Dushanbe Water Supply Project (P118196). The additional financing is being considered to: i) address the worsened situation of insufficient funding under the project, due to continued unfavorable trends in SDR to USD exchange rates (as of Dec 2014, DWSP2’s residual undisbursed funding in USD is insufficient to cover committed contracts. Commitments in fact now exceed funding by about $522k); and ii) meet the additional financing request issued by GoRT/Municipality of Dushanbe/DVK, which coincide with the recent project supervision and MTR findings. Both aspects would need to be met, so as to contribute to successful progress towards project’s original PDO, which is to “improve water utility performance and water supply services in selected areas of Dushanbe.” Identification completed on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Turkey

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Integrated River Basin Management Project: The proposed investment project is the culmination of a three-year policy dialogue and effort by the Bank, supported by technical assistance which brought together a number of key natural resource management agencies in an institutional setting characterized by fragmentation and weak coordination mechanisms. Over the period FY10-12, the Technical Assistance was focused on enhancing the capacity of relevant agencies to agree on and undertake the preparation of a National Basin Management Strategy (NBMS), to guide future government and policy and investment decision in watershed rehabilitation and water resources management. This was done through: (i) setting up an inter-sectoral coordination process (National Steering Committee) and supporting its work on the preparation of the NBMS through workshops and broad consultations;(ii) contributing several analytical pieces, including a Sector Note, a Policy Options Paper, and an Advisory Note and implementation guidelines on cumulative environmental impact assessment for hydropower development; and (iii)strengthening the policy dialogue on natural resource and water management. Within this setting, the proposed investment operation will support the implemention of the NBMS and the new water sector reforms. In particular, the focus will be on strengthening the new basin management institutions in light of the ongoing reforms in the water sector. In addition, the project would support piloting the establishment of a river basin agency (including governance, operations management and analytical
tools, staff training, computer and monitoring equipment, decision support systems, office space etc.), and would finance strategically selected investments in watershed rehabilitation and water management (e.g., erosion control and afforestation, flood protection, bulk water supply infrastructure) Identification completed on 13 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$900.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs Tel: (90-312) 207-5696, E-mail: havci@cob.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Hanifi Avci

Energy and mining

Gas Sector Development Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 2 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133565. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. BOTAS Turkish Pipeline Company Tel: (90-312) 297-2018, E-mail: mgazi.dulger@botas.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mehmet Gazi Dulger, Project Director.

Turkey Geothermal Development Project: The Project Development Objective is to scale up private sector investment in geothermal energy development in Turkey. This will be achieved by reducing the risks taken on by the private sector in the exploratory phases, and by providing access to long-term financing for resource development phases. Concept completed on 20 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P151739. US$250.0/40.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources Tel: 90-312-295-5010, E-mail: yazar@yegm.gov.tr, Contact: Yusuf Yazar, Director General, General Directorate of Renewable Energy.

(R) EU/IPA Energy Sector Technical Assistance Program - Phase 2 Project: Project Development Objective is to develop the administrative and technical capacity of relevant institutions to achieve an increasing alignment with the EU Acquis and the Europe 2020 targets in the areas of (1) energy efficiency, (2) internal energy market, and (3) long-term energy planning and modelling. Approval completed on 10 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151934. US$ 15.8 (F7U6). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources Tel: 90-312-295-5010, E-mail: yazar@yegm.gov.tr, Contact: Yusuf Yazar, Director General, General Directorate of Renewable Energy.

Finance

Long Term Finance Guarantee: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to longer term finance for micro, small and medium enterprises and export oriented enterprises.

A Guarantee to Halkbank to raise market financing to directly lend to MSMEs and EOEs. Appraisal completed on 4 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P148858. US$ 400.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Halk Bank Tel: (90-312) 289-1780, E-mail: recep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr.

Health and other social services

Health Sector Reform Support Project: The proposed project would continue to support the MOH Health Transformation Program's expansion of preventive medicine, improvement of hospital management, and enhanced stewardship role of the Ministry of Health. In line with these goals, the project development objective is to contribute to improving primary and secondary prevention of NCDs, increasing the efficiency of health facility management, and enhancing the stewardship role of MOH. Concept completed on 25 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152799. US$135.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: 90-312-3241032, E-mail: trhealth@saglik.gov.tr, Contact: A. Celalettin Tarhan, Project Director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Land Registration and Cadastre Modernization Project - Second Phase: The Additional Financing is intended to help scale up activities under the ongoing Land Registration and Cadastre Modernization Project to further contribute to the Government's agenda of improving the quality and effectiveness of public services through the expansion of effective e-government applications and modernization of land administration and property valuation systems.

This would be done through (i) expansion of the successful Phase I property valuation pilots to a rollout phase with the aim of developing market-based values for property tax administration and other purposes; (ii) expansion of the modernization of cadastral records through improved accuracy of survey techniques using digital technology; and (iii) improved and integrated management information systems to improve inter-agency and end-user access to and use of land property data. Identification completed on 22 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

SUSTAINABLE CITIES: The proposed investment project builds upon the foundation of Turkey's Municipal Services Project. Providing financing to Turkish municipalities through Halkbank (a municipal financial intermediary) would be one important feature that would carry forward. However, the Sustainable Cities Project aims to go beyond financing "one-off" investments to improve environmental services. It's focus is on shifting municipal planning visions several years into the future for cities that are striving to be sustainable. It encourages cities to avoid the "lock-in" effect of unplanned development and investments that will have high energy and greenhouse gas emission costs over time. Built around a Sustainable Cities Index, each city will
embark on developing a Sustainable Cities Action Plan with collected baseline data and sustainability targets spanning a 20 year or more span of time. Every fifth year would be a milestone year and would also mark the end of the investment project being prepared with the expectation that incremental improvements are made toward a longer term plan.

The SC Index would provide a policy instrument or vehicle in which national policies and strategies on sustainable urban development, green growth, and energy efficiency, among others could be addressed through the implementation of the new fund and capacity building program.

The SC Project is expected to span 5 years with financing of up to $300 million. Policy coordination at the national level would be facilitated by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, which is the Project champion and primary national level stakeholder. Identification completed on 21 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Iller Bank Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Email: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr.

Ukraine

Health and other social services

Community Social Support Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve living conditions and services in targeted communities and to enhance capacity of local governments to manage local development needs in a participatory and accountable manner. Concept completed on 20 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: PI51701. Consulting services to be determined. Iller Bank Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Email: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr.

Industry and trade

Improving Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

DEVSTAT 2: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 12 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Road Sector Development Project: This project will be a continuation of the previous two road safety and improvement projects and will extend the upgrade of of the M-03 road from Poltava to Kharkiv. The road will be built to a four lane standard, will include bypasses and bridges where necessary.

The institutional component of the project will take forward the road safety agenda started in the first two projects and also support Ukravtodor with their on-going reform and institutional strengthening agenda particularly related to asset management and securing sufficient financial resources to undertake this task. Identification completed on 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$800.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. UKRAVTODOR Tel: (380-44) 287-2449, Email: forec@ukravtodor.gov.ua.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(N) Second Urban Infrastructure Project Additional Financing: SIDA Grant: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Uzbekistan

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Fergana Valley Water Resources Management - Phase II: The objective of the Fergana Valley WRM - Phase II project is to improve water management and agricultural production in the Fergana Valley. The objective will be achieved by investing in the rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure, promoting diversification and intensification, and farm mechanization, as well as improvement in the management of water resources. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources Tel: (998-711) 412-92.

Livestock Sector Development Project: Livestock Sector Development Project. The Project Development Objective is provisionally to improve the provision of infrastructure, services and finance to the livestock sector in the project area. The Project will include four components: Component 1 Livestock and Veterinary Services Improvement; Component 2 Access to Finance; and Component 3 Pasture Management Improvement; and Component 4 Project Management. Component 1 will finance the development of (i) state and private veterinary services and implementation of disease control strategies; (ii) livestock breed improvement and (iii) improvement of extension services and integration of smallholder livestock production into the livestock supply chain. Component 2 will finance a credit line to the commercial banks for the livestock sector. Component 3 will finance the improvement of pasture infrastructure and management and strengthening of pasture related institutions. Component 4 will finance project management and operating costs. Identification completed on 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment
Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Education**

Modernizing Higher Education Project: In developing countries with young and growing populations like Uzbekistan, the need for inclusive growth through expanding employment and productivity is self-evident. The development of job-relevant skills is an essential element of any strategy to generate economic growth. Unfortunately, too many workers across the world are simply unprepared to meet the needs of the labor market in an evolving world economic environment. In many countries, education systems are not providing young people with the basic skills -cognitive and behavioral- that make them trainable. In other cases the labor force is highly educated, but the jobs they've been trained for simply do not exist.

In Uzbekistan, a 2008 survey of firms in the country concluded that between 30 percent and 40 percent of them considered worker skills a major or very severe constraint to their growth. Is it possible that students are not graduating with the right skills for the modern Uzbek job market? This problem is even more acute because the Uzbek Higher Education System is characterized by relatively low enrolment rates. Tertiary enrolment rate has declined from around 17 percent in 1991 to around 10 percent now. This rate is low by regional and international standards. For example, Kazakhstan has an enrolment rate of 40 percent and lower middle income countries have an enrolment rate of around 16 percent. Also, the share of tertiary education in education budget has declined from around 10 percent in 1991, to around 6 percent now.

Clearly, there is a need to examine this issue in greater detail. Some questions that need to answered are-How to build skills, including for those already in the workforce, so that they match the needs of the economy as it develops? How can higher education system ensure quality and relevance of university programs? What implications does the international competition for jobs have for the Uzbek university system in an increasingly global marketplace?

This piece describe preliminary concept for project on Higher Education in Uzbekistan with a total estimated Bank Budget of USD 250,000 for preparation (FY 12: USD 25 K, FY 13: USD 125 K, FY 14: USD 100 K)

The Project will aim : (i) to increase access higher education services; (ii) to enhance the quality and relevance of higher education; and (iii) to strengthen the institutional capacity of Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education

Counterparts:

Our main counterpart for the Project is Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education and the Ministries of Economy and Finance. Identification completed on 14 November 2011. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 49.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Education Tel: (998-71) 239-1310, E-mail: info@uzedu.uz.

**Energy and mining**

Electricity Distribution Modernization Project: The project will rehabilitate electricity distribution substation systems in selected areas of Uzbekistan to improve their efficiency and reduce losses. Identification completed on 19 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$155.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. UzbekEnergo Tel: (998-71) 233-9821/9889, E-mail: sjsc@uzpak.uz, Contact: Iskander Basidov, Chairman of the Board.

District Heating Energy Efficiency Project: The District Heating (DH)Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency project would reconstruct DH systems in Andijan and Chirchik. The project would include specifically: (i) the reconstruction of heat production facilities, networks and in-house heating systems; (ii) undertaking the significant change in system design from open systems to closed systems; (iii) installing building level individual heat substations (IHS) equipped with heat meters; and (iv) changing from DH to local heating in regions where local heating is the least-cost solution. Identification completed on 18 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 188.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy.

**Health and other social services**

Additional Financing to Health System Improvement Project: The main project plans to equip with modern medical equipment 100 Rayon Medical Unions out of 157 current ones as well as 76 urban policlinics from 155 ones, that are established on the basis of the existing outpatient establishments. Allocation of additional IDA funds in the amount of up to US$63.0 mln will equip the remaining primary health care units which are not covered by the Health-III Project. Approval completed on 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133187. US$ 93.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health Tel: (998-71) 239-4808, E-mail: office@jpiib.uz, Contact: Djamsheed Djabriyev, Executive Director.

**Industry and trade**

Horticulture Development Project: The project development objective is to enhance the productivity and profitability of horticulture sector in the project area. Approval completed on 12 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133703. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Rural Restructuring Agency Tel: 998-71-237-1657, E-mail: resp@sks.uz, Contact: Nasriddin Najimov, General Director.
Information and communications

Modernization of Real Property Registration and Cadastre: A. Country Context

The Government of Uzbekistan is seeking to upgrade its real property registration and cadastre system. It aims to develop an integrated (i.e., textual and spatial data), electronic real property registration and cadastre system for deployment throughout the entire country under an improved legal and operational framework and capacities. This relates to larger objectives of Government’s Master Plan for electronic government and to improve investment climate in Uzbekistan. The real property register and cadastre is recognized as one among the 6 key e-registers of the country.

B. Sectoral and Institutional Context

Real property register and cadastre reform in Uzbekistan dates back to 1997 and the new Civil Code that prompted the creation of National Real Property Cadastral and Rights Registration System. This was initially to serve taxation, but the Law on State Cadastre of 2000 shifted the focus to the registration of real property rights for the benefit of the developing real property market. In 2005, a sectorial reorganization brought together Goskomzem (State Land Committee), Uzgeodescadastre (Land Registry and Cadastre) and Cadastral Bureau of Technical Inventory (Building Register) forming Goskomzemgeodescadastre (GKZGDK) as the agency responsible for the state cadaster (land, buildings, and apartments) and the geoinformation databases (National Unified Cadastre System and National Geographical Information System). However, the institutional consolidation, has not been accompanied by a full consolidation of records and services. In 2007, GKZGDK with technical assistance from the European Union introduced a computerized real estate registration system, named “Uzbek Land Register 2.2” (UZLR) to Samarkand, Tashkent and Khorezm regions. Conversion from manual to computerized records started also in regions other than 2009, but the progress has been slow. UZLR has generally improved the registration system, but the application is outdated, its coverage has not expanded and it is not properly maintained. In 2012-2013, the Uzbek President and government established an e-government system initiative including and improved electronic real property registration and cadastre system. Presidential resolution (No.PP-1989, 27 June 2013) established the Integrated Information System for Real Property Registration and Cadastre and National Geographical Information System (NGIS) as two of the six basic components of the e-government platform in Uzbekistan and vested them to GKZGDK to establish and manage. In a parallel legal initiative, a new law on “State registration of rights to immovable property” to reflect the transfer to fully computerized real property registration and services has been drafted and is being considered by the Cabinet of Ministers.

C. Relationship to CPS

The proposed project would support CPS FY12 – FY15 by enhancing the economy’s competitiveness through increase in the efficiency of real property and mortgage markets; by improving access to, and outcomes of social services through the provision of gender aggregated data on real properties; and improving governance (CPS’s cross cutting theme) of real properties through improved transparency of property transactions and access to real property register data.

D. Tentative PDO and activities

The proposed project’s development objective would be to establish a computerized and unified real property registration and cadastre system in Uzbekistan as part of the national e-government structure and services. This project would support the development of a functioning real property market and more broadly provide the spatial base for a modern market economy in the country. The project would improve the governance real property assets and make a positive fiscal impact by enhancing property taxation. The unified real property registration and cadastre system would also serve as the base for of the national spatial data infrastructure and be one among the 6 key registers of the e-government platform of Uzbekistan.

The project would achieve this in the real property registration sector by (i) raising awareness on the importance of secure real property rights, (ii) increasing capacities in authorities involved, (iii) improving business processes and customer orientation in the real property register and cadastre, (iv) enhancing the use of e-technologies in GKZGDK, (v) increasing the coverage of formal state guaranteed register of real property rights i.e. in the real property register and cadastre, (vi) building private and public sector capacities, (vii) improving the regulatory and operational environment of the real property register and cadastre, (viii) investing in technical infrastructure of GKZGDK and the real property register and cadastre, (ix) facilitating spatial data access, exchanging and sharing, and (x) improving transparency of real property ownership and transactions in Uzbekistan.

E. Tentative Project Components and IDA budget

The proposed project would focus on establishing an electronic and unified real property register and cadastre in GKZGDK and enhance its operations through improved regulatory and operational framework and capacities, and expanding spatial data exchange and dissemination. The proposed project cost is 50 million USD IDA and the project would have four main components:

- Component A – Real Property Registration and Cadastre System Development;
- Component B – Real Property Registration and Cadastre Data Development;
• Component C – Use of Real Property Register and Cadastre Data; and

• Component D – Regulatory Development, Institutional Development, Capacity Building, Technical Assistance and Project Management. Identification completed on 14 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 90.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. State Committee on Land Resources, Geodesy, Cartography and State Cadastre, E-mail: info@ygk.uz.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Strengthening Administration of Labor and Social Protection Services: Improve administration of national labor and social programs through strengthening information management systems and integrating service provision at the district offices. Identification completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Regional Roads and Development Project: 14. The proposed Project Development Objectives (PDOs) are to reduce road user costs, improve road safety on the project roads and to develop a framework program for regional road asset management. Concept completed on 15 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146334. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Republican Road Fund Tel: 998712394626, E-mail: rrproject14@gmail.com, Contact: Jamol Shukurov, Director of Road Fund.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Additional Financing for Bukhara and Samarkand Sewage Project: The Government of Uzbekistan estimated that a total of about US$ 200 million will be needed in Bukhara and Samarkand to rehabilitate and improve the overall wastewater services. The BSSP financed only Phase I of Government’s investment plans. The proposed Additional Financing will finance implementation of further priority rehabilitation works included in Phase II and Phase III of the Government’s program. The Additional Financing objectives will remain the same as per the original project i.e. to mitigate the environmental impact from wastewater pollution and improve the efficiency and sustainability of wastewater management in Bukhara and Samarkand. Other objectives of the AF are to lay the foundation for a sustainable policy framework for the water sector and continue the programs of capacity building. The scope of the proposed AF would include implementation of wastewater treatment plants facilities in Bukhara and Samarkand cities and replacement/ rehabilitation of sewers and pumping stations that were not included in the original project. The proposed activities are as follows: (i) Bukhara Wastewater facilities: estimated cost US$40.0 million and would include construction of: (i) phase II Bukhara wastewater treatment plant; (ii) sewage pumping stations; (iii) replacement / rehabilitation of about 22 kilometers (km) of sewers of various diameters in the sewer collection system and house connections. (ii) Samarkand wastewater facilities: estimated cost US$45 million, and would include construction of: (i) phase II wastewater treatment plant; and the reconstruction of Farhood wastewater treatment plant (ii) sewage pumping stations; (iii) replacement / rehabilitation of about 60 kilometers (km) of sewers of various diameters in the sewer collection system and house connections. (iii) Technical Assistance and Capacity Building: estimated cost US$6.0 million. It includes the following activities a. Consulting services for construction supervision of the above works (estimated cost US$ 3.5 million) b. Capacity building & training (estimated cost US$0.8 million). c. Other consulting services including a possible fiduciary, monitoring and audits (estimated cost US$ 1.8 million). Project Cost And Financing. the Uzkom expressed the Government keen interest using cofinancing arrangements in order to expand the scope of work of the Additional Financing to Phase III of the Gov program and build capacity to design and implement large capital projects to rigorous international standards. The total cost of the project is estimated at about US$ 91.0 million, of which US$ 70 million available from IDA credit. Identification completed on 24 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 105.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Uzkomunikihizmat Tel: (998-712) 354-497, E-mail: waterproject@unitech.uz.

Regional

Energy and mining

Kaniv Pumped Storage Hydropower Plant: The project will include construction of a new pumped storage hydropower plant in Kaniv. The project will be financed jointly by the Bank, EIB, EBRD and KfW. Identification completed on 30 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$500.0/100.0/500.0/100.0 (IBRD/EBRD/EUIB/KfW). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Climate Adaptation & Mitigation Program for Central Asia (CAMP4CA): 8. The objective of the Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Central Asia (CAMP4CA) is to support the integrated development of climate-smart information, institutions, and investment capacities throughout the countries of Central Asia. This is expected to be achieved through strengthened coordination mechanisms; improved information gathering, sharing, and analysis for decision support; and incubation of innovative climate-smart action for potential scale up. Concept completed on 19 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151363. US$ 47.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federation Administration for
Transportation

Central Asia Road Links - Tajikistan: The Central Asia Road Links (CARs) program has the overall development objective to increase transport connectivity between neighboring countries in Central Asia along priority cross-border road links and to support improvements in road operations and asset management practices. The program is the result of a collaborative effort initiated by respective governments in the Central Asia region which has been developed as a regional, multi-phase program considered as a regional project under IDA16 and IDA 17 with substantial transformational impact.

The project development objective (PDO) of the Second Phase of the Central Asia Road Links Program (CARs-2) is to increase transport connectivity between the Republic of Tajikistan and neighboring countries along priority cross-border road links in Sugd Oblast and to support improvements in road operations and asset management practices. The road sections to be financed under CARs-2 prioritize connectivity between Sugd Oblast in Tajikistan with Batken and Osh Oblasts in the Kyrgyz Republic and Ferghana Oblast in Uzbekistan. Approval completed on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145634. US$ 38.3/6.8 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport Tel: 992-372211267, E-mail: info@mintrans.tmktrt-invest.dep@mail.ru, Contact: Sherali Ganjalzoda, First Deputy Minister.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

West Balkans Drina River Basin Management: The objective of the Project is to assist the countries of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro to achieve improved planning and implementation for integrated, cooperative management of the trans-boundary Drina River basin. Concept completed on 18 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145048. US$ 5.0/5.0 (GEFU/SCCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, E-mail: dimitarzakula@yahoo.com, Contact: Dimitar Zakula, Manager, International cooperation; FBlH Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Tel: 387-33-726550, E-mail: ana.basic@fmvps.gov.ba, Contact: Jerko Ivanković-Ljanić, Minister; RS Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry Tel: 387-51-338415, E-mail: m.stevanovic@mvs.vladars.net, Contact: Stevo Mirjanic, Minister; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Tel: 38220482109, E-mail: kabinet@mpr.gov.me, Contact: Mr. Predrag Ivanovic, Minister.

Central Asia Water Resources Management (CA-WARM) Phase-I Project: The proposed objective of the overall CA-WARM program would be to improve the information, institutional, and infrastructure foundation for water resources planning and management in the Central Asia Region. The proposed Project Development Objective of the Phase-I CA-WARM project is that targeted institutions in Central Asia adopt an improved water resources monitoring and management platform. Identification completed on 30 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$15.2/10.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GFCO), Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Danube Water Program Additional Financing: Objective to be determined. Identification completed on 22 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 6.4 (F7VP). Consultants will be required. International Association of Water Supply Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD) Tel: 431-59959-31002, E-mail: kling@iawd.at, Contact: Walter Kling, Secretary General.

Latin America and Caribbean

Argentina

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

AR Socio-Economic Inclusion In Rural Areas: To increase the socio-economic inclusion of rural poor (small producers, indigenous people, and rural workers) by: (a) strengthening their organizational, planning and management capacity to achieve poverty-reduction goals; (b) improving their access to community infrastructure and services and (c) piloting a new model for developing sustainable access to markets. Appraisal completed on 31 March 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P106685. US$52.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca (MAGyP formerly SAGPyA) Tel: (54-11) 4349-1300, E-mail: prosap-co munica@prosap.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Jorge Neme, Coordinador Ejecutivo, Ing Sandro Sassatelli, Coordinador Tecnico.

(R) Rural Corridors and Biodiversity: The proposed project would aim to increase the protection of vulnerable natural areas and the conservation of biological diversity in both the Argentine Patagonian Steppe and the Argentine Chaco. It would achieve this goal by (i) engaging with a wide range of stakeholders in planning and management of sustainable-use corridors within the two ecosystems, (ii) increasing the number of national protected areas managed by APN in target ecosystems within the corridors, and (iii) strengthening conservation efforts and capacities in Provincial Protected Areas. The project would be partially blended with the recently approved IBRD Sustainable Natural Resource Management Project, which has a project formulation activity to support the preparation of the envisioned work. The main project beneficiaries will be (i) the rural poor whose livelihoods depend on the natural resource base, particularly in the Argentine Steppe and Chaco; (ii) the total supply-chain involved in Argentina’s nature-based tourism; and (iii) civil society as beneficiaries of the project. In addition, the project would aim to
bolster the technical capacity and outreach of federal and provincial organizations working in natural resource issues to provide technical, policy and regulatory leadership within the field of natural resource management and fostering inter-institutional coordination and collaboration between many of the agencies involved in environmental and natural resources management. Approval completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P114294. US$ 6.3/2.3 (GEFU/MSC1). Consulting services to be determined. Administracion de Parques Nacionales Tel: (54-11) 4774-5357, E-mail: NA, Contact: Dra. Patricia Gandini, President.

AR PROSAP3 - Third Provincial Agricultural Development Project: The project development objective for PROSAP3 will be to increase productivity and sales for small and medium-scale producers supported by project activities.

To reach its objective, the project will support capacity-building and investments geared toward a more efficient use of natural resources and energy, increased adaptation to climate change, early on in the selection and approval process, which could include: (i) counterpart support proportional to the income level of beneficiaries; (ii) investment caps by type of investment and by number and type of beneficiary (direct and indirect); (iii) level of financial leverage (private or public-private) in the investment; (iv) level of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures considered in the project design. Concept completed on 1 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132416. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Production Tel: (5411-4) 349-6200.

(R) Forests and Community: The Project Development Objective is to improve forest management; and increase access to markets and basic services by small forest producers including indigenous and campesinos in selected Northern Provinces of Argentina. Approval completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132846. US$58.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. SAyDS Tel: 54-9-1533-542705, E-mail: Jorgetrevinforest@gmail.com, Contact: Jorge Trevin, SAyDS.

Education

Argentina Second Rural Education Improvement Project - PROMER-II: The proposed Project Development Objective is to support the national Government to reduce repetition rates in Primary Education and increase enrollment in, and completion rates of, Secondary Education, all in Argentina’s rural areas. Approval completed on 2 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133193. US$850.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. National Ministry of Education Tel: 49592320, E-mail: apenillas@me.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Alejandro Fernandez Penillas, Director General Unidad de Financiamiento Internacional.

long-term improvement in productivity and market access, overall contributing to an increased competitiveness and sustainability of agricultural production systems in the regional economies.

Target group. The project primary target group will comprise about 80,000 small and medium-sized producers who have clear potential to participate in a modern and competitive agribusiness system, but need to improve their productivity and profitability in order to be competitive and reduce their vulnerability.

Target areas. While the project is national in scope, the regional economies are the target area for investment subprojects, which constitute the most sizable part of the operation. Eligibility criteria for target areas would include number of small and medium-size producers, number of direct and indirect beneficiaries belonging to the target group. Selection criteria. To ensure the balanced and equitable allocation of public funding, subproject preparation will include specific selection criteria to be applied

Energy and mining

Argentina Renewable Energy for Rural Areas Project: The project’s development objective is to provide and enhance access to modern energy services in selected rural areas of Argentina. Negotiations authorized on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133288. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaría de Energía Tel: 541150719690, E-mail: vrusso@minplan.gob.ar, Contact: Victor Santiago Russo, Coordinador General del Proyecto.

Health and other social services

(R) Protecting Vulnerable People Against Non-communicable Diseases Project: To contribute to: (i) improving the readiness of public health facilities to deliver higher quality NCD-services for vulnerable populations and expanding the scope of selected services; and (ii) protecting vulnerable population groups against prevalent NCD risk factors. Negotiations authorized on 23 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133193. US$350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. International Financing Unit Tel: 5411-4379-9339, E-mail: jpriegue@ufisalud.gov.ar, Contact: Jose Priegue, Coordinador General.

AF for AR Provincial Public Health Insurance Development Project: This is to provide Additional Financing for the Provincial Public Health Insurance Development Project (P106735). Identification completed on 29 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
Argentina Youth Employment Support Project: The development objective of the proposed Project is to improve access of vulnerable youth population to labor markets, increasing their employability by supporting the expansion and strengthening of Government employment programs. Approval completed on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133129. US$425.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security Tel: (54-11) 4310-5618, E-mail: mbarroetavena@trabajo.gob.ar, Contact: Matias Barroetavena, Secretary of Employment.

Delivering Progressive Tax Policies: The Development Objective is to contribute to the strengthening of tax equity in Province of Buenos Aires by supporting the establishment of progressive tax policies and the increase of tax collection, which will contribute to generate more fiscal resources to expand and enhance social expenditure. In order to achieve these objectives, the Project will finance the implementation of activities of institutional modernization that will underpin the efficiency and effectiveness of a ARBA’s interventions. Activities financed through the Project will be aimed to strengthen the (i) strategic management, (ii) operating areas, (iii) human resources management, (iv) information technologies, (v) auditing procedures, (vi) cadaster management and (vii) services to citizens. Identification completed on 6 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$553.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economia de la Provincia de Buenos Aires Tel: (54-221) 429-4576, E-mail: agustinapereira@yahoo.com, Contact: Maria Agustina Pereira, Directora Provincial de Organismos Multilaterales.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Flood Risk Management Support Project for the City of Buenos Aires: Proposed Development Objective: The PDO is to increase the resilience of the City of Buenos Aires to flooding, particularly in the Maldonado Vega and Cildáñez watersheds. Concept completed on 29 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145686. US$138.0 (IBRD). Consultants to be determined. Ministry of Finance, City of Buenos Aires Tel: 4342-0711, E-mail: ngrindetti@buenosaires.gov.ar, Contact: Nestor Grindetti, Minister.

Belize

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas in Belize: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen natural resource management and biodiversity conservation in Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) of Belize. Approval completed on 29 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130474. US$ 6.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development Tel: 501-822-0810, E-mail: ceo@ffsd.gov.bz, Contact: Adele Catzim-Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer; Protected Areas Conservation Trust Tel: 501-822-3637, E-mail: nrosado@pactbelize.org, Contact: Natalie Rosado, Associate Director.

BZ Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation: The objective of the proposed Project is to implement priority ecosystem-based marine conservation and climate adaptation measures to strengthen the climate resilience of the Belize Barrier Reef System. Approval completed on 3 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131408. US$ 5.5 (ADPT). Consultants will be required. BZ PROTECTED AREAS -PACT Tel: 5018223637, E-mail: Dennisia@pactbelize.org, Contact: Dennisia Francisco, Executive Director; Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development Tel: 501-822-1401, E-mail: ceo@ffsd.gov.bz, Contact: Adele Catzim-Sanchez, Chief Executive Officer.

Energy and mining

Energy Resilience for Climate Adaptation: The development objective of the proposed Energy Resilience for Climate Adaptation Project is to enhance resilience of the energy system to adverse weather and climate change impacts.

16. The proposed will be designed to complement the Climate Resilient Infrastructure Project (CRIP) that is being financed in parallel by the World Bank, and help reinforce the inclusion of energy resilience as a key adaptation focus in the comprehensive National Climate Resilient Investment Plan (NCRIP). Concept completed on 24 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149522. US$ 8.0 (SCCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology, and Public Utilities Tel: 510-822-2526, E-mail: ceo@estpu.gov.bz, Contact: Colin Young, Chief Executive Officer.

Bolivia

Transportation

BO Road Sector Capacity Development: In October 2014 management decided to convert the PforR in preparation to a results-based IPF The Project aims at strengthening the institutional capacity of ABC and to support its efforts in periodic maintenance of the paved road network
under its responsibility (so-called Puesta a Punto program). Identification completed on 8 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$225.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Administradora Boliviana de Carreteras (ABC) Tel: (591-2) 235-7220, E-mail: nvillegas@abc.gob.bo, Contact: Noemi Villegas, Presidente.

Santa Cruz Road Corridor Connector Project: The projects Development Objectives (PDO) are to support the Recipient in reducing transport costs, travel time and road fatalities between San Ignacio de Velasco and San Jose de Chiquitos. Concept completed on 2 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152281. US$130.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Administradora Boliviana de Carreteras (ABC) Tel: (591-2) 235-7220, E-mail: nvillegas@abc.gob.bo, Contact: Noemi Villegas, Presidente.

Brazil

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Development of systems to prevent forest fires and monitor vegetation cover in the Brazilian Cerrado: The development objectives of the project are to (i) generate and disseminate geospatial and on-time information about deforestation, forest degradation and land use in the Cerrado, Caatinga and Pantanal biomes; and (ii) develop an early-warning system to prevent forest fires at national scale. Although the BIP focuses on the Cerrado, the proposed project will be a joint exercise in the three biomes owing to the structural similarities and common major transition areas. Concept completed on 29 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143185. US$ 9.3 (CSCF). No consultants are required. Fundacao de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa (FUNDEP) Tel: 3134094200, E-mail: fabianosiqueira@fundep.ufmg.br, Contact: Fabiano Siqueira, Gerente de Projetos.

FIP: Environmental regularization of rural lands in the Cerrado of Brazil: The Project Development Objectives are to: (i) enhance the capacity of the Ministry of Environment (Ministerio do Meio Ambiente, MMA) and nine State Environmental Agencies to receive, analyze and approve rural environmental cadastre entries and link them to the national system (Sistema de Cadastro Ambiental Rural, SICAR); and (ii) support, in selected municipalities, landholding registration in the CAR system. Negotiations authorized on 5 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143334. US$ 32.5 (CSCC). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Tel: (55-61) 2028-1413, E-mail: alan.milhomens@mma.gov.br, Contact: Allan Milhomens, Coordinator.

BR DGM for Indigenous People: (i) to strengthen the engagement of Cerrado Biome’s indigenous peoples and traditional communities in FIP, REDD+ and similar climate change oriented programs at the local, national and global level, and (ii) to contribute toward improving livelihoods, land use and sustainable forest management in their territories. Approval completed on 3 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143492. US$ 6.5 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Centro de Agricultura Alternativa do Norte de Minas Tel: 53832212150, E-mail: secretaria@caaa.org.br, Contact: Braulino Caetano dos Santos, Director General.

Paraiba Sustainable Rural Development: The proposed development objective is to reduce household vulnerability and improve smallholder access to markets in Paraiba’s rural areas. Concept completed on 24 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147158. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. SEPL (Secretaria de Planejamento e Coordenacao) Tel: 83-3246-7858, E-mail: robertoenvital@gmail.com, Contact: Roberto Vital, Gestor.

Education

Alagoas Poverty Reduction and Economic Inclusion Project (PREPI): The objective of the proposed Project is to promote social and productive inclusion of poor families in support of the State Government’s strategy through (i) expanding the coverage of the Unified Registry of Beneficiaries (Cadastro Único) among extremely poor families and promoting its use for the implementation of other social programs; (ii) expanding the coverage of early childhood development services as well as creating conditions more conducive to learning in basic education; (iii) expanding health services to high risk pregnant women in the municipalities of the second macro-region; (iv) improving the productivity and market orientation of small farmers and strengthening labor services; and (v) modernizing the management of the State, facilitating the implementation of coordinated and well-planned public policies. Negotiations authorized on 26 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126620. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Planning and Economic Development (SEPLANDE) Tel: (55-82) 3315-1511, E-mail: secretario@seplande.al.gov.br, Contact: Luis Otavio Gomes, State Secretary of Planning and Economic Development.

Piaui Service Delivery and Public Sector Management Project: This is a follow up of the P126449 Piaui Green Growth and Inclusion DPL.

The Objective is to support the Government of Piauí in the implementation of its policies and programs to achieve
green inclusive growth. In particular, it supports the government’s strategy to:

(i) promote statewide green growth by: (a) improving land tenure administration, (b) promoting sustainable production practices, and (c) ensuring environmental sustainability;

(ii) improve education and promotion of other policies for youth

(iii) strengthen the institutional framework for efficient public service delivery through the creation and implementation of a results-based management tool within the public sector. Identification completed on 26 October 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State of Piauí Secretariat of Planning Tel: (55-86) 3221-3145/4575, E-mail: secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br.

Additional Finance to Acre Social and Economic Inclusion and Sustainable Development Project: The objective of the project is to contribute to the Borrower’s efforts to promote social and economic inclusion of its rural and urban poor, including its poorest and most disadvantaged population living in isolated areas of the Borrower territory. Approval completed on 29 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretary of Planning, Government of the State of Acre Tel: (55-68) 3224-0481, E-mail: marcio.verissimo@ac.gov.br, Contact: Marcio Verissimo, Secretary of Planning.

AF PE SWAP Pernambuco Educ Results& Account. (AF-PERA): This operation is an additional financing for a state-based, multi-sector project, making use of the Sector Wide Approach (SWAP) modality to support critical programs of the state of Pernambuco in education and gender. Identification completed on 1 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Brazil-Salvador Social Project: The main objective of the proposed multi-sector operation would be the economic inclusion and the improvement in health and education services and living conditions of families living in informal areas of the Salvador City. Emerging areas for possible support under the Loan are: (i) Area 1: Education, Health and Social Assistance; (ii) Area 2: Housing and basic infrastructure; and (iii) Economic inclusion and employability. Identification completed on 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Bahia State Entrepreneurship and Economic Autonomy among Women and Afrodescendants: To design an innovative model for addressing a more comprehensive approach to gender and social inclusion that builds on recent research (particularly ESW related to policies for the implementation of legislation to address gender-based violence) that focuses on the WDR 2012 framework for gender equality by exploring issues of endowments, economic opportunities and agency. Identification completed on 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Planejamento - BA Tel: (55-71) 3115-3550, E-mail: Sergio.gabrielli@seplan.ba.gov.br, Contact: Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo, Secretario de Estado.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

BR Espirito Santo Integrated Sustainable Water Management Project: The objectives of the Project are to: (a) improve sustainable water resources management, and (b) increase access to sanitation in the Borrower’s territory. Approval completed on 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130682. US$225.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Special Projects and Metropolitan Management (SEPAM) Tel: 55-27-3636-1221, E-mail: gabinete@seg.es.gov.br, Contact: Tyago Ribeiro Hoffmann, Secretário de Estado de Governo.

(Being Dropped) AF - Alto Solimões Basic Services and Sus. Dev. Proj.: The Additional Financing for the Brazil Alto Solimões Basic Services and Sustainable Development Project in support of the Zona Franca Verde Program (PRODERAM, P083977) will address the financing gap faced by the original project (APL1) and ensure that the project development objective can be met. Identification completed on 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

BR AF Teresina Enhancing Municipal Governance and Quality of Life Proj: This project is an additional financing to the Teresina Enhancing Municipal Government and Quality of Life Project to cover cost overruns. Project objectives will continue to be to (i) modernize and improve the management capacity of the Teresina Municipal Government in the financial, urban, environmental, service-delivery and economic development fields; and (ii) improve the quality of life of the low-income population of the Lagoas do Norte Region of the city. Interventions planned under this additional financing will allow for the completion of the majority of the activities planned under
the original loan. Preliminary analysis of cost overruns point to a US$9 million loss due to exchange rate differences, a 75% inflation on the construction index since the project was appraised, and to a higher degree of sophistication and quality of interventions that was brought to the project during implementation supervision, rendering some of the original estimates on the low side. This higher sophistication was a result of the full appropriation by the municipality and the local population of the project. Identification completed on 5 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$88.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Fortaleza Sustainable Urban Development Project: The objective of the project is to support Fortaleza’s Urban and Environmental Development Program “Fortaleza Cidade Sustentavel”. The project includes three main components: (i) restoring urban environment, involving activities focused on the recovery of degraded urban areas, the provision of basic service infrastructure in poor neighborhoods, and the redevelopment of selected city center areas; (ii) strengthening municipal management capacity in areas related to urban planning and financing, DRM, and environmental management; and (iii) project management. Identification completed on 3 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$73.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Chile

CL Integrated Water Resources Management & Infrastructure Development: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Public Works for water resources management and public infrastructure development at national level and in selected river basins. Concept completed on 29 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152319. US$45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works Tel: 56-224493002, E-mail: jose.torres.v@mop.gov.cl, Contact: Jose Miguel Torres, Jefe de Asesores MOPW.

Colombia

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

AF - CO Mainstreaming Sust. Cattle Ranching Project: The Project Development Objective would remain unchanged, i.e. “to promote the adoption of environment-friendly Silvopastoral Production Systems (SPS) for cattle ranching in Colombia’s Project areas, to improve natural resource management, enhance the provision of environmental services (biodiversity, land, carbon, and water), and raise the productivity in participating farms.” Negotiations authorized on 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145732. US$ 20.7 (SPTF). Consulting services to be determined. Colombian Cattle Ranching Organization-FEDEGAN Tel: 571-5782020, E-mail: cosorio@fedegan.org.co, Contact: Carlos Osorio, Subgerente Tecnico.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Improved Fiscal Management Systems Project: The Project’s higher level objective is to enhance public sector management and the use of high-quality performance information on public programs, aiming to enable the improvement of service delivery to citizens. Specifically, the Project Development Objective would be to improve public sector processes and systems in order to generate quality performance information. Concept completed on 26 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150468. US$65.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Public Credit Tel: 5713811700, E-mail: jcaldero@minhacienda.gov.co, Contact: Ingrid Pamela Calderon, Direccion General de Politica Macroeconomica.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

National Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project Phase 2: The objective is to further strengthen Colombia’s disaster risk management framework through: (a) the application of disaster risk analysis and management in policy making at the sectoral and territorial levels, and (b) strengthening of risk reduction at subnational levels. Concept completed on 8 August 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130456. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, Cities, and Territory Tel: (571) 288-6020, E-mail: NA.

Costa Rica

CR Caribbean Coastal Sewerage and Flood Control: The Project objective is sustainable improvement of sewerage and drainage services in Limon to cover about two thirds of the city. The project will also support a sewerage connection program (for new and unconnected population with existing service, a water network rehabilitation program, the establishment of a drainage related risk management and the strengthening of the capacity to operate the drainage system. Identification completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Dominican Republic

Education

Support to the National Education Pact Project: The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve the management of the education system, particularly in the areas of teacher management, evaluation, quality assurance of ECD centers, and school management. Appraisal completed on 8 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146831. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education Tel: 8092841674, E-mail: Victor.Sanchez@miner.d.gob.do, Contact: Víctor R. Sánchez Jáquez, Vice Minister of Education.

Health and other social services

DO Flexible Employment System Project (FESP): The development objective of this project is to improve the income and employment rates of poor unemployed persons and poor idle youth by supporting the implementation of a temporary employment Program and a youth training program. Appraisal completed on 7 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131109. US$20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor Tel: 18095354404, E-mail: maritza.hernandez@mt.gob.do, Contact: Maritza Hernandez Liriano, Minister of Labor.

DO-Health Sector Reform APL3: The Project's Development Objectives are to: (i) strengthen the capacity of Regional Health Services (RHS) to deliver, in a timely fashion, quality services via an integrated public network of service providers with an emphasis on improving the health of mothers and children; and (ii) enhance the institutional capacity of public sector health organizations to conduct strategic purchasing of health care services and goods, and strengthen sector stewardship and knowledge management. Identification completed on 22 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ecuador

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

(R) Ecuador - Sustainable Family Farming Modernization Project: The project development objective is to enhance incomes of small and medium sized farm households by supporting more productive and climate-smart use for land and water. Appraisal completed on 20 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151963. US$80.0/20.0 (IBRD/GSPN). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries Tel: 59323960100, E-mail: dgarciav@magap.gob.ec, Contact: Dennis Garcia, Sub-secretary of Irrigation and Drainage.

Education

Supporting Education Reform in Targeted Districts: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve enrollment in early education (Indicial II) and reduce dropout rate in lower and upper secondary education in the targeted districts. Concept completed on 6 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152096. US$167.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Tel: 0994097242, E-mail: marcelo.torres@educacion.gob.ec, Contact: Marcelo Torres, Planning Coordinator.

Industry and trade

EC Economic Diversification & Industrial Services: The objective of this loan is to promote the diversification of the Ecuadorian economy contributing to the transformation of the productive matrix, by improving industrial competitiveness and value chains through industrial services.

The preparatory work will focus on i) analytical work for understanding the diversification needs and impacts and the role of industrial services in it, ii) the analysis of the existing service providers both national and international and iii) the design of a fund managing the loan and its governance. Identification completed on 2 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

EC Guayaquil Wastewater Management Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase access to improved sanitation services and to reduce wastewater pollution in selected areas of the City of Guayaquil. Negotiations authorized on 6 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151439. US$102.5/102.5 (IBRD/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. EMAPAG-EP Tel: 593-42681315230, E-mail: jsantos@emapag-ep.gob.ec, Contact: Jose Luis Santos, Gerente General EMAPAG-EP.

EC Support to Subnationals for Improved WSS: The PDO is to increase access to improved water and sanitation services in selected areas in Ecuador. Identification completed on 2 March 2015. Environmental Assessment
Category B. US$121.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Grenada**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (Additional Finance): The Program aims at measurably reducing vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The objective of the Project in Grenada is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in Grenada and in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The objective of the Project in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The achievement of the Program Development Objectives of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Program (RDVRP) would be measured using the following key indicators: (a) Reduced risk of OECS population to failure of public buildings and infrastructure due to natural hazards or climate change impacts; and (b) Increased capacity of OECS Governments to identify and monitor climate risk and impacts. Negotiations authorized on 27 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149259. US$ 3.8/5.0 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Guatemala**

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

GT Urban Infrastructure: The Project’s Development Objective is to increase access to basic urban infrastructure and services and to reduce risk factors of crime and violence in selected communities. Negotiations authorized on 19 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143495. US$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Revenue Administration Modernization Project: The principal project stakeholder is the Superintendencia de Administración Tributaria (SAT). SAT stands to benefit from (i) strengthening its organizational, managerial and technical capability, and (ii) upgrading and integrating its information management systems that support SAT business needs. Other important stakeholders are the Ministry of Public Finances (MPF) and the Government as a whole that expect improvements in revenue collection. And finally, the private sector, including importers and exporters, expects improved service provision to tax payers and the commerce community.

The development objective of the proposed operation is threefold: (i) to increase tax compliance while reducing its cost for taxpayers through fair and transparent application of the tax law; (ii) to improve efficiency of revenue administration; and (iii) to facilitate cross-border commerce. Concept completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P153366. US$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Superintendencia de Administracion Tributaria Tel: 502-2362-7111.

**Haiti**

**Education**

(N) Haiti Education Transformation Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 17 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

Haiti Modern Energy Services For All: The Project Development Objective is to create an enabling environment supporting the is to contribute to the scale-up of access to renewable energy-based off-grid electricity services for rural households, enterprises and institutions. Identification completed on 4 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 12.0 (CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

HT DRM and Reconstruction - PPCR Additional Financing: The PPCR funds technical assistance and investments to support countries’ efforts to integrate climate risk and resilience into core development planning and implementation. It provides incentives for scaled-up action and initiates transformational change by catalyzing a shift from “business as usual” to broad-based strategies for achieving climate resilience at the country level.

Through the development of its Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR), Haiti identified the concept for the proposed project (one of the four operations to be financed by the PPCR).
In previous years, risk management in Haiti has focused on disaster preparedness and response. Climate change increases the vulnerabilities of coastal cities and the Government of Haiti wants to increase its ability to do accurate hazard assessment and implement activities to reduce vulnerabilities at the source. The coastal area stretching from Léogâne to Saint-Marc is the most populated in Haiti and is extremely vulnerable to flooding. Several cities extend along this narrow strip of coastline bordered by the Massif de la Selle mountain range to the south and the Chaîne des Matheux mountain range to the north. Between these two mountain ranges lies the Cul-de-Sac Plain, a low-lying delta plain threatened by flooding from watersheds (in particular from the Grise river) and from storm surges. The vulnerability of this area has increased with stronger storms and shorter storm-return periods.

This selected coastal sector includes areas that stand out for their demographic and land-use challenges. The southern slope from Carrefour to Léogâne comprises evolving residential and commercial development combined with agricultural plots. Since the 2010 earthquake, unplanned settlements have spread over the hills and destabilized fragile slopes. The town of Léogâne was badly affected both by the earthquake and subsequent floods (notably in 2012). The northern hills over Plaine du Cul de sac (Coral-Cesselesse) are the site of the largest land grab in the metropolitan region, with over 20,000 families staking a claim for housing. The northern slope of the Chaîne des Matheux is less urbanized, with the exception of the towns of Cabaret and Arcahaie. The land use pattern tends toward residential and tourism. New settlements in the Cul-de-Sac Plain and on its surrounding hills contribute to urban sprawl; furthermore, they lack proper infrastructure (roads, water, and sanitation) and social services. In addition, these settlements contribute to slope erosion on the hills. When located in the plain they are in flood-prone areas, in particular next to the sea.

The proposed project aims to improve climate resilience by focusing on activities to reduce climate risk at the source and by paying attention to coastal management. The following proactive adaptation measures are proposed:

- **Risk Reduction at the Source**: The degradation of watersheds reduces their capacity to retain water in cases of heavy rainfall; this is one of the main causes of severe flooding on the coastal strip. The construction of small dams on gullies enables better control of the flood risk.

- **Coastal Management**: The vulnerability of the coastal area is aggravated by urban developments that are poorly adapted to flooding risks. An integrated management approach is proposed to encourage better-adapted land-use planning. Currently, geospatial data are only available for limited sections of the metropolitan area. The first stage of the project is to acquire basic geospatial data (land elevation model) and to revise flood maps in the targeted area. These tools will enable urban planners to revise easements, local zoning regulations, and land-use maps, and to develop evacuation plans that take into account climate change variability. Data generated under this investment project will be transferred to the Caribbean Regional Track ("Improving Geospatial Data and Management for Adaptation Planning, Sea-level Rise and Storm Surge Impact Analysis"). Identification completed on 3 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.5 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

- **HT Sustainable Rural and Small Towns Water and Sanitation Project**: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase sustainable access to water supply and sanitation in rural areas and small towns in zones affected by cholera. Concept completed on 17 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148970. US$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

- **(N) Urban Resilience Project**: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 35.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Honduras**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

- **Corredor Seco Food Security Project**: The objective of the Project is to enhance food and nutritional security of vulnerable households in Selected Areas of the Corredor Seco. Appraisal completed on 24 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148737. US$ 30.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Honduras Strategic Investment Office Tel: 504-9870-7730, E-mail: mbogran@mcahonduras.hn, Contact: Marco Bogran, Executive Director.

**Energy and mining**

- **Sustainable rural energy services**: The development objective for the proposed project is to enhance the enabling framework and business models to increase access to clean energy services in rural and peri-urban areas. This will be achieved through the promotion of public and private investments in renewable energy for off-grid electrification and efficient cooking solutions. Concept
completed on 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131602. US$ 10.0 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Finanzas - Unidad de Cambio Climatico Tel: 504-9450-1509, E-mail: lmatute@sefin.gob.hn, Contact: Leonardo Matute, Coordinador SREP.

**Health and other social services**

**HN Social Protection and Labor:** This project will support the implementation and reform of the national conditional cash transfer program, as well as the broad social protection strategy in the country. It will also support the capacity to design and evaluate employment programs. Identification completed on 28 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) HN AF Social Protection:** The proposed revised PDO is to: (a) improve the institutional capacity of Recipient’s institutions to manage the CCT Program, by strengthening transparent mechanisms and instruments for targeting CCT Program beneficiaries, monitoring compliance with the CCT Program co-responsibilities, and making payments to the CCT Program beneficiaries; (b) provide income support to eligible beneficiaries; (c) increase the use of preventive health services and school attendance in grades 1 to 9 among CCT Program beneficiaries in rural areas; and (d) improve the Recipient’s capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible emergency Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152266. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Jamaica**

**Finance**

**JM Access to Finance:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 1 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Improving Climate Data and Information Management:** The project development objective is to improve the quality of climate related information for effective planning and action at local and national levels. Appraisal completed on 14 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129633. US$ 6.8 (CSCF). No consultants are required. Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) Tel: (876) 935-5059, E-mail: Barbara_Scott@pioj.gov.jm, Contact: Hopeton Peterson, Manager.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Jamaica Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project:** The proposed Development Objective is to enhance the country’s resilience to natural hazards, including its response capacity to adverse natural events. This would be achieved through investments in resilient infrastructure, improved hazard data collection and monitoring systems to better inform future investment decisions, and institutional strengthening for disaster risk management. Concept completed on 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146965. US$42.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Jamaica Social Investment Fund Tel: (876) 929-1620, E-mail: scarlette.gillings@sif.org, Contact: Scarlette Gillings, Managing Director.

**Mexico**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Dedicated Grant Mechanism for IP and LC:** The DGM will provide direct financing to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Mexico through a small grants facility that will address deforestation and forest degradation and support the objectives of the Forest Investment Program. Activities to be financed will include support for indigenous and local community participation in policy and development planning processes at the district, state and national levels. The DGM will be governed by a National Steering Committee composed of indigenous peoples and local community representatives. Identification completed on 25 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Education**

**Mexico School Based Management Project:** The objective of the Project is to improve schools’ managerial capacity and parental participation to reduce dropout, repetition and failure rates among PEC Schools and PETC Schools. Approval completed on 24 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147185. US$350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Educacion Publica (SEP) Tel: (52-5) 3601-1000, E-mail: NA, Contact: Pedro Velasco Sodi, General Director for DGDGIE.
Mexico Reducing Inequality of Educational Opportunity Project: The objectives of the Project are: (a) to improve parental competencies in early childhood development in targeted rural communities; and (b) increase the transition rate from the primary to the secondary education level in CONAFE-administered schools in targeted municipalities. Approval completed on 24 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149858. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. CONAFE Tel: (52-5) 5241-7443, E-mail: anavarretez@conafe.gob.mx, Contact: ..

Energy and mining

(R) MEXICO Sustainable Energy Technologies Development for Climate Change: The objectives of the Project are to improve the institutional capacity of ACE technology institutions (both public and private) in the territory of the recipient and to foster the commercialization of ACE technologies by providing financial incentives to the private sector, which together are expected to lead to GHG emissions reduction in the future. Approval completed on 6 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145618. US$ 16.9 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. SENER Tel: (52-5) 5000-6047, E-mail: crortiz@energia.gob.mx, Contact: Carlos Ortiz, Director General of Information and Energy Studies.

Mexico Municipal Energy Efficiency Project: The objective of the proposed Project is to support the GoM to develop an urban energy efficiency program by (i) strengthening the capacity of the municipalities and the Ministry of Energy (SENER) to design and implement energy efficiency measures (including: carrying out EE use diagnostics, improving the normative framework, designing and implementing M&E frameworks, etc.) and (ii) implementing energy efficiency measures in municipalities.

The Project would consist of 3 main components:

(1) Urban energy use diagnostics: Using energy diagnostic tools such as TRACE, municipalities would assess energy use in the following sectors: public lighting, water and sanitation, municipal buildings, transport, solid waste management, and power and heating. The diagnostics would highlight priority areas and those interventions with the greatest energy efficiency savings potential. SENER has already started these with funding from an active Bank operation (Efficient lighting and appliances project – P106424).

(2) Policy development and institutional strengthening: The Project would support capacity building activities in topics such as: energy consumption diagnostics; energy efficiency audits; project evaluations; monitoring, reporting and verification schemes; ESCOs development, and regulatory and policy strengthening; amongst others.

(3) Provision of energy efficiency services: Upon request, the component would seek to finance and implement cost-saving interventions in some of the six sectors analyzed, focusing on: public lighting, efficient pumping for water and sanitation systems, and municipal buildings. This component would be operated by FIDE and include the preparation of feasibility studies. Identification completed on 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

MX: Expanding Finance for Productive Purposes: The project will support the development of financial services in rural areas. Credit for productive purposes is underdeveloped in Mexico as identified by the 2013 Financial Sector Assessment and numerous national surveys, and the Government has made it a priority to improve access to credit for that purpose. Financiera Nacional de Desarrollo (FND), an agency of the Mexican finance ministry, has requested support from the World Bank. Their vision is to use better access to credit as a tool to raise productivity in the rural sector. The project will consider both a credit line and a technical assistance component. Technical assistance is being considered for FND to enable the sound expansion of their activities and possibly also to strengthen the capacity of financial intermediaries participating in the project. Identification completed on 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

MX - National Integrated Solid Waste Management: The project will contribute to the following higher-level objectives: (i) improvement of public health and quality of life through reducing exposure to pollutants and disease vectors from solid waste; (ii) improvement of institutional capacity at the three levels of government through establishing cutting-edge technical, administrative and financial models for integrated solid waste management (SWM); (iii) enhancement of the SWM legal and regulatory framework in order to promote policy reforms; (iv) support the development of recycling and waste reduction programs nationwide; (v) improve local governance through enhancing cooperation among sub-national governments; and (vi) address social inclusion through supporting social integration of informal waste pickers with training and formalization of waste separation programs. Identification completed on 11 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$100.0 (IBRD).
Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) MX Water Supply Service Improvement Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 9 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0/175.0 (IBRD/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nicaragua

Energy and mining

(N) NI Geothermal Resource Risk Mitigation Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 25 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

(R) Nicaragua Strengthening the Public Health Care System: The Project Development Objectives (PDO) are to: (a) strengthen quality and access to health services offered at the Ministry of Health (MOH) public health care network; (b) contribute to adapting the public health system to the country’s changing epidemiological profile; and (c) secure financial support in case of Public Health Alert or Public Health Emergency. Appraisal completed on 9 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152136. US$ 60.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: 505-2289-4700, E-mail: castros@minsa.gob.ni, Contact: Sonia Castro, Minister of Health.

Information and communications

(N) Caribbean Regional Communications Program (CARCIP)-Nicaragua: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Additional Financing for the NI PFM Modernization Project: The objective is to enhance the efficiency, performance orientation, and transparency of the Recipient's public expenditures management. Approval completed on 8 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150743. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Please check with Task Team. Ministerio de Hacienda y Credito Publico, Contact: Sr. Uriel Perez, Director General of Public Credit.

Panama

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Sustainable Production Systems and Conservation of Biodiversity: The proposed global environmental objective is to conserve globally significant biodiversity through improved management effectiveness of the project protected areas and biodiversity mainstreaming in the buffer zones. Approval completed on 9 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145621. US$ 9.6/8.5 (GEFU/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. Please check with the task team. Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente Tel: (507) 232-9600, E-mail: zpinzon@anam.gob.pa, Contact: Zuleiika Pinzon, Directora de Areas Protegidas y Vida Silvestre.

Health and other social services

(R) Strengthening Social Protection and Inclusion System: 15. The Project Development Objective is to support the Government in increasing the efficiency of the social protection system and in promoting the inclusion of the poor and vulnerable population. The proposed Project would support the increase in the efficiency of the social protection system by strengthening the functioning of individual social assistance programs including the improved targeting and coverage of programs and their harmonization in operational processes. The harmonized system of social programs is the necessary basis for facilitating the participation of the poor and vulnerable in other programs that address their employability and productive capacities. Concept completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P155097. US$80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

PA Improving Sanitary Conditions for Panama City’s Urban Poor: The Project Development Objective is to improve the sanitary conditions in low-income neighborhoods located in the District of San Miguelito. To reach this objective, the Project will support the expansion of sewerage systems, the enhancement of storm water drainage systems, road access improvements, and the development of sustainable and equitable wastewater management practices.

The proposed project calls for the construction of sewerage networks, pump stations, household sanitation connections, storm water drainage systems and road access...
improvements. In addition, the proposed Project would support institutional strengthening and capacity building activities to promote the sustainable management and operation of the sewerage collection systems.

The USD50 million Bank-financed Project would support a USD120 million-dollar program to improve sanitary conditions in San Miguelito and Panama Norte. The program is part of the overall Panama City and Bay Sanitation Program and is a flagship project under the President’s Basic Sanitation Plan “Plan de Sanidad Basica, 100/cero). Identification completed on 5 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) PA Metro Water and Sanitation Improvement Project II: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 10 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$144.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Peru

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Sustainable Forest Management in Atalaya, Ucayali: The High Level Objective of Peru’s Forest Investment Plan (PIP), which is expected to generate a transformative impact within the next 10-15 years, is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions produced by deforestation and forest degradation, and enhance carbon reserves in sustainable forest landscapes, thereby helping to reach the national target of “Declining net emissions to equivalent to zero in the category of Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry by 2021”. To achieve this objective the PIP is expected to generate two types of co-benefits: (i) reduce poverty of indigenous communities and other local populations, under a gender equality approach, by increasing income from management of sustainable forest landscapes and productive agroforestry mosaics; and (ii) reduce the loss of biodiversity and maintenance of forest ecosystem services.

The Project Development Objective is to improve the capacity of forest communities and government agencies to manage forest resources sustainably, strengthen forest tenure rights and enhance forest governance leading to reduction of GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in the Atalaya Province. Concept completed on 26 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148932. US$ 12.6 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Tel: 516116000, E-mail: gquiandria@minam.gob.pe, Contact: Gabriel Quijandria, Viceministrer.

Industry and trade

Regional Development Project: This task aims to: (i) improve solid waste management, disaster risk management, and transportation infrastructure; (ii) protect and enhance key historic sites; and (iii) create new capacity and instruments for tourism development planning. Possible project performance indicators are: (i) entry into operation of a new solid waste management system, with a sustainable operation and maintenance framework in place; (ii) completion of road infrastructure to preserve historic centers; and (iii) adoption of a new planning framework for tourism development in the region, enhancing the Regional Government’s capacity to collect and analyze relevant information and move towards evidence-based policymaking and planning in the tourism sector. Identification completed on 22 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Dedicated Grant Mechanism in Peru: The Project Development Objective for the Global Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (Global DGM) is to, “strengthen the role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in the FIP and other REDD+ programs at local, national and global levels by supporting capacity building and demand-driven initiatives of IPLCs.”

The Project Development Objective for the Peru DGM is to increase land tenure security and improve local capacity and governance to manage forest related resources in eight key areas in the Amazon region. Concept completed on 6 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148499. US$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Confederacion de Nacionalidades Amazonicas del Peru.

Transportation

Subnational Transport Support Program: The development objective is to facilitate access of rural populations within the Program area to public services, logistics corridors and employment opportunities through the improvement of rural road infrastructure and strengthening of the decentralized road management. Concept completed on 10 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125215. US$50.0/50.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consultants will be required. PROVIAS Descentralizado Tel: /Fax: (51-1) 614-5300, E-mail: jrodriguez@proviasdels.gob.pe, Contact: Jose Rodriguez, Executive Director.
(R) Peru Lima Metro Line 2 Project: The PDO is to improve the accessibility to jobs and services in the area of influence of Metro Line 2 and the Gambetta branch of Line 4 and enhance the integration of the mass transit system of the Lima-Callao Metropolitan Region. Negotiations authorized on 10 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145610. US$300.0/150.0/300.0/2801.0 (IBRD/ANDC/IADB/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. AATE Tel: 51-1-2242444, E-mail: jzarate@aate.gob.pe, Contact: José Zárate Garay, Executive Director; OSITRAN Tel: 51-1-4405115, E-mail: pbenavente@ositran.gob.pe, Contact: Patricia Benavente Donayre, Executive President.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

PE AF-Second Optimization of Lima Water & Sewerage: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. SEDAPAL Tel: (51-1) 317-3095, E-mail: ysanchez@sedapal.com.pe, Contact: Marco Vargas Medina, General Manager (a.i.).

PE Integrated Water Resources Management for Peru: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 25 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. ANA -National Water Authority Tel: (511) 713-0019, E-mail: calva@ana.gob.pe, Contact: Cromwell Alva, Executive Director.

**St. Lucia**

**Transportation**

(N) SLU Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (Additional Finance): Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.6/10.0 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (Additional Finance): The Program aims at measurably reducing vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The objective of the Project in Grenada is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in Grenada and in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The objective of the Project in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. The achievement of the Program Development Objectives of the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Program (RDVRP) would be measured using the following key indicators: (a) Reduced risk of OECS population to failure of public buildings and infrastructure due to natural hazards or climate change impacts; and (b) Increased capacity of OECS Governments to identify and monitor climate risk and impacts. Approval completed on 9 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146768. US$ 35.6/5.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning Tel: (784) 457-1746, E-mail: cenplan@svgcpd.com, Contact: , Public Sector Investment Program Management Unit.

**Regional**

**Finance**

Central America & Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve affordability of high quality sovereign catastrophe risk transfer associated with earthquakes and climate-related events for CCRIF SPC Participating Countries. Appraisal completed on 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149670. US$ 14.6 (FSSP). Consulting services to be determined. Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility Tel: 7582856397, E-mail: ccrif.ceo@gmail.com, Contact: Isaac Anthony, Chief Executive Officer.

(R) OECS Fin Sec Strengthening: The project development objective is to strengthen the financial sector by facilitating the resolution of Non-Performing Loans, strengthening the banking sector and establishing a financial sector safety net. Concept completed on 3 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151940. US$ 26.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

OECS Social Resilience and Human Development Project: The project will aim at improving resilience and enhancing human capital in the OECS countries through enhanced implementation capacity in the health sector (NCDs), better quality of education and skills for jobs, and
greater effectiveness of the social protection systems. Identification completed on 11 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$10.0/12.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

OECS Competitiveness Project: The program’s objective is to lay the foundation to improve the competitiveness of the tourism sector in the OECS region. This will be achieved through (a) increasing tourism spending at selected pilot program locations in each of the participating countries; (b) establishing a strategic approach to tourism development; (c) facilitating the movement of people among participating islands, using existing ferry systems; and (d) supporting better quality of services in the tourism sector. Concept completed on 24 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152117. US$15.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Trade, Energy & Cooperatives Tel: 473-440-6843, E-mail: timothy.antoine@gov.gd, Contact: Mr. Timothy Antoine, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Social Security Tel: 758-468-5501, E-mail: reginald.darius@govt.lc, Contact: Reginald Darius, Permanent Secretary.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Andes Adaptation to the Impact of Climate Change in Water Resources: The project has been designed to tackle the challenge of adaptation to climate change on selected sectors from a technology transfer, knowledge exchange and regional collaboration angle. Based on previous experience in the region, the project will select those technologies and approaches that have been proved valid elsewhere and try to adapt and replicate them in the other countries, according to the special needs and gaps of each one of them.

Specifically, the proposed objective of this project is to generate tools and knowledge to enable governments to promote resilient management of their water resources through the inclusion of climate change impacts into policy, planning and on the ground investments on selected sectors, and to promote south-south learning, collaboration and technology transfer. Concept completed on 19 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145345. US$ 9.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria General de la Comunidad Andina Tel: (51-1) 710-6400, E-mail: tursula@comunidadandina.org, Contact: Tomas Ursula, Coordinator.

Middle East and North Africa

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Health and other social services

DJ Social Safety Net Project Additional Financing: The project development objectives are to: (a) support the provision of short-term employment opportunities in community-based labor-intensive works for the poor and vulnerable; and (b) support the improvement of nutrition practices among participating households focusing on pre-school children and pregnant/lactating women. Approval completed on 28 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149621. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Agence Djiboutienne de Développement Social (ADD) Tel: (253-21) 358-655, E-mail: mahdi.mohamed.djama@gmail.com, Contact: Mahdi Mohamed Djama, Directeur Général.

DJ HRITF Health AF: The HRITF additional financing will support the ongoing Health Improvement Project, which is an RBF operation. Identification completed on 9 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and communications

(R) Djibouti - ICT Sector Reform: The PDO is to provide support to the Government in opening up the ICT sector to competition and setting up the institutional and regulatory foundations of a sustainable open and competitive market in Djibouti. Negotiations authorized on 20 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146219. US$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Communication, in charge of Posts and Telecommunications Tel: 253356501, E-mail: mccpt@intnet.dj, Contact: Ali Hassan Bahdon, Ministre.

Egypt, Arab Republic of

Energy and mining

Egypt Energy Systems Improvement Project: The objective of the project is to help increase power system efficiency in Egypt. The project proposes to Convert an existing 600 MW simple cycle power plant into a CCGT plant by adding 300 MW generation capacity. It will also install smart meters for 700,000 customers in the industrial, commercial and residential segments. Identification completed on 30 July 2014. Environmental Assessment
Category B. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

(R) **Strengthening Social Safety Net Project:** The project development objective (PDO) is to support the Borrower to establish an efficient and effective Takaful and Karama Cash Transfer Program.

“Efficient” is defined and measured by good targeting of the poor.

“Effective” is defined and measured by coverage of the poor and having basic administrative building blocks of the Program. **Approval completed on 10 April 2015.** Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145699. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Social Solidarity Tel: 37607498, E-mail: Ghada.waly@mss.gov.eg, Contact: Ms. Ghada Waly, Minister.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) **Equal Access and Simplified Environment for Investment (EASE) in Egypt:** To improve the regulatory environment for investors through simplified licensing and transparent industrial land allocation processes. **Appraisal completed on 1 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P153487. US$ 5.0 (MNIS). Consultants will be required.** General Authority for Investment Tel: 202-240-55414, E-mail: asalman@investment.gov.eg, Contact: Mona Zobaa, Undersecretary; Industrial Development Authority Tel: 202-261-34990, E-mail: Gaber_2008@windowslive.com, Contact: Ms. Hala A. Alshawarby, Director of Projects and Head of Projects Council.

**Transportation**

(R) **EG-Urban Transport Infrastructure Development:** 21. The Development Objective of the project is improved speed and lower emissions of public bus traffic on selected corridors. The main project beneficiaries would be the users of urban bus transport services, about 70% of which are estimated to be in the lower 40% income group.

22. The PDO would be achieved through the following main project inputs: (i) civil works to build segregated lanes for buses along some corridors and make further improvements to the newly created pilot bus corridor in Nasr City, with the objective to improve the average speed of buses along those corridors, and demonstrate the impact of segregated bus lanes on service quality; (ii) procurement and deployment of clean technology investments, mainly new buses and modern bus workshop facilities and (iii) technical support to Cairo Governorate towards improving the efficiency of public transport services and improving traffic control. Funding from the project loan could also be used to support CTA reform actions which may be decided and adopted by Cairo Governorate during project execution. Concept completed on 23 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149704. US$200.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Cairo Governorate Tel: 02-2390-7754, E-mail: abdrabu1000@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Galal Mostafa Said, Governor.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

Cairo Municipal Solid Waste Management Project: The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support Municipal Solid Waste Management in the targeted areas in Cairo Governorate. Concept completed on 5 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P152961. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consultants services will be required to prepare the project economic feasibility study, preliminary design, preparation of bidding documents for a Design-Build-Operate scheme for the new sanitary waste management facilities; and the preparation of the environmental and social impact assessment. Cairo Governorate Tel: 02-2390-7754, E-mail: abdrabu1000@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Galal Mostafa Said, Governor.

**Iraq**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

Irrigation and Drainage Improvement Project: The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to “increase access to irrigation and drainage services in targeted areas”. This increase will be accomplished by rehabilitating and improving the irrigation and drainage schemes. Concept completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P149803. US$140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water Resources Tel: 964-1772-0240, E-mail: legalcontracts@mowr.gov.iq, Contact: Jamal Mohsin Ali, DG of Legal and Contracts.

**Energy and mining**

Electricity Distribution Reform and Investment Project (EDRIP): Iraq continues to suffer significant short-falls in electricity supply, amidst unchecked growth in demand. Inadequate supply of electricity is estimated to represent an annual economic cost of around $43B (66% of GDP in 2009), and has continued to dampen Iraq’s ability to affect poverty alleviation even whilst GDP...
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continues to grow. Whilst significant investments are being made in additional power generation and transmission to increase supply, there must also be concomitant investments in the electricity distribution system to ensure that additional power supply reaches consumers efficiently. Presently, up to 40% of electricity generated is lost in the distribution system - either as system losses (around 13-17%) or through theft or un-metered supply (around 23%). A tariff that is set well below cost recovery (at around 1c/kWhr), poor metering and lack of efficient billing and collection means that there is little effective price control on demand, which continues to grow at around 8% per year. Electricity distribution and retail sectors are managed with limited management systems and limited access to system performance data, making efficient distribution of electricity virtually impossible. The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Electricity have stated an intention to privatize the electricity distribution sector in order to increase efficiency and quality of electricity supply. However, very significant efforts and investments will need to be made to improve the performance of the distribution system across a range of key performance indicators (predominantly related to reducing system losses and increasing system efficiency), before privatization can be considered. This project provides financing to support reform and investment in Iraq’s electricity distribution sector. The principal objective of the Project is to improve the performance of the electricity distribution system, reduce system losses and enable more effective management of the sector. A series of reforms and investments will be designed in accordance with technical assistance that is currently ongoing to develop a roadmap for reform and investment in Iraq’s electricity distribution sector. Identification completed on 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$750.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Electricity Tel: (964-790) 192-1982, E-mail: nafaeabdelsada@yahoo.com, Contact: Nafae Abdelsada, Director, Distribution.

Health and other social services

(N) Expanding the Engagement of Youth Inclusion and Peace Building: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$5.0 (MNCC). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

PFM Institutional Development and Capacity Building: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

IQ - Railway Safety Improvement Project: To improve the safety, capacity and reliability for passengers and freight on the railway line between Um Qasr seaport and Baghdad. Concept completed on 4 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150441. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Iraqi Republic Railways Company Tel: 009647901743236, E-mail: salamjsalom@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Salam J. Salom, Head of Iraqi Republic Railway (IRR).

Iraq Cross Border Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 8 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

IQ-Aviation Development Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$450.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

(R) Baghdad Water and Sewerage Improvement Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) of BWSIP is to improve the quality of water and sewerage services in Baghdad. The Project will support improvements in high-priority and high-impact areas. Concept completed on 14 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150409. US$210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Jordan

Finance

(R) JO-MSME Development for Inclusive Growth: The objective of the Project is to contribute to the improvement of access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Approval completed on 10 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P153987. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Central Bank of Jordan Tel: 962-6-463-0301, E-mail: maher.hasan@cbj.gov, Contact: Dr. Maher Sheikh Hasan, Deputy Governor.

Transportation

R15 Corridor Upgrade Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 September 2014.
Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase 1:** Identification completed on 6 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$100.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

**Social Promotion And Protection Project:** The development objective of SPPP is to increase access to social development services at the community level, improve the coverage and targeting of the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP), and build the capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) at the central and the Social Development Center (SDC) levels. Approval completed on 17 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124761. US$30.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Social Affairs Tel: 961-1-611242, Email: bashiros7@yahoo.fr, Contact: Bashir Osmat, Advisor to the Minister.

**Emergency Primary Healthcare Restoration Project:** The objective of the project is to restore access to essential healthcare services for poor Lebanese affected by the influx of Syrian refugees. Approval completed on 6 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152646. US$15.0 (LSCT). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: 961-1-615-728, Email: mphealth@cyberia.net.lb, Contact: Dr. Walid Ammar, Director General, Ministry of Health.

**Lebanon**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Sustainable Agric. Livelihoods in Marginal Areas (SALMA):** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to expand access of small farmers to supplementary irrigation and increase protection of agricultural lands from soil erosion in targeted remote hilly areas. Concept completed on 5 December 2012. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131431. US$24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Tel: (961-1) 821-900, Email: mkhansa@agriculture.gov.lb, Contact: Mohammad Khansa, Advisor to H.E. the Minister of Agriculture.

**Energy and mining**

**LB: PCB Management in the Power Sector Project:** The objective of the Project is to dispose of high risk PCBs and improve the inventory management of transformers in the power sector in an environmentally sound manner. Approval completed on 21 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122540. US$2.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Tel: (961-1) 981-854, Email: manal.moussalem@undp-lebprojects.org, Contact: Manal Moussalem, Advisor to the Minister; Central Bank Tel: (961) 1743-469, Email: wael.hamdan@bdl.gov.lb, Contact: Wael Hamdan, Senior Director. Head of Financing Unit.

**Partial Risk Guarantee: Floating Storage & Regasification Unit Project:** The proposed operation consists of providing a credit enhancement mechanism to address the low credit worthiness of the power sector, to support the development of a floating regasification and storage unit (FRSU) to enable the import of LNG into Lebanon. The proposed instrument will be a Partial Risks Guarantee (PRG) back-stopping liquidity payments under a Terminal Use Agreement (TUA) entered between GoL and the FSRU project developer/owner/operator. Identification completed on 8 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$60.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and trade**

**LB-Environmental Pollution Abatement Project:** The development objectives of the project are to assist the Borrower in: (a) reducing industrial pollution in targeted Industrial Enterprises; and (b) strengthening the monitoring and enforcement capabilities of the MOE. Approval completed on 1 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P143594. US$15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Tel: (961-1) 981-854, Email: manal.moussalem@undp-lebprojects.org, Contact: Manal Moussalem, Advisor to the Minister; Central Bank Tel: (961) 1743-469, Email: wael.hamdan@bdl.gov.lb, Contact: Wael Hamdan, Senior Director. Head of Financing Unit.

**Information and communications**

**LB: Mobile Internet Ecosystem Project (MIEP):** The project development objective is to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship in the Lebanese Mobile Internet Ecosystem. Approval completed on 31 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131202. US$6.4 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Telecommunications Tel: (961-71) 611-611, Email: rami.majzoub@gmail.com, Contact: Rami Majzoub, Advisor to the Minister.
Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Lebanon Fiscal Management Reform 2: The development objective of FMR 2 is to build fiscal policy analysis capacity, strengthen debt management, improve the budgetary allocation of public resources, enhance the efficiency of the government financial management systems, and tighten the control environment for more effective use of public resources. Approval completed on 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133226. US$5.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance Tel: (961-1) 642-722, E-mail: alainb@finance.gov.lb, Contact: Alain Bifani, Director General.

Transportation

(R) Greater Beirut Urban Transport: The Project Development Objective is to improve transport connectivity and mobility on Beirut’s northern entrance between Tabaréa and Beirut.

14. This objective will be achieved through (i) the construction of a new BRT system between Tabaréa and Beirut, (ii) the establishment of feeder bus services to the trunk BRT line and within Beirut, and (iii) establishing appropriate institutional arrangements for the management, operation and maintenance of the new mass transit system. Concept completed on 13 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146691. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Development and Reconstruction Tel: 961-1-980-0096, E-mail: ninisr@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Mr. Nabil El-Jisr, President; Ministry of Transport Tel: 961-1-371644, E-mail: ministry@transportation.gov.lb, Contact: Mr. Abdel Hafiz Kaysi, Director General.

Beirut Bypass Corridor: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 8 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Morocco

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

(R) MA-Large Scale Irrigation Modernization Project: The project development objectives (PDO) are: (i) for targeted ORMVAs, to provide an improved water service to farmers, and (ii) for targeted farmers in the project area, to have better access to improved irrigation technologies. Appraisal completed on 26 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150930. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

(R) Clean and Efficient Energy Project: To improve the capacity of ONEE to supply and dispatch clean electricity and to meet the demand of targeted customers more efficiently in the project area. Negotiations authorized on 13 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143689. US$125.0/24.0 (IBRD/CCTF). No consultants are required. Office National de l’Electricité et de l’Eau potable (ONEE) Tel: 212-52-220-5698, E-mail: fait@onee.ma, Contact: Mr. Ali Fassi Fihri, Director General.

Finance

Seed and Early Stage Equity Financing in Morocco: Through the establishment of a financing facility that can attract the appropriate risk capital from the private sector to invest in start-ups and high growth SMEs, this project will support the Government of Morocco address a market failure in financing for new and growth oriented SMEs who contribute substantially to job creation. Identification completed on 21 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Investing in Opportunities for Youth in Morocco: The objective of the lending operation is to support the implementation of priority measures of the Morocco Integrated National Youth Strategy, covering 5 key areas: (i) increasing youth access to economic opportunities and employability; (ii) increasing youth access to quality services, including lagging regions and disadvantaged communities; (iii) promoting active youth participation in decision-making at local and national levels; (iv) promoting the respect of Human Rights and (v) strengthening institutional capacity for implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

The lending operation will support cross-sectoral measures for young people aged 15 to 29, including disadvantaged and inactive youth, ranging from skills acquisition and job intermediation, to entrepreneurship, integrated youth services at community level with youth participation in management and service delivery, and youth volunteering initiatives.

The project will be implemented by various entities such as the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs and the Ministry of Small Enterprises and Informal Sector through Public, Private and NGO partnerships. Identification completed on 17 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$150.0
(IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Morocco Integrated Urban Water Management:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to ensure water security for urban communities in targeted, water-scarce areas in the Project provinces and to introduce an integrated management approach based on an economic optimum. *Concept completed on 10 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151128. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Office National de l’Electricité et de l’Eau Potable (ONEE) Tel: 212537759600, E-mail: sbadri@onee.ma, Contact: Samira Badri, Direction Financière.

**Tunisia**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project:** Following discussions between the SM and the CMU, it was decided to create the P code / AIS for this project, while dropping the Tunisia - Wastewater reuse project (P125176, PCN on October 5, 2011). This reflects the change in priority of the Government of Tunisia concerning water use in agriculture. Identification completed on 23 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**Tunisia - Italy Transmission Corridor:** This operation is towards the realization of a transmission interconnection corridor between Tunisia and Italy. The benefits of this corridor is to improve security of supply and stability of networks on both sides of the Mediterranean. The project will also contribute to sustainable development. Identification completed on 18 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Information and communications**

**Accelerating High-Speed Internet Access in Tunisia:** The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to contribute to expanding and developing Tunisia’s broadband services by accelerating ultra-fast broadband (UFB) deployment in appropriate geographical locations with the involvement of the private sector and by furthering competition in the sector. Identification completed on 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

**TN-Road Transport Corridors:** 9. The proposed Development Objectives is to enhance access to lagging regions to more developed areas through improved and safer road transport corridors. Concept completed on 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146502. US$200.0/0.9 (IBRD/MSC1). Consulting services to be determined. Ministere de l’Equipement Tel: 21671252514, E-mail: dgpc@melhat.gov.tn, Contact: Slah Zouari, Directeur General des Ponts et Chaussées.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(N) Tunisia - Northern Tunis Wastewater Project Additional Finance:** Project Development Objectives of the Project are to: (a) provide an environmentally safe disposal system for the treated wastewater which will not be reused in agriculture in the North of Tunis; and (b) increase the quantity and quality of treated wastewater made available to farmers to encourage its reuse in agriculture in the Borj Touil area. Identification completed on 23 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**West Bank and Gaza**

**Education**

**Additional Financing for Teacher Education Improvement Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 8 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 3.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and mining**

**(R) GZ: Electricity Sector Performance Improvement Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Palestine Energy and Natural Resources Authority.

**Solar Energy Supply for Gaza Sewage Treatment Plant (NGEST):** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 26 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
**Gaza Emergency Response for Electricity Network Rehabilitation (AF):** The Project objective is to restore and improve basic electricity services in Gaza. Approval completed on 30 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152411. US$ 15.0 (SPF). Consultants will be required. Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority (PENRA) Tel: 97097222986192, E-mail: chairman@menr.org.ps, Contact: Fred Fakari'i, Secretary of Finance.

**Industry and trade**

**West Bank and Gaza: Finance for Jobs:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 16 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**GZ-Integrated Housing and Urban Development Project:** Unlocking the economic growth potential of Palestinian cities requires an integrated urban development approach. Despite the existing activities, private sector-led investments, including in the housing sector, have remained limited to date. Additional support would be required to build critical local government capacity to lead, manage and demonstrate the feasibility of new housing and urban development. Following a request from the Palestinian Authority (PA) Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Public Works and Housing, the proposed project would aim addressing the multi-sectoral issues of housing and urban development and integrated approach, building on the Bank’s ongoing strong engagement in the sector. The proposed objective would be to support the PA and selected local authorities in designing, financing and implementing integrated housing and urban development pilot projects in partnership with the private sector. The proposed pilot initiative would focus on few selected municipalities which have reached higher levels of capacity, i.e., those ranking high in the Municipal Development Program performance category; and support targeted multi-sector interventions to leverage private sector financing for housing development. Identification completed on 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**GZ Emergency Response Second Municipal Development Project AF:** The revised PDO will be “to improve the Recipient’s municipal management practices for better municipal transparency and service delivery, and to restore priority municipal services following the conflict in Gaza” . Approval completed on 30 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152523. US$ 12.0/3.0 (PWUD/SPF). Consultants will be required. Municipal Development and Lending Fund Tel: 022971878, E-mail: abednofal@mdlf.org.ps, Contact: Mr. Abdel Mughni Nofal, MDLF Director General.

**(N) GZ-Second Municipal Development Project AF:** To improve the Recipient’s municipal management practices for better transparency and service delivery, and to restore priority municipal services following the conflict in Gaza. Identification completed on 12 March 2015. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.9/5.0 (PWUD/SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Hebron Regional Wastewater Management Project - Phase 1:** The objective is to reduce the environmental pollution from wastewater produced in the Hebron Municipality. Negotiations authorized on 6 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P17449. US$ 4.8/18.7/13.9/4.5 (AID/ECEU/GFRC/SPF). Consultants will be required. Hebron Municipality Tel: 970-2-222-7992, E-mail: zatarid@hebron-city.ps, Contact: Prof. Dr. Daoud I. Zatari, Mayor; Palestinian Water Authority Tel: 970-2-2987665, E-mail: mghunaim@pwa.ps, Contact: Eng. Mazen Ghunaim, Minister, Head of PWA.

**North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment Project - Third Additional Financing:** The objective is to complete construction of the North Gaza wastewater treatment plant, complete the first phase of the effluent recovery and reuse scheme, and ensure the sustainability of the wastewater services by financing capacity building and operation and maintenance costs on a declining basis over three years. Approval completed on 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 2.6/5.0/3.0 (BELG/PWUD/SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Palestine Water Authority Tel: (970-8) 283-3609, E-mail: sali@pwa-gpmu.org, Contact: Chandanie Wijayawardene, Director General.

**Yemen, Republic of**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Climate Resilience of Rural Communities Project**
(CRRC): The proposed development objective is to increase the resilience of the rural population to the impact of climate change through improved natural resource management. Concept completed on 6 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144764. US$ 18.6 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Tel: 967-1-449669.

RY-Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities (CRCC): 12. The project objective is to improve the capacity of targeted coastal communities to plan for and respond to the potential impact of climate change and variability. Concept completed on 9 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144813. US$ 20.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Tel: (967-1) 207-817, E-mail: khalshaibani@yahoo.com.

(R) Yemen Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project (SAPEP): The project development objective is to increase the use of productivity and nutrition-enhancing crop and livestock practices by smallholders in targeted project areas. Appraisal completed on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148747. US$ 36.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MAI) Tel: 9671235873, E-mail: GAFSP@yemen.net.ye, Contact: Mr. Hamood Al-Rubaidi, Acting Project Director.

Finance

RY-Financial Inclusion for Yemen: The objective of the proposed operation is expand access to finance for micro and small enterprises in Yemen, aiming to create jobs. The main target group is women and youth, with a particular focus on rural areas. The project is expected to be centered around a line of credit channeled through the Social Fund for Development to financial intermediaries who on-lend to beneficiaries. Identification completed on 2 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Local Development and Service Delivery Support Program (LDS DSP): The proposed DLSDSP will support the Yemeni Government establish the legal and institutional framework for decentralization, and impart resources and capacities to strengthen regional and local governments.

The project development objective is to strengthen targeted regional and local governments in Yemen become more accountable and responsive, and improve their capacity to deliver services. Identification completed on 18 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

South Asia

Afghanistan

Education

Higher Education Development Project: The Government of Afghanistan (GoA) has a national development strategy in which higher education is a key policy priority for future development. The Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) has a higher education development strategy which is being updated for the period 2014-2020. A higher education program for the implementation of this strategy will be developed by the MHE during the course of 2013/2014. The proposed Project will assist the MHE to implement the national higher education strategy. The key policy initiatives which the project will support include:

Project: P148747. US$ 36.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MAI) Tel: 9671235873, E-mail: GAFSP@yemen.net.ye, Contact: Mr. Hamood Al-Rubaidi, Acting Project Director.

Energy and mining

DABS Planning And Capacity Support: The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to improve sustainably the capabilities of DABS to plan investments in, and maintenance of, the electricity distribution system. Concept completed on 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131228. US$ 7.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. DABS.

Naghu Hydropower Rehabilitation Project: 10. The Project Development Objective is to increase rapidly the supply of domestically-generated electricity to the Afghan power system in a safe and environmentally and socially sustainable way. Concept completed on 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132944. US$ 85.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat Tel: (93-7) 0029-4722, E-mail: shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af, Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nessar, Chief Operations Officer; Ministry of Energy and Water Tel: (93-7) 5200-4998, E-mail:
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gfaruq11@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Ghulam Faruq Qazizada, Deputy Minister.

Afghanistan Power System Development Project Additional Financing: The objective of this operation is to provide sufficient additional financing to cover the additional cost of completing three contracts under the Afghanistan Power Sector Development Project (P111943) as well as the cost of retaining the Project Management Firm to allow it to supervise the project to completion. The estimated amount of Additional Financing required is $13.5 million and will be financed by the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). To complete these works and for the project objectives to be met, the Closing Date would be extended by 1 year (i.e. until January 31, 2016.) Identification completed on 10 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

SEHAT Additional Financing: The proposed AF to the SEHAT project (P129663) will finance the delivery of the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS) in the 13 provinces currently supported by USAID. As outlined in its 2/2/14 letter, USAID intends to provide an estimated total program contribution to ARTF in the amount of US$ 227.6 million for the 5 year SEHAT program. In addition to supporting BPHS and EPHS (SEHAT component 1), the USAID contribution will support the provision of technical assistance to strengthen the stewardship capacity of MOPH and program management activities, (SEHAT components 2 and 3, respectively). Identification completed on 12 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 248.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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Municipal Development Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Public Financial Management Reform: Additional financing for the PFMRRII project Identification completed on 23 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 129.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Technical Assistance for the Afghanistan Land Authority - Arazı: The proposed project will consist of four components focused on institutional strengthening and capacity building of ARAZI through the development of an administrative system of land registration, policy and land access. The aim is to build the capacity of the Afghanistan Independent Land Authority (ARAZI) to pursue a pro-poor land policy and deliver transparent land administration and management services.

The project aims to support:

a.the establishment of an affordable and accessible land registration system.

b.raising public awareness, knowledge and understanding about laws and regulations governing the land sector.

c.developing processes and service standards for ARAZI’s core functions.

d.improving the implementation capacity of ARAZI to deliver its services.

e.the effective and efficient use of state land for equitable socio-economic development Identification completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 18.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Baghlan (Dushi) Bamyan: To improve and sustain the network connectivity of 3 cross Hindukush provinces, namely Baghlan, Bamiyan and Parwan Identification completed on 5 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Additional finance for Afghanistan Rural Access Project: The project development objective is to enable rural communities to benefit from all-season road access to basic services and facilities. Identification completed on 11 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 120.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

URBAN POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: The project will support the Ministry of Urban Development to strengthen its analytic and advocacy skills to be the premier strategic thinker on urban issues on Afghanistan. It will support the Ministry develop an urban observatory, housing policy, advocacy notes on property taxation and reports on the state of urban areas on Afghanistan (Urbanization trends and future prospects; places and economic clusters that deserve priority; and recommended
interventions). Identification completed on 26 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

National Agricultural Technology Project - Additional Financing: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has proposed to provide a grant to improve agricultural productivity and farm incomes in the country through research into appropriate technology, increased adoption of low risk-high reward technologies in marginalized areas, and fostering farmers’ links to markets.

The project will build on the lessons learned and good practices developed in the World Bank financed Bangladesh National Agricultural Technology Project and the Bangladesh Integrated Agricultural Productivity Project. Approval completed on 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133251. US$ 23.7 (FSCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Tel: 880-2-9540100, E-mail: dmazmulislam@gmail.com, Contact: S.M. Nazmul Islam, Secretary in charge.

(R) Bangladesh NATP-2: National Agricultural Technology Program - Phase II Project: To increase the agricultural productivity of smallholder farms and improve smallholder farmers’ access to markets in selected districts. Negotiations authorized on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149553. US$ 176.1/74/23.9 (IDA Credit/AID/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MOFL) Tel: (880-2) 716 1258, E-mail: fishlivsec@pace-moe.gov.bd; Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Tel: 880-2-9540100, E-mail: mazmulislam@gmail.com, Contact: S.M. Nazmul Islam, Secretary in charge.

(R) Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project: The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve livelihoods of the poor and extreme poor in the project areas. Approval completed on 18 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149605. US$ 197.0/3.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Social Development Foundation Tel: +880-2-8100505, E-mail: md sdhfd.org, Contact: Mr. A.Z.M. Sakhawat Hossain, Managing Director.

Additional Financing: Skills and Training Enhancement Project: The Additional Financing will support the original four components of the Skills and Training Enhancement Project to further contribute towards scaling up ongoing institutional grants to additional public and private institutions to meet the ongoing demand and to fill in the funding gap in the stipend activities. Following are the components under the Additional Financing: Component 1: Improve the Quality and Relevance of Training. This component will be implemented through two (2) windows. Window I will support selected additional private institutions offering diploma level programs. These institutions will be chosen on the basis of well-defined eligibility and selection criteria. Window II will support selected additional institutions providing short-term vocational and technical training. These institutions will be chosen based on similar eligibility and selection criteria employed under Window I. Component 2 - Pilots in Technical and Vocational Education and Training. Developing pilot activities aimed at strengthening the overall technical and vocational educational training system: Supporting Industry Skills Councils (ISC) and the National Skills Development Council (NSDC) by providing a grant financing and operational cost support to finance establishment of specific offices to about two to four ISCs and NSDC who will guide the overall regulatory and legislative framework for Vocational Education and Training and skills development. Component 3 - Institutional Capacity Development Strengthening the capacity of the Recipient in managing the TVET sector as a whole by way of institutional capacity development of the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB) under the Ministry of Education (MoE), and the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) under the Ministry of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment (MOEWOE). (ning (RPL) program. Component 4 - Project Management, Communications, Monitoring and Evaluation Support for project management, monitoring and evaluation of Project progress and outcomes. Approval completed on 26 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.7 (FSSA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education Tel: (88-02) 911-0664, E-mail: techedu09@gmail.com, Contact: Directorate of Technical Education, Director General.

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BD Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project - AF: The Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) was approved in March 2009 and the main objective of the project is to improve the quality and relevance of the teaching and research environment in higher education institution through encouraging both innovation and accountability within universities and by enhancing the technical and institutional capacity of the higher education sector. Additional Financing has been proposed to fill the funding gap to effectively complete the
agreed project activities; expansion of project interventions in order to scale up project impact and development effectiveness is warranted based on the likelihood of achieving project objective and strong project performance. The following components/activities have been proposed with additional financing of US$60.0 million: (i) Component 1: Promoting Academic Innovation; (ii) Component 2: Building Institutional Capacity of Tertiary Education Sector; (iii) Component 3: Raising the Connectivity Capacity in the Higher Education Sector (BdREN & Digital Library); (iv) Component 4: Establishment of Quality Assurance Mechanism; and (v) Component 5: Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation. Component 1: Promoting Academic Innovation Sub-Component 1.1 - Financing to cover the shortage of funds for the 1st and 2nd rounds AIF. The additional financing will provide funds for the first and second rounds AIF sub-projects which are under implementation. The shortage was created when the Project needed to temporarily reallocate the funds to the BdREN activities under Component 3 during the re-structuring. Sub-Component1.2 - Third round of AIF The AIF will allocate its resources through three competitive windows: (i) improvement of teaching and learning; (ii) enhancement of research capabilities; and (iii) university-wide innovations which include campus network. In order to place additional emphasis on innovation for teaching and learning (Window 1) and research (Window 2), selection criteria will be modified. Established proposal evaluation process will be followed with minor modifications based on the lessons learned from the first and second rounds AIF which will be reflected in a revised AIF Operations Manual. Component 2: Building Institutional Capacity of Tertiary Education Sector This component aims to further strengthen the capacity of UGC, MOE and Higher Education Institutions for the future development of the sector. To this end, the project will support the policy formation based on the studied carried out under the original project. Component 3: Raising the Connectivity Capacity of the Higher Education Sector Sub-component 3.1: Strengthening BdREN connectivity: Basic connectivity through overhead dark fibre would be established by December 2013. To use the full potential of the connectivity campus network would be established for the remaining 20 public universities. In addition, VC facilities using the BdREN connectivity could be established in the Ministry of Education, ERD, and Planning Commission. Provisions would be made available for add-on software including cloud-computing and equipment for performance enhancement. Sub-component 3.2: Awareness building and knowledge exchange: Awareness raising and knowledge exchanges on best practice for the ownership, governance and exploitation of an NREN for the stakeholders of BdREN. The exchange programs could include: (a) Policy level knowledge exchange among the "South" and "North" countries; (b) academic and technical level knowledge exchange with the neighboring countries in Asia Pacific mainly on grid computing, medical imaging etc. Sub-component 3.3: Capacity building (technical and financial management): Additional staffing and technical training of IT personnel at network and campus level - Local training programs for university IT staff on campus networking in association with international providers to create a national capacity to provide such training. A system of scholarships/fellowship or international placements would be provided for specialist training of IT personnel in campus networking with the aim of building a training team for the country. Sub-component 3.4: Application development to maximize the utilization of BdREN: Additional support would be necessary for ensuring (a) enhancement of digital library access, (b) partnership with regional and continental RENs, and (c) utilization "pump-priming" activities in (1) education, (2) research collaboration, and (c) campus safety. Component 4: Establishment of Quality Assurance Mechanism To build on the momentum generated under the first two rounds of AIF and the recent efforts made in developing a national quality assurance mechanism, the Project would support the following activities with the proposed additional financing: (i) establishment of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Bangladesh (QAAC); and (ii) establishment of Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQAC). Sub-component 4.1: Establishment Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Bangladesh The objective of this sub-component is to provide funds for the establishment of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Bangladesh and the development of Regulations, Qualification Framework, and Quality Assurance Manual. Additional funds will be also provided for awareness campaigns and necessary capacity building activities. Sub-component 4.2: Establishment of Institutional Quality Assurance Cells The Fund will finance the establishment and operation of (i) Institutional Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs); (ii) establishment of institutional data collection and analysis mechanism for systematic collecting, processing and dissemination of reliable data concerning higher education quality assurance as well as graduates' performance in the labor market, (iii) preparation of self-assessment, process facilitation and necessary training, external peer reviewers' visits, and preparation and implementation of Institutional Improvement Plan. Details of the implementation mechanism for this Fund will be laid out in the Operations Manual. Component 5: Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation The objective of this component is to ensure proper implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation of scaled up activities under the project. It would comprise two sub-components, aiming to reach this objective namely: (i) project management; and (ii) monitoring and evaluation. Approval completed on 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145749. US$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Tel: (88-02) 818-1631, E-mail: chairmanuc@yahoo.com, Contact: University Grants Commission, Chairman.
Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project - AF: The Project Development Objective in the proposed AF operation will remain unchanged and will continue to be "to improve the quality of secondary education, systematically monitor learning outcomes, and to increase access and equity in project upazilas". The four project components will be the same as in the original project. The proposed AF would: (i) support the implementation of the expanded project activities (across more schools and students within SEQAEP upazilas) to deepen the impact of a well-performing project; (ii) allow adequate time for MOE to evaluate and institutionalize SEQAEP interventions. The proposed AF operation will remain unchanged and will continue to be "to improve the quality of education, systematically monitor learning outcomes, and to increase access and equity in project upazilas". The four project components will be the same as in the original project. The proposed AF would: (i) support the implementation of the expanded project activities (across more schools and students within SEQAEP upazilas) to deepen the impact of a well-performing project; (ii) ensure adequate time for MOE to evaluate and institutionalize SEQAEP interventions. The AE would also extend the closing Date of the current SEQAEP project from June 30, 2014 to December 31, 2016 in order to carry out the proposed activities. Approval completed on 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 265.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.

AF Bangladesh - Primary Education Development Program III: Additional Financing (AF) in the amount of US$400 million to scale up the Bangladesh Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP3: P150669). In addition, Level 2 Restructuring comprising: (i) modification of the project scope of work; (ii) revision of the results framework to measure the outcomes associated with the revised scope of work; and (iii) extension of the project closing date from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2017. The Project Development Objective in the proposed AF operation will remain unchanged and will continue to be: "(i) increase participation and reduce social disparities in primary education, (ii) increase the number of children completing primary and improve the quality of the learning environment and measurement of student learning, and (iii) improve effectiveness of resource use for primary education." The proposed Additional Financing would help to finance the cost of the scale-up activities and subsequent restructuring of the project to respond effectively to changes in the Bangladesh primary education sector due to ongoing nationalization of the previous "Registered Non-Government Primary Schools" (RNGPS), scale-up and expansion of interventions of the original PEDP3 project in order to implement a further set of reforms by 2017; and join government’s efforts towards achieving universal primary education specifically by improving scaled up efforts targeting the remaining, hardest-to-reach population groups to overcome the barriers to education for those still out of school, while also tackling emerging concerns related to the quality of learning (such as low teacher-student contact hours of instruction in schools). The original project is well performing, and the recent Mid-Term Review (MTR) rates the progress towards development objectives and implementation satisfactory. Approval completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150669. US$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Primary Education, Contact: ..

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Bangladesh Ghorashal Unit 4 Repowering Project: The proposed development objective of the Project is to increase generation supply and efficiency; Concept completed on 22 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128012. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Power Development Board Tel: 880-2-9556832, E-mail: chairman@bpdb.gov.bd.; Contact: Md. Abduhu Ruhullah, Chairman.

RERED II Additional Financing: The proposed additional financing is to further scale up the solar home systems and other renewable energy-based options for increasing access to electricity in rural areas of Bangladesh. Approval completed on 19 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150001. US$ 48.4/30.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/GPBA). Consultants will be required. Power Cell Tel: (880-2) 955-6040, E-mail: dq@powercell.gov.bd, Contact: Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General; Infrastructure Development Company Limited Tel: (880-2) 910-2171, E-mail: mmalik@ideol.org, Contact: Mr. Mahmood Malik, Executive Director and CEO.

(N) Siddhirganj Power Project Additional Financing: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 165.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Support Project: The project development objective is to improve financial market infrastructure, regulatory and oversight capacity of Bangladesh Bank and access to long term financing for private firms in Bangladesh. Negotiations authorized on 14 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P150938. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Bank Tel: (880-2) 712-6101, E-mail: ahsan.ullah@bb.org.bd; mezbaul.haque@bb.org.bd.
(N) Modernizing Financial Sector Institutions Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined. **Health and other social services**

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project-- AF II: The primary rationale for the proposed Additional Financing is for IDA to continue its support to the Government of Bangladesh for improving and strengthening critical disaster prevention infrastructure in the coastal areas of Bangladesh. At the time of Cyclone Sidr, damages were estimated at US$1.2 billion, with significant needs in the further strengthening of coastal embankments as well as the rehabilitation and construction of improved multi-purpose cyclone shelters. The additional financing would be primarily used to: (a) meet the financing gap of about of about US$4.2 million that exist since the inception of the project and also a gap created due to exchange rate between SDRs to USD (about USD 6.2 Million are lost at this stage); and (b) to scale up the construction and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure in particular the disaster shelters in the coastal areas. In addition, part of the proposed credit would be used to carry out necessary repairs/improvement to about ten polders. Approval completed on 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146500. US$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Disaster and Relief Tel: (880-18) 1911-7754, E-mail: cms@dmb.gov.bd, Contact: Syed Ashraful Islam, Communication Media Specialist.

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Pro-Poor Slums Integration Project: The proposed Project Development Objective to pilot a community based approach to improve living conditions in informal settlements in selected municipalities in Bangladesh. This will be achieved by enhancing security of tenure, improving infrastructure, and facilitating access to credit. Concept completed on 22 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130710. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Housing Authority Tel: (880-02) 951-1029, E-mail: jsm@mohpw.gov.bd, Contact: Kamal Uddin Talukder, Project Director.

(R) Bangladesh Urban Resilience Project: The project development objective is to strengthen the capacity of Government of Bangladesh agencies to respond to emergency events and to strengthen systems to reduce the vulnerability of future building construction to disasters in Dhaka and Sylhet. Approval completed on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149493. US$ 173.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Coordinating Monitoring Unit, Programming Division, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning Tel: 88-02-9531352, E-mail: DG@pcmu.gov.bd, Contact: Dr. Md. Jahirul Islam, Director General.

Transportation

Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Project: The project development objective of the proposed project is to improve the urban passenger transport system in Dhaka, especially in terms of quality of service, affordability, safety, and environmental impact.

The proposed project will develop the southern section of the BRT Line 3, which connects the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line 6 (supported by JICA) and the northern section of BRT Line 3 (supported by ADB), respectively, at the downtown Dhaka and at the airport. All there transit lines are key elements of a mass public transport network being developed in Dhaka.

The project will mainly include two components: (1) construction of the BRT line, including all necessary infrastructure and facilities; (2) institutional development and capacity building for relevant government agencies, BRT operators and other key stakeholders. The project will also include the implementation of social and environmental management programs, if required to ensure achievement of the project development objectives.

The estimated total cost of the project is $250 million, which the GoB expects to be financed by the World Bank through a credit. The estimated budget for Bank’s task team in FY14 is USD100, 000. Identification completed on 6 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined. **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

BD River Management Improvement Program - Phase I: The objective of this program is to reduce the adverse impacts of flooding and erosion along the Brahmaputra right embankment, enhance its sustainable management and improve accessibility along the BRE corridor.

The project specific PDO is to improve flood and erosion management capacity, and increase protection against river flooding and erosion along selected sections of the Brahmaputra River. Concept completed on 23 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P149734. US$ 600.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Water Development Board
India

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Neeranchal National Watershed Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support IWMP through technical assistance to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected sites, and adoption of more effective processes and technologies into the broader IWMP in participating states. Approval completed on 17 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132739. US$ 178.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Land Resources Tel: 91-11-23062454, E-mail: sandeep.dave@nic.in, Contact: Dr. Sandeep Dave, Joint Secretary and Project Director.

India Ecosystems Service Improvement Project: To strengthen the institutional capacity of the Department of Forestry and community organizations to enhance forest ecosystem services and improve the livelihoods of forest dependent communities in Central Indian Highlands. Appraisal completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133803. US$ 24.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Tel: 011-24695242, E-mail: asmefsusheel@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Susheel Kumar, Additional Secretary and Project Director.

Telangana Rural Inclusive Growth Project: The PDO would be to enable selected poor households to enhance agricultural incomes and secure increased access to human development services and social entitlements.

The “selected poor households” will include households that are geographically & socially excluded and have low income levels. The incomes for these households will be enhanced by ensuring increased incomes from agriculture and allied sectors through increased productivity and enhanced market access. The “human development services” include services related to health, nutrition and sanitation. The “social entitlements” mainly include social safety nets like the wages from National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, pensions and insurance benefits that are provided by the government. Approval completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143608. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) Tel: 91-40-23298469, E-mail: muraliaku@gmail.com, Contact: A. Murali, Mr..

UP SODIC LANDS RECLAMATION III PROJECT - ADDITIONAL FINANCING: The main objective of the additional financing is to sustainably reclaim additional ravine lands within the umbrella on the on-going Sodic Lands Reclamation III project. The Department of Economic Affairs, Government of India (GOI) has endorsed the proposal of the Government of Uttar Pradesh (GOB) for this additional financing. The proposed Additional Financing (AF) will enable the sustainable reclamation of ravine lands leading to an increase in agricultural productivity, a majority of whom are likely to be small and marginal farmers. Identification completed on 19 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Development Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to “increase the productivity, profitability and market access of selected horticulture commodities in Himachal Pradesh”.

The primary target beneficiaries of the project will be small and marginal horticulture producers in selected production clusters across the state. Concept completed on 31 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151744. US$ 135.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh Tel: 91-177-2623835, E-mail: jagdish91@gmail.com, Contact: Jagdish Sharma, MD-HPMC.

India: Andhra Pradesh Rural Inclusive Growth Project: The PDO would be to enable selected poor households to enhance agricultural incomes and secure increased access to human development services and social entitlements.

The “selected poor households” will include households that are geographically & socially excluded and have low income levels. The incomes for these households will be enhanced by ensuring increased incomes from agriculture and allied sectors through increased productivity and enhanced market access. The “human development services” include services related to health, nutrition and sanitation. The “social entitlements” mainly include social safety nets like the wages from National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, pensions and insurance benefits that are provided by the government. Approval completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152210. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty Tel: (91-04) 2329-8469, E-mail: brajsekhar@gmail.com, Contact: B. Rajsekhar, CEO.
**Education**

MP Higher Education Quality Improvement Project: The proposed Project Development Objective is to improve quality of and equity in education outcomes for students in higher education, and to increase the effectiveness of the higher education system in Madhya Pradesh. Concept completed on 20 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150394. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Higher Education Madhya Pradesh Tel: 91 755 2441056, E-mail: pshighedu@mp.gov.in, Contact: K. K. Singh, Principal Secretary.

**Energy and mining**

North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project: The proposed project development objectives would be:

To improve the availability and reliability of electricity supply through expansion and reinforcement of power systems in the participating states in the North Eastern Region.

Concept completed on 13 August 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127974. US$470.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL) Tel: (91-364) 259-0289, E-mail: cdsaio@rediffmail.com, Contact: C D Saio, Director (Distribution); Electricity Department, Manipur Tel: (91-385) 245-0050, E-mail: n.dwijen@gmail.com, Contact: N Dwijen Singh, Superintending Engineer; Assam State Electricity Board Tel: (91-361) 273-9520, E-mail: pmu_uaseb@rediffmail.com, Contact: Bikash Paul Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) Tel: (91-381) 231-8001, E-mail: cmd.tsecl@rediffmail.com, Contact: K. Chakrabarti, Director (Technical); Power and Electricity Department, Mizoram Tel: (91-386) 231-1025, E-mail: el_pachuau@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: L. Pachuau, Chief Engineer (Distribution).

Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency: The project development objective is to assist India in achieving energy savings with mobilization of commercial finance and participation of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs). Approval completed on 29 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P132620. US$ 25.0 (CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Small Industries Development Bank of India Tel: (91-522) 228-8546, E-mail: akkapur@sidbi.in, nverma@worldbank.org, Contact: Mr AK Kapur, Chief General Manager; EESL Energy Efficiency Services Limited Tel: 011-26179699, E-mail: skumar@eesl.co.in, Contact: Mr Saurabh Kumar, Managing Director.

Prepare: Program to Establish Pilots for Access through Renewable Energy: To demonstrate renewable energy based decentralized models of improving energy access in target states of UP & Bihar. Concept completed on 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144678. US$ 14.0/14.0 (GEFU/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Tel: 011-24360359, E-mail: Tarun.kapoor@nic.in, Contact: Tarun Kapoor, Joint Secretary; UPNEDA Tel: 9415609002, E-mail: dirupneda@gmail.com, Contact: Anamika Singh, Director; BRENDA Tel: 0612-2507734, E-mail: breda@breda.in, Contact: Dayanidhi Pradhan, Director.

Solar Parks Project: A solar park is a concentrated zone of development for solar power generation projects. It provides a turnkey facility to developers, for a fee, in terms of fenced land, clearances and permits, and on-site transmission facilities. The solar park approach therefore is expected to avoid the delays and cost increases resulting from developers needing to find land, pursuing permits and clearances and paying to connect to the grid, all of which must be recovered in their tariff. After the western hub of solar parks (in Gujarat and Rajasthan), the next frontrunner is the proposed Southern hub (Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Karnataka have been mentioned) where solar resources are high and power shortages are severe. The project aims to address the implementation barriers and cost reduction of renewable energy in India. Identification completed on 5 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$0.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Andhra Pradesh Disaster Recovery Project: To restore and improve rural connectivity, public services, and livelihood opportunities in targeted communities of Andhra Pradesh, and increase the capacity of the State entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Identification completed on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) 24x7 - Power for all in Andhra Pradesh: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Uttarakhand Health Systems Development Project: The PDO is to improve access to quality health services, particularly in the hilly districts of the state, and to expand health financial risk protection for the residents of Uttarakhand. Negotiations authorized on 16 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148531. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Medical Health and Family Welfare, Government of Uttarakhand Tel: 91-8979002222, E-mail: neeraj.kharwal@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Neeraj Kharwal, Mission Director- NHM, DoMHFW.

Nagaland Health Project: To improve health services and increase their utilization by communities in targeted locations in Nagaland. Negotiations authorized on 22 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149340. US$ 48.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland Tel: 91-370-2270565, E-mail: nmhp.wb@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Imchen Sentiyanger, Commissioner, Nagaland.

Enhancing Socioeconomic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls: Objective of the project is to improve education, employment and empowerment of targeted adolescent girls and young women (age 11-24 years) in Jharkhand, and to test models for promoting their socio-economic empowerment. Components include: (i) Enhancing socioeconomic empowerment of AG and young women through development of a State Strategy and Action Plan for AG and creation of AG safe centers, clubs and associations; (ii) Supporting innovations in last mile service delivery for Adolescent Girls and Young Women by designing and implementing pilot models aimed at their socioeconomic empowerment; and (iii) Institutional strengthening and implementation support, including evaluating pilot models and implementing an MIS to track program performance and status of AG and young women in Jharkhand, linked with other functions of the Department. Identification completed on 7 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 62.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

Madhya Pradesh Rural Enterprise and Economic Empowerment Project: The overall development objectives of the project are to "Increase the productivity, profitability and market excess of the rural poor producers by consolidating the gains and capitalize on the current achievements.

Project Outcomes:

- Diversified and enhanced source of income of targeted households in selected project locations;
- Upgraded and enriched skills and capabilities for securing jobs;
- Improved localized employment opportunities in selected project locations; Identification completed on 2 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 108.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and communications

IN Hydrology III Project: The proposed PDO is to "to strengthen water resources planning and management in selected institutions across India through improved monitoring and enhanced accessibility and use of water resources data and information" Concept completed on 1 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152698. US$ 370.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Tel: 23710305, E-mail: secy-mowr@nic.in, Contact: Mr. Anuj Kumar Bishnoi, Secretary.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Uttar Pradesh Pro-poor Tourism Development Project: The project development objective is to improve living standards and increase income opportunities for the poor population living in/and close to the primary tourism attractions of the Buddhist Circuit and the Braj-Agra Corridor.

The project will also assist the Government of Uttar Pradesh to restructure its tourism sector in a pro-poor manner by (i) providing public services to poor communities living in some of the state’s heritage rich, but lagging areas, (ii) enhancing the management of the state’s natural and cultural assets as endogenous sources of inclusive development, and (iii) enabling private sector investments and associated job creation(e.g. for youth and women). The project is expected to inform policymakers in other states while responding to the Indian Ministry of Tourism’s request for a demonstration project on pro-poor
tourism policies and investments. Concept completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146936. US$210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Tourism Tel: 91-9453444888, E-mail: amritabhijat@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Amrit Abhijat, Secretary.

IN: CITIZEN ACCESS TO RESPONSIVE SERVICES – “SERV SEWA” PROJECT: The development objective of the project is to improve access to PSGA services by citizens of Madhya Pradesh, and in particular by historically excluded groups. Negotiations authorized on 15 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149182. US$35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Tourism Tel: 91-0361-2260629, E-mail: raibora@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ra´iv Bora, Principal Secretary, Government of Assam; Government of Mizoram Tel: 91-0361-2260629, E-mail: raivbora@ymail.com, Contact: C.K. Khaitan, Joint Secretary (Urban Transport).

Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project: The project development objective is to increase road capacity, enhance quality of maintenance, improve safety and support institutional development of Tamil Nadu’s core road network (CRN). Negotiations authorized on 31 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143751. US$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu Tel: (91-44) 2495-4360, E-mail: trsps1@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Anil Me shram, Project Director, Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project.

(R) National Waterways Development Project: The PDO for the project is to enhance the transport capacity and reliability of National waterway 1 and augment institutional capacity for the development and management of India’s inland waterway transport system. Concept completed on 8 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148775. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor-3: The objectives of the project are to provide additional rail transport capacity, improved service quality and higher freight throughput on sections of the Eastern Rail Corridor and develop further institutional capacity of DFCCIL to build and maintain the DFC infrastructure network. Identification completed on 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$650.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. DFCCIL Tel: 23370602, E-mail: ajaykumar@dfcc.co.in, Contact: R.K. Gupta, Managing Director.

Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project: To restore and improve connectivity, public services, critical urban infrastructure and livelihood opportunities in targeted communities of Jammu and Kashmir, and increase the capacity of the state entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Identification completed on 11 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

IN: BIHAR KOSI BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT: The project development objective is to unlock the economic potential in selected areas of Bihar through an
integrated approach that includes the rehabilitation of flood mitigation and irrigation infrastructure, as well as improved access to markets and agriculture services. Concept completed on 9 February 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127725. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Bihar Tel: (91-612) 221-7016, E-mail: amarjeetsinha@hotmail.com, Contact: Dr. Amarjeet Sinha

(R) IN Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization Project: The Project Development Objective is to provide city-wide access to a continuous piped water supply in the project cities of Belagavi, Kalaburagi and Hubballi-Dharwad in the state of Karnataka, and to strengthen service delivery arrangements at the city level. Appraisal completed on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130544. US$199.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation (KUIDFC) Tel: 918022232023, E-mail: darpanjain@kuidfc.com, Contact: Mr. Darpan Jain, Managing Director.

National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project-II: The Project Development Objective is to reduce vulnerability to cyclone and other hydro-meteorological hazards of coastal communities in project States, and increase the capacity of the State entities to effectively plan for and respond to disasters. Negotiations authorized on 22 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P144726. US$ 320.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Maharashtra: Department of Relief and Rehabilitation Tel: 022-22025274, E-mail: Sec.rnr@maharashtra.gov.in, Contact: Mr. K H Govindraj, Secretary; West Bengal: Department of Disaster Management Tel: 033-22143674, E-mail: secrelief@wb.gov.in, Contact: Mr. S Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary; Gujarat: Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority Tel: 079-2325902, E-mail: cee@gsdma.org, Contact: Ms. Anju Sharma, Chief Executive Officer; Kerala: Department of Revenue and Disaster Management Tel: 0471-2518549, E-mail: prlsecy.rev@kerala.gov.in, Contact: Mr. E.K. Majhi, Principal Secretary; Karnataka: Department of Revenue and Disaster Management Tel: 080-22251958, E-mail: Secy.dm@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ritesh Kumar Singh, Secretary; Goa: Water Resources Department Tel: 0832-2410439, E-mail: rk-srivastava@nic.in, Contact: Mr. R K Srivastava, Principal Secretary.

India: National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project (I) Additional Financing: The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities to cyclone and other hydro meteorological hazards. Approval completed on 8 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148870. US$ 104.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) Tel: (91-0674) 239-5398, E-mail: mdosdma@osdma.org, Contact: Rajiv Bhawan

(R) Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Program: To improve urban services delivery in participating ULBs in a financially sustainable manner and to pilot improved urban management practices in selected cities. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150395. US$490.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. TNUDF Tel: 914428153114, E-mail: cmd@tnuifs.com, Contact: Mrs. Anita Praveen, Chairperson and Managing Director.

(R) IN Punjab Rural Water and Sanitation Sector Improvement Project: To improve water and sanitation service levels, reduce open defecation, and strengthen service delivery arrangements in targeted villages in Punjab. Approval completed on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150520. US$248.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation Tel: 91722741524, E-mail: sureshkumar@punjabmail.gov.in, Contact: Suresh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Uttar Pradesh Urban Solid Waste Management Project: The objective of the project is to improve the management of municipal solid waste in 177 core cities in Uttar Pradesh through innovative technologies and institutional approaches that will comply with the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Handling Rules 2000 (MSWM 2000 Rules) and build capacity for ULBs in achieving sustainable MSWM systems. The project would involve a partnership among the state, ULBs, and private sector. As described above, the private sector outreach arrangements will be flexible, depending on the size and capacity of the core ULB, opportunities to cluster multiple ULBs for economies-of-scale around the core ULB, and its proximity to markets that would purchase MSW recycling and processing by-products. Identification completed on 5 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$280.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 6 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$116.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Maldives

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

Climate Change Adaptation Project: The PDO is to demonstrate climate adaptive planning and management through the adoption of a multi-sectoral approach in Addu and Gnaviyani Atolls.
The project will be implemented in the Addu and Gaaviyani atolls of the Maldives. Key project beneficiaries are the local communities, Island Councils, Atoll Councils, and private resorts. The Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE) including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture (MoFA) including the Marine Research Centre (MRC), Local Government Authority (LGA) and Ministry of Tourism (MoT) will benefit from enhanced capacity to deliver climate change adaptation interventions.

The PDO-level results indicators included the following:

a) Establishment of a Protected Wetland Area management system for Hithadhoo and Fuvahmulah to provide ecosystem-linked benefits to the community.

b) Strengthened coral reef monitoring framework for improved management and decision making.

c) Improved capacity of Atoll/Island Councils of Hithadhoo and Fuvahmulah on atoll/island level SWM.

d) Increased awareness on mainstreaming climate change adaptation in island development planning in Atoll/Island Councils.

The project has been designed along five main components that together are expected to contribute to delivering climate resilient island development in the project areas. The project design builds on the lessons and experiences from the projects implemented under the first phase of the CCTF. The components are (i) wetlands conservation (ii) coral reef monitoring (iii) development of an island level integrated SWM system (iv) mainstreaming climate change into island development planning and (v) project management Identification completed on 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (MACC). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Maldives Environmental Management Project Additional Financing: The main aim of the Project is to provide the Republic of Maldives with the capacity to effectively manage environmental risks and threats to fragile coral reefs as well as marine habitats resulting from tourism development, increased solid waste disposal, fisheries and global climate change. Accordingly, this Project has two development objectives. The first Project Development Objective is that a solid waste management system is established and that inhabitants on targeted islands use solid waste management facilities, reducing the risks of contamination associated with accumulated wastes and sea dumping. The second Project Development Objective is to build human and technical capacity for environmental management so that the environmental dimension is integrated in the planning process using information and expertise developed in the Project. Negotiations authorized on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P153958. US$ 3.3 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Environment and Energy Tel: 9603004323, E-mail: memp@environment.gov.mv, Contact: Project Manager, PMU.

Nepal

Education

Higher Education Reforms Project: To support reforms in selected institutions for improving quality, relevance, and efficiency of higher education; and to assist under-privileged students for equitable access. Approval completed on 19 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147010. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. University Grants Commission Tel: 977 1 6638434, E-mail: ugc@ugenepal.edu.np, Contact: UGC, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur, Member Secretary.

School Sector Reform Program Additional Financing: The School Sector Reform Program (SSRP) (2009/10-2015/16) program is the flagship school education sector program of the Government of Nepal (GoN), financed jointly by GoN and fourteen Development Partners (DPs), including the World Bank, through a sector wise approach (SWA). The three main components of the program focus on Basic Education, Secondary Education and Strengthening Institutional Capacity. The program finances both recurrent and development expenditures for school education, focusing on the three pillars of enhancing access, promoting inclusion, and improving quality. SSRP is facing a funding gap of around US$100 million for the last year of the program. The proposed Additional Financing, which will be part of the SWAp, will help to meet this funding gap. The source of this financing will be the Global Partnership for Education (GPE-formally known as EFA-Fast Track Initiative), which has provided an indicative allocation to Nepal of US$59.3 million. As per GPE requirements, 70% of the AF (referred to as the fixed component) will be used to finance the regular ongoing activities of SSRP, while the remaining 30% (referred to as the variable component of the grant), will be linked to the achievement of agreed upon specific results in the areas of efficiency, equity and learning outcomes. Identification completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 59.3 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
**Energy and mining**

**Business Models for Private Sector-Led Off-Grid Energy Access Project:** The objective of this Project is to support the development of a local market for private-sector led off-grid energy provision using the innovative and renewable energy (RE) based 'Anchor-Business-Community (A-B-C)' business model. Identification completed on 8 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Nepal: Power Sector Reform and Sustainable Hydropower Development (PSRSHD):** The Project Development Objectives are to: (a) strengthen the capacity of the power sector agencies to plan and prepare hydropower and transmission line projects following international standards and best practices; and (b) improve the readiness of the power sector agencies for regulatory and institutional reforms. Negotiations authorized on 31 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150066. US$ 20.0/2.5 (IDA Credit/SAWI). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**UT1 - Upper Trishuli Hydro Project:** The project will develop a partial risk guarantee product to support private sector investment in a 216 MW greenfield run-of-river hydro project for domestic power consumption in Nepal. Identification completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 80.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and other social services**

**(R) Nepal Health Sector Support: Towards UHC:** The PDO is to enhance the availability of quality health services and financial protection to the poorest 40% of the population. This will be achieved by supporting Government of Nepal in moving towards Universal Health Coverage and improving efficiency of key health functions at the Ministry of Health and Population. Identification completed on 19 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0/80.0/340.0 (IDA Credit/DFID/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Population Tel: (977-1) 426-2862.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Nepal Strengthening PFM Additional Financing:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) of AF would remain same that of original project that is, "to improve expenditure control and enhance government accountability and transparency by strengthening the treasury system, improving financial reporting and building PFM capacity". Identification completed on 25 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 3.5 (NPPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

**ROAD SAFETY SUPPORT PROJECT:** To reduce the risk of roadway departure crashes on selected sections of the roads targeted under the RSDP and to strengthen the Government of Nepal's capacity for improving road safety. Negotiations authorized on 13 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149606. US$ 7.5 (GRSP). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Roads Tel: (977-1) 421-6317, E-mail: sanjayashrestha@dor.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Sanjay Kumar Shrestha, Deputy Director General.

**Strategic Roads Development Project:** This operation includes: (i) road maintenance; (ii) road rehabilitation; (iii) bridge maintenance; and (iv) bridge rehabilitation; and (v) technical assistance to road sector institutions for capacity development and strategic project preparation activities. The project will include a focus on a section of Nepal's East-West highway between Pathlaiya and Dhalkebar where there is an acute need to rehabilitate bridges and road sections that have reached the end of their maintainable life. Identification completed on 3 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Pakistan**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**PK Additional Financing for Sindh Water Sector Improvement Phase 1:** To improve Ghotki and Fulili canals. Approval completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131325. US$ 138.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA) Tel: (92-301) 837-8787, E-mail: zahidjunejo@hotmail.com, Contact: Junejo Zahid Hussain

**(R) PK Sindh Irrigated Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Project:** The objective of the Project is to improve irrigation water management at tertiary and field level in Sindh. Approval completed on 20 March 2015.
Pakistan: Potohar Irrigated Agriculture Project: The project aims to improve climate smart irrigated agriculture in Potohar Region of Punjab province of Pakistan. Identification completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Punjab Skills Development: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the quality, labor market relevance of, and access to skills training programs in priority sectors in the Punjab. Negotiations authorized on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130193. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Industries, Commerce & Investment Dep., Govt. of Punjab Tel: 92429920534-5, E-mail: secyindustries@punjab.gov.pk, Contact: Arif Anwar Baluch, Secretary.

Energy and mining

IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for Dasu Hydropower Phase-I Project: The proposed Project would support the Government of Pakistan’s efforts to (a) facilitate the expansion of electricity supply of hydro-power in Pakistan; (b) improve access to socio-economic services for local communities in the project area; and (c) build Water and Power Development Authority’s (WAPDA) capacity to develop Pakistan’s vast hydropower potential. The project would support: (a) construction of a main structure on the Indus River; (b) construction of two power tunnels, a power house and installation of turbines and generators of 2,160 MW installed capacity to generate over 12,000 GWh of annual clean energy; (c) preparatory work such as access roads, offices etc.; (d) construction of a transmission line for evacuation of power; (e) implementation of social and environmental management plans, monitoring of the river, floods, and sediment; (f) construction supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the Project; and (g) project management support and capacity building of WAPDA. Based on the financing strategy for Dasu HPP, a first IDA credit of US$576.6 million (SDRs 371.9 million equivalent) is proposed for project start up and an IDA partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million from IDA16. In addition to the IDA Credit of US$576.6 million, an IDA Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million, approval of which is being sought from the Board, would be used for extending the maturity of commercial loan for the civil works contracts. This PCG would cover Component A (US$1,479.7 million) and Component B (US$1,397.8 million). Conditions and covenants for IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for commercial financing would be agreed with WAPDA when the guarantee related agreements are finalized with financiers. Approval completed on 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 460.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pakistan Electric Power Transmission Reinforcement Project: The development objective of the project is to improve the capacity, efficiency and reliability of electricity transmission services in selected parts of Pakistan’s transmission system. The project will achieve its objective by financing selected transmission sub-projects at the 400kV and 220kV voltage levels including both transmission lines and substations. Identification completed on 9 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$200.0/225.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

Pakistan: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) Emergency Recovery Project: The objective is to assist the Government of Pakistan/KP/FATA restore social protection through income transfers and cash for work opportunities to the most affected households and vulnerable groups in the areas affected by military operation against militants and floods. Approval completed on 29 January 2011. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P121394. US$ 250.0/35.0 (IDA Credit/PKNF). Consulting services to be determined. Provincial Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA) Tel: (92-91) 921-3855, E-mail: shakheelqadir@pdma.gov.pk, Contact: Shakhee Qadir Khan, Director General.

National Immunization Support Project: The project development objective is to increase the equitable coverage of services for immunization against vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), including poliomyelitis, for children between 0 and 23 months in Pakistan. Appraisal completed on 12 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132308. US$ 50.0/80.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/NISP/RBF). Consultants will be required. Expanded Prog on Immunization, Min. of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Tel: 92-51-9245811, E-mail: secretarynrsd@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Ayub Shaikh, Secretary.

FATA TDPs Emergency Recovery Project: To support the Government of Pakistan, and specifically the
Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), in its early recovery efforts for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) through (a) providing safety net support grants to poor and vulnerable households affected by the militancy crises in the targeted areas; (b) providing conditional cash transfers (CCTs) for human development to poor and vulnerable households in the targeted areas; and (c) strengthening necessary capacities and systems for post-disaster safety nets.

The Project is envisioned to have three components;

Component 1 Safety Net Recovery Cash Grants to the poor and vulnerable households: This component will provide targeted safety net support grants to the poorest and most vulnerable families returning to their homes, to be identified by applying an objective targeting criteria.

Component 2 Co-responsibility cash transfers for education and/or health outcomes: In addition, where supply capacity is favorable, the basic cash grants will be supplemented by CCTs for human development to those eligible families that are complying with pre-established co-responsibilities linked to; a) sending their children to primary school and/or; b) child immunization.

Component 3: Systems development, operational, and M&E Support: This component will make investments in the development of necessary systems as well as finance capacity building and implementation support to the project implementation agencies. Identification completed on 27 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and trade

PK: Punjab Inclusive Value Chain and Agribusiness Project: To improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. Identification completed on 13 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

PK Sindh Public Sector Management Reform Project: The development objective of the Project is to strengthen public sector performance in the Province of Sindh through improved revenue generation and expenditure management. Approval completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145617. US$ 50.0/12.0 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consultants will be required. Finance Department, Government of Sindh Tel: (92-21) 9222-2102, E-mail: rajputsohail@yahoo.com, Contact: Sohail Rajput

Transportation

MDTF KP Emergency Roads Recovery Project: This Project aims to rehabilitate priority corridors or segments of the main roads in the Swat District of the Province of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa with a view to improve access and mobility. Approval completed on 18 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149311. US$ 9.0 (PKNF). Consulting services to be determined. Pakhtunkhwa Highways Authority (PKHA) Tel: (92-91) 921-3927, E-mail: pdmdtf@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Aslam Khan, Project Director.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

PK-Sindh Barrages Improvement Project: The development objective is to safeguard the reliable supply of water to about 1 million hectares through the rehabilitation of the Guddu barrage and the improvement of O&M capacity of the Irrigation and Power Department. Concept completed on 6 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131324. US$ 191.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Punjab Tel: (92-42) 910-003.

Disaster and Climate Resilience Improvement Program: The project seeks to build resilience in Punjab to natural disasters, as well as support the Government in responding to the floods of 2014. This would include mitigation investments with the purpose to create physical and fiscal resilience as well as increase capacities of institutions mandated to manage disasters. The Project will be implemented over a period of 5 years, and will contain the following components: Component 1: Institutional Capacity Building and Policy Activities include strengthening the capacity of PDMA Punjab to prepare for and respond to natural disasters; capacity building of relevant stakeholders for improved flood management; Development of provincial and district-level DRM plans. Component 2: Resilient Recovery and Mitigation This component would support recovery efforts as well as increase resilience to floods through structural and non-structural mitigation investments. Component 3: Fiscal Resilience The interventions to be funded through this component would seek to scale up fiscal risk assessment of Punjab, operationalization of the provincial disaster management fund, and development of risk transfer tools. Component 4: Project Implementation The component would support project implementation through the creation of a Project Management Unit (PMU). It would also fund expenditures related to travel, trainings, workshops, dissemination and M&E activities. Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response Component An additional federal level component may be included at a later stage based on the dialogue. Activities under components 1 and 3 would build upon the prior actions being formulated under the Punjab DPC. Overall
credit amount is estimated around USD 125 million and a preparation cost of around USD 350,000 is envisaged. Parallel financing of up to USD 145 million is expected to be provided by the ADB while the Government of Punjab is expected to disburse around USD 180 million through ongoing and planned interventions. Identification completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

PK Balochistan Integer River Basin Management: To improve management of scarce water resources in various river basins of Balochistan in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner. Identification completed on 27 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 0.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

PK: Additional Financing & Restructuring for FATA RLCIP: To improve livelihoods and access to basic service infrastructure in selected Agencies in FATA Identification completed on 26 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.6 (PKNF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sri Lanka

Education

(R) Early Childhood Development Project: The proposed Project Development Objective is to enhance access to and improve the quality of ECD services for 3-5 year old children in Sri Lanka. Concept completed on 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151916. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

North East Local Services Improvement Project - Additional Financing: Revised Project Development Objective is to support local authorities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces and Adjoining Provinces to deliver services and local infrastructure in a responsive and accountable manner.

The components of the projects are (a) Component A: Infrastructure Service Delivery (original amount is US$ 37.00 Million and the revised amount is US$ 54.40 Million); (b) Component B: Institutionalizing Accountabilities (original amount is US$ 0.25 Million and the revised amount is US$ 0.50 Million); (c) Component C: Building Capacities (original amount is US$ 11.50 Million and revised amount is US$ 12.60 Million); (d) Component D: Assessment & Evaluation (original amount is US$ 0.25 Million and the revised amount is US$ 0.50 Million); and (e) Component: Project Management (original amount is US$ 1.00 Million and the revised amount is US$ 1.00 Million). Identification completed on 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Transport Connectivity and Asset Management Project: The investment project will aim to provide lower cost of transport through reduction in congestion and improvements in road condition as well as better connectivity in the provision of inter urban transport. It supports the overall strategy of developing public transport and managing motorization.

The projects support the Government strategy outlined in Mahinda Chinthana. The Government has been strongly committed to the widening and rehabilitation of national roads where approx. 2%-3% of GDP per annum has been invested in the road sector alone. Whilst the Government has already initiated a Master plan for urban transport with the aim of developing public transport, it is keen to reduce congestion on the road network through minimum widening to compliment the proposed routes for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Furthermore, the Bank is well placed to assist the Government move away from BOQ type contracts and pilot Output and performance based road contracts (OPRC) for the upgrading and maintenance of these roads in its transition to a middle income country.

Given the fiscal constraints faced by the Government that is greatly in need of the development of the identified infrastructure to achieve the growth targets, it is extremely keen to develop the Colombo-Kurunegala-Kandy expressway through the participation of the private sector. Assistance of this nature would help the quick preparation, leading to an investment project and also catalyze the development of other infrastructure projects with the assistance of the private sector providing the much needed private investment.

The project components are therefore proposed as follows:

I. Widening, upgrading and maintenance of about 300 km of National Roads (US$ 300 mn). This would pilot OPRC contracts.
II. Preparation of the Colombo-Kurunegala-Kandy expressway as a public private partnership (US$ 25 Mn). Identification completed on 15 August 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$125.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Irrigation & Water Resources Management Tel: (94-11) 268 4710, E-mail: pdswrpp@slt.net.lk.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

LK: AF Dam Safety WRP - Addl Fin.: The Government of Sri Lanka has requested Additional Financing (AF) to: (i) cover cost overruns to complete the original project scope as described in the PAD for P093132; and (ii) scale-up successful project activities and rehabilitate and modernize additional dams, including some dams in the East and North-east of the country that could not be part of the project area under the original project. The main component under the AF will be the original component 1 - Dam Safety and Operational Efficiency Improvement, that may include some rehabilitation works on linked irrigation conveyance systems. Limited activities will be included under the original component 2 - Hydro-meteorological Information System Improvement and Component 3 - Multi-sectoral Water Resources Planning. Component 4 - Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation will continue under the AF. The AF complies with the relevant provisions of OP/13.20 which stipulates that the Bank provides AF when it is satisfied that: (i) implementation of the project, including substantial compliance with legal covenants, is satisfactory; and (ii) the additional financing is economically justified. Approval completed on 5 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145054. US$ 158.3/368.3/40.0/15.0/250.0/31.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ARTF/GUSA/ISDB/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) Tel: (92-42) 9920-2229, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, Managing Director; Barki Tajik Tel: (992-372) 358-766, E-mail: elrpbt@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ali Nazarov, Chairman; National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan Tel: (996-31) 266-1001, E-mail: nesk@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Medetbek Atikulov, nesk@elcat.kg; Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat Tel: (93-700) 294-722, E-mail: shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af, Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nessar, Chief Operations Officer.

Regional

Energy and mining

Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000): The objective of the project is to create the conditions for sustainable electricity trade between the Central Asian countries of Tajikistan and Kyrgyz Republic and the South Asian countries of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Approval completed on 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145054. US$ 158.3/368.3/40.0/15.0/250.0/31.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ARTF/GUSA/ISDB/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) Tel: (92-42) 9920-2229, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, Managing Director; Barki Tajik Tel: (992-372) 358-766, E-mail: elrpbt@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ali Nazarov, Chairman; National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan Tel: (996-31) 266-1001, E-mail: nesk@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Medetbek Atikulov, nesk@elcat.kg; Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat Tel: (93-700) 294-722, E-mail: shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af, Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nessar, Chief Operations Officer.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Governance Support Project for KP FATA and Balochistan: To strengthen the capacity of government departments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), FATA and Balochistan to help support efficient delivery of the PCNA program in KP and FATA and related development programs in Balochistan. Negotiations authorized on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152586. US$ 4.0 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. PCNA Coordinator, E-mail: omer.zkhan@gmail.com, Contact: Omer Khan, PCNA Coordinator KP; PCNA Coordinator FATA, E-mail: pirzahoor@yahoo.com, Contact: Zahoor, PCNA Coordinator FATA.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Bangladesh Regional Weather and Climate Services Project: The main objective of the proposed project is to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Bangladesh to deliver weather and climate information in priority sectors and to prepare for climate variability and hydro-meteorological disasters. Concept completed on 18 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150220. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Meteorology Department Tel: 88-02-9135742, E-mail: shamsbmd@yahoo.com, Contact: Shamsuddin Ahmed, Deputy Director.
Guarantee Operations

Africa

Angola

Public Administration, Law, and Justice


Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Cote d’Ivoire

Energy and mining

Gazelle Gas Field Development Project: This PRG will cover the obligations of the Ivorian power sector to pay for gas produced from the Gazelle field by a private operator, Viocol. S Identification completed one 12 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152670. US$ 60.0 (anteGUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ghana

Energy and mining

Ghana Sankofa Gas Project: Objective to be Determined. Concept completed on 12 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152670. US$ 60.0 (anteGUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Ghana Macroeconomic Stability for Competitiveness & Growth Credit: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 15 April 2015. Project: P153528. US$ 60.0 (anteGUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kenya

Energy and mining

(R) KE Electricity Modernization Project: The purpose of the Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) is to serve as a credit enhancement tool to improve the risk profile of KPLC for commercial lenders and support KPLC obtain commercial loans for longer tenors at competitive interest rates. The PCG is currently envisioned to take the form of debt service payment support, first loss guarantee and/or principal repayment guarantee for the extended period of the tenor. Approval completed on 31 March 2015. Project: P152670. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152670. US$ 60.0 (in UGUIDg). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mali

Energy and mining

Banda Gas to Power Guarantee: The gas to power project will use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to Senelec in Senegal and EDM in Mali using the existing OMVS regional grid. A PRG is required to guarantee gas payments to the producer Tullow Oil estimated at $104m. Government of Mali needs to provide a counter-guarantee to cover the proportion of the energy that will be exported to EDM estimated at $17m (equivalent to IDA allocation of $4.25m given 1:4 leverage for IDA PRGs). Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145664. Project: P145664. US$ 60.0 (anteGUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kenie Hydropower Project: A PRG operation in support of the development of the Kenie Hydropower Project in Mali. Identification completed on 21 October 2013. Project: P145664. US$ 60.0 (anteGUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mauritania

Energy and mining

MR-Banda Gas to Power Guarantee: The gas to power project will use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to Senelec in Senegal and EDM in Mali using the existing OMVS regional grid. Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145664. Project: P145664. US$ 130.0 (anteGUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy Tel: (222-46) 431-537, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l’Electricite.

Nigeria

Energy and mining

Independent Power Plant (IPP) and domestic gas upgrade projects. The on-site gas will be supplied to the IPP to generate electricity. 2. Construction work on OML58 gas upgrade project has already been started. 3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the IPP project has been approved by the Federal Ministry of Environment. 4. Commercial tendering for the Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) contract is underway. 5. High Voltage (HV) transmission line project has been handed over to Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) in February 2009 (as per directives of the Government). 6. Agreement with PHCN on changes to the original development agreement are awaited. 7. Nigerian National Petroleum Corp & Total Elf Petroleum Nigeria Ltd. Joint Venture (NNPC/TEPNL JV) is awaiting PHCN to start work on the HV Line project (with information on investment decision; completion dates; etc) to enable it to reach financial close on the IPP. Development of IPP - next steps to the Final Investment Decision: 1. The development phase of the IPP is targeting Final Investment Decision (FID) date of Feb 2010. 2. EPC commercial offers have are being received in early September 2009. 3. Confirmation of the fiscal regime is needed from Federal Ministry of Finance 4. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) tariff negotiations with NNPC and PHCN will start end of September 2009. NERC’s approval of the tariff will be sought once the tariff has been negotiated. 5. Confirmation from PHCN of the FID and completion dates of the HV line are needed to set the respective dates for FID and completion date of the IPP. 6. IPP Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) is expected to be secured by February 2010. 7. External financing is expected to be confirmed by February 2010. 8. Final investment decision (FID) by NNPC/TEPNG JV is expected by February 2010 - investment decision for the HV line must occur at the same time. Securitization Agreement: 1. A Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) is proposed to secure the PPA payments from PHCN - to ensure IPP project bankability. 2. MIGA Guarantee to be considered to compensate in the event of early termination. Timeline for IPP: 1. Pre-Development phase: Interim Letter Agreement was signed on 26th January, 2007. 2. Development phase: A number of activities were conducted till July 2009, as follows: a. EPC request for offers. b. EPC Prices. c. EPC Award. d. HV Line transfer. e. PPA Tariff Negotiations. f. Discussions on Securitization. g. Discussions with Banks. 3. FID Date of February 2010: Following milestones are expected to be achieved, subject to the achievement of financial close on the HV transmission line by PHCN: a. Signature PPA. b. Securitization. c. Financing. 4. Construction phase: Construction activities are expected from March 2010 to December 2011. 5. Commissioning phase: Following timeline is expected, subject to the availability of HV line: a. First Gas Turbine Synchronization by December 2011. b. Second Gas Turbine Synchronization by February 2012. c. Commercial Operation Date (COD) by October 2012. 6. Signed PPA to be in force for 20 years beyond COD. Approval completed on 1 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120207. US$ 150.0/395.0 (GUAM/GUAR). Consultants will be required. Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading Company Ltd Tel: (234-803) 685-6383, E-mail: rumundaka.wonodi@nbet.com.ng, Contact: Rumundaka Wonodi, Managing Director / CEO.

**Energy and mining**

**Nigeria Electricity and Gas Improvement Project Additional Financing:** Additional financing to the Nigeria Electricity and gas improvement project to cover additional PRGs for Gas supply to government owned power plants, in particular the Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji plants held by the NIGER DELTA POWER HOLDING COMPANY. The NDPHC is scheduled to commission power generation units in three of the NIPP plants at Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji. The units to be commissioned will have a combined initial generation capacity of 575 MW. The 3 plants will have a final generation capacity of 1,974 MW upon completion. These plants urgently require executed Gas Sales Supply Agreements (GSAs) with prospective gas suppliers and IOCs who have emphasized the need for a payment guarantees to enter into long term supply agreements for the fuel deliveries. In accordance with World Bank PRG guidelines, the Federal Ministry of Finance on behalf of the Federal Government of Nigeria is required to nominate parties with whom the World Bank can enter into negotiations on PRGs. Therefore, I am writing to request that the World Bank extends the coverage of NEGIP to include NDPHC’s NIPP plants and to nominate the NDPHC as a party with whom the World Bank can enter into formal negotiations on the potential provision of PRGs for the individual projects. Approval completed on 19 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126190. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Power Holding Company of Nigeria Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager.

**Energy and mining**

(N) Second Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 23 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0/305.0 (CIF/GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Senegal**

**Energy and mining**

**Senegal Taiba Ndiaye Independent Power Producer Project:** The project development objective is to increase electricity generation at a lower marginal cost through Independent Power Producer investments in Senegal. The immediate Project beneficiaries are current and prospective commercial and household electricity consumers --including the poor, women and girls, who face unreliable service due to supply limitations, high cost, and access constraints. Additional power generated by the project will help increase productivity and spur economic growth among these beneficiaries. The GoS is also a key beneficiary since the proposed IPP will save Senegal tens of millions of dollars in annual fuel costs alone by displacing the emergency diesel projects. The proposed IPPs would also reduce the need for more public resources for investment in power generation, enabling more funds to be deployed for poverty alleviation and other social needs. Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143605. US$ 40.0/92.0/28.0 (GUID/ZMUL/ZPCI). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Energy and mining

Senegal Banda Gas to Power Guarantee: This PRG is linked to the Mauritania Gas to Power PRG, which is under preparation. The overall value of the PRG is estimated at $104m for Mauritania, Senegal and Mali, of which the Senegal part would be approximately $51m, to cover the share of gas payments to ‘Scaling up Solar’ initiative developed by IFC, the Project will support Solar Energy Development in Senegal through IPPs selected competitively and transparently on the basis of the lowest price per kWh. In order to attract interest from major international developers, minimize transaction costs and uncertainties with regard to contract negotiations and finance mobilization, the bidding package will include draft legal agreements (PPAs, and concession agreements) as well as a financing package (term sheet of loans, risk mitigation instruments including proposed Bank guarantee...). Identification completed on 8 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sierra Leone

Energy and mining

SL: Western Area Power Generation Project: In May 2014 the Government of Sierra Leone requested IDA for a guarantee for the proposed Western Area Power Generation Project (WAPGP) to be developed as an independent power producer selling to electricity the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA).

WAPGP is part of the Government’s plan for private sector participation in the generation subsector to meet electricity demand. The Project is proposed as a 128 MW Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) fired power plant to be located on an existing industrial site about 4 km outside Freetown. The Project is to be constructed in phases over three to four years, of which the first phase is 50MW. Identification completed on 12 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tanzania

Energy and mining

Tanzania Singida Wind Power Project: The Government of Tanzania (GOT) intends to develop the 100MW Singida Wind Project in Northern Tanzania in form of a Public Private Partnership. The current lead investor of this Project is a consortium of private local firms and Aldwych International PLC, of the UK (“Wind EA”). Wind EA intends to conclude a 25 year Power Purchase Agreement with the state owned utility TANESCO. The Project encompasses the construction and operation of a 100MW Windpark east of the town of Singida. Financing of this power generation project is expected to be through private sponsors’ equity contributions (about 20% of Project costs) and commercial/multilateral debt facilities. GOT has requested the World Bank (IDA) to support the financing of the project with a Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) that would cover commercial lenders to the project. The IDA has offered already the financing of a Transaction Adviser to TANESCO under an existing IDA project and it is expected that TANESCO will select and contract an adviser in the coming months, before TANESCO and the GOT start negotiating major Project Agreements for this project. This project is currently expected to be structured and prepared in 2011/2012 and could reach financial close in Bank FY 2013. If built, this project would be the first major Wind generation facility in Tanzania and one of the largest facilities in East Africa. Concept completed on 7 July 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126432. US$ 100.0/200.0 (GUID/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. Wind EA, Contact: Mark Gammons

Energy and mining

TZ Guarantees for Power Sector Gas Supply Expansion: The proposed operation consists of providing credit enhancement mechanisms to address the low credit worthiness of the natural gas production and supply, and power sectors in Tanzania. The proposed operation will enable the development and expansion of natural gas fields by private developers in several locations, and independent power generation activities. The proposed instrument will be a series of Partial Risks Guarantees (PRGs) back-stopping liquidity payments under Gas Supply Agreements (GSA) and Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) entered between private sector developers and the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and/or Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO). Identification completed on 25 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (255-22) 211-9190, E-mail: sblikwile@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Servacius B. Likwile, Executive Director.

Uganda

Energy and mining

IDA Guarantee for Renewable Energy Development Program: The project will provide for amongst others counter-part risk guarantee to cover the payment risk from Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Approval completed on 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133318. US$ 160.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug, Contact: Hon. Irene Muloni, Minister.

Myanmar

Energy and mining

Myingyan Power Generation Project: AIL - Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project # # The main challenges facing the Myanmar electricity sector can be divided in two-time horizons. In the near-term (2013-2015), the main challenges are:
to maximize efficiency of power generation, reduce losses in transmission and distribution networks, and reduce electricity shortages; (ii) to improve financial viability of sector enterprises; (iii) to secure affordable funding for capital investments in urgently need power generation. In the medium to longer term, the main challenge facing the energy sector is to secure reliable, affordable and environmentally and socially sustainable energy supply. These challenges are detailed in the Outline of Energy Development Policy, prepared by the Bank and broadly agreed with Myanmar’s National Energy Management Committee in 2013. Demand for electricity in Myanmar has grown significantly in recent years. The annual peak load demand reached 1,850 mega-Watts (MW) in 2013, growing on average 7.7 percent per annum in the past five years. During this same time, the electric energy supplied to the national grid grew on average almost 12 percent per annum. Electricity shortages and supply disruptions remain prevalent in the country. The World Bank Group (WBG) is responding to the near-term challenges in multiple ways. The Myanmar Electric Power Project was approved in September 2013 and will be financing 110 MW of new generation capacity to be added to the national grid. The project provides technical assistance on designing the National Electrification Plan and preparing a project to implement electrification program, power sector financial viability, and electricity tariffs and subsidies review. The IFC is advising the Ministry of Electric Power to develop a business model for private participation in power generation. The IFC is also reviewing investment prospects in the distribution sector through the Yangon Electricity Supply Board, and in grid and off-grid private power generation projects. To continue WBG supports to the Myanmar power sector, this proposed project aims to facilitate the development of new power generation capacity by the private sector by offering an IDA guarantee to mitigate selected risks facing private sector lenders and investors to Myanmar, and help reduce the cost of electricity supplied by independent power producers (IPP). With advisory support from IFC, the Myanmar’s Ministry of Electric Power has launched a competitive tender for the development of the Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project (Myingyan IPP) by the private sector with scheduled commercial operations planned for late 2015. The project cost is expected to be between US$ 250 and 300 million and will be financed mostly by international lenders and investors. To support project development, the Government is in preliminary discussions with the Bank Group on risk mitigation solutions for the project, such as IDA Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) and MIGA guarantees. The availability of WBG risk mitigation solutions is expected to broaden the appeal of the project to a wider group of private lenders and investors, enhance competition in project development, which may result in a lower overall project cost. Specifically the IDAPRG will facilitate the participation of international commercial lenders and provide additional financing alternatives for project developers, in addition to bilateral and multilateral development financial institutions operating in Myanmar. The expected PDO is to increase the available electricity generation capacity by the private sector in Myanmar. The expected results will be a successful development of a new gas-fired power generation plant by the private sector within specification, schedule and budget. The IDA Guarantee will help mobilize international commercial debt financing for the first internationally tendered private power project in Myanmar. The project indirectly helps contribute to the achievement of the WBG twin goals as electricity supplied to the national power grid from the project will also increase quantity and quality of electricity supply, including to low income population, as Myanmar continues to expand access to electricity. While this project does not include connecting new households, it will help produce additional electricity needed for the electrification in Myanmar. The competitive cost of gas-fired CCGT power generation will also reduce pressure of tariff increases for household consumers—or reduce cost for some consumers—which is more proportionally beneficial to low income population. The PDO indicators may include: (i) New installed capacity (MW) (ii) Electric energy generation (kWh); and (iii) Amount of private funding mobilized (million US$). The intermediate result indicators may include: (i) Financial close date (ii) Commercial operations dates (for open cycle and combined cycle). The Myingyan IPP Project is expected to include the following components: a. Power plant: About 250 MW of combined-cycle gas turbine power station. b. Fuel supply: A gas receiving and liquid fuel storage facility to be located within or near the power plant site. c. Electricity connection: A power evacuation facility to be connected to an existing 230 kV substation. d. Water supply: Water pipeline and associated facilities for water pumping from the Irrawaddy River. Concept completed on 20 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151366. US$ 100.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Solomon Islands

Energy and mining

Tina River Hydropower Development Project: The proposed project would consist of a 15 MW hydropower plant located on the Tina River, east of Honiara comprising: (i) a 50m-high roller-compacted-concrete (RCC) dam located in a narrow gorge on the Tina river; (ii) a 3.3km headrace tunnel, 3 m in diameter, to convey water from the dam to the power station; (iii) a powerhouse about 3-4 km downstream from the dam site that will house 3x5 MW Francis turbine machines; (iv) 2 parallel (on separate towers) 33kV single circuit transmission lines connecting the power station to the existing Lungga diesel power station; and (v) access roads; and other ancillary facilities. Financing requirements are currently estimated at around US$120 million. The feasibility studies were substantially completed in March 2014 and include confirmation of a viable site, preparation of preliminary designs for the project and a full safeguards scoping assessment. The project, except the access roads will be implemented by a company to be set up by a private developer to be selected, on a build-own-operate-transfer basis under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the state-owned SIEA, which will be guaranteed by the SIG. Concept completed on 17 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P152779. US$ 2.0/2.0/20.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/GAUL/GUID/ZPCO). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for various preparatory studies (environmental and social impact assessment, market and pricing, geological, feasibility) and for dam
safety advisory and environmental and social panel of experts. Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification Tel: (677) 28-609/25-937, E-mail: ps@mines.gov.sb, Contact: Rene Sore, Permanent Secretary.

Europe And Central Asia

Albania

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Albania Public Finance PBG: Objective to be Determined. Approval completed on 27 March 2015. US$ 226.7 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (355) 69 207-4196, E-mail: eluci@minfin.gov.al.

Croatia

Finance

Croatia Export Financing Guarantee Operation: The main project development objective is to support HBOR’s move towards market-based funding, through a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG). Secondary objective include supporting investment projects in Croatia by providing medium and long-term funding. The design of the instrument underlying the proposed IBRD guarantee is driven by the HBOR’s debt management objectives and the expected on-lending operations that will be catalyzed. The structure should allow the borrower to secure the much-needed financing at reasonable costs, while also minimizing transaction risk in a climate of volatility. In addition, the volume targeted should be matched against HBOR’s ability to deliver on-lending quickly and efficiently, in order to minimize any potential negative carry costs, associated with disbursing the funding early and earning marginal returns while eligible project lending is organized. Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P132471. US$ 256.4 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development Tel: (385-1) 459-1586, E-mail: bberkovic@hbor.hr, Contact: B. Berkovic.

Kosovo

Energy and mining

Kosovo Power Project: IDA partial risk guarantee in support of a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company, to be selected under the Lignite Power TA Project (P097635). Concept completed on 4 August 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US$ 40.0/725.0/725.0 (GUID/ZBIL/ZEXP). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister.

Moldova

Energy and mining

Moldova District Heating Efficiency Improvement Partial Credit Guarantee: The objective of the proposed project is to improve the operational efficiency and commercial viability of the district heating (DH) services in Chisinau. This component is Component 2: Debt restructuring and financing of debt repayment (IDA Partial Credit Guarantee: US $ 40 million, IDA allocation: US$ 10 million). This component will support the Government in preparing a debt restructuring plan and provide a guarantee for credit enhancement on Moldova Sovereign or new integrated company borrowing. Such credit enhancement would be essential to raising commercial financing on terms that would allow repayment of the debt stock on a sustainable, long-term basis to limit the financial burden of the restructuring on Chisinau residents and Moldova. For a new entity such as the integrated company, a structured Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) from the Bank would also help it start establishing credit on the loan and capital markets. Using an IDA PCG is expected to leverage Moldova’s IDA capital envelope. The partial nature of the PCG provides for risk sharing with the market while offering comprehensive risk cover for a specified component of the financing. Depending on market conditions, a PCG cover of 30-50% of debt service cash flows (principal + interest) may be sufficient to considerably improve the available financing terms. This means that a $10 million tranche of IDA country allocation used as a $40m Bank PCG could help raise $80-120 million of financing from commercial sources. Currently, Partial Credit Guarantees (PCGs) are only available for IBRD countries. OPCS, in consultation with CFP/SDN and other corporate and regional units is developing a revised policy package which will introduce the PCGs in IDA countries. Such proposals have been discussed at CODE and have received positive response from all stakeholders. It is expected that the revised Guarantee policy paper and associated OP/BPs for the use of IBRD and IDA Guarantees would be presented to CODE in December 2012, and to the Board in Q3FY13. It should be noted that only 25% of guarantee exposure would be counted against the country exposure limit - such leverage for IDA guarantees was approved in 2004. Therefore, for the proposed IDA PCG operation of $40 million, only $10 million would be counted against the country limit. Concept completed on 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143870. US$ 80.0/138.0 (GUAR/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy Tel: (373-22) 250-554, E-mail: vadim.ceban@mec.gov.md.

Turkey

Finance

Long Term Finance Guarantee: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to longer term finance for micro, small and medium enterprises and export oriented enterprises.

A Guarantee to Halkbank to raise market financing to directly lend to MSMEs and EOEs. Appraisal completed on 4 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P148858. US$ 400.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Halk Bank Tel: (90-312) 289-1780, E-mail: recep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr.
Middle East And North Africa

Jordan
Water, sanitation and flood protection
Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase 1: Identification completed on 6 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lebanon
Energy and mining
Partial Risk Guarantee: Floating Storage & Regasification Unit Project: The proposed operation consists of providing a credit enhancement mechanism to address the low credit worthiness of the power sector, to support the development of a floating regasification and storage unit (FRSU) to enable the import of LNG into Lebanon. The proposed instrument will be a Partial Risks Guarantee (PRG) back-stopping liquidity payments under a Terminal Use Agreement (TUA) entered between GoL and the FSRU project developer/owner/operator. Identification completed on 8 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 60.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

South Asia

Nepal
Energy and mining
UT1 - Upper Trishuli Hydro Project: The project will develop a partial risk guarantee product to support private sector investment in a 216 MW greenfield run-of-river hydro project for domestic power consumption in Nepal. Identification completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 80.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pakistan
Energy and mining
IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for Dasu Hydropower Phase-I Project: The proposed Project would support the Government of Pakistan's efforts to (a) facilitate the expansion of electricity supply of hydro-power in Pakistan; (b) improve access to socio-economic services for local communities in the project area; and (c) build Water and Power Development Authority's (WAPDA) capacity to develop Pakistan's vast hydropower potential. The project would support: (a) construction of a main structure on the Indus River; (b) construction of two power tunnels, a power house and installation of turbines and generators of 2,160 MW installed capacity to generate over 12,000 GWh of annual clean energy; (c) preparatory work such as access roads, offices etc.; (d) construction of a transmission line for evacuation of power; (e) implementation of social and environmental management plans, monitoring of the river, floods, and sediment; (f) construction supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the Project; and (g) project management support and capacity building of WAPDA. Based on the financing strategy for Dasu HPP, a first IDA credit of US$576.6 million (SDRs 371.9 million equivalent) is proposed for project start up and an IDA partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million from IDA16. In addition to the IDA Credit of US$576.6 million, an IDA Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of US$460 million, approval of which is being sought from the Board, would be used for extending the maturity of commercial loan for the civil works contracts. This PCG would cover Component A (US$1,479.7 million) and Component B (US$1,397.8 million). Conditions and covenants for IDA Partial Credit Guarantee for commercial financing would be agreed with WAPDA when the guarantee related agreements are finalized with financiers. Approval completed on 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 460.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.