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## Sector Categorizations

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry  
 Education  
 Energy and Mining  
 Finance  
 Health and Other Social Services  
 Industry and Trade  
 Information and Communications  
 Public Administration, Law, and Justice  
 Transportation  
 Water, Sanitation, and Flood Protection

## LIST OF ACRONYMS

<b>AUSAID</b>	Australian Agency for International Development	<b>IDB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank
<b>ADB</b>	Asian Development Bank	<b>IFAD</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development
<b>ADF</b>	African Development Fund	<b>IsDB</b>	Islamic Development Bank
<b>AfDB</b>	African Development Bank	<b>JBIC</b>	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
<b>APL</b>	Adaptable Program Loan	<b>ITF</b>	Interim Trust Fund
<b>BADEA</b>	Banque Arabe de Développement Économique en Afrique	<b>KfW</b>	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Germany)
<b>BOAD</b>	Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement	<b>LIL</b>	Learning and Innovation Loan
<b>CDB</b>	Caribbean Development Bank	<b>NCB</b>	National Competitive Bidding
<b>CFD</b>	Caisse Française de Développement	<b>NGO</b>	Nongovernmental Organization
<b>CIDA</b>	Canadian International Development Agency	<b>NORAD</b>	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
<b>DANIDA</b>	Danish International Development Agency	<b>OECD</b>	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)
<b>DFID</b>	Department for International Development (UK)	<b>OPEC</b>	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>EBRD</b>	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	<b>PAD</b>	Project Appraisal Document
<b>EDF</b>	European Development Fund	<b>PCD</b>	Project Concept Document
<b>EIB</b>	European Investment Bank	<b>PCF</b>	Prototype Carbon Fund
<b>EU</b>	European Union	<b>PCN</b>	Project Concept Note
<b>FAC</b>	Fonds d'Aide et de Coopération (France)	<b>PHRD</b>	Policy and Human Resources Development (Japan)
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	<b>PID</b>	Project Identification (Number)
<b>FAO/CP</b>	FAO Cooperative Program (with the World Bank)	<b>PPF</b>	Project Preparation Facility
<b>FINNIDA</b>	Finland International Development Agency	<b>QCBS</b>	Quality and Cost-Based Selection
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility	<b>SDC</b>	Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
<b>GTZ</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit	<b>SIDA</b>	Swedish International Development Authority
<b>IAPSO</b>	Inter-Agency Procurement Service Office	<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>ICB</b>	International Competitive Bidding	<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>IDA</b>	International Development Association	<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
		<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

## 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 accountings 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. 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 of 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](http://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**

<p>1 — <b>Morocco</b></p> <p>2 — <b>Energy and mining</b></p> <p>3 — <b>(R) MA-Clean and Efficient Energy:</b> The project development objective is to support the Borrower to increase supply of clean energy and to meet demand more efficiently among targeted customers. <i>Concept completed on 12 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143689.</i></p> <p>7 — <i>US\$125.0/24.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricite et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE) Tel: 212522668005, E-mail: fait@onee.ma, Contact: Mohamed Fait, Director.</i></p>	<p>4 —</p> <p>5 —</p> <p>6 —</p> <p>8 —</p>	<p>1. Name of client country</p> <p>2. Sector</p> <p>3. (R) = revised; (N) = new entry</p> <p>4. Project description</p> <p>5. Italics indicate change from last month's listing</p> <p>6. PID=project identification number</p> <p>7. Amount of financing in US\$millions (source)</p> <p>8. Name/address of implementing agency</p>
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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:

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## ***New Projects Added In This Issue***

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### ***Africa Region***

#### **Africa**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: West Africa Survey Harmonization Project

Information and communications: Horn of Africa Connectivity Program Phase 1

#### **Angola**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Smallholder Agriculture Development and Commercialization Project

#### **Benin**

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Benin Emergency Urban Env. 2nd Add. Fin.

#### **Botswana**

Health and other social services: Social Assistance System Modernization

#### **Cameroon**

Transportation: Cameroon Transport Sector Support Project

#### **Central African Republic**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Emergency Public Services Response Project

#### **Congo, Democratic Republic of**

Transportation: DRC High Priority Roads Reopening and Maintenance - 2nd Additional Fin

#### **Cote d'Ivoire**

Energy and mining: Gazelle Gas Field Development Project

#### **Ethiopia**

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Tana & Beles Integrated Water Resources Development Additional Finance

Finance: Ethiopia: SME Finance Project

#### **Gambia, The**

Health and other social services: GM Maternal and Child Nutrition and Health Results Project

#### **Ghana**

Energy and mining: Ghana Sankofa Gas Project

Finance: Ghana Climate Innovation Center

#### **Kenya**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project

Health and other social services: Youth Opportunities

Transportation: Kenya Secondary Roads and Agriculture Development Project

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Projects - Additional financing

#### **Liberia**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Liberia REDD+ Investment Program

#### **Niger**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Agriculture Climate Smart Support Project

#### **Sierra Leone**

Transportation: Sierra Leone - Second Transport Sector Project

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: SL-Statistics Development

Health and other social services: Social Safety Nets Additional Financing

Health and other social services: SL-Third Decentralized Service Delivery

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: SL Agribusiness Development Support Project

#### **South Sudan**

Health and other social services: Urban Youth Livelihood

#### **Swaziland**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: SW-PUBLIC SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT

#### **Tanzania**

Health and other social services: PSSN Additional Financing

Industry and trade: Second Private Sector Competitiveness Project

Transportation: Tanzania Second Central Transport Corridor Project - AF2

**Zimbabwe**

Finance: ZW-Public Financial Mgt Enhancement Proj

**East Asia And Pacific Region****Cambodia**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: KH - Livelihood Enhancement and Association of the Poor (LEAP)

**China**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Guangxi Rural Poverty Alleviation Demonstration Project

Transportation: Shaanxi Poor Rural Areas Community Development Project

**East Asia and Pacific**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Pacific Islands Regional Ocean-scape Program Forum Fisheries Agency

**Lao People's Democratic Republic**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: LA-Poverty Reduction Fund II - AF

**Myanmar**

Finance: Myanmar Financial Inclusion

**Pacific Islands**

Transportation: Pacific Island Regional Road Safety Project

**Papua New Guinea**

Health and other social services: PNG Urban Youth Employment Project Additional Financing

**Philippines**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: BANGSAMORO FINANCING FACILITY

**Vanuatu**

Transportation: Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project

**Europe And Central Asia Region****Albania**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Albania Public Finance PBG

**Azerbaijan**

Water, sanitation and flood protection: National Water Supply & Sanitation Project - Additional Financing

**Bulgaria**

Finance: Enhancing financial sector stability

**Europe and Central Asia**

Energy and mining: Kaniv Pumped Storage Hydropower Plant

**Kazakhstan**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Forestry Development Project

**Kosovo**

Energy and mining: Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Mining Project

Industry and trade: Competitiveness and Job Creation

**Kyrgyz Republic**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Judicial Development Project

**Moldova**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project Additional Financing

**Montenegro**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Montenegro Additional Financing EU/IPA Ag & RD Institution Build. Proj

**Tajikistan**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Additional Financing for Tajikistan PAMP II

Health and other social services: Additional Financing to TJ Health Services Improvement Project

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Land Registration Project

**Turkey**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Land Registration and Cadastre Modernization Project - Second Phase

**Ukraine**

Industry and trade: Improving Competitiveness for Growth and Jobs

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: DEVSTAT 2

**Latin America And Caribbean Region****Argentina**

Health and other social services: AF for AR Provincial Public Health Insurance Development Project

**Chile**

Water, sanitation and flood protection: CL Integrated Water Resources Management & Infrastructure Development

**Haiti**

Energy and mining: Haiti Modern Energy Services For All

**Jamaica**

Finance: JM Access to Finance

**Panama**

Water, sanitation and flood protection: PA Improving Sanitary Conditions for Panama City's Urban Poor

**Middle East And North Africa Region****Iraq**

Transportation: IQ-Aviation Development Project

Transportation: Iraq Cross Border Project

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: PFM Institutional Development and Capacity Building

**Jordan**

Finance: JO-MSME Development for Inclusive Growth

Transportation: R15 Corridor Upgrade Project

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase

**Lebanon**

Transportation: Beirut Bypass Corridor

**Tunisia**

Energy and mining: Tunisia - Italy Transmission Corridor

**West Bank and Gaza**

Education: Additional Financing for Teacher Education Improvement Project

Energy and mining: Solar Energy Supply for Gaza Sewage Treatment Plant (NGEST)

**South Asia Region****Afghanistan**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Support to Afghan Land Authority

**Bangladesh**

Education: College Education Development Project

Energy and mining: GPOBA Scale-up for Bangladesh RERED II

Transportation: Dhaka-Chittagong Multimodal Corridor Development Project

**India**

Education: Technical Education Quality Improvement Project III

Energy and mining: Solar Parks Project

**Maldives**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Climate Change Adaptation Project

**Nepal**

Energy and mining: UT1 - Upper Trishuli Hydro Project

Transportation: Strategic Roads Development Project

**Pakistan**

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Pakistan: Potohar Irrigated Agriculture Project

Health and other social services: IDPs Emergency Recovery Project

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Balochistan Integrated River Basin Manag

**South Asia**

Transportation: Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1

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## **Projects Deleted from This Issue**

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**Africa Region**

Chad: Emergency Livestock and Food Crisis Response Project(Cr. H9930-TD)

Nigeria: Third National Urban Water Sector Reform Project(Cr. 54160-NG)

Senegal: Skills for Jobs and Competitiveness(Cr. 55620-SN)

Uganda: Health Systems Strengthening Additional Financing

**East Asia And Pacific Region**

China: Guizhou Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation( Ln. 84340-CN)

Thailand: Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Phase I

**Europe And Central Asia Region**

Armenia: Second Social Protection Administration Project(Cr. 53980-AM)

Armenia: Education( Ln. 83420-AM, Cr. 53870-AM)

Georgia: Irrigation and Land Market Development(Cr. 54560-GE)

Kazakhstan: North Central Water Supply Program

Kyrgyz Republic: Pasture and Livestock Management Improvement(Cr. H9760-KG, Cr. 55210-KG)

Montenegro: Montenegro SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL3

Ukraine: Second Urban Infrastructure( Ln. 83910-UA)

Uzbekistan: Karshi Pumping Cascade Rehabilitation

**Latin America And Caribbean Region**

Guyana: Disaster Risk Management(Cr. 54740-GY)

Haiti: Second Global Partnership Education for Education for All Program Grant

Jamaica: Youth Employment in Digital and Creative Industries( Ln. 84050-JM)

Mexico: Social Protection System( Ln. 84470-MX)

OECS Countries: Second Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Adaptable Lending Program(Cr. 54930-LC)

**Middle East And North Africa Region**

Tunisia: Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite et du Gaz Concentrated Solar Power Plant

**South Asia Region**

India: IN Second Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor( Ln. 83180-IN)

## Africa

### Angola

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) 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 to strengthen agricultural statistics to improve the quality and availability of data and information, and create a basis for evidence-based decision making. In addition, human capacity building is required at all levels, for example through the strengthening of agricultural education, both at higher and vocational levels, while the delivery of entrepreneurship development training would contribute to an enhanced management capacity among small and medium size enterprises. Public and private investments are required to accelerate the development and adoption of agricultural technologies, for example seed and fertilizer, through strengthening research and extension capacity.

The third area of support relates to policies. 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 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N)Smallholder Agriculture Development and CommercializationProject:** The Project Development Objective is to increase smallholder agricultural production and marketing in the project area Identification completed on 26 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) Provincial Capital Cities Water Supply Project:** A. Proposed Development Objective(s):  
 (i) Increase water service coverage 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 A. US\$374.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Benin

**Industry and trade (R) 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 detain a clear competitive advantage. The ambition would be to allow beninese 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

**(R) 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: zoda-jo@yahoo.fr, Contact: Joel Zadjihoue, Coordonnateur.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(N) Benin Emergency Urban Env. 2nd Add. Fin.:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 2 February 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Botswana**

#### **Education**

**(R) Botswana Secondary Education and Skills Development:** The changing demography, the increased attainment of primary education, and the pressure of youth employment have raised demand for access, quality and relevance of education and training at the secondary level. At the request of the Botswana government, this new IBRD lending project will support the government to increase access, improve quality and develop practical skills at the secondary level of education and training. Activities under this project are envisaged to cover three broad areas: school construction and rehabilitation, quality improvement, and skills development. The project will build upon the government's new education sector strategy which will be launched in July 2014. The lending volume, sector coverage and TA components will be further adjusted accordingly. Everything in this initiation is purely rough estimation. *Identification completed on 25 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Additional Financing-BNAPS Project:** Focus of operation and key activities: The proposed AF would support priority activities under the National HIV/AIDS Strategy Plan-II (2010- 2016), as well to support the national roll-out of the on-going Cervical Cancer Control Program and other priority health system reforms that have been launched by the Ministry of Health. As such, the AF would scale-up prioritized activities being implemented under the BNAPS Project (such as community-based initiatives supporting specific HIV prevention results, programs supporting reductions in multiple concurrent partnerships, increases in condom use, and safe male circumcision; in addition, the AF would support joint TB-HIV programming and the development of multi-sectoral prevention programs, etc.), in addition to expanding support for key health system reforms (particularly with respect to the Ministry of Health's on-going integration agenda for communicable and non-communicable diseases). Link to WBG twin goals: With ill health both a major contributor to, and a result of poverty, the state of people's health is highly relevant to Government with respect to strengthening human resource capacity, raising national incomes, and reducing inequality in Botswana. Recognizing that health is a central to its development agenda and, in fact, a pre-condition for sustained development, the Government of Botswana has invested substantially in health and HIV/AIDS (averaging 5 percent of GDP, between 1995 & 2012). The proposed BNAPS Additional Financing (AF) would retain focus on improving coverage of prioritized HIV/AIDS and health services among vulnerable populations in Botswana. The proposed AF would enable the Bank to support national reforms with respect to decentralization and evidence-based planning, thereby enabling further efficiency gains in implementation. This support is timely given the continuing phase-out of support provided by other key Development Partners, which has already generated budget gaps. It was noted that this potential Additional Financing would allow for the gradual absorption of these funding obligations by the budget within its implementation period. *Identification completed on 23 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. National AIDS Coordinating Agency Tel: (267) 371-0314.

**(N) Social Assistance System Modernization:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) Botswana Water Security and Efficiency Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 4 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***BurkinaFaso***

#### ***Industry and trade***

**(R) 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
4. Encouraging construction of regional, shared infrastructure. *Identification completed on 17 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 113.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### ***Transportation***

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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) Burund Coffee Sector Competitiveness Support Project:**

This project aims at improving the productivity and the competitiveness of the Burundian coffee value chain which will help the country reduce poverty and increase its exports revenues. This will be achieved through multiple interventions, along different segments of the value chain, to address productivity and quality bottlenecks and to open new market opportunities – specialty coffee markets. A particular focus would be put on greater organization and integration of smallholders into the value chain and on more equitable sharing of the benefits from improved quality and market access *Identification completed on 9 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 55.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### ***Health and other social services***

**(R) 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.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(R) Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Government Effectiveness Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to: create fiscal space by improving systems and procedures in the area of public expenditure management, mining, and land management, including reliable statistical data for informed decision making. *Concept completed on 14 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149176. US\$ 18.0/6.0 (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 Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project:** To respond to emergency repairs works on National roads and drainage due to damages caused Floods and institutional support. *Identification completed on 13 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Cabo Verde***

#### ***Industry and trade***

**(R) 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***

**(R) CV TA Project for SOEs:** 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***

**(R) Agriculture Investment and Market Development Project:** To support the transformation of low productivity, subsistence-oriented cassava, maize and sorghum sub-sectors into commercially-oriented and competitive value chains in four agro-ecological areas. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 15 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143417. US\$ 100.0/2.7/40.6 (IDA Credit/JPN/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. MINADER Tel: 23722231190, E-mail: mnenmenye@yahoo.com, Contact: Essimi Menye, Minister.

**(R) Community Development Program Support Project-Phase III:** 12. The development objective of phase III (PNDPIII) 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. Project: P144637. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. PNDP Tel: 237 793 49 04, E-mail: [pndp@pndp.org](mailto:pndp@pndp.org).

### **Energy and mining**

**(N) Kribi Gas Power - Additional Financing:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 25 November 2014. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0/16.0 (GUID/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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**

**(N) 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

**(R) Health System Support Project Additional Financing:** The overall propose of the proposed operation is to support CAR Government's health system development. To this end, the operation will: (i) support the MoH to implement a performance based financing system to deliver basic health services in under-served areas of CAR; (ii) develop monitoring and evaluation to support the performance based financing mechanism. *Identification completed on 17 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(N) Emergency Public Services Response Project:** The proposed additional credit/grant (US 10 million) will finance : (i) the Government of CAR recurrent cost related to eligible civil servants of non-security sector; (ii) the strengthening of the revenue-generating Directorates; and (iii) the consolidation of the basics control over the expenditure chain and cash management of public. These additional activities are expected to increase the project's overall impact and development outcomes and further support the Gov-

ernment of CAR in gaining additional fiscal space. This will consolidate the ongoing efforts of resumption of core government functions and basic service delivery. Indeed, based on progress made so far with more than 70 percent of the sampled civil servants have resumed work and the 2015 fiscal gap amounting to XX, it is desirable for IDA to continue the financing of the activities while supporting the Government revenues generating Directorates to improve revenues collections.

The additional financing (AF) is expected to extend the closing date of the principal project from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Identification completed on 23 January 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category C*. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Chad**

**TD-Public Financial Mgmt CB AF:** The additional financing will scale up some existing activities (technical assistance to the computerisation 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: Malanie Gamage, Permanent Secretary.

## **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. *Negotiations authorized on 21 January 2015*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150754. US\$ 6.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants will be required*. FADC Tel: 2697732882, E-mail: fadc@comorestelecom.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. 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.<sup>5</sup> 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<sup>6</sup>: (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 nonparticipatory 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 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' 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 positions and job descriptions within each public institution. 8. The government has taken steps to improve the effectiveness of public administration and gradually reduce the wage bill, but much remains to

be done. The HASC has supervised the establishment of a unified computerized civil service roster (for the Union and Islands) and contracted the development of an integrated civil service and wage management software. It has also carried out a vast review of the existing organizational structures of each administration (cadres organiques) an updated version of which has been adopted by Parliament in 2010 and will be gradually implemented. Nevertheless, there are numerous remaining challenges. For example, the civil service roster will only become a useful management tool once a physical census of all civil servants has been completed to clean up and validate the data. Also, much work is needed to develop feasible strategies for implementing the new organizational structures over time and with due consideration for social consequences. 9. In January 31 2011, the Bank approved a grant in the amount of SDR 1.2 million (USD 1.8 million equivalent) to support the country's PFM and civil service reform programs. The original project development objectives are (i) to increase the efficiency, accountability and transparency of public financial management and (ii) to improve the management of civil service human resources and wages. The disbursement percentage as of December 18, 2012 is about 67%. 10. A midterm performance review was conducted in March 2012 and followed by a supervision mission in October 2012. Overall, progress towards achieving the PDOs and implementation progress of the activities were found satisfactory. However, the team noted a financing gap of about \$1.5 million to implement the remaining activities of the project, including the PFM information system and the implementation of the recommendations of the HR assessments and reviews (physical census of the civil servants, 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. According to the IT master plan, the acquisition and roll

out of the budget and accounting system would take up to 18 months. 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**

**(R) 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.

#### **Education**

**(R) Education Project for Quality and Relevance in Secondary and Tertiary:** 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\$ 200.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Vocational Education.

#### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Health System Strengthening for Better Maternal and Child Health Results Project (PDSS):** The proposed project development objective is to improve utilization and quality of maternal and child health services in targeted areas within the Recipient's Territory. *Approval completed on 18 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147555. US\$ 130.0/90.0/6.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Democratic Republic of Congo Tel: 243818000006, E-mail: felixkabange@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dr. Felix Kabange, Minister of Health.

**(R) DRC Reinsertion and Reintegration Project:** The Project will support the third phase of na-

tional Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Program (DDR III) which aim at contributing to the stabilization of eastern DRC through the demobilization and reintegration of the remaining disarmed armed groups in Eastern DRC. *Identification completed on 28 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) DRC Catalytic Project to Strengthen the INS:** The development objective is to strengthen the capacity of INS to generate and disseminate statistical information. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 17 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125509. US\$ 11.8 (SRTF). Consultants will be required. Institut National de la Statistique (INS) Tel: 243999932351, E-mail: gkankwanda@yahoo.fr, Contact: Professor Grégoire Kankwanda, Acting director-general.

**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 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: prgrdc@gmail.com, Contact: Popaul Kizungu Chihi-za, Project Coordinator.

**(R) DRC-Statistics Development Project: 1.** The development objectives of this project are three-fold: 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**

### **(R) DRC - Goma Airport Safety Improvement**

**Project:** The Project Development Objective is to improve the safety, security, and operations of Goma International Airport. *Negotiations authorized on 2 February 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: ptmrdet@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 regiedesvoiesaeriennes@yahoo.fr, Contact: Abdala Bilenge, Directeur General a.i..

### **(N) 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**

### **Education**

**(R) Education Sector Support Project:** The proposed project would support access, quality and relevance of basic, secondary and tertiary education in the Republic of Congo. *Identification completed on 6 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0/10.7 (IDA Credit/EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Statistics Capacity Building Project:** The objectives of the project are to (i) strengthen the National Statistical System in the production and, dissemination of timely and robust statistics relevant for policies and decision making, and (ii) promote the demand for statistical information. Approval completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133731. US\$ 4.8 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. National Institute of Statistics Tel: (242-05) 521-9264, E-mail: dkimpouni@hotmail.com, Contact: Dominique Kimpouni, Coordinator.

**(R) Urban Development and Poor Neighborhood Upgrading Project:** The project will be based on two approaches: (i) to intervene urgently in the priority neighborhoods (ii) to develop a strategy and an action plan to avoid the recurrence of such problems in the future. *Identification completed on 12 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category

B. US\$80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Cote d'Ivoire**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

### **(R) Cote d'Ivoire - POPs Pesticides Mgt 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 objective of this additional financing project is to allow the current project to extend and consolidate results from the ongoing project, which is designed to improve skills and employability of unemployed youth. The AF will also support development of institutional reforms by strengthening the relevant national entities in line with GoCI's labor market, employment and growth strategy. *Identification completed on 4 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

### **(N) 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:** 24. The project development objectives (PDO) are to (i) provide

income support to poor households in selected regions/areas, and (ii) support the country build key elements of a national safety net system. *Concept completed on 14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143332. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs and Vocational Training (MEMEASFP) Tel: 22507806444, E-mail: kkiye@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Koné Kipéya Brahima, Director, Cabinet.

**Health Systems Strengthening and Ebola Preparedness Project:** To strengthen the health system and improve the utilization and quality of health and nutrition services in selected regions. Approval completed on 25 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147740. US\$ 35.0/35.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Health, E-mail: konemadu@me.com, Contact: Dr. Mamadou Kone, Assistant Director of the Cabinet.

**(R) Youth Employment (2nd Generation):** This second generation employment operation will consolidate lessons from ongoing operations (including PEJEDEC, PAPC, PRISE) and other similar interventions supported by other partners (C2D, BAD,...) that were designed as emergency operations following the 2011 crisis. The operation will build on lessons learned through impact evaluation of the various instruments being used (in particular under the PEJEDEC) as well as lessons from national employment surveys and job assessments. Taken together, this analytical work provides us with valuable information not only on profiles and job opportunities but also what works and what does not work in terms of instruments. Furthermore, the country is in the process of stabilizing its political and socio-economic context and gradually moving away from emergency operations to more developmental and transformational types of interventions. It also aspires to become an emerging economy by 2020. This operation will draw on and involve Bank expertise from several Global Practices i.e. SP/L and Jobs (for labor markets and employment), Education (skills), Trade and Competitiveness (for private sector). The operation will seek to raise earnings and productivity and improve employment opportunities. *Identification completed on 27 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) 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 facilitat-

ing 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**

**(R) 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 Institu 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 Tel: (967-1) 250-118, E-mail: ashater@mpic.gov.ye, Contact: Abdullah Al Shatter, Deputy Minister for Projects Programming.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Infrastructure Renewal Project:** The overall objective of the proposed project is to support the Go-CI's efforts to increase access to sustainable water and sanitation services in Abidjan.

This objective will be achieved through: (i) expanding water transmission, storage and distribution capacities, and facilitating access to services through programs for constructing social water connections and public standposts; (ii) Supporting rehabilitation and expansion of sewerage networks and (iii) supporting further institutional reforms and capacity building in the sector. *Identification completed on 22 January 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Ethiopia**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Second Agricultural Growth Project:** The Project Development Objective is to increase agricultural productivity and commercialization of small holder farmers targeted by the project. *Appraisal completed on 9 February 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.

**(N) 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.

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 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 sub-districts in Uganda. The project will deliver investments and services using this cross-border cluster approach. Selected clusters will receive a comprehensive package of investments and services. Identification completed on 11 June 2014. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Finance

**(N) 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.

### Health and other social services

**ET Productive Safety Nets Project 4 (PSNP 4):** The Program Development Objective is: Increased access to safety net and disaster risk management systems, complementary livelihoods services and nutrition support for food insecure households in rural Ethiopia.

This will be achieved through 1) support for building core instruments and tools of social protection and DRM systems, 2) delivery of safety net and enhanced access to livelihoods services for vulnerable rural households, and 3) improved program management and institutional coordination.

The project will also contribute to the higher level objectives of (i) improved household food security, livelihoods and nutrition, and (ii) enhanced household and community resilience to shocks. This is consistent with the higher level objectives of the ongoing APL series supporting the PSNP. Approval completed on 30 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146883. US\$ 600.0/550.0/25.0/412.0/130.0/115.0/68.0/68.0/23.0/25.0/ (IDA Credit/AID/DANI/DFID/ECEU/GCAN/GIRR/NEDA/SIDA/UNCF/WOFP). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Ethiopia, Contact: Abdullah Al Shatter, Deputy Minister for Projects Programming.

### Public Administration, Law, and Justice

**(R) 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 B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Urban Productive Safety Net Project (UP-SNP):** 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

**(R) 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 Negelepart of the

Modjo-Hawassa development corridor, whilst strengthening the Recipients expressway development and management institutional capacity. *Appraisal completed on 23 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P148850. US\$ 355.0 (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.

**(R) 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\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(N) Tana & Beles Integrated Water Resources Development Additional Finance:** Develop enabling institutions and investments for integrated planning, management and development in the Tana and Beles Sub-basins. Identification completed on 9 February 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 3.6 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Gabon**

### **Education**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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: dgue-dond@yahoo.fr, Contact: Désiré Guedon, Minister Energy and Water Resources.

### **Information and communications**

**(R) 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.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

(R) Infrastructure and Local Development Program II: The proposed project is a follow-up of the Local Infrastructure Development Project (IBRD Loan 73730) which closed in December 2011. The objective of the proposed project remains close to the original ones, i.e. to (i) improve sustainable access to basic urban services in selected urban areas, and (ii) sustain access of SMEs to civil works and construction contracts with the public sector. The 4 components will be (i) urban infrastructure and services in poor neighborhoods of targeted cities, (ii) institutional support and capacity building for Municipal agents, sectorial Ministries involved in urban development and beneficiary communities in targeted cities, (iii) capacity building of SMEs in the construction industry, and (iv) M&E and project management. Identification completed on 13 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Gambia**

### **The Energy and mining**

**(R) Gambia Electricity Sector Support Project:** (a) Rehabilitation of existing plants to improve generation capacity and supply (b) Upgrading and

modernization of transmission and distribution network (c) Improvement NAWEC's commercial and financial performance with an objective to encourage private participation in the sector (d) Support to the authorities in the medium and long-term strategic outlook *Identification completed on 25 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 18.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Health and other social services**

**(N) GM Maternal and Child Nutrition and Health Results Project:** The AF aims to support: (i) project restructuring for Ebola preparedness and control as well as food and nutrition security activities; and (ii) the expansion of community nutrition and primary health care services to scale up the project's impact and development effectiveness under Components 1, 2 and 3 of the Project. *Identification completed on 17 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C.* US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **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**

**(R) Sustainable Land and Water Management:** The objectives are to: (a) improve sustainable land and water management practices to reduce land degradation and enhance maintenance of biodiversity in selected micro-watersheds; and (b) strengthen spatial planning for identification of linked watershed investments in the Northern Savannah region of Ghana. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 3 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132100. US\$ 8.8 (GEFU). *Consulting services to be determined.* Ministry of Environment Science and Technology, Contact: Nicholas Iddi, Project Coordinator.

**(R) 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.

**(R) Ghana FIP - Enhancing Natural Forest and Agroforest Landscapes Project:** The Project Development Objective is to improve forest and tree management practices by cocoa farmers, CREMA communities and forestreserve managers to reduce forest loss and degradation in selected landscapes in Ghana's High Forest Zone.

The overall goal of FIP-financed activities in Ghana is to reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, while reducing poverty and conserving biodiversity. *Negotiations authorized on 23 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148183. US\$ 29.5 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources Tel: 233-244362510, E-mail: abujuam@gmail.com, Contact: Musah Abu Juam, Technical Director for Forests.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) GEDAP Second Additional Financing:** Continuation of ECG commercial performance improvement program *Identification completed on 4 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) Ghana Sankofa Gas Project:** Objective to be Determined. Concept completed on 12 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152670. US\$ 700.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Finance**

**(N) 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 resiliency 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.

**(R) 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 to manage volatility emanating from external and domestic shocks. This would involve mainly the areas of expenditure and revenue forecasting in the short and medium term, debt management, development of domestic capital markets, project evaluation and monitoring, State Owned Enterprise regulation and benchmarking.

The objective of EMS is to strengthen processes and systems necessary for effective fiscal management, and coordination between budget formulation, cash flow projecting, debt management. The project will have five main components, namely:

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, 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**

**(R) Ghana Youth Employment Project:** The objective of the proposed project is to contribute to improved employability of youth, with a particular focus on at risk youth, through strengthening of skills- and

business development services, as well as labor market informational services. *Concept completed on 6 December 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132248. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ghana Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship Development Agency, E-mail: mspelpuo@yahoo.com, Contact: Mohammed Pelpuo, Deputy National Coordinator.

**(R) Ghana - Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition Project:**

The project development objective is to improve utilization of community-based health and nutrition services by women of reproductive age, especially pregnant women, and children under the age of 2 years. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 5 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 68.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: (233-020) 887-6172, E-mail: salasung2@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms Salamata Abdul-Salam, Chief Director.

**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: kofibedu@yahoo.com, Contact: Robert Austin, National Coordinator.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Additional Financing for Ghana Oil and Gas Capacity Building Project:**

The project objective is to (i) improve public management and regulatory capacity while enhancing transparency; and (ii) strengthen local technical skills in Ghana's emerging oil and gas sector. Approval completed on 27 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P148224. US\$ 19.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. ..., Contact..

**(R) Ghana: Public Financial Management Reform and Improvement Project:**

16. The project development objective (PDO) is 'to improve fiscal policy management, financial control and reporting'. The project will contribute to enhancing fiscal discipline, strategic allocation of resources, and service delivery efficiency through strengthened systems and procedures and targeted capacity building. *Concept completed on 21 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151447. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services

to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: 233302665132, E-mail: chiefdirector@mof.gov.gh, Contact: Major M. S. Tara (Rtd), Chief Director.

### **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

### **(R) GH-Roads Investment Support Program:**

The proposed Project is under identification. Provisional activities include potentially the following; 1. Providing viability gap funding, if required, for specific PPP-transactions currently studied under the PPP-Project. 2. Institutional Strengthening, National Policy review, Master Planning, Road Reform, Capacity Building. 3. Civil works to upgrade, improve and maintain road networks, both feeder roads and highways using performance-based contracting. 4. Additional activities may include Technical Assistance to restore efficient freight transport services on the Volta Lake and assist with the viability assessment of concessioning the Western Railway line. The scope and objective will be narrowed down until the PCN-meeting. *Identification completed on 24 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Roads and Highways Tel: (233-21) 671-445, E-mail: aboretum@hotmail.com; Ministry of Transport Tel: (233-244) 298-818.

## **Guinea**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**Guinea Agricultural Support Project:** Project Development Objective (PDO). The proposed project development objective is to strengthen the capacity of selected sector institutions to support the effective implementation of the Recipient's National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan (PNIASA). Approval completed on 30 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Tel: 00224 655 026 525, E-mail: sultanjm@yahoo.com, Contact: Jacqueline Marthe Sultan, Minister.

### **Education**

**(R) GPE Guinea:** 28. The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve equity in access to quality basic education and learning outcomes in

the project areas. *Concept completed on 22 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148127. US\$ 37.8/14.9/1.0 (EFAS/GFRC/UNCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education Tel: 224-60216487, E-mail: sorisylla@yahoo.fr, Contact: Soriba Sylla, Secrétaire General.

### **Health and other social services**

#### **(R) GN Community Health Services Improvement Project:**

The development objective of the proposed project would be to: Improve the utilization of maternal, child health and nutrition services at community level in target districts. This will be achieved by supporting the government roll out and implement interventions to improve the supply and demand of maternal and child health services in areas most in need for support.

The project beneficiaries are children and pregnant and lactating women in selected districts in Guinea. The selection of target areas (selected districts to be finalized with the government during preparation) will be based on a number of criteria including (i) high poverty levels; (ii) low maternal and child health related indicators; (iii) high prevalence of stunting in under-5 children; (iv) existing Community Based Health Insurance Schemes; and, (v) the presence of geographic and program-based initiatives supported by other Partners.

By focusing on the health center, health post and community level, the project interventions will be targeted at the poor. The PER has shown that the more basic health facilities (health posts, community level providers and, to a lesser degree, health centers, are much more likely to serve females, rural residents, the young, the poor, and less educated than higher level facilities. Since these facilities are concentrated in rural areas these results are not particularly surprising. However, they do reinforce the inequities that exist in terms of utilization of services. It is this level of the health system that the project will focus on. *Concept completed on 2 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147758. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Contact: S.E.M. Colonel Remy Lamah, Ministre de la Sante et de l'Hygiene Publique.

## **Guinea-Bissau**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

#### **(R) Second Emergency Food Security Support Project:**

The Project Development Objective is to improve food security of vulnerable populations, including children in selected areas in the Recipient territory. Approval completed on 6 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (GFCR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Tel: (245) 205-904,

E-mail: Rdjata@gmail.com, Contact: Rui Nene Djata, Director; World Food Programme Tel: (245) 545-5363, E-mail: Ussama.Osman@wfp.org, Contact: Ussama Osman, [Ussama.Osman@wfp.org](mailto:Ussama.Osman@wfp.org).

### **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.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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**

**(R) Public Sector Strengthening Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is "to assist the Government to re-establish basic systems for public

financial management." *Negotiations authorized on 29 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 2.8/2.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: 2456673366, E-mail: cavapinto@yahoo.com, Contact: M. Carlos Pinto, Reform Coordinator.

### **Kenya**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(N) National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 5 November 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### **Education**

##### **(R) Kenya GPE Primary Education Development Project:**

The project development objective is to improve foundations for learning in early grade reading and mathematics, and to strengthen critical aspects of system management in the primary education system.

The critical aspects to be improved are:

- FOR TEACHERS, TEACHER TRAINEES AND TEACHER EDUCATORS: For foundational learning - subject and pedagogical knowledge for early grade reading (Kiswahili and English) and mathematics, and availability and use of sound instructional material for teacher preparation and classroom practice. Particular attention will be given to teachers working in vulnerable and marginalized communities.

- FOR SCHOOLS: For foundational learning - scaling up of early grade mathematics intervention packages; For system management - teacher appraisal scale-up, capacity for school management and accountability; teachers regularly in classrooms teaching; increased parental oversight and involvement; and planning and management skills for headteachers for fiduciary and data management responsibilities. Particular attention will be given to schools in vulnerable and marginalized communities.

- FOR COUNTIES: For system management - capacity for County Education Boards to understand new decentralized roles and responsibilities for ECD and coordination of basic education; quality assurance mechanisms, and school audits.

- FOR NATIONAL SYSTEM: For system management - identification of effective delivery models for disadvantaged groups; system efficiency reviews; and use of data for improving service delivery. *Concept completed on 16 April 2014.* 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: Belio Kipsang, Principal Secretary.

### **Energy and mining**

#### **(R) 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. *Appraisal completed on 10 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120014. US\$ 250.0/7.5 (IDA Credit/CIF). Consultants will be required. Kenya Power and Lighting Co. Ltd. Tel: (254-20) 243-366, Contact: John Njoroge, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer; Ministry of Energy and Petroleum Tel: (254-20) 255-0680, E-mail: ps@energymin.go.ke, Contact: Patrick Nyoike, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) 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\$ 115.0/170.0/120.0/40.0/36.0 (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. Silas M. Simiyu

**(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. *Identification completed on 20 March 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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**

**(R) Financial Sector Support Project:** Building on the baseline reforms achieved on the recently closed Financial and Legal Sector Technical As-

sistance Project (FLSTAP) the new lending operation will focus on shoring up long term finance and capital market development so as to supplement bank financing and support an array of instruments that can finance Kenya's immediate development needs such as infrastructure, housing, etc. *Identification completed on 10 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **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 31 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-ajiwf@yahoo.com, Contact: Winnie Mwasiaji, Social Protection Secretariat Coordinator.

**(N) Youth Opportunities:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 22 August 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 e-government 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: vkya-lo@ict.go.ke, Contact: Mr. Victor Kyalo, [vkya-lo@ict.go.ke](mailto:vkya-lo@ict.go.ke).

### **Transportation**

#### **(N) 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***

**(N) Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Projects-Additional financing:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 9 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.9 (SPF). 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 K. Gaita, Director, Irrigation, Drainage and Water Storage.

**(R) Addl Financing - Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project:** This Additional Financing is part of the Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Program. This Project is proposed to provide Additional Financing for the first project in the Program, the Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (P117635). The proposed Additional Financing would contribute to the current Project Development Objective of the Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project, "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 for the country." This project would provide opportunity for restructuring of the first project, to enable incorporation of activities to support implementation of the second project in the Program, the Coastal Region Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (P145559). This Additional Financing is also expected to finance flood protection infrastructure in Western Kenya along the Nzoia river, including rehabilitation of the dyke and levee system. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 54.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Lesotho***

#### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(R) Social Protection Project:** This project will support the modernization of the Lesotho social protection system. The project will consist of: the establish-

ment of common delivery systems (identification system, eligibility, management of information, payments, etc); the consolidation of programs; the re-orientation of programs towards addressing poverty and vulnerability; and strengthening the links between the safety net system and labor markets & productive activities. The project will also include a component on strengthening the social and poverty-related statistical system. *Identification completed on 12 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. 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

**(R) Public Sector Strengthening Project:** Building on the recent existing analytical papers (PER, Growth study, policy notes and draft Systematic Country Diagnostic), the project will aim at addressing modernization of the public institutions and improving their performance through key public sector reforms and capacity building. *Identification completed on 23 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (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***

**(N) Liberia REDD+ Investment Program:** 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\$ 55.0 (BIOA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) 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.

### **(R) 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***

**(R) Youth Opportunities Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to expand access to income earning and asset creation opportunities for vulnerable youth in Liberia *Concept completed on 14 July 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146827. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(R) 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. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## ***Transportation***

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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 develop-

ment 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 (PSAEP) that was adopted under the CAADP 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 agricul-

tural 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\$ 85.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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:

**(R) 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\$ 35.0 (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: onyramaht@gmail.com, Contact: Ony Ramah, DIRECTION DU PARTENARIAT ET DE LA PROMOTION.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) Integrated Growth Poles and Corridor Project 2:** The Project Development Objective is to contribute to increased economic opportunities and access to enabling infrastructure services, as measured by an increase in jobs and formal firms, in Targeted Regions. The Program objective of the Series of Projects (SOP) is the same as the PDO of this Project. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 18 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113971. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Project Secretariat Tel: (261) 2022-36777, E-mail: eric.ra@pic.mg, Contact: Eric Rakoto Andriantsilavo, Secetaire Nationale.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Malawi**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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: Mr. Sandram Maweru, Principal Secretary.

**(R) 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.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) MASAF IV Strengthening of Safety Nets Systems Additional Finance:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 12 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 6.5/68.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) Business Enabling Environment Project:** BUSINESS ENABLING ENVIRONMENT PROJECT *Identification completed on 23 May 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.2 (AFRF). 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 operation is a follow on to the Africa Stockpiles Project in Mali (ASP-Mali, P103189), which was one of the seven projects under ASP-P1. The proposed project aims at consolidating the achievements of ASP-Mali, and to develop a sustainable management system to reduce new accumulations, and help the Government mitigate the associated health and environmental risks. The project supports the development of the agriculture sector by reducing inputs of pesticides; it also strengthens natural resource management by supporting the enhancement of pesticide management, and the conservation of scarce water supplies through supporting clean up of sites where underground water has been contaminated by pesticide spillage. Furthermore, the project assists the Government of Mali to develop strategies for cleaning up priority sites contaminated with pesticides. This will be achieved through two inter-related main components: the first component will bridge the funding gaps for the disposal and/or safeguarding of publicly-held inventoried stocks of obsolete pesticides and associated wastes (300 tons) in the country, and the treatment of highly contaminated soils in three identified high risk sites; while the second component will finance prevention activities which were either under-budgeted or missing in the ASP-Mali project resulting in up-scaled and more far reaching efforts to reduce new accumulations of obsolete pesticides and associated waste in a sustainable manner. The project development objective is to assist the Government in eliminating and/or safeguarding inventoried Publicly-Held Obsolete Pesticide stocks and Associated Waste; and implementing measures to reduce future accumu-

lations of pesticides. Project components The proposed operation has three components: (i) Elimination and/or safeguarding of Obsolete Pesticides and Associated Waste and decontamination of highly contaminated sites; (ii) Reduction of obsolete pesticide and associated waste re-Accumulation ; and (iii) Project management. The main outcomes expected from the proposed project include: (1) disposal and/or safeguarding of all publicly-held inventoried stocks of obsolete pesticides and associated wastes; (2) the treatment of highly contaminated soils in three priority sites (Goundam, Bambara Maoudé and Kara); (3) operational structures for pesticide management and prevention; and (4) operationalization of priority activities of the National Prevention Plan. *Identification completed on 25 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. *US\$ 1.4/3.2 (DANI/GEFU).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Education**

**(R) Higher Education Support Project:** The development objective of the proposed Mali Higher Education Support Project (HESD) is to improve the relevance of selected higher education programs and the stewardship of the higher education system in Mali. *Appraisal completed on 29 January 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.

**(R) 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**

**(R) Banda Gas to Power Guarantee:** The Gas To Power Project will use natural gas discovered offshore of Maritania for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to SOMELEC 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 procurer 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.

**(R) 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, SHSs 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.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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:** Objective to be Deter-

mined. *Identification completed on 16 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Agence de Bassin du Fleuve Niger - Mali.

### **Mauritania**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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.

### **Education**

**(R) MR-Skills Development Project-AF:** The Development Objectives of the proposed operation are to improve the quality and efficiency of training institutions and create an enabling environment for a more market-driven Technical and Vocational Education Training System. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 1 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144575. Consultants will be required. ..., Contact: Amadou Harouna, Haut Commissaire; Ministère des Affaires Economiques et du Développement Tel: (222) 525-2063, E-mail: Chrif@dpef.mr, Contact: Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Chrif Mamed, Directeur des Projets Education.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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 SOMELEC 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 development objectives of the proposed Project are to support the establishment of building blocks for the social safety net system and to provide targeted cash transfers to poor and vulnerable households. *Identification completed on 11 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0/4.0 (IDA Credit/AFRH). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) Nouadhibou Free Zone Support and Competitiveness Project:** The proposed development objective is to reduce barriers to investment and to strengthen the capacity of Nouadhibou Free Zone to deliver a competitive fishery cluster. First, the project will support the development of a competitive fishery cluster in Nouadhibou to realize the potential of selected industries and to create sustainable jobs. It will also promote public-private partnership (PPP) transactions in Mauritania, in particular the financing of commercial viability studies for Nouadhibou Free Zone (fishery cluster, airport, deep-sea port). Second, the project aims to improve the investment climate and regulatory business environment in Mauritania as a whole, in particular through institutional technical assistance, public-private dialogue revamping, modernization of the legal and regulatory framework, simplification of administrative procedures and the creation of Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms. *Identification completed on 2 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 7.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Mauritania Public Sector Efficiency program:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 16 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.3 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Mozambique**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Mozambique 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 *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 5 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project:

P131965. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Tourism Ministry of Mozambique (MITUR), E-mail: amadope@tv cabo.co.mz, Contact: Afonso Madope, Coordinator; Biofund, E-mail: luis.honwana@gmail.com, Contact: Luis Honwana, Director.

**(R) 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 (GE-FU). Consultants will be required. ..., Contact: .

**(R) Mozambique Agriculture Commercialization 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 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Education

**(R) 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 Country's strategic economic sectors, and (c) improve the link between higher education and technical and vocational education and training. *Identification completed on 18 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Mozambique Additional Financing to Education Sector Support Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 9 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Transportation

**(R) 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 Third Additional Financing for the Mozambique Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Program, Phase 2 (RBMMP2). *Identification completed on 22 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 73.6 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### 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).

**(R) 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.

**(R) Enhancing Spatial Data for Flood Risk Management Project:** The objective is to increase the capacity of Mozambique to prepare for and manage flood events in the Limpopo and Zambezi River basins. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 16 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149629. US\$ 6.5 (GFDR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Niger

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(N) Agriculture Climate Smart Support Project:** Objective to be Determined. 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**

**(R) 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.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Population and Health Support Project:** 22.The project development objective is to increase the utilization of reproductive, maternal, newborn, child health and nutrition(RMNCHN) services, including by adolescent girls, in targeted areas.

23.The PDO will be achieved by implementing:  
-high impact interventions which increase the supply of RMNCHN services especially in remote and underserved communities; social and behavior change communication (SBCC) and women's and girls' empowerment activities to overcome demand-side constraints

24.In doing so, the project will contribute to: (i) strengthening the health system in areas of access, financing, human resources, and drug supply chain-

management, which will be critical to maintaining the project's benefits after its closing date; and (ii) strengthening demand for RMNCHN services through improved knowledge, life skills, livelihood training, and schooling.

25.The project will support the introduction or scaling-up of global innovations adapted to the Nigerien context that the global experience has shown to be effective to promote gender equality, better reproductive health and slow down the growth of the population. The design will also include multi-sectoral approach on project preparation, implementation and to carry out joint annual reviews of work plans and sector performance (including expenditures and budget) which will be monitored based on jointly derived performance indicators.

26.The proposed project takes into account the lessons learned from the implementation of the previous projects including: (i) addressing the population agenda needs to be anchored in the highest level of government; (ii) ownership of the project design and implementation by the government is key for successful implementation; (iii) IEC/BCC campaigns should be linked to the support for women empowerment in order to impact on women's economic conditions which then can reinforce the awareness messages and activities in the general population; (iv) interventions should be designed and implemented through a bottom-up approach, using decentralized and community-based approaches; and, (v) there is a need for specialized SBCC expertise and for the design and implementation of interventions to be cognizant of local culture, needs, and issues. The project will aim to help the Government of Niger to be more strategic and selective, prioritize, and use the existing capacity for implementing programs that will have the greatest impact on the behavior change and the use of the reproductive health program. Based on the demographic trend, the project will be implemented through a phased approach, focusing initially on four regions – Zinder, Maradi, Tahoua, and Tillabery – which not only have the largest populations but also the poorest performance on health, nutrition and population indicators. *Concept completed on 2 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147638. US\$ 96.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: (227-20) 722-782, E-mail: idrissa2005@gmail.com, Contact: Dr Idrissa Maiga, Secretary General; MP/WP/CP (Ministry of Population Woman Promotion and Child Protection) Tel: (227-20) 723505, E-mail: aissatabdou@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dr Aissatou Abdou Laouali, Secretary General.

### **Industry and trade**

**Niger Additional Financing to the Agro-sylvo-pastoral Exports and Markets Development Project:** The Agro-sylvo-pastoral exports and

markets development Project (PRODEX) has become over the last few years a critical instrument of Bank support to Niger's renewed agricultural development strategy for food security and nutrition security (known as Initiative 3N. It is also one of the most performing operations of the Bank portfolio in Niger, in spite of a difficult context at start (with a military coup shortly after the project became effective). The Project implementation ramped up over time and disbursement ratio has reached more than 90%, with a risk of underfunding of part of its planned activities underfunded (approval of new subprojects has been stopped since June 2013) and the Project has met almost all of its targeted performance indicators ahead of its closing date schedule on April 30, 2014. Most of PRODEX activities fit with the country action plan for building longer term resilience of the agriculture and livestock systems, being finalized following the recommendations and directions from the Agricultural Risk Assessment Report issued jointly by the Bank (TA-P129152) and the Government of Niger in 2013. The Additional financing will support the consolidation of project activities and kick start the implementation of the country's Agricultural Risk Management Plan (ARMP), focusing on (i) supporting subprojects under the PRODEX matching grants (Component B) mechanism that serve the purpose of the ARMP ; (ii) increasing funding for securing rural infrastructure contributing to securing the irrigation potential and to unlock production areas and facilitating marketing of Project beneficiaries' produce and (iii) provide support to the High Commission for I3N to mainstream the ARMP into its strategic programs, and for the preparation of a sector-wide operation meant to support the full implementation of the ARMP as anticipated in the new CPS. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 19 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agricultural/PRODEX Tel: (227-20) 350-068, E-mail: niger\_prodex@yahoo.fr, Contact: M. Bola Moussa

## Nigeria

### Education

#### **(R) Nigeria Global Partnership for Education Fund Grant:**

To improve access and quality of basic education in participating Northern States, focussing on girls' participation. The Project will consist of four main components: (a) Promoting School effectiveness through School Development Grants; (b) Enhancing Quality in Basic Education through Standardised Testing of its Students, Teacher's Training and Professional Development; (c) Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation; and (d) Providing Technical Support to Strengthen Federal Ministry of Education and Universal Basic Education Commission to improve basic

education service delivery. *Identification completed on 22 January 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. 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: [kagarabello@yahoo.com](mailto:kagarabello@yahoo.com).

**(R) 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

#### **(R) 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. 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.

**(R) 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.

**(R) NG-Electricity Transmission Project:** The project development objective is to improve the capacity and efficiency of the transmission network and increase electricity services. *Concept completed on 16 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146330. US\$700.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Transmission Company of Nigeria Tel: 2348093666208, E-mail: mkast@mts.net, Contact: Mr. Mack Kast, Managing Director/CEO.

**(R) Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project - Additional Financing:** The proposed additional financing for the Series of PRGs will support the implementation of the Roadmap for Power Sector Reforms. As agreed during the preparation of the parent project, subsequent transactions will be presented to the Board as an additional financing to the project. In addition, there will be a component co-financed by Climate Investment Funds (CIF) which will also help support increased solar energy based power generation capacity in Nigeria. *Identification completed on 3 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/300.0 (CCTF/GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Finance**

**Development Finance Project:** The project development objective is to increase the availability and access to finance for micro, small, and medium enterprises through eligible financial intermediaries with the support of a new wholesale development finance institution. Approval completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P146319. US\$500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE Tel: 2348038250186, E-mail: aabdulsalam@fmf.gov.ng, Contact: Abdulfatah Abdulsalam, Assistant Director.

### **Health and other social services**

**Community and Social Development AF:** The project development objective is to increase access by the poor to improved social and natural resource infrastructure services in a sustainable manner throughout Nigeria. Approval completed on 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148215. US\$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance, E-mail: chudimarshi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Chudi Onuoha, National Coordinator, FPSU, CSDP.

**(R) Social Protection Project:** This a National Social Protection/Social Inclusion operation aimed at reducing extreme poverty, in line with the Transformation Agenda of the Government of Nigeria and WBGs. It is also in the context of pillar 2 of the CPS (2014 - 2017). It would strengthen and expand the ongoing SP platform in YESSO to coordinate all SP interventions in the Country including school feeding, unconditional cash transfer, direct assistance to elderly. A comprehensive assessment of all existing social protection interventions will provide required information for the design of the project. The national targeting system will be linked to the national identification system. A comprehensive IT based payment system will also be development *Identification completed on 19 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) 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**

**(R) State and Local Governance Reform Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve transparency, accountability and quality in public financial management in the participating states. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 1 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133045. US\$ 73.1 (ECD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, E-mail: [chudimarshi@yahoo.com](mailto:chudimarshi@yahoo.com).

**(R) 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 (ECD). No consultants are required. Federal Ministry of Finance Tel: (234-9) 8336-6661, E-mail: turakibatta@hotmail.com; National Planning Commission.

**(R) 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**

**Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project:** The project development objective is to improve the capacity of Oyo State to effectively manage flood risk in the city of Ibadan. Approval completed on 17 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Oyo State Government Tel: (234-70) 5973-9604, E-mail: dayo1ayorinde@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Dayo Ayorinde, Project Coordinator.

**(R) 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.

## Rwanda

### Energy and mining

**(R) 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

**(R) 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 Príncipe. 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

**(R) 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.

## Senegal

### Energy and mining

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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 Tullow Oil corresponding to energy exports to Senelec. *Approval completed on 29 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145657. US\$ 99.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Industry and trade

**(R) Senegal Growth and Export Development:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to develop exports and improve Senegal's investment climate. *Concept completed on 10 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146469. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce, Informal Sector, Consumption and Promotion of Local Products Tel: 221777408330, E-mail: Makhtar.lakh@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Makhtar Lakh, General Secretary.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**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.

### ***Transportation***

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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](mailto:projeau@orange.sn).

**(R) Additional Financing - Stormwater Management and Climate Change Adaptation Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 7 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Sierra Leone***

### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) Smallholder Commercialization and Agribusiness Development Project:** The PDO is to increase 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.

**(N) 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, 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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**

**(N) 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.

**(N) Social Safety Nets Additional Financing:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 5 February 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) 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.

### **Information and communications**

**(R) SL eTransform Sierra Leone:** The arrival of the Submarine Cable in Sierra Leone offers a great potential for the country to have access to affordable broadband, and the opportunity to leverage this to develop innovative ICT applications which can improve efficiency and reach of key public services. Combined with improved legal/regulatory environment, including liberalization of the international gateway, and improved national and cross-border communications infrastructure, Sierra Leone has the opportunity to use ICT to stimulate demand (and payment) for more efficient public services, build a more vibrant ICT-enabled private sector which could generate investment and growth for this post conflict country.

The ICT for Transformation Project will capitalize on the improving communications infrastructure, and focus on using ICT to improve basic service delivery and accountability, in particular beyond the urban centers, and support selected e-government applications that improve government's efficiency, transparency and accountability. *Identification completed on 31 October 2012.* 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**

**(N) SL-Statistics Development:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 9 July 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Transportation**

**(N) Sierra Leone - Second Transport Sector Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 9 July 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Freetown Integrated Urban Development 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**

**(R) 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 (MSC1). Consultants will be required. 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". *Appraisal completed on 29 January 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: pmt@mipt.gov.so, Contact: Mohamed Ware, Project Manager.

## **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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\$ 20.0 (SOMP). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Public Financial Management Capacity Strengthening Project II:** The objective is to establish and strengthen institutional capacity for the management of public funds in Central Finance Agencies and targeted sectors. *Concept completed on 4 December 2014.* *Environmental Assessment Category C.* Project: P151492. US\$ 20.0 (SOMP). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Transportation**

**(R) Somalia Urban Development Project:** The PDO for the project will be: "Improved urban infrastructure and urban financing systems in South-Central Somalia, Puntland and Somaliland". *Concept completed on 16 June 2014.* *Environmental Assessment Category B.* Project: P149306. US\$ 71.5 (SOMP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Planning.

## **South Africa**

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) Technical Assistance Project for Development Carbon Capture and Storage in SA:** The focus of the proposed project is the Pilot CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Pilot Plant (CCPP) project, which will not be a source of CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> STORAGE PROJECT (PCSP)

The Pilot CO<sub>2</sub> 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 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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.
5. Obtain an indicative measure of CCS costs in South Africa. *Identification completed on 31 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 27.0 (CARB). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### Finance

**(R) 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**

**(R) South Sudan Agriculture Development and Food Security Project:** The 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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 upto 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:

**(N) 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***

**(R) 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 Labour, Public Service and HRD Tel: 211956324250, E-mail: angethdut@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Ms. Angeth Acol de Dut, Undersecretary, Public Service.

#### ***Transportation***

**(R) South Sudan Rural Road Project - First Additional Finance:** Objective to be Determined. 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: alamjj2@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: James Alam, Chief Engineer Roads.

### ***Sudan***

#### ***Health and other social services***

**(R) 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***

**(R) SZ: Private Sector Competitiveness:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(N) 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***

**(R) 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. Khijjah, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) Tanzania: Second Agricultural Sector Development Project-BRN Support:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 7 November 2011. Environmental Assessment Category A. 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 Appraisal completed on 30 November 2014. 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: j\_alsaady@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: Malanie Gamage, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) 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 "siloe" 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-sectoral 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) Zanzibar Education Project:** Improve quality of basic education and facilitate market-relevant skills development *Identification completed on 23 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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

**(R) DROPPED-TZ-Ruhudji Hydropower Project:** The Government of Tanzania (GOT) intends to develop the Ruhudji Hydro Power Project (HPP), a 358 MW hydro power scheme to generate 2000 GWh of electricity per annum in the private sector. The Project Cost is estimated to be over US\$1.2 billion. GOT's energy alternatives to Ruhudji HPP include development of coal and HFO fired power plants which are both financially and environmentally costly and would extend the carbon footprint of Tanzania. The Project will be structured in form of an IPP with an international investor, Aldwych International PLC, of the UK, who intends to conclude a 25 year Power Purchase Agreement with the state owned utility TANESCO. The Project encompasses the construction and operation of the hydropower station and the implementation of an up to 200km Transmission line (final routing yet to be determined), linking the power station with the main national grid in Southern Tanzania. Financing for the Ruhudji generation project is expected to be through private sponsors' equity contributions (about 20% of project costs) and commercial/bilateral/multilateral debt facilities. GOT

requested the Bank to support the financing of the project with a Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) that would cover commercial lenders to the project and an IDA credit to finance the required transmission line. The IDA has already provided financing (under an existing energy Project) to the GOT for the engagement of a suite of legal, financial and legal advisers, which have started to assist the GOT in their negotiations with the Project Sponsors on major Project Agreements, though none of those agreements has yet been concluded. *Identification completed on 29 January 2013. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/200.0/1000.0 (IDA Credit/GUID/ZPCI). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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 enabling 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: sblikwelile@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Servacius B. Likwelile, Executive Director.

**(R) Renewable Energy for Rural Electrification (RERE):** The Renewable Energy for Rural Electrification (RERE) project aims to i) build an efficient and responsive development infrastructure for renewable energy-based rural electrification, and ii) support a time-slice of private-sector investments in off-grid electricity enterprises.

The project will provide support to 3 renewable energy electrification schemes:

- 1) Mini-grids ranging from 100's of kW up to 10 MW of capacity serving villages and commercial customers;
- 2) Micro-grids power by small centralized PV array and battery banks, biomass gasifiers, biogas, and other renewable technologies supplying electricity through a low-voltage grid; and
- 3) Sustainable Solar Market Packages (SSMPs) supplying electricity to essential public service and com-

munity facilities providing a platform for sales to further private customers in contiguous villages.

The project is meant to build upon the successes (and avoid the less than successful elements) of the TEDAP project.

The project was approved as part of the Tanzania Investment Plan supported by the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program (SREP) of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF). Approval from the committee was granted in September 2013. *Identification completed on 10 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/20.3 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) TZ Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources:** The objective of the additional financing is:

(i) extend the coverage of the geological survey in highly prospective areas;

(ii) to scale up the small-scale and artisanal mining benefits component through the following activities:

- Strengthening zonal mining offices to supervise the artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) operations adequately; and

- Establishment of centers for excellence for ASM to serve as models for integrated mining and processing.

*Identification completed on 8 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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 MUKUTAIL, 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 Kilimanjaro; 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.

### **Finance**

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 19 January 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**

**(N) 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**

**(R) TZ Private Sector Competitiveness Proj.:** 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.

**(N) Second Private Sector Competitiveness Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 October 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 15 January 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: sda-visben@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: Malanie Gamage, Permanent Secretary.

### **(R) Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Project:**

(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 be 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](mailto:mkipande@tanzaniaports.com).

**(N) Tanzania Second Central Transport Corridor Project - AF2:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 125.0 (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 response 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 fol-

low 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](mailto:b.psmw@mowi.go.tz), Contact: EgR. Bashir J. Mrindoko, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) Second Water Sector Support Project:** The country has established a sector development program spanning for 20 years and divided into five year sub programs. The first phase which is designed as SWAp and supported by WSSP I will be closed in June 2014. The proposed Water Sector Support project II (WSSP II) will be designed building on the lessons from the current WSSP I and factoring new developments in the sector. The Emphasis in WSSP II will be to support investment in the sub projects the design of which is supported under the WSSP I including the Dar es Salaam city Water and Sewerage Services improvement. Support will also be provided to the GoT Big Result Now initiative which focuses on accelerating effort to improve access to safe water supply to rural communities and ensuring better sustainability. *Identification completed on 30 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 225.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## ***Togo***

### ***Education***

**(R) Education and Institutional Strengthening Project 2:** The main objective of the program is to accelerate the achievement of the education MDGs through the implementation of the Government of Togo's ten year education sector program (ESP). The program is to support Government strategy for the achievement of (i) improved access and equity in Togolese education system; (ii) the condition necessary for the delivery of better quality education and (iii) better management of the education system. *Identification completed on 10 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 27.8 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) Togo: Mining Governance and Development Project Preparation - Phase I:** To strengthen the capacity of key institutions to manage the minerals sector, improve the conditions for increased investments in and revenues from mining, and

facilitate an effective and efficient spending of mining revenues.

The specific development objectives and activities of a possible second project would be defined on the basis of the experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of this Project. *Concept completed on 10 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149277. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. DGMG Tel: 22822210408.

### **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: pdctogo@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 de Execution 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 PDO is to raise the quantity and quality of agricultural productivity and production to meet both unmet domestic demand and to expand exports to the EAC and COMESA. This will be achieved through increased productivity, value addition and export rates of selected commodities, namely maize, beans, rice and cassava. This is in line with the government objective of focusing on increasing food exports to East Africa, rather than focusing on exclusively on those commodities which cannot simultaneously contribute to national food security, such as tea and coffee. Selected commodities are those that figure highest in Govern-

ment's own strategy and are the major internationally traded food crops grown by Uganda. While bananas are one of the most important food crop for Uganda, its consumption is mostly domestic. *Concept completed on 31 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145037. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries Tel: (256-41) 432-0004, E-mail: ps@agriculture.go.ug, Contact: Vincent Rubarema, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) 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**

**(R) Skills Development Project:** The Project objective is to improve the capacity of institutions to deliver quality and relevant skills training programs in the agriculture and small and medium scale manufacturing/construction sectors. *Concept completed on 7 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145309. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Sports Tel: 256-41-425-7038, E-mail: nassalilukwago@education.go.ug/permassec@education.go.ug, Contact: Rose Nassali Lukwago, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Agriculture Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Tel: 256414320004, E-mail: ps@agriculture.go.ug, Contact: Vincent Rubarema, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) 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 maths 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**

**(R) 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 A. 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 program's long-term objective of rural area transformation is retained in this project because it is as relevant now as it was when the program was first designed. It is also clear that some changes are needed in view of the implementation experience, changing conditions in the power and ICT sectors, and changes in the Ugandan economy. The project development objective is to increase rural access to electricity. *Concept completed on 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133312. US\$ 150.0 (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.

**IDA Guarantee for Renewable Energy Development Program:** The project will provide for amongst others counterpart 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.

**(R) UG GEF Energy for Rural Transformation III:** The project is the third and final GEF contribution to an APL program and will build on the implementation experience of the ERT-2 and be based on the reform measures that are being developed under the Uganda Accelerated Rural Electrification Project (UAREP). *Identification completed on 5 August 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.9 (GE-FU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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: P144102. 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) Uganda Safety Net Program for Productivity and Inclusion:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 13 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 130.0 (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 North Eastern Road-corridor Asset Management Project (NERAMP):** The PDO is to reduce transport costs, enhance road safety, and improve and preserve the road assets sustainably by applying cost effective performance based asset management contracts, along the Tororo - Kamdini road Corridor. Approval completed on 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125590. US\$ 243.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) Tel: 256-312-233-100, E-mail: executive@unra.go.ug, Contact: B. Ssebugga-Kimeze, Ag. Executive Director.

**Second Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure Development Project:** The project development objective (PDO) is enhanced infrastructure and institutional capacity of KCCA to improve urban mobility in Kampala. Approval completed on 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133590. US\$ 175.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Kampala Capital City Authority Tel: 256-717440348, E-mail: Jmusisi@kcca.go.ug, Contact: J. Semakula Musisi, Executive Director.

**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 Ssebbugga-Kimeze, Acting Executive Director; Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD) Tel: 256-414342931, E-mail: ps@mlhud.go.ug, Contact: David Gabindadde-Musoke, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Education Tel: 256-414234451, E-mail: permasec@education.go.ug, Contact: Dr. Rose Nasali, Permanent Secretary.

## Zambia

### Health and other social services

**Health Services Improvement Project:** The project development objective is "to improve health delivery systems and utilization of maternal, newborn and child health and nutrition services in project areas." Approval completed on 21 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145335. US\$ 52.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: 260-211-252989, E-mail: ps@moh.gov.zm, Contact: Dr. Davy Chikamata, PS, Ministry of Health; Ministry of Community Development, Mother and Child Health Tel: 260-211-235327, E-mail: echomba@zamnet.zm, Contact: Prof. Elwyn Chomba, PS, Ministry of Community Development Mother & Child Health.

### Public Administration, Law, and Justice

**(R) Public Financial Management Reform Program Phase I:** The project development objective (PDO) is to contribute to improving the efficiency and accountability of public resources. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 6 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147343. US\$ 30.0 (ZPFM). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for budgeting, revenue administration and monitoring, internal audit, procurement reforms and integrated financial management information system (IFMIS). Ministry of Finance, Contact: Mumba Chanda, Project Coordinator; Zambia Institute of Purchasing and Supply; Zambia Procurement Authority; Zambia Revenue Authority.

**(R) Zambia Rural Women Empowerment Project:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase income levels of extremely poor households benefitting from the project. *Concept completed on 24 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151451. US\$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Community Development Mother and Child

Health; Ministry of Gender and Child Health, E-mail: vmbumwae@gmail.com, Contact: Victor Mbumwae, Director, Planning.

### Water, sanitation and flood protection

**(R) Lusaka Sanitation Project:** The project development objective is to increase access to sustainable sanitation services for the poor in Lusaka. *Concept completed on 30 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149091. US\$ 50.0/67.0/136.0/47.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/EUIB/KFW). 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

**(N) 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 as 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.

### Health and other social services

**(R) Productive Safety Net Project (PSN):** The project development objective is to provide temporary income support to poor non-labor constrained rural households through their participation in labor-intensive community works, while putting in place the building blocks of a National Productive Safety Net system. *Concept completed on 24 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145518. US\$ 25.0 (AFRH). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Social Service

## Regional

### Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**(R) Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA):** The objective is to facilitate integrated agricultural research for development within the SADC region with the aim of contributing to increased productivity of small holder crop, forestry, fish and livestock enterprises in the region. *The*

*loan/credit/grant was signed on 5 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113629. US\$ 26.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. FARA Secretariat Tel: (233) 2177-2823/9421, E-mail: mjones@fara-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Monty P. Jones, Executive Secretariat; Southern Africa Development Community Tel: (267) 395-1863, E-mail: ptawonezvi@sadc.int, Contact: Dr. Patrick Tawonezvi, Coordinator.

**(R) West Africa - Mauritania Fish. APL:** The development objective of this first phase of West Africa Regional Fisheries Program SOP-C1 (formerly APL-C1) is to strengthen governance and management of targeted fisheries and improve handling of landed fish at selected sites. *Appraisal completed on 23 January 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, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project 1:** Nine sub-Saharan island and mainland developing countries fish the waters of the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO). The area of the combined Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the countries is 1.5 times the land area of these countries. An estimated 107 million people live within 100 kilometers of the coast in the target countries and the coastal zone is under increasing environmental pressure as the coastal population is increasing at a disproportionately higher rate. Poverty is widespread throughout this coastal region, and the economies of most of the countries are heavily dependent on natural resources. GNI per capita ranges from \$500 or less in Mozambique, Somalia and Tanzania to more than \$5,000 in Mauritius, Seychelles and South Africa.

The fish stocks, the fishing fleets, the trade links and the challenges of building shared economic growth based on sustainable use of their marine resources are common to all the countries. In particular, the tuna fisheries are not only shared by all countries, but they are the region's most valuable fish resource. As the tuna is fished predominantly by countries from outside the SWIO, opportunities for economic growth, employment and value added, based on tuna, are currently limited. The fisheries sector accounts for between 10-30% of GDP in Comoros and the Seychelles and 4% of GDP in Mozambique, and up to 35% of foreign exchange. Employment in the fisheries sector is estimated to be about one million and involves a high proportion of the coastal population often among the most vulnerable, marginalized and landless communities in the front line of climate change. Many workers

are women involved in the small-scale fisheries, including processing, marketing and aquaculture. The sector is a major contributor to nutritional health and food security in the region, contributing around 50% of animal protein intake in Comoros and Seychelles and 26% in Mozambique and Tanzania. The region's seafood exports (excluding South Africa) account for approximately \$1.3 billion in 2008 (\$1.9 billion in 2006), of which tuna and shrimp account for half. Increasing the economic contribution from sustainable fisheries is a shared regional objective of all the countries. The target countries are all members of the African Union, six are SADC members, while four are Indian Ocean Commission members and five are COMESA members. All countries participate in the existing World Bank-managed, GEF-funded South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project (SWIOFP), and are members of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC). During a recent SWIOFC Session, its Members have requested the Bank to support its further management and development of the fisheries, in a regionally-coordinated manner.

The proposed South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Program (SWIOFish) would include the island nations of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles and all East Africa's mainland countries: South Africa, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya and Somalia.

The development objective of the SWIOFish would be to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. A series of complementary regional investment and national investments would achieve the development objective by: (i) strengthening the countries' governance capacity to manage fisheries, including reducing illicit fishing activities; (ii) investments to increase the profitability and sustainable production of fisheries and aquaculture and the proportion of the value-added captured by the countries; (iii) supporting policies that share the benefits from sustainable use of marine resources among the economic agents and that prioritize pro-poor and community fisheries; and (iv) building robust regional cooperation on fisheries.

The project would have three operational components and a fourth project management component namely, 1. Improved governance of fisheries, 2. Increased fisheries contribution to national economies, 3. Regional collaboration and 4. Program management and coordination. The details of the components would vary by country, each country will select their areas of interest and tailor the activities to their specific needs, but all countries will participate in the regional activities.

The first group of countries to join the Program would be Comoros, Mozambique, Seychelles and Tanzania. *Identification completed on 14 June 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. DGRH, Contact:

Yousouf Mohamed Ali, Deputy Director; Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Zanzibar, Contact: Mr. Mussa Jumbe, Director of Fisheries; Ministry of Fisheries Tel: (258-82) 316-0078, E-mail: aden-go@mozpesca.gov.mz, Contact: Mrs. Angelica Dengo, Head of International Cooperation Department; Deep Sea Fishing Authority, Contact: Mr. Zahor El Kharousy, Director General; Indian Ocean Commission, E-mail: harijhons.razaka@coi-ioc.org, Contact: Mr. Leon Martial Razaka, Officer in Charge.

**(R) 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. *Appraisal completed on 26 August 2014.* 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. Yousouf 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. Yohana L. Budeba, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Zanzibar Tel: 255777428575, E-mail: kassimjuma52@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Kassim G. Juma, Principal Secretary; Deep Sea Fishing Authority Tel: 255777011011, E-mail: zahor1m@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Zahor El Kharousy, Director General.

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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) (P112600/TF071104). 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' 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.

**(R) 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 The Netherlands, and managed by the Agriculture, Rural Development and Irrigation unit (AFTA2). 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: yakinbami-jo@fara-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Yemi Akinbami, Executive Director.

**(R) Regional Sahel Pastoralism Support Project:** 17. The proposed Project Development Objective is “to enhance livelihood resilience of pastoralists in cross-border drought prone areas of selected countries”. This will be achieved through a combination of (i) policy reforms, (ii) capacity building, and (iii) investments.

18. The resilience of a household depends primarily on the options available for making a living. Livelihood resilience under PRAPS is defined as: (i) sustained and maintained assets of pastoralists; (ii) sustained and maintained means of making a living; and (iii) strengthening of livelihood activities and income.

19. Project Beneficiaries: the main beneficiaries will be pastoralists in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal; some specific trans-boundary geographic areas will be prioritized in each of these six countries. It is expected that the project will directly benefit 800,000 households (110,000 in Burkina Faso, 150,000 in Chad, 130,000 in Mali, 160,000 in Mauritania, 150,000 in Niger and 100,000 in Senegal) whose livelihoods mainly rely on pastoral activities, including but not limited to livestock keeping, processing or marketing. Secondary beneficiaries will be service providers (both public and private), as well as national and regional institutions. The RECs (ECO-WAS/WAEMU) and CILSS will be major institutional beneficiaries of this project, aside of the OIE/CRSA (Regional Animal Health Center, based in Bamako) and other regional coordinating partners at technical level. It is expected that the PRAPS, together with other major partners (EU cooperation, AFD, Arab funds,...), will align to strengthen coordination and monitoring capacities within the Sahel under the harmonized approach of the AGIR partnership. *Concept completed on 28 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147674. *US\$ 251.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Volta River Basin Strategic Action Programme Implementation:** The proposed global environment objective is to strengthen transboundary water resources management in the Volta River Basin through institutional development and implementation of priority actions of the Strategic Action Pro-

gramme. *Concept completed on 4 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149969. US\$ 3.0/7.2 (CIWA/GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Volta Basin Authority (VBA) Tel: 22650376067, E-mail: [cbiney@gmail.com](mailto:cbiney@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](mailto:faberra@mofed.gov.et), Contact: Fisseha Aberra, Director of International Financial Institutions.

**(R) GLR: Resilience & Cohesion of Displaced:** The project will support sustainable integration and self-reliance for refugees, internally displaced persons, returnees across the Great Lakes Region, as well as promoting cohesion with their host communities. *Identification completed on 13 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.

**(R) Second South-West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project:**

The South West Indian Ocean (SWIO) marine fisheries are part of a larger marine ecosystem shared by all countries of the region. They are a regional public good, whose health and sustainability require regional coordination to limit negative and enhance positive externalities yielded by national activities. The migratory species, such as tuna, are archetypes of this shared regional public good, and their sustainable harvesting requires coordination to avoid a "tragedy of the commons" scenario. The SWIO fisheries sector is already largely regional, with each country's decision impacting on the other countries' activities. In particular, large national investments, such as ports, fishing fleets, or processing plants, are competing against each other. Regional coordination is therefore needed to avoid conflicts and suboptimal sectoral investments, and to promote equitable distribution of wealth. Furthermore, several technical aspects of the sector are regional in nature, and their implementation would benefit from economies of scale if managed at a regional level. The countries face common constraints with regard to their fisheries sector: weak national governance, weak human and institutional capacity, and a fragile business environment. The SWIO countries will therefore benefit from addressing these challenges jointly. They already use regional platforms to share their experience in implementing more sustainable and economically viable fisheries policies and practices. A greater regional cohesion will enhance the countries' voice in international fora as well as in negotiations of fishing-related agreements, where decisions are taken that have significant impacts on the fisheries sector of the SWIO countries. Recognizing the important contribution by the marine fisheries to regional and national goals - poverty reduction, food security, economic growth, balance of payments, value of natural capital - all SWIO countries have repeatedly called for attention to regional collaboration in the sector. An important share of the decision-making in the sector is already happening at the regional level, and this share is growing. Most of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) have regional fisheries policies with similar objectives and priorities (Southern African Development Community, SADC; Indian Ocean Commission, IOC; and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, COMESA ), but none of them cover all SWIO countries. To address their common concerns and needs related to fisheries, the

countries have therefore created the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC). In recognition of the added value and cost reduction, major donors have supported regional fisheries programs. However, additional support is needed for improved governance, increased national and regional capture of the benefits, and improved regional collaboration to take advantage of synergies and contribute to poverty reduction and shared prosperity. For this reason the Bank is developing a South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth (SWIOFish) Series of Projects (SOP). The SWIOFish SOP aims at increasing the economic, social, and environmental benefits to SWIO countries from sustainable marine fisheries. It will be implemented through sequential investments over a period of 15 years, targeted at securing the resource base by better managing the fisheries before supporting viable larger investments. Eligible countries can join when ready and when financing is available. The first project's (SWIOFish1) Development Objective is to improve the management effectiveness of selected priority fisheries at regional, national and community level. It will support in a regional platform for all SWIO countries building on the SWIOFC and the IOC, and initial investments in Comoros, Mozambique and Tanzania, for a total investment of \$91 million (national and regional IDA, GEF) and will be presented to the Board before end of 2014. For long Madagascar have requested for joining the project. Fisheries accounts for about 5.5% of GDP in Madagascar but a thriving and expanding fisheries sector (tuna, shrimp trawling and shrimp aquaculture) has declined in the face of political and economic instability. Nevertheless fish account for over 7% of exports and employs over 200,000 people and the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is more than twice the land area. Historically, Madagascar has had a well-managed shrimp fishery and a shrimp aquaculture industry which established and supported entire rural communities. The positive results from community co-management and from cooperation between the industrial shrimp trawl association and government have been models that can be replicated throughout the region. Successful co-management initiatives in the small-scale octopus fisheries sector have been replicated along the Malagasy coast and also in Mauritius. However, political instability, a weakening investment climate and deficient governance has led Madagascar to one of the lowest per capita incomes (US\$ 400) in the region, with 3/4 of households living under the poverty threshold and wide differences among regions and between rural areas and urban areas. Strategic interventions backed with the core structural reforms can revitalize Madagascar's fisheries sector as a dynamic engine of sustained growth. The government of Madagascar included the Fisheries sector as an integral part of the CAADP and other policy instruments are being developed or updated. The fishery strategy follows the whole CAADP strategy targeting

development planning and management of seascape and resources, increase yield and production, improve contribution to food security and inclusiveness (revenue and jobs creation), expansion of national and regional markets and a value chain approach. Main instruments would be ultimate the development and implementation of management plans for all fisheries and aquaculture investment zones. An ecosystem-based demersal fisheries management plan was recently completed. The objective of this project is to focus on the fishery sector's contribution to the national economy, in alignment with the national strategy and related plans. The aim of the project is to assist the Madagascar government in developing, adopting and implementing governance reforms to support environmentally, economically and socially sustainable fisheries sector to reduce poverty, contribute to economic growth and create sustainable wealth. The proposed project would consist of four components to be implemented over a six years period at an approximate cost of \$50 million. The key activities would comprise: (i) improving fisheries governance, (ii) strengthening fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance, (iii) increasing local value-added to fish products including supporting transition to small-scale aquaculture and compensation and/or alternative livelihoods needed for reducing pressure on over-exploited fisheries resources, and (iv) promoting public goods management through critical habitat protection, in particular mangroves areas, and regional fisheries collaboration. The project would build on experience gained from previous and on-going Bank's projects in the region as well as other efforts during the last decades. The main target groups of the project are the fishers and the operators along the seafood value chains, and the coastal communities who would benefit from sustainable natural resources use, improved infrastructures and diversified and profitable income generation opportunities; and key institutions that oversee the management of the fisheries sector and the development of the coastal areas. **Identification completed on 13 November 2014.** Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/GFCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) LVEMP APL-1 Additional Financing:** Additional Financing of the Lake Victoria Environment Management Program (LVEMP) APL-1 to allow for extension of the existing activities, synchronization of APL-1 and APL-2 closing dates, and preparation of a further phase of LVEMP, including all Basin countries to begin at the start of FY18. **Identification completed on 20 November 2014.** Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 20.0/2.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) West Africa Survey Harmonization Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification com-

pleted on 21 November 2014. **Environmental Assessment Category C.** US\$25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Education**

**(R) 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 B. *US\$ 140.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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 the 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 horizon-

tal 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 29 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. Communauté Electrique du Bénin (CEB) Tel: (228) 2216132, E-mail: dg@cebnet.org, Contact: Mr. Djibril Latifou, Directeur Général.

**SAPP-Program for Accelerating Transformational Energy Projects:** The Project Development Objective is to advance the preparation of selected priority regional energy projects in the Southern African Power Pool participating countries. Approval completed on 11 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126661. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Southern African Power Pool Coordination Centre Tel: 2634335468, E-mail: musaba@sapp.co.zw, Contact: Lawrence Musaba, Manager.

**(R) 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/AFRS). Consultants will be required. Electricidade de Mozambique (EdM) Tel: (258-21) 353-632; ESCOM Tel: (265-1) 822-000, 824-274.

**(R) 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.

**Kariba Dam Rehabilitation Project:** The Project Development Objective is to assist in improving the safety and reliability of the Kariba Dam. Approval completed on 9 December 2014. Environmental As-

assessment Category A. Project: P146515. US\$ 75.0/75.0/100.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ECDF/FSSP). Consultants will be required. Zambezi River Authority Tel: +260 211 228401/02, E-mail: zaraho@coppernet.zm, Contact: Munyaradzi Munodawafa, Engineer.

**(R) OMVG Interconnection Project:** 8. The project developmental objective is to increase electricity supply to Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal through developing the interconnection infrastructure. *Concept completed on 3 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146830. US\$ 200.0/145.0/114.0/50.0/125.0/34.0/80.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/EUIB/GFRC/ISDB/KFW/WADB). Consultants will be required. OMVG Tel: 221338895100, E-mail: jvanska@omvg.sn, Contact: Justino Vieira, Executive Secretary.

**(R) OMVS - HYDROPOWER AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:** The objective of the proposed project is to contribute to sustaining and expanding the exploitation of OMVS regional hydropower potential and furthering regional integration through the rehabilitation and renewal of Manantali hydropower plant and transmission facilities for the evacuation of the power generated by the plant. *Identification completed on 13 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 3A Ruzizi Hydropower Project:** The Ruzizi III hydropower project, 147MW is sponsored by the Energy Commission of the Great Lakes Countries (DRC, Rwanda and Burundi), in short "EGL", and includes the construction of the dam, tunnel, power station and the transmission line to a switchyard. The project will be developed in the form of a public-private partnership supported by donors including the World Bank, AfDB, and DBSA. The World Bank would provide a Partial Risk Guarantee to support private sector investors to develop the Ruzizi hydropower project. *Identification completed on 15 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 3A-Ruzizi Hydropower Partial Risk Guarantee:** The Ruzizi III hydropower project, 147MW is sponsored by the Energy Commission of the Great Lakes Countries (DRC, Rwanda and Burundi), in short "EGL", and includes the construction of the dam, tunnel, power station and the transmission line to a switchyard. The project will be developed in the form of a public-private partnership supported by donors including the World Bank, AfDB, and DBSA. The World Bank would provide a Partial Risk Guarantee to support private sector investors to develop the Ruzizi

hydropower project. *Identification completed on 15 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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 Assessment Category B. Project: P149714. US\$ 7.5 (CIWA). Consulting services to be determined. Niger Basin Authority (NBA) Tel: 22798701110, E-mail: sec-executif@abn.ne, Contact: Major General Collins R.U. Ihekire, Executive Secretary.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Controlling Diseases of Poverty in the Sahel: NTDs and SMC:** This program will assist countries in the African Sahel control and begin to eliminate the diseases of extreme poverty and seasonal malaria transmission. The approach will promote collective action and cross boarder collaboration for the planning, implementation and evaluation of integrated, community-based periodic treatment of the major neglected tropical diseases (NTD) and seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SCM). The program will emphasize efficiency and innovation in service delivery to build sustainable community health services and maximize the impact of a newly formed public-private partnership through which pharmaceutical companies will donate the drugs needed to treat and eventually eliminate the NTDs. *Identification completed on 14 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (APOC) Tel: (226-50) 342-959; WHO/AFRO.

**Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographics Project:** The development objective is to increase women and adolescent girls' empowerment and their access to quality reproductive, child and maternal health services in selected areas of the participating countries, including the Recipients' territory, and to improve regional knowledge generation and sharing as well as regional capacity and coordination. Approval completed on 18 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150080. US\$ 170.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministere de la Population et de l'Action sociale Tel: (227) 739-399, Contact:

**Ebola Emergency Response Project - Additional Financing:** The Project Development Objective is to contribute in the short term to the control of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak and the availability of selected essential health services, and mitigate the socio-economic impact of EVD in Guinea,

Liberia, and Sierra Leone. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 20 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health (MoH), Contact: .. Ministry of Health Guinea, Contact: S.E.M. Colonel Remy Lamah, Ministre de la Sante et de l'Hygiene Publique; Ministry of Health Sierra Leone Tel: (232) 240-427, Contact:

**(R) 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, support-

ing 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\$ 94.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) Great Lakes Trade Facilitation:** The Development Objective of this project is to facilitate cross-border trade by reducing costs, time and harassment, especially of women, to improve the operating environment at the border for traders in the Great Lakes Region.

Project beneficiaries would primarily be vulnerable families in borderland areas, cross-border traders, especially poor women, youth and ex-combatants. As many cross-border traders in the region are women the project would have the potential to impact positively on gender dynamics. It would prioritize agriculture and trade in food products by targeting border crossing points which are one of the major bottlenecks in the link between farmers and regional markets. This should contribute to greater food security, higher employment and improved incomes for many households. At the same time, trade in both goods and services can play a key role in generating jobs and hence provide genuine alternatives for young people who are or have been combatants. This, in turn, should strengthen the resilience of communities to outside shocks, strengthen social cohesion between trading communities and decrease the possibilities of violent mobilization. Better border monitoring should identify conflict goods and cut out a source of financing for armed groups. *Concept completed on 19 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151083. US\$ 86.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance.

### **Information and communications**

**(R) Regional Communications Infrastructure Program Phase 5 - Uganda:** The development objectives of the proposed RCIP 5 project are consistent with the PDO of the RCIP Program as a whole, namely 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). *Concept completed on 6 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130871. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. National IT Agency Tel: 256-417-801038, E-mail: info@nita.go.ug, Contact: James Saaka, Executive Director.

**(R) West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Project - APL 3:** The objectives are

to: (a) increase the geographical reach of broadband networks; and (b) reduce costs of communications services in the territories of Guinea Bissau and Niger. *Concept completed on 12 December 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132845. US\$ 33.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) Horn of Africa Connectivity Program Phase 1:** The development objectives of the proposed RCIP 6 project are consistent with the PDO of the RCIP Program as a whole, namely 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 organised by the Bank, IFC, the Bank of South Sudan 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)

2A) Government backbone network and data centres (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, fibre). 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.

2B Accelerating the roll-out of a fibre 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 fibre link between landlocked South Sudan and at least one of the fibre 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 Equatoria capital of Torit, with fibre 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 Fa-

cilitation Program, P131426, which includes an ICT component of US\$15m). This is a relatively short distance (350km) to the nearest fibre and has the added 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 fibre 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\$ 30.0/12.0 (IDA Credit/AfDB). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(R) West Africa Regional Fisheries Program SOP-C1 – Mauritania & Guinea:** This AIS is for the Third APL in the series of the West Africa Regional Fisheries Program (WARFP). The objective of the WARFP is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa, and the proportion of that

wealth captured by West African countries. These countries include the coastal nations from Mauritania through Ghana. The first APL in the series, APL A1, was approved by the Executive Board of Directors on October 20, 2009, for the four countries of Cape Verde, Liberia, Senegal and Sierra Leone, in a total amount of US\$45 million IDA and US\$10 million GEF. The second APL in the series, APL B1, was approved on March 31, 2011, for Guinea-Bissau, in a total amount of US\$6 million IDA and US\$2 million GEF. A SIL in the amount of US\$50.3 million IDA and US\$3.5 million GEF is expected to be approved for Ghana in July 2011, as part of the WARFP. This AIS is thus for the third APL in the series, to allow the country of Mauritania to join the WARFP. The WARFP includes a common approach and framework at the regional level, which provides a menu of activities that countries can choose from based on their specific conditions, to achieve the shared objective of the region to better manage its fish resources for shared growth. This menu stems from the three components of the WARFP: (i) Good governance and Sustainable Management of the Fisheries, (ii) Reduction of Illegal Fishing and (iii) Increasing the Contribution of the Marine Fish Resources to the Local Economies. In the case of Mauritania, the WARFP would invest heavily in the first and third components, to strengthen the overall governance of the sector, so as to provide a sustainably supply of fish that could support a much greater local processing industry in the country, as part of the Government's strategy to increase local employment, particularly among youth. The second component on reducing illegal fishing is not as great a priority in Mauritania, where over a decade of support from the Government of Germany has developed one of the region's best fisheries surveillance systems and lowest rates of illegal fishing. This project would thus include IDA and GEF funds to support more transparent governance of the fisheries, allowing the implementation of a number of existing fisheries resource management plans, to create more secure (and in some cases transferable) access rights to the fisheries, as a basis for sector investment. At the same time, this project would respond through Component 3, to the Government's expressed interest in IBRD enclave support for fisheries infrastructure to support greater local fish processing, including a fishing port at Nouadhibou, and potentially a smaller port at Tanit. Together with IDA and GEF investments in more transparent governance of the sector, IDA funds would be used to help prepare the technical and economic feasibility studies needed to design these IBRD enclave infrastructure investments, and ensure their financial and economic viability. It is expected that IBRD enclave funds would be included in this project under Component 3. However, at this stage these funds are not presented in the financing matrix, as the amount would be subject to pre-feasibility studies during the preparation phase, to indicate the scale and compliance with IBRD enclave

eligibility criteria. A technical mission was conducted in September/October 2010, to identify with the Government the project concept and potential investments. The Aide Memoire will form the basis of the Project Concept Note. A PCN review is expected by Q1 of FY12. *Identification completed on 19 September 2011.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126773. US\$ 22.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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, TFO71104). 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**

**(R) Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Program - SOP2:** The objective of the SATTFP APL 2 in Malawi is to facilitate the movement of goods and people along the North-South Corridor and at the key border crossings, whilst supporting improvements in the services for Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and road safety. This is expected to be realized by the following components:

Component 1: Improving the Road Infrastructure. The first component comprises two sub-components to strengthen asset management and improve the condition of the road network:

a. Component 1(a): The Karonga - Songwe Section of the M1 Corridor. This sub-component will support the improvement of the Karonga-Songwe section of the M1 road. TMSA, through COMESA, are currently funding the design work for this section, with the

likely intervention including a mix of periodic maintenance and localized reconstruction to complete rehabilitation. The provisional cost estimate for this component is US\$ 20-25 million;

b. Component 1(b): Accident Blackspot Intervention. This sub-component will support the identification and mitigation of key accident blackspots on the road network. A grant was approved by the Global Road Safety Facility to procure consultants to undertake the assessment, and the selected consultants commenced their assignment in Malawi on November 11, 2013. The provisional cost estimate for these interventions is US\$3 million.

Component 2: Improving the Social Infrastructure. The second component comprises two sub-components to mitigate the social costs associated with increased transport volumes on key regional trading corridors:

a) Component 2 (a): Improving management of road safety. The first sub-component involves supporting the implementation of the recommendations of the recently completed Corridor Road Safety Management Capacity Review. The study called for the identification and establishment of a cross-sectoral Lead Agency for Road Safety in Malawi and a results focused road safety strategy, which is now being established with support from the European Union. The component proposes to provide support to the design and implementation of pilot road safety projects in support of defined targets and the purchase and installation of accident analysis software. The provisional cost estimate for these interventions is US\$2 million.

b) Component 2 (b): Improving health services and emergency response: This sub-component will refurbish and extend priority lower level health centers, both existing ones and establish new ones at the border crossings, and provide, and provide technical assistance to develop the capacity of the staff in the local health centers, in HIV/AIDS awareness, counseling and testing. It will also support the piloting of an emergency response service for road traffic accidents. The provisional cost estimate for these interventions is US\$2 million.

Component 3: Improving Trade Facilitation. The objective of this component is to reduce the cross border transport cost by streamlining, modernizing, simplifying and harmonizing the trade and transit procedures and the policies increasing professionalism of economic operators. This is expected to be realized by the following provisional list of sub-components:

- (i) The migration from Asycuda ++ to Asycuda World;
- (ii) An assessment of the feasibility and design of a National Single Window;
- (iii) The installation of a National Single Window facility;
- (iv) An assessment of development options for the Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS);

(v) An assessment of the feasibility of the upgrading and modernization of border post facilities and traffic control; and

(vi) the upgrading and modernization of border post facilities at Songwe, Dedza and Mwanza.

The provisional cost estimate for these interventions is US\$17.5 million.

Component 4: Institutional Strengthening and Implementation Assistance. The third component will provide necessary project management, implementation assistance and capacity building to the RA, and strengthening of the institutional framework for transport. The following activities will be included:

(i) the procurement of consultants to prepare a National Transport Policy and Strategy, including an action plan, to guide the sustainable development of the transport sector to 2030;

(ii) the procurement of qualified consulting engineers to assist RA in the preparation of designs and supervision of works to mitigate the accident blackspots;

(iii) the procurement of qualified consulting engineers to assist RA in the supervision of the implementation of civil works on the M1;

(iv) the procurement of qualified consulting engineers to assist RA and MRA in the preparation of designs and supervision of works at the border crossing interventions;

(v) the procurement of consultants to undertake a quality review of the processes of scheme identification, design, implementation, supervision and handover;

(vi) the procurement of consultants to operationally establish the road asset management system in the RA;

(vii) Support to the RA to assist the PIT in project implementation; and

(viii) Capacity building and training in the Ministry of Transport and Public Works.

The provisional cost estimate for these interventions is US\$7.5 million.

Component 5: Improved corridor management and monitoring (US\$2 million). The IDA regional grant will be used to support the continued strengthening of the DCC and the funding of its operating costs for a finite period, until a sustainable financing proposal has been introduced. The further progression of this component is predicated on the DCC being adjudged to have met the condition outlined in APL-1, that it has developed the fiduciary capacity through support from that operation, to receive this tranche in its own right. *Concept completed on 17 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145566. *US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Roads Authority Tel: 2651753699, E-mail: trevorhiwa@ra.org.mw, Contact: Trevor Hiwa, CEO.

**(R) South Sudan- EA Regional Transport , Trade and Development Facilitation Project (Second Phase of Program):** The proposed

Program Development Objective (PDO) of the South Sudan - Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Program is to enhance regional connectivity of South Sudan with its Eastern Africa neighboring countries and access to sea ports. This will be achieved through increasing transport efficiency along the Juba-Nadapal- Eldoret corridor connecting South Sudan to Mombasa port, facilitating trade and development, connecting Juba with fiber optics, and linking the new landlocked country, South Sudan, to an alternative sea port of Djibouti. *Identification completed on 24 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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) Senegal River Basin Integrated Water Resources Management Project:** This Trust Fund will be linked to the IDA project P131323 and it will support activities that are complementary in nature to this project. *Identification completed on 16 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 15.1 (AFW1). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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## **East Asia And Pacific**

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### **Cambodia**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) KH-Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development Project II:** The proposed project development objective (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,

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**(N) 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.

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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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; Ngan.chamroeun@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: HE Ngan Chamroeun, Project Manager and Deputy Director General.

**(R) 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, Programme Development and Quality.

**(R) Cambodia PFMMP-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. *Appraisal completed on 3 December 2014.* 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**

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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 communities 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: wattbotkosal@gmail.com, Contact: Botkosal Watt, Deputy Secretary General.

### ***China***

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) 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 (e) 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.

#### **(R) 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@iprcc.org.cn, Contact: Dr. Zuo Chengsheng, Director General.

**(R) GEF Mainstreaming Integrated Water and Environment Management:** The PDO is to in-

crease 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 Agriculture Tel: (86-10) 5919-6365, E-mail: [huang-bo1114@126.com](mailto:huang-bo1114@126.com).

**(R) 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.

**(N) 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.

### Education

**(R) China:Xinjiang Technical and Vocational Education and Training Project:** Improve the quality and relevance of project schools to produce skills that respond to the labor market demand in Xinjiang. *Appraisal completed on 2 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147367.

(GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources Tel: 86-10-63202708, E-mail: [ndwu@mwr.gov.cn](mailto:ndwu@mwr.gov.cn), Contact: Ms. WU Nongdi, Director of International Division.

**(R) 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](mailto:cxm8286@sina.com).

**(R) 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 US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Loan Management Office of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Education Department Tel: 86-991-7606098, E-mail: [wjj821109@126.com](mailto:wjj821109@126.com), Contact: Jin Zhihui, Director.

**(R) Yunnan Early Childhood Education Innovation Project (YECEIP):** The objective is to facilitate monitoring and/or evaluation of gender impacts. *Identification completed on 2 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Energy and mining

**(R) Concentrated Solar Power Project:** The development objective of the proposed project is to demonstrate the technical viability of Concentrated Solar Power development in cold, dry, and high latitude conditions. *Negotiations authorized on 20 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129657. US\$80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. China Datang Corporation Renewable Power Co. Ltd. Tel: 18901137091, E-mail: [tlych@sina.com](mailto:tlych@sina.com), Contact: Mr. Yan Changhui, Deputy General Manager.

**(R) Establish M&V system for Energy Efficiency in China:** The objective of the proposed project is

to establish a measurement & verification system for energy savings to prepare for market-based mechanisms, thereby, contributing to the GoC's ambitious energy conservation programs. *Concept completed on 19 June 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132748. US\$ 18.0 (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.

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 15 July 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132873. US\$71.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hebei Provincial Agriculture Department Tel: 86-311-67661793, E-mail: wb-hebei2012@163.com, Contact: Wang Xiangxue, PMO Director.

**(R) Hebei Clean Heating Project:** 9. The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to improve the efficiency and environmental 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). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Debt Management Center, Hebei Provincial Department of Finance Tel: 0311-66651593, E-mail: hehui@vip.163.com, Contact: Hui He, Director.

**(R) 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. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture Tel: (861-05) 919-3208, E-mail: wangyl1234@sohu.com, Contact: Wang Yanliang, DDG, Science, Tech & Education Department.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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, Yingjing, 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.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) China Contaminated Site Management Project:** The project development objective is to improve the country's capacity for managing site contamination, and demonstrate environmentally sound identification and cleanup of sites contaminated with POPs and other hazardous chemicals. *Negotiations authorized on 25 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145533. US\$ 15.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection Tel: 86108226-8810, E-mail: ding.qiong@mepfeco.org.cn, Contact: Ms. Qiong Ding, Director.

**(R) Zhuzhou Brownfield Development Project:** 13. The proposed project development objective is to support site remediation in Zhuzhou's Qingshuitang core industrial area with the aim to reduce public exposure to contaminated land and to control site contamination in a manner that enables the safe redevelopment of the area. *Concept completed on 26 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147381. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Development and Reform Commission of Zhuzhou Tel: 0731-28686338, E-mail: 2443312565@qq.com, Contact: Mr. Zhou Jianguang, Director, DRC of Zhouzhu.

**(R) Red./phase-out of PFOS in priority sector:** 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 B. US\$ 25.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) China Partnership for Market Readiness:** The Project Development Objective is to enable China to design a national carbon emissions trading scheme. Approval completed on *30 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145586. US\$ 8.0 (PMR). Consultants will be required. Department of Climate Change, National Development and Reform Commission Tel: 86-10-68501553, E-mail: wangs@ndrc.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Wang Shu, Deputy Division Director.

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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: xufengcn@163.com, Contact: Mr. Xu Feng, Director.

**(R) Zhengzhou Urban Rail Project:** The proposed project development objective is to improve urban mobility for the population of Zhengzhou along the catchment area of Line 3 from Xin Liu Lu Station to Hang Hai Dong Lu Station. *Approval completed on 23 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128919. US\$250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Finance Bureau Tel: 0371-67181196, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126.com, Contact: Mr. Ding Eryong, Deputy Director.

**(R) CN-Hubei Xiaogan Logistic Infrastructure:** 20. 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. *Negotiations authorized on 4 December 2014*. 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: yngljshb@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. *Negotiations authorized on 18 December 2014*. 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 supportservices. *Negotiations authorized on 15 December 2014*. 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.

**(R) Tongren Rural Transport Project:** The project development objective is to improve transport accessibility in Dejiang and Sinan counties in a sustainable manner.

This objective will be achieved through the upgrading of existing gravel/earth rural roads, construction of new bridges, and implementation of rural road maintenance and management activities. The project beneficiaries are rural road users and residents in the project area. *Concept completed on 11 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148071. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Tongren Municipal Transport Bureau Tel: (86-856) 520-2505, E-mail: trpmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Yan Xunguang, Director.

**(R) China: Tianjin Urban Transport Improvement Project:** 17. The Proposed PDO is to improve safe and affordable access to areas located in the Tianjin main city, in all weather conditions, through an effective combination of mass transit, buses and non-motorized transport, focusing on people in the bottom 60 percent in terms of income level.

18. By leveraging the Tianjin mass transit and public transport system, the project will relieve congestion. By focusing on a combination of NMT and public transport access, the project will ensure a strong focus on the B40, and build on global best practices. By combining transit oriented development with some of the public transport stations, the project will facilitate walkability. By supporting a flood information system, the project will provide early warning and decision support system for city managers, transport providers and the public to enhance urban traffic operation and management capability during period of heavy rains or flooding. *Concept completed on 10 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148129. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Tianjin PMO Tel: 8622-231915601805, E-mail: tjpmo@public.tpt.tj.cn, Contact: Qi Wenjie, Director.

**(R) Wuhan Integrated Transport Development:** 21. 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: Whcjwzymb@163.com, Contact: Dai Ke Jun, Director.

**(R) Henan Xinxiang New Urbanized Community Development:** The Henan Xinxiang New Urbanized Community Development Project is located in Xinxiang 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 facilities 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.

**(R) CN-Hubei Jingzhou Historic Town Conservation Project:** Project Objectives: Jingzhou City is one of the 24 first-batch historically and culturally renowned cities announced by the State Council. The project is to promote the cultural carry-on and sustainable development of Jingzhou Ancient Town through protecting and rehabilitating the ancient town and its structures and improving/cleaning up the town's environment. *Identification completed on 28 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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). Consulting

services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Hainan Fishing Ports Project:** The proposed project will upgrade ports to provide safe shelter for fishing boats and to promote sustainable economic development in Danzhou City and Lingao County. Danzhou and Lingao lie in the northwestern part of Hainan Island and are home to about 200,000 fishermen and 10,000 fishing boats, accounting for over 36% of total fishery population and number of fishing boats in Hainan Province. The annual ocean catch in the project area amounts to about 650,000 ton, accounting for over 60% of total catch of Hainan Province. The construction of infrastructure for seven ports is proposed, including breakwaters, wharfs, dykes, embankments, dredging of navigation channels, and land reclamation. The infrastructure improvements will be accompanied with institutional development and capacity building. *Identification completed on 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Hainan Provincial Finance Bureau, E-mail: wanggg9168@163.com, Contact: Guangqun Wang

**(R) Ningbo Sustainable Urbanization Demonstration Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 14 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ningbo Project Management Office Tel: (86-574) 8728-0430, E-mail: yuhaifeng78@sina.com, Contact: Dongjun Liang, PMO Director.

**(R) Anhui Road Maintenance Innovation and Demonstration Project:** The project will enhance the scientific decision-making capacity on road maintenance, promote application of innovative maintenance technologies, establish road emergency response and safeguard system, and upgrade road asset management capacity. The proposed project will explore and carry out road maintenance system reform and innovation through comprehensive integration and upgrade of road asset management system, establishment of regional emergency management system, road maintenance marketization pilot and promotion of new type maintenance technologies, and introduction of advanced international maintenance management concepts and management modes. Especially, pilot of road maintenance marketization will be the first in China. The World Bank will provide assistance and guidance on road maintenance marketization, promotion of new maintenance technologies, and establishment of maintenance decision-making system. Implementation of the proposed project will serve as an innovation and demonstration model of road maintenance in Anhui Province and China. *Identification completed on 20 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$200.0 (IBRD).

Consultants will be required. ANHUI PMO Tel: 86-551-63656197, E-mail: apcdpeo@vip.163.com.

**(R) 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 Jiangnan 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). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) 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***

**CH GEF Municipal Solid Waste Management Project:** The project's objective is to build capacity and demonstrate best available techniques (BAT) and best environmental practices in municipal solid waste incineration in accordance with the Stockholm Convention. Approval completed on 14 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126832. US\$ 12.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection Tel: 86108226-8810, E-mail: ding.qiong@mepfeco.org.cn, Contact: Ms. Qiong Ding, Director.

**(R) Huainan Mining Area Rehabilitation Project:** The project development objective is to remediate and redevelop the JiuDa mining site in Huainan city. *Appraisal completed on 16 January 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.

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

**Zhejiang Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services in selected villages and towns in rural areas of Zhejiang Province. *Approval completed on 25 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133018. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhejiang Provincial Economic Information Center Tel: 86-571-81050281, E-mail: ch@zei.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Cai He, PMO director.

**China-Qinghai Xining Water Environment Management Project:** The Project Development Objective is to reduce water pollution and pilot potential sustainable reuse of wastewater in Xining Municipality. *Approval completed on 25 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133116. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Xining Municipal Government Tel: 0971-6280366, E-mail: xnhjzslshxmb@163.com, Contact: Mr. Xu Guocheng, Vice Mayor.

**(R) Chongqing Small Towns Water Environment Management Project:** The project development objective is to reduce flood risks and improve wastewater infrastructure services in selected counties of Chongqing Municipality. *Approval completed on 23 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133117. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Chongqing Project Management Office Tel: 86-23-63877677, E-mail: chongqpmo@163.com, Contact: Mr. Zhou Linjun, Director, Chongqing PMO for World Bank Project.

**(R) 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](mailto:duanzw8341@163.com).

**(R) 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

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 16 January 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](mailto:neil.cook@fijiroads.org), Contact: Neil Cook, Chief Executive Officer.

## Indonesia

### Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**(R) 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

**(R) DGM Indigenous People:** Consistent with the global framework the project will have two components: # Component 1 will promote capacity building initiatives to local and indigenous communities in the seven DGM regions that: promote sustainable and equitable models of community-based forest management; improve local communities and indigenous peoples' capacities to engage in policy and development planning processes at the district, province and national levels; and promote registration and gazettal of indigenous peoples' and local communities' areas in the forest estate. # # Component 2 will promote the livelihoods development of communities in the seven DGM regions via a small grants mechanism for community-based forest management initiatives; the creation of joint economic institutions; business technical training in production and distribution processes along the forest product value chain; and the mapping and development of marketing networks. *Identification completed on 18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.5 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

#### **(R) 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\$150.0/150.0 (IBRD/KFW). Consultants will be required. PT PLN Tel: 62-21-7251234, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtaqi Syamsuddin, Mr..

**(R) ID - Partnership for Market Readiness:** The objective is to create and/or improve the conditions in Indonesia for use of carbon market instruments in the regulation and mitigation of GHG emission. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 7 May 2012*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.7 (PMR). *Consulting services to be determined*. National

Climate Change Council, E-mail: info@dnpi.go.id, Contact: Dicky Edwin Hindarto, Head.

**(R) 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\$200.0/75.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE) Tel: (62-21) 3983-3222, E-mail: info@pgeindonesia.com, Contact: Narendra Widjajanto, Finance Director CFO.

#### **(R) Indonesia: Matenggeng Pumped Storage Hydro-Electrical Project:**

The development objective is to increase the peaking 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: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtaqi Syamsuddin, Mr..

**(R) 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 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry Tel: (62-21) 525-5509 Ext. 4063, E-mail: harjantom@kemenperin.go.id, Contact: International Industrial Coop for Regional I and Multilateral

**(R) 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: [murtaqi@pln.co.id](mailto:murtaqi@pln.co.id).

**Health and other social services**

**ID-TF ADDITIONAL FINANCING PNPM GENERASI PROGRAM:** The new PDO is to empower local communities in poor, rural sub-districts in the project provinces to increase utilization of health and

education services. Approval completed on 25 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147658. US\$ 151.7 (IDPN). Consultants will be required. Director General for Village Community Empowerment Tel: 6221-7990419, E-mail: ppkpmd@yahoo.com, Contact: Nata Irawan, SH, MSi, Directorate of Traditional and Community Social and Cultural.

**Industry and trade**

**(R) Lombok Regional Economic Development Project:**

The Project Development Objective is to promote the sustainable development of and reduce poverty in Lombok through the creation of a competitive tourism-based economy. The project will focus on three key aspects: integrated tourism masterplanning, private sector development, and the creation of basic tourism infrastructure.

Through this intervention, the project is expected to help build the foundation for the Bali-Nusa Tenggara (NTB) corridor to become the “gateway to tourism” as outlined in Indonesia’s Masterplan for Acceleration of Economic Development (MP3EI). The project is expected to create jobs in the sector and contribute to preservation and management of Indonesia’s prime tourism assets.

In the longer term, the project is expected to develop a mechanism for replicating integrated tourism planning and development throughout Indonesia as a driver for sustainable and inclusive growth. This would help the GOI reach its goal of promoting equity across regions and reduce poverty in some of its poorest provinces such as NTB. *Concept completed on 17 April 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131001. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy, E-mail: mpangestu@pacific.net.id, Contact: Mari E. Pangestu, Minister.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) AF to the Local Government and Decentralization Project /LGDP Phase II:** The objective of the Project is to improve the accountability and reporting of the central government’s Specific Purpose Grants (DAK) for basic infrastructure, consisting of roads, irrigation, water and sanitation, within Selected Local Governments. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 27 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123940. US\$500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance Tel: (62-21) 384-1067, E-mail: ahmadyani1166@gmail.com, Contact: T. Lumban Tobing, Deputy Director for Funds.

**(R) National Urban Development Program:**

The objective of the project is to improve planning and investment in participating cities in projects that will

be economically and ecologically sustainable. This will be done by applying the Eco2 Cities principles in participating cities and focusing on two components, namely:

- i) Catalyst investments that promote both economic development and ecological sustainability.
- ii) Analytical Support and Institutional Strengthening (TA) to support capacity building for each participating city to develop their Eco2 Cities framework, improve planning, budgeting, and design of investment priorities, as well as carry out analytical studies on urban expansion, metropolitan management, and land use planning.

*Concept completed on 14 June 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P129406. US\$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Bappenas Tel: (62-21) 392-3462, E-mail: pohan@bappenas.go.id, Contact: Dr. Max Pohan, Deputy Minister; City Government of Makassar Tel: (62-411) 317-007, E-mail: walikota@makassar.go.id, Contact: Mr. Ilham Arief Sirajuddin, Mayor of Makassar; City Government of Balikpapan Tel: (62-542) 421-420, E-mail: walikota@balikpapan.go.id, Contact: Mr. Rizal Effendi, Mayor of Balikpapan; City Government of Surabaya Tel: (62-31) 534-5689, E-mail: walikota@surabaya.go.id, Contact: Ms. Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya.

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) Indonesia Water and Sanitation Investment Facility Project:** 12. The project development objective (PDO) is to increase service coverage and improve water supply and sanitation services in selected LGs and PDAMs. This will be achieved through the establishment of a facility that could be accessed by LGs and PDAMs that are not eligible for accessing existing funding mechanisms. The facility could provide funding for investments as well as technical assistance and capacity building activities to improve the performance of PDAMs and LGs in water and sanitation services delivery. *Concept completed on 22 April 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129002. US\$100.0/30.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Pusat Investasi Pemerintah Tel: 622139832091, E-mail: soritaon.siregar@pip-indonesia.com, Contact: Soritaon Siregar, Head; DG Cipta Karya - Ministry of Public Works Tel: 62-21-72796158, E-mail: dirjenck@pu.go.id, Contact: Mr. Iman Ernawi, Director General Cipta Karya.

### ***Kiribat***

#### ***Transportation***

**(R) Kiribati Road Rehabilitation Project - Additional Financing:** The objective is to improve the

condition of South Tarawa's main road network and help strengthen road financing and maintenance capacity. *Appraisal completed on 25 July 2013. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144099. US\$ 7.0 (PRIF). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for technical assistance studies in the areas of road safety, and micro-enterprises for road management. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development Tel: (686) 21-806, E-mail: eali@mfep.gov.ki, Contact: Mr. Eliot Ali, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Dev..

**(R) 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.

**(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. *Negotiations authorized on 9 January 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.

### ***Lao People's Democratic Republic***

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) Second Laos Environment and Social Project:** The overall objective is to support the Government of Lao PDR's development goals in sustainable natural resource and environmental management including climate change. The proposed PDO would be to contribute to improve the policy and regulatory framework, and strengthen capacity for implementation and monitoring of the various institutions entrusted with natural resources and environment management and climate change adaptation and mitigation in Laos. The project would supplement Bank-funded and others' operations in the sector on forestry, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, pollution control and watershed management. It would offer technical assistance for impact evaluation study, special

studies, Management Information System (MIS), grievance redress systems, community facilitation, capacity-building, technical quality control, and social and environmental safeguards. It will especially aim to stimulate creativity and innovations in priority areas such as developing methodologies and tools for payment of environmental services; developing social and environmental standards in hydropower and mining including biodiversity offsets; strengthening the national policy framework; technical assistance for monitoring salvage logging and wildlife trade, and expansion of forest areas under certification, and other emerging areas such as constituency building and human resource development in the various trade of the natural resources and environment sector. *Identification completed on 6 February 2013. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.5/7.5/8.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AUSL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: phanthavong2020@hotmail.com, Contact: Virana Sonnasinh, Deputy Director.

**(R) - Second Lao Environment and Social Project (Additional Financing to the Protected Area and Wildlife Project):** To strengthen the management systems for national protected areas conservation and for enforcement of wildlife laws *Appraisal completed on 16 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152066. *US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: b\_phan.thavong@yahoo.com, Contact: Department of Forest Resource Management

### Education

**(R) 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. 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.

### 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. *Concept completed on 4 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149599. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). 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 and Nutrition Program:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to assist the Government of Lao PDR in improving maternal and child health and nutritional status of children under five years old and improving coverage of effective multi-sectoral interventions with a focus on poor and marginalized in poor villages. The expected outcomes of implementing this project include: Increases in effective coverage of essential MCH and nutrition services measured by: (i) increased number and percentage of mothers receiving health/nutrition services in the target areas (prenatal care, family planning, delivery at facility); (ii) increased number of children receiving health/nutrition services in target areas (immunization, deworming, vitamin A) This will be achieved by: (i) ensuring health facilities in the target areas are well equipped with sufficient and quality health workers, equipment, and supplies; (ii) reducing financial barriers of the poor and ethnic minorities to MCH/Nutrition services by offering free MCH/Nutrition services using results based financing; (iii) piloting cash transfers targeting pregnant and lactating mothers conditional upon use of MCH/Nutrition services for ethnic minorities and the poor; (iv) piloting and introducing cash transfers for village health workers conditional upon their taking pregnant and lactating mothers to receive MCH/Nutrition services in poor and deprived areas; and (v) increasing outreach. Expanded activities outside the health sector that contribute to health and nutrition outcomes of the target population, measured by: (i) reducing under nutrition outcomes among children under five years of age; (ii) reducing the number of children under five years of age with diarrhea in the past two weeks; (iii) increased appropriate hand washing by women and caregivers; (iv) increase number of children (6-23 months) who receive foods from four or more food groups; (v) reducing acute respiratory infections in children; (vi) reducing indoor air pollution; and (vii) increasing rates of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months. This will be achieved by: (i) increasing the number of villages/households/health centers that have access to clean water and a toilet; (ii) establishing community-based village health,

nutrition, and sanitation centers that will lead relevant community driven development activities for improved health and nutrition outcomes; (iii) assisting households to use better cook-stoves; (iv) improve quality communication materials and interventions for behavior change; and (v) improving collaboration and implementation with other ministries. The operation supports the CPS's Third Strategic Objective "Inclusive Development" and particular outcome 3.1. "Increased utilization and quality of essential maternal and child health services. This operation was also identified by the CPS as one of the tools through which the stated objective and outcomes would be supported. Furthermore, it supports the Bank's goals to share prosperity and reduce extreme poverty. *Identification completed on 25 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/ASDB). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(N) LA-Poverty Reduction Fund II - AF:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) of the original project is to "improve the access to and the utilization of basic infrastructure and services for the Project's targeted poor communities in a sustainable manner through inclusive community and local development processes". The proposed AF would modify the PDO, as follows: "Improve the sustainable, inclusive access to and utilization of basic infrastructure and services for the Project's targeted poor villages". This AF is a scale up. The AF would continue to support the following activities in the same poor rural districts: (i) sub-grants to villages to build or rehabilitate tertiary infrastructure; (ii) training of villagers and local government officials in the identification, planning, implementation, supervision and monitoring of community and local development investments; and (iii) national project management. The AF would also finance activities for nutrition and livelihood enhancement, which the PRF is currently implementing under the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF), in the same 4 pilot districts. The nutrition activities to be supported under the AF will be fully aligned with the national nutrition plan. The only new activity to be added under the AF is the support to the GoL's Water and Sanitation Program by financing the travel cost and other logistical costs for PRF volunteers and village leaders to facilitate the behavioral change of PRF beneficiary villagers. No new environmental and social safeguards would be triggered. Review will be made of the applicability of OP 7.50. All activities will be coordinated with relevant projects and GPs, such as health, education and transport. Identification completed on 16 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.0/2.0/9.0 (IDA Credit/LAPR/SWTZ). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Marshall Islands**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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 Tel: 6926258262, E-mail: gjoseph@mimra.com, Contact: Mr. Glen Joseph, Director.

### ***Micronesia, Federated States of***

**(R) Pacific Islands regional Oceanscope 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.

### ***Information and communications***

**(R) Pacific Regional Connectivity Program 2: Palau-FSM Connectivity Project:** The development objective of the Project is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of ICT services needed to support social and economic development in the Recipient's territory. *Approval completed on 17 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130592. US\$ 47.5/25.0 (IDA Grant/ASDB). Consultants will be required. Department of Transport, Communication and Infrastructure Tel: 691-320-2865, E-mail: itimaif@mail.fm, Contact: Francis I. Itimai, Secretary.

### ***Mongolia***

#### ***Education***

**MN Education Quality Reform Project:** The Project Development Objectives are to improve the quality of education for primary school children in Mongolia, with particular emphasis on improving native language and mathematical skills, and strengthen school-level planning. Approval completed on 6 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148110. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science Tel: 976-11-265696, E-mail: bayarkhuu@mecs.gov.mn, Contact: Ts. Bayarkhuu, Head, Finance and Investment Division.

#### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) 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 aimag 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.

#### ***Finance***

**(R) MN Export Development Project:** The development objective of the project is to strengthen support to Mongolian exporters towards diversification and expansion of their exports by (i) improving access of Mongolian exporters to export finance products and services, and (ii) capacity building of exporters and quality improvements in export products. *Concept completed on 12 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P147438. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development Tel:

(976-51) 264-181/82, E-mail: zoltuya@med.gov.mn, Contact: Ms. B. Zoltuya, Senior Officer, Economic Co-operation.

### **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 Tsilaajav, Director, Strategic Policy and Planning.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

#### **(R) Third Sustainable Livelihoods Project:**

The PDO is to improve governance and community participation for the planning and delivery of priority investments in rural areas of Mongolia. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 30 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125232. US\$ 24.8/11.4 (IDA Credit/SWTZ). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Development Tel: (976) 9909-7578, E-mail: d.erdenebayar@med.gov.mn, Contact: Mr. D. Erdenebayar, Head of Sector Development Policy and Coordination Division.

**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**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Agricultural Development Support Project:** The proposed Project Development Objective is to increase crop yields and cropping intensity in the target irrigated areas. This will be achieved through improved provision of irrigation and farm advisory and technical services. *Concept completed on 3 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147629. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Tel: 9567413778, E-mail: deputyminister.irrigation@gmail.com, Contact: U Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) Myingyan Power Generation Project:** AIS - Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project# # The main challenges facing the Myanmar electricity sector can be divided in twotime 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, powersector 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.

**(R) National Electrification Project:** 19. 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/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Electric Power Tel: 95-67-410-206, E-mail: moepdmin@mepe.gov.mm, Contact: Aung Than Oo, Deputy Minister; Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development Tel: 95-67-410-206, E-mail: moepdmin@mepe.gov.mm, Contact: U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister.

### **Finance**

**(N) 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 micro-finance 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.

### **Health and other social services**

**Essential Health Services Access Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase coverage of essential health services of adequate quality, with a focus on maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). Approval completed on 14 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149960. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: (95-67) 411-353, E-mail: kyawkhaing68@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Kyaw Khaing, Director.

### **Transportation**

**(R) National Community Driven Development Project:** This is a proposed restructuring of and Additional Financing (AF) for the Myanmar Emergency National Community Driven Development project (NCDDP, P132500). The parent project was financed with an \$80m IDA grant that became effective

on January 11, 2013, and is active in 15 townships. The proposed additional IDA financing of US\$300 million would support the geographic scale up of the program to cover a total of 65 rural townships in Myanmar (15 with the original IDA grant and an additional 50 through the AF IDA credit). As the current NCDDP IDA grant has been effective for a relatively brief period, its activities and the proposed AF activities would overlap until January 2019. The project development objective will continue to be 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. The PDO level indicators will continue to be as follows: (i) Number of persons having access to and use of project-built infrastructure and services (e.g., all-weather roads, water, schools, health services); (ii) Percent of households in project villages participating in planning, decision-making, and implementation of sub-projects; and (iii) Percent of community members satisfied with the project. The AF will be implemented over a period of approximately seven years and will scale up financing for the existing five Project components: (i) Community Block Grants to finance priority community level infrastructure (approximately 60 additional townships); (ii) Facilitation and Capacity Development to finance technical assistance and institutional support at the union and township levels, including the hiring of community facilitators for the purpose of supporting the implementation of community driven activities under component 1 and a grievance redress mechanism; (iii) Knowledge and Learning (to support government staff and community and civil society representatives through learning from community based approaches implemented within Myanmar and in the region); (iv) Implementation Support, to support project management at the union and township levels, including monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communications as well as administration and logistical support for project implementation; and (v) Emergency Contingency Response, to allow for the rapid reallocation of credit proceeds from other components in order to provide preparedness and rapid response support to disaster, emergency and/or catastrophic events, as needed. Within the framework of the ongoing peace process in Myanmar, the Project would seek to extend conflict-sensitive CDD activities into parts of the country affected by fragility and conflict where feasible. There is a possibility of additional co- and/or parallel financing from Government, the Italian government, and the Japanese Social Development Fund (JSDF), and potentially from other sources of financing. These will be explored in the course of Project preparation. *Identification completed on 9 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit).

Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) 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***

**(N) 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;
- iii. The Project Management component provides implementation and technical support to NCDC and covers the incremental operating costs of the Project Management Unit.

The proposed Additional Financing will support the scaling up of certain successful components of the project, and help reach greater number of youths in Port Moresby. It will generate additional short-term employment and training opportunities for vulnerable youth, in line with the project's main objective.

NCDC is seeking additional financing to recruit an extra 4,700 youth into UYEP and to implement a few key recommendations of the MTR. The proposed additional financing will cover the costs of (i) expanding successful short-term employment and training activities, particularly under the Youth Job Corps Component, (ii) make possible the implementation of a number of improvements suggested during the MTR, to deepen the impact of the project on the youth, and (iii) cover implementation/project management costs for running the project an extra year. Identification

completed on 26 January 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. US\$ 8.0 (FSCO). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Philippines

### *Agriculture, fishing, and forestry*

**(R) Philippine Rural Development Project:** The PRDP aims to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in the targeted areas by supporting smallholders and fisher folk to increase their marketable surpluses, and their access to markets. This will be achieved through: (a) supporting changes in agricultural and fisheries planning, resource programming and implementation practices; and (b) financing priority local investments in rural infrastructure and enterprise development derived from agricultural and fisheries modernization plans, using a value chain approach, and through stakeholder consultations.

The results indicators for the Project are: (a) at least five (5) percent increase per year in real household annual incomes of farmer and fisherfolk beneficiaries; (b) thirty (30) percent increase in incomes for targeted beneficiaries involved in enterprise development; (c) seven (7) percent increase in value of annual marketed output; and (d) twenty (20) percent increase in the number of farmers and fisherfolk with improved access to Department of Agriculture services. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 8 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132424. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Agriculture Tel: (632) 920-4369, E-mail: spja\_osec@yahoo.com, prdpnp-co@gmail.com, Contact: Hon. Proceso J. Alcala, Secretary of Agriculture.

**(R) 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\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) 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*

**(R) Philippines Renewable Energy Development:** The Philippines Renewable Energy Development (PHED) Project is being prepared as an IBRD partial credit guarantee that will be financed by the Clean Technology Fund. With funding from the CTF, a sovereign guarantee from the Government of the Philippines will not be required. The \$44-million from the CTF will be used as call-able cash by a Government program, the Electric Cooperative Partial Credit Guarantee (ECPCG) facility; because it has the status of cash, it may be leveraged many times. ECPCG is an existing, successful program that supports commercial bank lending to electric cooperatives. PHRED will expand the program and extend eligibility for ECPCG support to renewable energy investments in which there is some form of electric cooperative participation, including as a buyer of the output. It is anticipated that PHRED will enable ECPCG to leverage \$500-million in additional private investment in the EC sector over the first five years of CTF guarantee coverage.

The Guarantee instrument used in the Philippines Renewable Energy Development Project is a CTF Guarantee, which, while not directly backing credit risks of loans, indirectly supports partial credit guarantees through the Electric Cooperative Partial Credit Guarantee Program. Therefore, for the purpose of SAP, it is coded as Partial Credit out of the available options of Partial Risk, Partial Credit, or Policy-Based Guarantees. *Concept completed on 23 April 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P147646. US\$ 44.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. LGU Guarantee Corporation Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lgugc.com, Contact: Lydia Oriol, President and CEO.

**(R) 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: iexconde@doe.gov.ph, Contact: Irma Exconde, Assistant Director; LGU Guarantee Corporation Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lgugc.com, Contact: Lydia Oriol, President and CEO.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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 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 Social Welfare Development and Reform Project II:** In the Philippines, poverty

and vulnerability to poverty affect about 40 percent of the population. About 15 percent of the population is chronically poor, e.g. about 3 million households do not rise above the poverty line at any point over the year. The rest, about 5 million households with 25 million members are transitory poor – they fall in and out of poverty over the year.

This proposed project would support the poverty reduction program of the Government of the Philippines by contributing to further strengthening, diversification and customization of social protection interventions to respond more effectively to the chronic and transitory nature of poverty in the Philippines. The project would be implemented by DSWD.

The proposed project would follow a two pronged approach.

First, it will continue to support the delivery of the existing conditional cash transfer (CCT) program- the Pantawid Pamilyang - program to poor households with children 0-18, managed by DSWD. The project would finance grants to chronically poor households and it would also include a small investment component to support further strengthening of the national household targeting system (Listahanan), the implementation of the CCT program and monitoring and evaluation.

Second, it will expand the menu and coverage and strengthen the delivery of Government programs aimed at increasing productive capacity of poor and vulnerable households: programs such as training/skills development, job-search assistance, micro-enterprise development, assets building, etc. It will build on the existing DSWD's Sustainable Livelihood Program. The target households for this component would be transitory poor households: CCT household beneficiaries, to support their exit from the CCT program on the sustainable basis, other transitory poor households and households vulnerable to poverty (the so called "near poor"). This component would also include a small institutional development component to improve and strengthen the delivery capacity, as well as monitoring and evaluation. The implementation of this component would require, in addition to DSWD, the involvement of other Government agencies, such as TESDA and DOLE. DSWD would primarily perform a case identification, management and referral functions. *Identification completed on 20 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. *US\$500.0 (IBRD).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) Philippines NCFC Phaseout Project:** The project development objective is to assist the Philippines in meeting its HCFC phaseout obligations to the Montreal Protocol. These obligations are consumption freeze in 2013 (defined as production and consumption equal to the baseline average of 2009 and 2010),

and a 10 percent reduction below the baseline by 2015. The obligations will be met through implementation of an HCFC Management Plan, to cover all HCFC consumption sectors, notably foam and refrigeration sectors that is to be prepared by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. As part of preparation for this proposed project, the Government will prepare an HFC Plan and various HCF Sector Phaseout Plans (SPPs). These HPMP and SPPs, and hence the proposed project itself, are to be seen as Phase I activities, i.e., up to 2015 only. The longer term government HCFC phase-out obligation is to zero levels by 2030, and these future phase-outs are likely to be part of subsequent phases. The Project will also result in a significant reduction the release of HCFC-related green-house gases, which have much larger global warming impacts than CO<sub>2</sub> and improve energy efficiency of HCFC user sector. Project outcome indicators will be Philippines' compliance with its agreements with the Excom of MLF for the HPMP and SPPs. The intermediate outcome indicator(s) on HCFC phase-out targets for each sector will be defined during project preparation. The project will also evaluate the greenhouse gas emission reduction in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent to be achieved by the project. *Identification completed on 2 February 2009. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Tel: (63-2) 926-2672, E-mail: osec@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Jose Atienza, Jr., Secretary.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Philippines: 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 grant and loan 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: (i) Establishment of the Institutional Framework and Mechanisms for integrated and comprehensive management of the Manila Bay-Pasig River and Laguna Lake system; (ii) Implementation of priority environmental infrastructure and LGU-implemented sub-projects for water quality and sedimentation mitigation; (iii) Monitoring of key pollution and sedimentation parameters; (iv) Regulatory strengthening and Third-Party Monitoring and Reporting on Compliance with Environmental Laws and Regulations; and, (v) Community and Civil Society Volunteer Support and Education. *Identification completed on 7 September 2011. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Tel: (632) 929-6626, E-mail: tehanao8@gmail.com, Contact: Analiza R. Teh, Undersecretary.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Metro Manila Corridor Improvement 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 B. 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 Limcaoco, Under Secretary.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

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**(R) 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:** Flooding of urban areas is a common recurrent problem in Metro Manila and around Laguna de Bay. Urban drainage relies on a combination of drainage channels, waterways, and pumping stations. Much of this infrastructure is not functioning well for lack of maintenance, solid waste obstructions in channels and waterways, old and inefficient pumping stations, and informal settler families (ISF) obstructing the flow of waterways and drainage channels. As a result of all this, pumping stations perform poorly, resulting in drainage problems even during moderate rainfall events, while the drainage water recedes slowly, impacting the living conditions of many people.

The proposed project aims to reduce the vulnerability to flooding and improve the living conditions of several tens of thousands ISFs in the Greater Metro Manila Area waterways/drainage channels by modernizing all pumping stations and possibly constructing few new pumping stations in flood affected areas, introducing community-based solid waste management, and supporting the Government's PhP 50 billion ISF Housing Program to provide affordable, safe and inclusive shelter solutions. An integrated approach is required, to be achieved by the proposed project for drainage areas in the Metro Manila Area that rely on pumping. Pumping station modernization would increase the pumping efficiency and the pumping capacity. However, pumping station modernization is not sufficient to provide adequate drainage conditions in the catchment areas of the pumping stations. Waterways/drainage channels will have to be desilted and cleaned of solid waste, both of which affect the discharge capacities, and solid waste management programs will be developed to avoid that solid waste again clogs waterways/drainage channels in future, while people obstructing the water flows and maintenance activities will have to be resettled away from the waterways/drainage channels. *Identification completed on 29 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Samoa

### *Information and communications*

**(R) 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\$ 15.5/18.5 (IDA Grant/ASDB). 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.

## Solomon Islands

### *Agriculture, fishing, and forestry*

**(R) Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Solomon Islands:** 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: P151777. US\$ 9.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Tel: 67728601, Contact: Ronelle Panda, Deputy Director - Policy, Planning, and Project Management.

### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) Tina River Hydropower Development Project:** The project is a Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) Project in support of a hydropower development on the Tina River, Guadalcanal Island. The development will be private sector-driven with the private sector responsible for the Design, Build, Operate, Maintain and Transfer of the scheme. The power generated will be sold to the Solomon Islands Energy Authority (SIEA) for distribution mainly to Honiara and will replace a part of the SIEA's current diesel-driven power generating capacity. The PRG will partially guarantee the payment responsibility of the SIEA. The preparatory feasibility study for the 6-10 Megawatt (MW) scheme will be financed under the ongoing Solomon Islands Sustainable Energy Project (SISEP). A preliminary estimate for the design and construction of the 9 MW power scheme and associated transmission works is between US\$24-30 million. This 6-10 MW capacity project has evolved from a World Bank investigation of a larger 22 MW hydropower scheme for Guadalcanal, the Ngalimbiu Hydropower project. Both the large and the small hydropower schemes are on the Tina River (which flows into the Ngalimbiu River), in the mountains 20 km to the south east of Honiara, the capital of Guadalcanal. A pre-feasibility study for the 22 MW scheme was completed in 2007. *Concept completed on 10 July 2009.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114317. US\$ 12.0/8.0 (EUIB/GUID). 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.

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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\$ 119.0 (GUID). 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***

**(R) Solomon Islands Rural Development Program II:** The proposed development objective for the project is to improve basic infrastructure and services in rural areas and to strengthen the linkages between smallholder farming households and markets. *Approval completed on 21 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149282. US\$ 2.5/5.0/13.3/4.6 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AUSL/IFAD). Consultants will be required.

Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination Tel: (677) 38-256, E-mail: drove@planning.gov.sb, Contact: Daniel Rove, Director Social Services Division.

**(R) Solomon Islands Rapid Employment Project Additional Financing:** “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) access services and markets through improved infrastructure.” *Appraisal completed on 19 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152709. US\$ 3.7 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Honiara City Council Tel: (677) 21-133/4, E-mail: cityclerk@solomon.com.sb; Ministry of Infrastructure Development Tel: (677) 25-783, E-mail: [msv24247@gmail.com](mailto:msv24247@gmail.com).

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) SB: E-Government Support Project:** The proposed project consists of the following components:

(1) E-Government Plan and Strategy Development.

(a) E-Government Masterplan. To establish a 5-year e-Government Strategy and Action Plan which would define Solomon Islands’ e-Government vision, policies, strategies and flagship programs for economic and social developments.

(b) National Enterprise Architecture. To design, develop, deploy and use a National Enterprise Architecture and interoperability framework better strategies, processes, plans, structures, technologies and systems across the government. The NEA and interoperability framework will be used to better tailor information systems for government agencies to achieve key Government objectives and outcomes and achieve increased data sharing, better asset management, reduced risk and lower costs of IT procurement.

(2) Legal & Regulatory Framework.

This would support the drafting of changes to legislation and regulations to enable the safe and secure use of electronic services. The expected scope of work includes legislation on Electronic Evidence/Transactions, Cyber-security, Privacy, cyber-crime and related laws.

(3) ICT Capacity Building

a. Public Sector ICT capacity building

-A series of high-level e-Government visioning exercises to expose politicians and senior civil servants to the value of e-Government and how it supports the nation’s charter for accountability, transparency and progress. A series of half day visioning exercises workshops would be conducted with the politicians and senior civil servants i.e. ministers, deputy

ministers, heads of line agency and members of parliament.

-e-Government capacity building for government employees. The government employees will be trained in conceptualizing, planning, managing and monitoring e-Government services. The e-Government capacity building program would be designed for public officers who are involved in the provision of services in each Ministry. This would include Ministry IT officers, business managers, project managers and IT specialists. The focus will be on project management and change management to empower, motivate and engage each one of the individuals and obtain their buy-in into the e-Government program.

b. Public Awareness program.

-A communications/outreach program to create awareness of the proposed national portals and online services. A nation-wide e-Government program needs to be properly communicated to citizens and businesses, to obtain their support for the program in order to put pressure on departments that are reluctant to embrace it. It is also important to create awareness and communicate the value of Solomon Islands e-Government program with its citizens and businesses on an on-going basis. The outreach campaign should actively promote the usage of new e-services when they become available and explain clearly how the citizens and businesses would benefit from using the eServices.

c. Project Management & Service Delivery Management

-The Ministry of Finance and Treasury’s IT support Unit (ITSU) is in the midst of drafting a training plan for all IT officers in the government and expressed the need to develop project management capability. ITSU has expressed the need for financial support to strengthen the government’s ICT capacity development effort. Technical assistance in the form of bringing in PRINCE2 and ITIL trainers to train the ICT officers as well as curriculum development for project management and service delivery management would be needed.

(4) Portals & Services

a. National Portals (Mobile friendly) – Government to Business and Government to Citizen. □The National Portal for Citizens and Businesses aims to be mobile friendly and provide citizens and businesses correspondingly with a single window into the information and services offered by the Government. Over time the National Portal will allow its users to find relevant information, provide suggestions and feedback, and transact services in a safe and convenient electronic environment.

The National Portal would enable ministries, departments, and agencies to consolidate information

b. Government-to-Business eServices – Sole Trader registration (Technical Assistance and Implementation)

c. Government-to-Business eServices – Foreign Investment Website (Implementation)

d. Mobile Innovation Investment Program. This would consist of support for a Mobile Innovation Support Program with the aim to catalyse at least 10 mobile services. This could be done through an innovation grants program as a mechanism to quickly identify, test, and deploy mobile applications to demonstrate quick wins, and ramp up the e-Government momentum in priority sectors e.g., education and healthcare.

(5) Government Chief Information Officer (CIO) support. The role of the CIO is to work with the ministries and agencies of the Government to deliver their services online and to contract e-services design and implementation. The aim is for the Government to provide citizens and businesses with the option of receiving government services electronically. This would reduce the workload on ministries, which could refocus on improving their procedures. *Identification completed on 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Tonga

### Transportation

**(R) Tonga Transport Sector Consolidation Project - Additional Financing:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 30 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 6.5/2.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Infrastructure Tel: (67-6) 23-100, E-mail: rfaoliu@infrastructure.gov.to, Contact: Ringo Fa'oliu, CEO.

## Tuvalu

### Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**(R) 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. Tuvalu Fisheries Department Tel: 68820202, E-mail: secfin@tuvalu.tv, Contact: Hon. Maatia Toafa, Minister of Finance.

### Energy and mining

**(R) Energy Sector Development Project:** The project development objective is to enhance Tuvalu's energy security by reducing its dependence on imported fuel for power generation and by improving the efficiency and sustainability of its electricity system. *Approval completed on 26 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144573. US\$ 7.0/2.1 (IDA Grant/ESMP). Consultants will be required. Tuvalu Electricity Corporation Tel: 68820357, E-mail: mafaluloto2@gmail.com, Contact: Mafalu Lotolua, General Manager.

## Vanuatu

### Transportation

**(N) Vanuatu Aviation Investment Project:** Project is to undertake civil works to rehabilitate Bauerfield International Airport (Efate), and also to undertake institutional reform and masterplanning in the aviation sector. Identification completed on 19 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 48.3 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Vietnam

### Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**(R) 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. *Appraisal completed on 17 December 2014.* 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.

**(R) NMPRP-2 Additional Financing:** The AF focuses on institutionalizing and mainstreaming the socio-economic development planning approach in the broader planning and budget allocation processes in

the project area. The PDO will, therefore, be revised to capture this important element of the AF.

Project Development Objective for the AF is revised to read: The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to enhance the living standards of the Project Beneficiaries by improving: (i) their access to productive infrastructure; (ii) the productive and institutional capacity of local governments and communities; (iii) commune integrated investment planning and (iv) market linkages and business innovations. *Negotiations authorized on 10 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148733. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.

**(R) Vietnam Dam Rehabilitation and Safety Improvement Project:** 17. 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\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) Tel: (84-4) 3846-8160, E-mail: bnn@fpt.vn, Contact: Government of Viet Nam

### **Education**

**(R) Renovation of General Education Project:** The Project Development Objective is to assist the Government of Vietnam to: (i) achieve the revision of the curriculum and the restructuring of the assessment system for grades 1-12 and (ii) implement the new curriculum and assessment system in an effective and timely manner.

Achieving this objective will, besides improving pedagogy and teacher effectiveness, contribute to continued increases in learning achievement within Vietnamese primary and secondary schools in the long run. *Concept completed on 30 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150058.

US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training Tel: 01184985853386, E-mail: dvninh@moet.edu.vn, Contact: Doan Van Ninh, Chair of Standing Unit.

**(R) Vietnam Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness:** This task is a lending operation whose goal 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 C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training Tel: (84-4) 3868-4667, E-mail: hdmnh@moet.edu.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Duc Minh, Director General.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) Transmission Efficiency Project (TEP):** The objective of the Project is to improve the capacity, efficiency and reliability of electricity transmission services in selected parts of the electricity transmission network in the territory of the Borrower. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 12 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131558. US\$500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Power Transmission Corporation (NPT) Tel: 840422204435, E-mail: dungll@npt.evn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Manh Hung, President & CEO.

**(R) 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**

**R) 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.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: (84-4) 3846-4914, E-mail: phamtuandr2003@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Pham Le Tuan, Director.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Ho Chi Minh City Green Transport Development:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase accessibility to job opportunities and urban services for citizens residing in the south-western side of the city and other adjacent areas to the project corridor, by providing an alternative that is safer, more secure, more efficient, integrated with land development along the corridor and integrated with the proposed metro lines, and generates fewer emissions. *Concept completed on 28 February 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126507. US\$142.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. UCCI - Urban-Civil Works Construction Investment Management Authority of HCMC Tel: (84-8) 3930-2462, E-mail: anhphucpl@yahoo.com, haquoclinh@yahoo.com, Contact: Luong Minh Phuc, General Director.

**(R) Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway Pilot PPP Project:** 10. 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.

**(R) Can Tho Urban Resilience Project:** The project will enhance urban resilience in Can Tho by supporting improved institutional coordination and priority infrastructure development. *Identification completed on 3 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$125.0/125.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) 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: ima-ces@vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Phan Chau Thuan, Director.

**(R) HCMC Flood Risk Management:** The key objective of the project is to reduce the risk of flooding in selected areas of Ho Chi Minh City through a combination of structural and non-structural measures. *Identification completed on 4 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$422.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Vinh Phuc Flood Risk and Water Management Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 3 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods:** 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\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Regional

### Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**(R) 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 Adams, Director of Fisheries Management; National Oceanic Resource Management Authority Tel: (691) 320-2700, E-mail: info@norma.fm, Contact: Mr. Eugene Pangelinan, Deputy Director; Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority Tel: (692) 625-8262, Contact: Mr. Sam Lanwi, Jr., Deputy Director.

**(R) 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.

**(R) Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency:** The project development objective is to support the countries of FSM, RMI, the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu to strengthen the management of selected Pacific Island oceanic and coastal fisheries. This will provide the basis for sustainable and increased economic benefits to the region from this resource. *Appraisal completed on 20 November 2014. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151783. US\$ 4.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Forum Fisheries Agency Tel: 67721124, Contact: Timothy Adams, Director of Fisheries Management.

**(N) Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program Forum Fisheries Agency:** Objective to be

Determined. Appraisal completed on 20 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P153429. US\$ 2.2 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Transportation**

**(N) Pacific Island Regional Road Safety Project:** The project development objective is to develop regional road safety systems and reduce Road Traffic Injuries (RTI) in selected Pacific Island countries and territories. The objective will be achieved through the strengthening of road safety management, increasing public awareness, and improving implementation capacity in the Pacific Region. Identification completed on 18 December 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category C*. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Pacific Resilience Program:** The objective of the regional program is to strengthen disaster and climate resilience and improve post disaster financial response capacity of participating countries. The program will support the following activities: (1) Strengthening resilience: the program will promote regional early warning systems, contingency planning tools, effective risk communication as well as awareness raising, and support disaster risk reduction in targeted communities and provinces of the participating countries. (2) Improving post-disaster response capacity: the program will provide immediate post-disaster budgetary support to help the PICs improve their post-disaster financial capacity. A national integrated disaster risk financing strategy will be established and cover all risk layers. The program will also will address countries recovery and reconstruction needs after a major disaster. (3) Strengthening evidence based decision making: the program will support the development of climate and disaster risk information and tools for more resilient urban and infrastructure investment planning, rapid estimation of damages and disaster risk financing. The investments are expected to generate significant cross-boundary benefits through the establishment of regional disaster risk financing and risk transfer mechanisms, strengthen regional and national early warning systems and provides a platform for harmonization and building common approaches on disaster risk management. *Identification completed on 8 October 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 32.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.

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## **Europe And Central Asia**

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### **Albania**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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). *Consultants will be required*. Ministry of Environment Tel: 35542259900, E-mail: ar-diana.sokoli@moe.gov.al, Contact: Ardiana Sokoli, Director.

#### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Health System Improvement Project:** The proposed PDO is to contribute to improving the efficiency of care in selected hospitals in Albania, improving the management of information in the health system, and increasing financial access to health services. *Negotiations authorized on 10 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144688. US\$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be

determined. Ministry of Health Tel: +355-362-937, E-mail: mekonomi@moh.gov.al, Contact: Milva Ekonomi, Deputy Minister.

### **Information and communications**

**(R) 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**

**(N) Albania Public Finance PBG:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. *US\$ 250.0 (GUAR).* Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (355) 69 207-4196, E-mail: [eluci@minfin.gov.al](mailto:eluci@minfin.gov.al).

**(R) Citizen-centered public services:** The Government of Albania 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. 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 (a) to maintain the condition and improve the safety of the Albanian Primary and Primary-Secondary road network, and (b) strengthen sustainable and efficient road asset management and safety practices, for the benefit of road users. *Negotiations authorized on 14 January 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 Government efforts in ensuring adequate electricity supply. *Negotiations authorized on 6 February 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@yccpp.com, Contact: Mr. Hovakim Hovhannisyan, General Director.

**(R) Geothermal Exploratory Drilling Project:** The proposed Project Development Objective is to confirm whether the Karkar geothermal site contains commercially exploitable geothermal resources suitable for power generation. *Concept completed on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152039. US\$ 8.6 (CSCF).* Consulting services to be determined. Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency Fund Tel: +37410-58-80-11, E-mail: director@r2e2.am, Contact: Ms. Tamara Babayan, Director.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Armenia Social Investment and Local Development Project:** Improve quality and use of and access to community and inter-community infrastructure. *Negotiations authorized on 20 January 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**

**(R) 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 (GFMS); 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 to support increased contribution of tourism in the local economy of the Southern Regions of Armenia.

The Project will support job creation and enhancement of human capital, SMEs development and private sector-led growth by promoting an integrated approach to tourism focusing on tourism infrastructure, urban regeneration, cultural heritage restoration, and attracting private investors through PPP arrangements and modernized public administration and governance. The proposed Project will support the increased contribution of tourism to the local economies of selected regions/tourism circuits by implementing an integrated approach to regional development, focusing on infrastructure, urban regeneration, cultural heritage restoration, skills development, tourism product development and diversification, and attracting private sector investments. Implementation of the Project is expected to improve access to, quality and reliability of public and tourism infrastructure; increase the volume of private sector investment in selected regions and increase SMEs in renovated sites – with a view to attracting more visitors to the regions, and increasing their spending.

The Project supports one of the Strategic Objectives of the Country Partnership Strategy for Armenia, i.e. Cluster 1: Supporting Competitiveness and Job Creation, Engagement Area 1: Improved business environment and investment climate for SME creation, growth, and innovations. The Project is also in line with the Armenia Development Strategy (ADS) (2014-2025) which is the country's main socioeconomic development strategy and the basis for medium-term, sectoral and other Project documents. The proposed Project is fully consistent with ADS objectives to increase country's competitiveness in employment through creation of quality and well-paid jobs.

The Bank is currently carrying out an economic sector work to assist the Government in scoping the country's sustainable tourism development status and vision, as well as identifying regions with substantial tourism assets and high growth potential. The ESW will be completed in July 2014. The Government is in the process of establishing a National Tourism Organization (NTO) within the Ministry of Economy to lead and implement all tourism-related activities. The NTO

will be established by July 2014 and will be responsible for policy setting and promoting country's tourism potential. NTO will also be tasked with the design and implementation of Tourism Economy and Infrastructure Development Project under preparation to be financed by the Bank.

The Bank works closely with many donors to coordinate activities in Tourism Economy and Infrastructure Development and tourism promotion, and these efforts bode well for significant future reform activities. There are a number of ongoing donor-financed projects and studies that would help the Government in development its regions and increasing the competitiveness of the country, particularly in the South Corridor. *Identification completed on 25 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. 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](mailto:info@ffpmc.am).

### **(R) 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 Communication Tel: (374-10) 563-391, E-mail: [minister@mts.am](mailto:minister@mts.am).

## **Azerbaijan**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

#### **(R) Water Users Association Development Support Project Additional Financing:**

The proposed additional financing would help finance the costs associated with scaling up of project activities to enhance the impact of the well-performing AZ WUAP. The project development objective is to improve the effectiveness and financial viability of on-farm irrigation water distribution and management in the project area. Under AZ WUAP an estimated 330,000 female and 430,000 male waters users and farmers in 379 Water Users Associations (WUAs) covering an irrigated area of 910,000 ha in 27 raions benefit from the institutional capacity building provided, and around 33,000 female and 42,000 male water users in 34

WUAs covering an irrigated area of 85,000 ha in 15 raions have substantial benefits from rehabilitation, including expected yield increases of 20-25%. By end FY14, AZ WUAP is scheduled to disburse over 55%, with commitments over 80%, fully disbursing ahead of the scheduled closing date of June 30, 2016.

Under the AZ WUAP and its' predecessor project, only 137,000 ha out of a total irrigated area of 1.1 million hectare is rehabilitated, and therefore there is significant demand for expanding the rehabilitation works and the capacity building go WUAs. Additional Financing of US\$ 71.4 million (of which US\$ 50.0 million IBRD) would bring significant yield increases for another 50,000 ha covering 48,000 water users, and training and capacity building for 760,000 water users. *Identification completed on 23 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Amelioration and Irrigation Open Joint Stock Company.

### **Education**

**(R) 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\$33.0 (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**

**(R) 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](mailto:sabdullayev65@yahoo.com).

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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.

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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 Gojayev, Director, Project Implementation Unit.

**Second Rural Investment Project Additional Financing:** The AzRIP projects, under implementation since 2005, have garnered widespread

recognition for delivery of solid, tangible and dynamic results on the ground in improving people's lives through the upgrading of rural communities' access to infrastructure services, improved mobility, and increased farmers' incomes. A keen emphasis on sustainable infrastructure, maintenance contracts, and accountability has helped ensure that over 90 percent of infrastructure rehabilitated under the purview of AzRIP is operational. The income of over 600,000 farmers has increased, and 150,000 rural poor now have access to safe water. AzRIP-2 is a multisector investment loan targeting 600 communities in 56 rayons for community-driven rural infrastructure investments and livelihood support. The proposed Additional Financing would continue to prioritise provision of improved access to and use of community-driven rural infrastructure and expand economic activities for rural households through financing of priority rural infrastructure investments, strengthening the capacity of communities in partnership with municipalities and local support institutions to effectively identify, plan, and implement their development priorities; and building opportunities for rural employment and livelihood support services. The AF would comprise three components - one to extend delivery of community rural infrastructure (additional rounds of grants to participating communities and service to new coverage areas), the second to scale up the livelihood pilots, expanding the productive investment livelihoods component and the third to pilot a lifeline roads concept (with clusters of communities and a focus on local connecting roads). Approval completed on 9 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147861. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. AZRIP PMU in State Agency on Agricultural Credit Tel: /Fax: (994-12) 493-4813, E-mail: subhan@azrip.org, Contact: Soubhan Asgerov, Project Director.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(N) 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 silvicultural management and re/afforestation, increase the use of felling residues and improve the public good contribution from forests in targeted forest areas. *Negotiations authorized on 23 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147760. US\$40.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry Tel: 375172004605, E-mail: mlh@mlh.by, Contact: Mikhail M. Amelyanovich, Minister, Ministry of Forestry; BellesExport Tel: 375172591798, E-mail: lesexport@solo.by, Contact: Dmitriy Kondratov, Deputy Director.

**(R) Forestry Development Project:** Under the CPS Pillar 2, of Improving efficiency and quality of public infrastructure services to the population, enhancing use of agricultural and forestry resources and increasing global public good benefits, The Forestry Development Project will increase the contribution from the forest sector to GDP, whilst maintaining and enhancing environmental and social services provided by forest. *Identification completed on 4 November 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 2.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Education**

**(R) Belarus Education Modernization Project:** The objective of the proposed Project is to: (i) support the Government's efficiency reforms by ensuring an adequate learning environment in general secondary education and (ii) strengthen the use of information in education system management. *Concept completed on 28 July 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148181. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education Tel: 375-17-200-94-81, E-mail: root@minedu.unibel.by, Contact: Mr. Sergei V. Rudy, Deputy Minister.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Transit Corridor Improvement Project:** The Project Development Objective is to improve transport connectivity, border crossing procedures and safety for domestic and international road users on selected sections of the M6 corridor. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 8 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149697. US\$250.0 (IBRD). *Consulting services to be determined.* Ministry of Transportation and Communications Tel: 375172597910, E-mail: mail@mintrans.mtk.by, Contact: Sivak Anatoly Aleksandrovich, Minister.

### **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

#### **Finance**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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 C. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.

#### **Transportation**

**(R) Road Improvement and Safety:** The Project will build on earlier bank activities in the road sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina by further strengthening the regional integration of the country through better and safer road access. *Identification completed on 2 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) 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 (F7U4). Consulting services to be determined. FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism Tel: (387-33) 726-374, E-mail: sswmp@fmoit.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Anto Covic, Team Leader; RS Ministry of Spatial Planning Tel: (387-51) 339-504, E-mail: s.cvijic@mgr.vladars.net, swmp2@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Sveto Cvijic, Team Leader.

### **Bulgaria**

#### **Finance**

**(N) Enhancing financial sector stability:** 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*. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Croatia

**(R) 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

## Health and other social services

**(R) Social Protection System Modernization Project:** The project aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Croatia's social protection system. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 25 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145171. US\$95.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Protection and Youth Tel: (385-1) 230-8746, E-mail: Hrvoje.sadaric@mspm.hr, Contact: Hrvoje Sadaric, Assistant Minister.

## Industry and trade

**(R) Croatia Innovation & Entrepreneurship VC:** 24. The project objective is to help foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and private sector growth by increasing the supply of risk capital financing for young knowledge intensive SMEs (including start-ups). *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.

## Transportation

**(R) Sustainable Croatian Railways in Europe:** The higher level objective of the project is to support the overall sustainability of Croatia's railway sector and the efficiency of its key corridors. A longer term reform program for the Croatian railway sector will be reflected in the sector strategy under preparation. In this context, the proposed project will support fundamental yet shorter term needs of the sector. The Project Development Objective (PDO) of the Sustainable Croatian Railways in Europe Project is to improve operational efficiency and accountability of the public rail sector, and improve connection of the Rijeka port to the rail portion of the Trans-European Network. *Concept completed on 22 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147499. US\$150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure Tel: 385-1-3784520, E-mail: ministar@mppi.hr, Contact: H.E. Sinisa Hajdas Doncic, Minister.

## Georgia

### Industry and trade

**(R) Innovation and ICT:** The project responds to a request by the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development to further develop innovation and ICT in the country. It will build upon work done by the World Bank in relation to the Innovation Strategy 2020 and technical assistance to the Georgia Innovation Technology Agency under the Competitive Industries and Innovation Program Technical Assistance; as well as ongoing analytic work on ICT for jobs. The investment operation is expected to allocate resources to upgrading the innovation infrastructure, providing early stage financing through matching grants, piloting new approaches for ICT and broadband deployment, and developing inclusive innovation and ICT access in underserved areas. *Identification completed on 4 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Transportation

**(R) East-West Highway Corridor Improvement:** The proposed project is to improve a section of the East-West highway transport corridor. As a backbone 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](mailto:roaddepdalakishvili@yahoo.com).

**(R) SLRP 4:** 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 A. US\$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Roads Department Tel: (995-32) 381-633, E-mail: [roaddepdalakishvili@yahoo.com](mailto:roaddepdalakishvili@yahoo.com).

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Management:** The objective of the Project is to promote sustainable wastewater management in Georgia and pilot the implementation of wastewater treatment plants. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 25 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145040. US\$ 11.5 (SGWM). Consulting services to be determined. Georgia Municipal Development Fund Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, E-mail: [gamashukeli@mdf.org.ge](mailto:gamashukeli@mdf.org.ge), Contact: Mr. Giorgi Amashukeli, Executive Director.

**(R) 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. *Concept completed on 28 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150696. US\$60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Georgia Municipal Development Fund Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, E-mail: [gamashukeli@mdf.org.ge](mailto:gamashukeli@mdf.org.ge), Contact: Mr. Giorgi Amashukeli, Executive Director.

### **Kazakhstan**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(N) 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.

### **Education**

**(R) 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](mailto:m_kozhakhmet@edu.gov.kz), Contact: Madiyar Kozhakhmet, Director of the Youth Policy Department.

**(R) KZ SKILLS AND JOBS PROJECT:** 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. *Negotiations authorized on 30 January 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](mailto:mintrud@enbek.kz), Contact: Tamara Duyssenova, Minister.

**(R) 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\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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:

0077172968609, E-mail: 1050@kazee.kz, Contact: Serik Turchekenov, Vice President.

### **Finance**

#### **(R) Kazakhstan: Southeast Europe and Central Asia Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility:**

11. 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.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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**

**(R) SME Competitiveness Project:** The project development objective is to enhance the competitiveness and capacity of targeted small and medium sized enterprises in Kazakhstan. *Negotiations authorized on 26 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147705. US\$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Economy Tel: 77172743022, E-mail: zholdybayeva\_gt@knp.gov.kz, Contact: Ms. Galiya Joldybayeva, Director.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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, \$47million 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**

**(R) 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. US\$1000.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Center South Astana-Almaty Regional Development Corridor:** Center South road corridor between Astana and Almaty connecting the major cities of the country, providing a critical link for network integration, job creation and regional development. *Identification completed on 12 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$2183.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Hazardous and Persistent Organic Pollutants Waste Management Project:** The proposed Development Objective is to create a hazardous and POPs 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 POPs waste with appropriate environmental controls; (ii) remediation of selected historic PCBs contaminated waste disposal sites; and (iii) disposing the PCBs waste, PCBs-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.

**(R) Hazardous and POPs Waste Management Project:** The proposed Development Objective is to create hazardous waste treatment capacity in compliance with international environmental standards and to reduce contamination of Kazakhstan's natural resources and public health risks of exposure to this contamination from selected PCB contaminated sites. The overall Global Environment Objective of the proposed project is to reduce the environmental and health hazards associated with stockpiles of PCBs-containing materials and waste and POPs-based pesticides, by eliminating stockpiles, establishing a treatment facility and safeguarding sites contaminated with these materials consistent with the country's obligations under the Stockholm Convention. For this purpose, the Global Environmental Facility has in principle approved a US\$10.35 million Grant. The Project will achieve its objective through: (i) development of a treatment/destruction facility for POPs/PCBs waste and extending the use of this facility for the destruction of other suitable categories of hazardous waste including old stocks of pesticides; (ii) remediation of selected historic PCBs contaminated waste disposal sites; and (iii) related to the site remediation investment program, disposing the PCBs waste, PCBs equipment and PCBs contaminated soil with hazardous waste classification from these sites in the constructed facility in line with the Stockholm Convention. The proposed project would have four components: (1) development of a treatment/destruction facility; (2) remediation of selected historic PCB contaminated sites, including treatment of present PCB waste/equipment and PCB contaminated soil; (3) development of regulatory framework for industrial hazardous waste management and institutional capacity building; and (4) project management. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$10.4 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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 30 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152001. US\$107.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Committee for Water Resources Tel: 7172-742696, E-mail: loan8277idip2@gmail.com, Contact: Islam Abishev, Chairman.

**(R) 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 tonnes of solid waste and the amount is increasing at an alarming rate of 700 million tonnes 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 tonnes of paper and cardboard, 300,000 tonnes of glass, 200,000 tonnes of metal and 500,000 tonnes of plastic are disposed of as trash each year. The Kazakh 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 services 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*

**(R) 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*

**(R) 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*

**(R) 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.

**(N) 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.

### *Health and other social services*

**(R) Kosovo Health Project:** To contribute to improving financial protection from health spending for the poor and quality of care for priority maternal and child health and non communicable disease services. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 15 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147402. US\$ 25.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be

required. Ministry of Health Tel: +38138 21 22 23, E-mail: Arsim.Qavdarbasha@rks-gov.net, Contact: Arsim Qavdarbasha, Director, Health Care Commissioning Agency.

### **Industry and trade**

**(N) Competitiveness and Job Creation:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Kyrgyz Republic**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry (MAWRPI) Tel: (996-312) 665-625, E-mail: morbekova@apiu.elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Mirlan Baigonchokov, Deputy Minister.

**(R) 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: P151102. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic Tel: Tel: +996 312 610-016, E-mail: min-eco@elcat.kg, min-eco@elcat.kg, envforest@elca, Contact: Atajanov Sabir Sadykjanovich, Director of the SAEPPF.

**(R) Integrated Forest Ecosystem Management:** Prepare a project to improve governance, livelihoods and ecological outcomes in Kyrgyz Republic forest areas. *Identification completed on 25 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

**Electricity Supply Accountability and Reliability Improvement Project:** The proposed development objective is to improve the reliability of electricity supply in the project area and strengthen the governance of Severelectro's operations. Approval completed on 15 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133446. US\$ 25.0/0.5 (IDA Credit/F7VP). Consultants will be required. Severelectro OJSC Tel: 996312333393, E-mail: severpiu@mail.ru, Contact: Mr. Iskender Kadyrkulov, Deputy General Director.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Third Village Investment Project:** The higher order objective is to alleviate rural poverty by building the capacity of local-level institutions. This goal is to be addressed through the project development objective (PDO) of building local capacity for participatory development and improving access to quality community infrastructure services in targeted project areas. *Negotiations authorized on 21 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146970. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). 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.

**(N) Judicial Development Project:** The objective of the Judicial Development Project is to: (1) provide the Kyrgyz judiciary with the administration, facilities and expanded capacity necessary to improve the efficiency and quality of judicial operations and services; and (2) to improve access to and awareness of judicial services. The Project will support the Kyrgyz authorities with the implementation of their justice sector priorities based on their Judicial Reform Strategy. Identification completed on 28 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Urban Development Project:** The Urban Development Project (UDP) will seek to improve the access to and quality of urban infrastructure and services in selected urban areas. \* UDP will have an investment component and will also provide technical assistance to the central urban agency (GosStroi) and local governments in the areas of municipal finance or housing and housing maintenance. It will build upon the experience and lessons learned from the Bishkek and Osh Urban Infrastructure Project (BOUIP). \* UDP is proposed in response to a request from the Government of Kyrgyzstan for assistance in the area of municipal urban development beyond BOUIP. Key counterparts would be the Ministries of Finance and Economic Development and Trade, and GosStroi (the

central urban agency with recently expanded mandate to include municipal development and infrastructure). *Identification completed on 19 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***FYR Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of Energy and mining***

**(R) 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 FYR Macedonian Power Plants Tel: (389-23) 149-166, E-mail: [nevenka.jakimova.filipovska@elem.com.mk](mailto:nevenka.jakimova.filipovska@elem.com.mk), Contact: Nevenka Jakimova Filipovska, Head of Development Division.

**(R) FYR 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: [neriman.dzeladini@economy.gov.mk](mailto:neriman.dzeladini@economy.gov.mk).

### ***Information and communications***

**Digital FYR Macedonia:** The development objective of this project is twofold: (1) 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 (2) to increase FYR 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. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$12.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**ADDITIONAL FINANCING - MSIP (EU-IPA):** This is an Additional Financing (AF) in the amount of EUR15.5 million to the Municipal Services Improve-

ment Project (P096481), currently under implementation.

The proposed AF is a grant to the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of FYR Macedonia (FYRM) in the form of a Recipient Executed Trust Fund (RETF) provided by the European Commission (EC), which the Bank will administer. The AF is expected to scale up activities under the ongoing Project, and will focus on financing infrastructure investments in rural settlements in the country based on the agreement with EC. In light of the strong demand for rural infrastructure and limited financial capacity of these rural municipalities, the Government has requested financing from the EC's Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) for municipal investments in rural settlements through the existing MSIP implementation mechanism. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 24 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150342. US\$ 21.4 (F7U4). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (389-75) 232-791, E-mail: [suzana.stoimceva@finance.gov.mk](mailto:suzana.stoimceva@finance.gov.mk).

### ***Transportation***

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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.

**(N) Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project Additional Financing:** The proposed Additional Financing will aim to provide compensatory support to Moldovan apple, plum and grapes growers to stave off a potentially disastrous impact on the sector

from loss of markets in the Russian Federation. In July, 2014, the Russian Federation has banned imports of fresh Moldovan agricultural produce citing phyto-sanitary concerns. Identification completed on 7 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. 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@mec.gov.md](mailto:valeriu.triboi@mec.gov.md), Contact: Mr. Valeriu Triboi, Deputy Minister; CHP-2 Tel: 37322476061, E-mail: [cet2@mdl.net](mailto:cet2@mdl.net), Contact: Mr. Anatolie Lichii, Director General; Moldova Energy Projects Implementation Unit (MEPIU) Tel: 37322496796, E-mail: [mepiu@mepiu.md](mailto:mepiu@mepiu.md), Contact: Ms. Ludmila Burlui, Executive Director; CHP-1 Tel: 37322475253, E-mail: [anticamera@cet-1.md](mailto:anticamera@cet-1.md), Contact: Mr. Tudor Moiseev, Director General; Termocom Tel: 37322495097, E-mail: [eniv@mail.md](mailto:eniv@mail.md), Contact: Mr. Veaceslav Eni, Liquidator.

**(R) 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](mailto:vadim.ceban@mec.gov.md).

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Tax Administration Modernization Project:** The development objective of the Tax Administration Modernization Project (TAMP) is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the tax system through strengthened voluntary compliance, reduced compliance costs, enhanced professionalism and integrity of STI staff and the use of modern technology. The long-term vision is a tax administration with streamlined business processes supported by risk-based compliance management, effective use of electronic communication with taxpayers, skilled and professional staff, contributing to an efficient, client-oriented tax administration characterized by fairness, honesty and transparency. The modernized tax administration will improve the business environment and thereby increase country's competitiveness. This project supports the Government of Moldova's Tax Administration Reform Strategy for 2011-15. The strategy focuses on increasing voluntary compliance and improved service delivery to taxpayers through modernization of institutional procedures and use of modern information technology. The MoF leadership and STI top management requested the World Bank support for tax administration reform. There continues to be a high level of demand for and commitment to tax administration reform from the MoF, top management of the STI as well as buy-in from staff at the STI. *Concept completed on 29 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127734. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be deter-

mined. Main State Tax Inspectorate Tel: 0037322823353, E-mail: mail@fisc.md, Contact: Irina Lupascu, Chief of Section for Strategic Development & Implementatio.

**(R) Disaster and Climate Risk Management Project Additional Financing:** The Project development objective (PDO) is to strengthen the State Hydrometeorological Service's ability to forecast severe weather and improve Moldova's capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters. *Negotiations authorized on 27 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148125. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Strengthening Public Sector Management in the Republic of Moldova:** The project will build on the results of the MDTF Support for Public Administration Reform (P105602), supporting implementation of the Government Strategy for Strengthening Public Sector Management with the focus on strengthening capacity for policy coordination and enhancing public sector performance. *Identification completed on 14 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Local Roads Improvement Project:** The Local Roads Improvement Project will support Moldova's National Development Plan through better access to social services in rural areas, mainly education and health, and improve access by farmers to markets and export opportunities. The project will comprise two components – Road works and Institutional Strengthening. In a first phase, the interventions in road works will aim to provide lessons on how to effectively carry out the maintenance and improvement of the local road network including standards and technology. The Institutional Support component will develop improved systems and procedures as well as approaches to capacity building that could be replicated nationally. Brief outlines of these components are given below.

Component A, the road works component, will comprise a mixed program of physical works comprising basic access improvements, periodic maintenance and local road improvements. These will be carried out across the regional road network and in the local road network in the selected raion(s) using a new and improved system of selection and prioritization of road works. This system will be developed as part of the project and, initially, will focus improvements on sections of local roads through settlements and on school bus routes. The component will include training targeted to the selected raions on (micro-enterprise) contract management. This component will finance the

detailed design and supervision activities for all road rehabilitation and maintenance works as well as independent technical audits of the civil works. An important part of the component will be road safety works in the proximity of schools and on road sections within communities. A key objective will be to provide safe access to schools for children who have been affected by the school consolidation program. This includes transportation to/from schools, and safe access to schools and bus stops.

Component B, the institutional strengthening component, will build capacity within the sector for efficiently and effectively maintaining and improving the regional and local road networks. The support to government institutions will be focused on building capacity for road network management in SRA and raions (LPA 2) although there could be some minor support to communal level (LPA 1). As part of this component, the previous condition survey carried out by the SRA on the core local road network will be consolidated and integrated into a database as part of the process of establishing an asset management system. This component will also promote the development of capacity in the local private sector to implement the maintenance and improvement of regional and local roads. This will mainly be by improving the enabling environment within which local consultants and contractors operate. In addition, the component will finance baseline survey and impact studies on project beneficiaries. Through the collection of quantitative and qualitative data (practical surveys instruments before and after project completion), the proposed assessments will document potential income and social impacts. *Identification completed on 22 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. 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**

**(R) Second Montenegro Health 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 up 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 11 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$12.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

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

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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.

**(N) 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 (F7SD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Poland**

#### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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.

#### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Odra-Vistula Flood Management Project:** The proposed project's objectives are to strengthen the institutional administrative capacity and technical expertise of the government to address summer, winter, and flash-floods more effectively; and develop such flood protection to selected areas of the Odra and the Upper Vistula river basins. *Concept completed on 6 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147460. US\$598.0/455.0/260.0/130.0 (IBRD/CEB/ECEU/POLF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Tel: 48223692377, E-mail: info@mos.gov.pl, Contact: Mr. Stanislaw Gawlowski, Deputy Minister of Environment.

## Romania

### Education

**(R) Romania Secondary Education Project:** The proposed Project Development Objectives are to improve the transition from upper secondary into tertiary education and increase the retention in the first year of tertiary education in project-supported education institutions. *Negotiations authorized on 5 January 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.cimpeanu@gov.edu.ro, Contact: Mr. Sorin Cimpeanu, Minister of Education and Scientific Research.

### Health and other social services

**(R) 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

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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

**(R) 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\$9.71 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 dependson 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 largestbank 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, con-

tracting 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 projects that are acceptable to commercial banks. Appraisal completed on *27 September 2011*. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122492. US\$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President.

**(R) RUSSIA ENERGY EFFICIENCY (GEF):** The objective is to support the institutional, regulatory and market barriers facing commercial financing of Energy Efficiency projects across Russia. *Concept completed on 27 January 2011*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123692. US\$ 22.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President.

### **Finance**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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@minstm.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. Pavel Varaksin, Lead Expert.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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: mineconom@economy.gov.ru, Contact: Dimitriy 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**

**(R) 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\$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Tel: 749-9254-1560, E-mail: [vatletsov@mnr.gov.ru](mailto:vatletsov@mnr.gov.ru), Contact: Gleb A. Vatletsov, Director of the Department.

**(R) Local Economic Development of Small Towns:** The proposed objective of the project is to support cultural heritage restoration and tourism development in selected small historic towns. It is expected that these efforts will, in the medium-term, contribute to increased tourism and, therefore, to the economic development of the selected historic towns and settlements. *Identification completed on 24 October 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Culture Tel: (7-495) 629-2008, E-mail: [tsvetnov@mkrf.ru](mailto:tsvetnov@mkrf.ru).

### Transportation

**(R) 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: P133201. US\$117.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport Tel: 7-495-626-10-88, E-mail: [asaulna@mintrans.ru](mailto:asaulna@mintrans.ru), Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister.

**(R) Improvement of Urban Transport Systems (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). *Consultants will be required*. Ministry of Transport Tel: 7-495-626-10-88, E-mail: [asaulna@mintrans.ru](mailto:asaulna@mintrans.ru), Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister.

**(R) 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](mailto:Pavlov_AV@veb.ru), Contact: Mr. Alexander Pavlov, Deputy Director.

### Water, sanitation and flood protection

**(R) 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](mailto:mineconom@economy.gov.ru).

**(R) 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

#### Finance

**(R) Deposit Insurance Strengthening Project:** The project development objective is to strengthen the financial and institutional capacity of the Deposit Insurance Agency, so as to enable it to meet its deposit insurance and bank resolution obligations and serve as a core part of financial sector safety net. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 10 July 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146248. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Deposit Insurance Agency (DIA) Tel: (381-11) 207-5100, E-mail: [zoran.obradovic@aod.rs](mailto:zoran.obradovic@aod.rs), Contact: Zoran Obradovic, Director.

**(R) Finance and Private Results Based IPF:** Serbia has an important agenda related to strengthening the banking sector, improving access to finance and improving export competitiveness. The operation will focus on key impediments to developing the financial sector and improving the business environment. On financial sector development, the operation will focus on the restructuring of the state owned banking sector, NPL resolution, bank resolution, and development banking. On the business environment, the operation will focus on the inspections regime as well as issues related to trading across borders. *Identification completed on 11 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$125.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Second Serbia Health Project:** The PDO is to contribute to improving the efficiency and quality of the public health system of the Republic of Serbia through the strengthening of: (i) health financing, purchasing, and maintenance systems; and (ii) quality improvement systems and management of selected priority non-communicable diseases. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 10 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129539. US\$40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: 381113616540, E-mail: svetlana.vrga@zdravlje.gov.rs, Contact: Svetlana Vrga, Advisor to the Minister of Health.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) 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) Real Estate Management Project:** To improve the efficiency, transparency, accessibility and reliability of Serbia's real property management systems. *Negotiations authorized on 18 January 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.

## **Tajikistan**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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\$ 4.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) 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 7 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148291. US\$ 7.5/7.5 (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**

**(R) 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**

**(N) Additional Financing to TJ Health Services Improvement Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to contribute to the improvement of the coverage and quality of basic primary health care (PHC) services in rural health facilities in selected districts. The proposed additional financing is to scale up the activities of the current Health Services Improvement Project to additional districts of Tajikistan. Identification completed on 11 December 2014. Envi-

ronmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). 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. *Negotiations authorized on 4 February 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: khmk@tojikiston.com, Contact: Mr. Alimurod Tagoimurodov, DG.

**(R) Public Finance Management Modernization Project 2:** The development objective of the project is to enhance the effectiveness of public sector management through strengthening policy coordination and strategic planning functions in the center of government and streamlining business processes in the public finance and public procurement management. Specific project activities include: (i) enhancing efficiency and transparency of public financial-management through implementation of an automated FMIS with interfaces with related PFM functions and processes; (ii) strengthening institutionally and developing capacities of the Strategic Planning Department and Information Technology Unit in EoP to enhance effectiveness of public sector management and implementing performance-based appraisal system for civil servants to provide them incentives for better performing of their duties, and (iii) improving public procurement performance through increased use of information technology to achieve efficiency, transparency, competition and better value of money. *Concept completed on 8 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150381. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. MINISTRY OF FINANCE Tel: (992 37) 221-14-17, E-mail: Min\_fin@tjikiston.com, Contact: Abdusolom Kurbanov, Minister.

**(N) Land Registration Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 4 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Turkey**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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 implementation 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\$55.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs Tel: (90-312) 207-5696, E-mail: [havci@cob.gov.tr](mailto: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](mailto:mgazi.dulger@botas.gov.tr), Contact: Mr. Mehmet Gazi Dulger, Project Director.

**(R) 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 Assess-

ment 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: [yyazar@yegm.gov.tr](mailto:yyazar@yegm.gov.tr), Contact: Yusuf Yazar, Director General, General Directorate of Renewable Energy.

**(R) EU/IPA Energy Sector Technical Assistance Program - Phase 2 Project:** The objective of the EU/IPA Energy Sector Technical Assistance Program is the achievement of a secure, liberal and transparent Turkish energy market in line with the EU Acquis and Europe 2020 energy sustainability targets. The Phase 1 Project is focused on the natural gas market, renewable energy and energy efficiency - areas 2 and 4 on the five-point EU-Turkey energy agenda. The objective of the Phase 2 Project is to develop the administrative and technical capacity of relevant institutions in the areas of energy efficiency, electricity and gas market, and long-term energy planning and modelling - areas 1, 2, and 4 on the five-point EU-Turkey energy agenda. *Concept completed on 23 December 2014*. 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: [yyazar@yegm.gov.tr](mailto:yyazar@yegm.gov.tr), Contact: Yusuf Yazar, Director General, General Directorate of Renewable Energy.

### **Finance**

**(R) 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 EOE. 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](mailto:recep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr).

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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\$102.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: 90-312-3241032, E-mail: [trhealth@saglik.gov.tr](mailto:trhealth@saglik.gov.tr).

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(N) 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***

**(R) SUSTAINABLE CITIES:** The proposed investment project builds upon the foundation of Turkey's Municipal Services Project. Providing financing to Turkish municipalities through Iller Bank (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. Its 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 green house 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, energy efficiency, among others could be addressed through the investment plan 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, E-mail: [h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr](mailto:h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr).

### ***Ukraine***

#### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) Second Power Transmission Project:** To improve the reliability of power transmission system and support implementation of the Wholesale Electricity Market in Ukraine. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. Project: P146788. US\$330.0/48.4 (IBRD/CCTF). *Consulting services to be determined*. National Power Company Ukrenergo (UE) Tel: 380-44-2383015, E-mail: [kanc@nec.energy.gov.ua](mailto:kanc@nec.energy.gov.ua), Contact: Konstantin Ushchapovskiy, Director; Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine Tel: 380-44-2063801, E-mail: [vadym.ulyda@mev.energy.gov.ua](mailto:vadym.ulyda@mev.energy.gov.ua), Contact: Vadym Ulyda, Deputy Minister.

#### ***Health and other social services***

**(R) Serving People, Improving Health Project:** The proposed "Serving People, Improving Health" Project seeks to improve the quality of health services in selected Oblasts, with special focus on primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases and cancer, and to enhance efficiency of the health care system. *Negotiations authorized on 15 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B*. Project: P144893. *US\$214.7 (IBRD)*. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: 380957903419, E-mail: [minister@moz.gov.ua](mailto:minister@moz.gov.ua), Contact: Alexander Kvitashvili, Minister of Health.

**(R) Community Social Support Project:** The objective is to improve standards of living and social inclusion of vulnerable population groups in underdeveloped and conflict-affected communities through better social and basic services. *Identification completed on 23 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B*. Consultants will be required. Social Investment Fund; Ministry of Social Policy Tel: (380-44) 289-5448.

#### ***Industry and trade***

**(N) 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**

**(N) 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**

**(R) 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 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 ongoing 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, E-mail: [forec@ukravtodor.gov.ua](mailto:forec@ukravtodor.gov.ua).

### **Uzbekistan**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Fergana Valley WRM - 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 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources Tel: (998-711) 412-92.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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 be 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\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Education Tel: (998-71) 239-1310, E-mail: info@uzedu.uz.

**Improving Pre-primary and General Secondary Education Project:** The Project Development Objectives (PDO) are to increase access of children aged 3-6 to quality early childhood care and education in rural pre-primary institutions and to improve conditions for better learning outcomes of students of rural general educational secondary schools. Approval completed on 23 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144856. US\$ 49.9 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Education Tel: (998-71) 239-1310, E-mail: info@uzedu.uz, Contact: Mr Ulug'bek I. Inoyatov, Minister of Public Education.

### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) Electricity Distribution Rehabilitation 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\$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. UzbekEnerg Tel: (998-71) 233-9821/9889, E-mail: sjsc@uzpak.uz, Contact: Iskander Basidov, Chairman of the Board.

**(R) 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 polyclinics 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@jpib.uz, Contact: Djамshed 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***

**(R) 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 Goscomzemgeodescadastre (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 other regions in 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 cadaster 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\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. State Committee on Land Resources, Geodesy, Cartography and State Cadastre, E-mail: [info@ygk.uz](mailto:info@ygk.uz).

### **Transportation**

**(R) Pap-Angren Railway:** The proposed project development objectives are to reduce transport costs and to increase transport capacity and reliability through the construction of a rail link between the Uzbek part of the Ferghana Valley and the rest of Uzbekistan. Negotiations authorized on *8 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146328. US\$195.0/350.0 (IBRD/EXCN). *Consulting services to be determined.* Uzbekistan Temir Yo'allari State Joint Stock Company Tel: 998-71237-9028, E-mail: [ferd@uzrailway.uz](mailto:ferd@uzrailway.uz), Contact: Achilbay Ramatov, Chairman; Uzbekenergo, State Joint Stock Company Tel: 99871233-61-28, E-mail: [sjsc@uznet.net](mailto:sjsc@uznet.net), Contact: Iskandar Basidov, Chairman.

**(R) 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*****(R) Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Modernization Project 1:**

Uzbekistan's Water Supply and Sanitation Program Loan (WSSPL) aims at financing urban and rural WSS infrastructure projects as part of Government of Uzbekistan's strategy for the sector, while supporting sector-wide policy-making and planning, capacity building and institutional reform. The first tranche will allow the financing of Karakalpakstan Sewerage Project, IDA \$50m. Subsequent parallel or sequential tranches will allow financing of Djizzak Regional Water Supply Project (estimated IDA US\$150m), and Kashkadarya Water Supply Project (estimated IDA \$40m). *Identification completed on 21 March 2011.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 130.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Uzkomunhizmat Tel: (998-7165) 224-3833, E-mail: ukh@uzkomunhizmat.uz, Contact: Mr. Uktur Khalmuhamedov, General Director.

**(R) Additional Financing for Bukhara and Samarkand Sewerage 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 programme 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. Uzkomunhizmat Tel: (998-712) 354-497, E-mail: [waterproject@unitech.uz](mailto:waterproject@unitech.uz).

***Regional******Energy and mining*****(N) 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*****(R) 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. TBD.

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 25 November 2014.* 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.tj mtrt-invest.dep@mail.ru, Contact: Sherali Ganjalzoda, First Deputy Minister.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) West Balkans Drina River Basin Management:** 30. 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 (GE-FU/SCCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, E-mail: dmitarzakula@yahoo.com, Contact: Dmitar Zakula, Manager, International cooperation; FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Tel: 387-33-726550, E-mail: ana.basic@fmpvs.gov.ba, Contact: Jerko Ivanković-Lijanović, Minister; RS Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry Tel: 387-51-338415, E-mail: m.stevanovic@mps.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.

**(R) Central Asia Water Resources Management (CA-WARM) Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 30 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$25.0/30.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.

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## Latin America And Caribbean

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### **Antigua and Barbuda**

#### **Information and communications**

**(R) Caribbean Communications Infrastructure Program - Antigua and Barbuda:** The Caribbean Advanced Regional Communications Infrastructure Program has three overarching development objectives: (i) to increase access and affordability of broadband communications networks in the Caribbean region and within countries (the "connectivity development objective"); (ii) to contribute to the development of the regional IT industry ("IT industry development objective"); and (iii) to contribute to improved Government efficiency and transparency through regionally harmonized e-government applications (the transparency development objective).

The Antigua and Barbuda CARCIP Project is expected comprise the following (The list of Components is to be finalized):

Component 1: Telecommunications Policy and Connectivity

Component 2: ICT-led innovation.

Component 3: eGovernment Applications.

Component 4: Implementation Support. This component will provide resources for the establishment and logistic support for a core PCU staff to administer and coordinate the project's implementation. It will also support oversight arrangements and capacity building for key Policy and Regulatory institutions. *Identification completed on 15 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Argentina

ruralpoor (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, Ganaderia y Pesca (MAGyP formerly SAGPyA) Tel: (54-11) 4349-1300, E-mail: prosap-comunica@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) and 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. *Appraisal completed on 23 February 2011.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P114294. US\$ 6.3/2.3 (GEFU/MSC1). Consultants will be required. Administracion de Parques Nacionales Tel: (54-11) 4774-5357, E-mail: NA, Contact: Dra. Patricia Gandini, President.

**(R) 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.

## **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry** **(R) AR Socio-Economic Inclusion In Rural Areas:** To increase the socio-economic inclusion of

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, 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 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 Communities:** The objectives would be to Improve Forest Livelihoods through the Adoption of Sustainable multiple-use Forestry; Sustain and Increase Political Commitment and Public Resources for Native Forests Conservation; Improve Regional and Local Capacities and undertake Applied Research and; strengthen the National Native Forest Information and Monitoring System. The primary target group would be small and medium forest owners and communities who would be provided with incentives and know-how to put areas best suited to forestry under sustainable use. Experience has shown that native forests can be managed sustainably, and that some areas lend themselves well to multiple-use management, such as silvopastoral systems, agroforestry and the supply of non timber forest products. However, to be effective such interventions need to be accompanied by law enforcement to discourage illegal logging and land use change, which undermines sus-

tainable practice. With the project, income of poor and marginalized forest dwellers would increase, whereas stricter monitoring would encourage sustainable practice and discourage deforestation and forest degradation. These interventions combined would mitigate climate change by reducing carbon emissions, improve biodiversity conservation, reduce soil degradation and maintain the supply of water. An essential part of the project strategy for conserving native forests is to maintain and increase the political will of an increasingly urban constituency to devote financial resources to forest conservation: for this an important national awareness-raising media campaign about native forests goods and ecosystem services, as also inclusion of the importance of native forests in school curricula among other activities will be implemented by the project. *Identification completed on 27 September 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$58.9 (IBRD).* Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **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: P133195. US\$250.5 (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.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) Argentina Renewable Energy Project for Rural Areas:** The 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 the Population Against Non-communicable Diseases Project:** The project aims at strengthening the capacity of the National Ministry of Health and the Provincial Ministries of Health in the design and implementation of interventions aimed at: (i) reducing population exposure to health risk factors related to main causes of burden of

disease; and (ii) improving quality of diagnosis and control services for non-communicable diseases for the population with only access to the public health sector. *Concept completed on 5 December 2012.* 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.

**(N) 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**

**(R) 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.

**(R) AR Subnational Strengthening of Public Management through ICTs:** The Project Development Objective is to improve service delivery, transparency and accountability of subnational governments in Argentina through the use of Information and Communication Technologies. *Identification completed on 20 September 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior Tel: (54-11) 4339-0800, E-mail: cdiaz@mininterior.gov.ar, Contact: Carlos Diaz, Coordinador Ejecutivo.

**(R) 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) hu-

man 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\$53.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economía 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***

**(R) AR Vega Flood Prevention and Drainage Project:** 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). Consulting services 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***

**(R) 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 (GE-FU). 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.

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 15 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131408. *US\$ 5.5 (ADPT).* Consultants will be required. BZ PROTECTED AREAS -PACT Tel: 5018223637, E-mail: kbelisle@pactbelize.org, Contact: Kerry Belisle, Acting 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***

**(R) Energy Resilience for Climate Adaptation:** 15.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.

### ***Transportation***

**(R) Climate Resilient Infrastructure:** The objectives of the Project are: (a) to enhance the resilience of road infrastructure against flood risk and impacts of climate change; and (b) to improve the Borrower's capacity to respond promptly and effectively in an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as required. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 3 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127338. US\$30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance Tel: (501) 822-2362, E-mail: ceo@med.gov.bz, Contact: Yvonne Hyde, CEO.

### ***Bolivia***

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ANCESTRAL ANDEAN PRODUCTS:** The Bolivian highlands have a rich cultural and environmental heritage which is inherent in the Bolivian identity. Part of this heritage consists of a series of crops and animal species, which the local communities have been producing since times immemorial. In recent years, the demand for these ancestral Andean products among national and, above all, foreign consumers has strongly increased. This has opened up unprecedented economic opportunities for alleviating poverty in the region as well as for improving the quality of food consumed by the Bolivian population due to the nutritional quality of those products. Therefore, the project aims to promote the sustainable production of selected ancestral Andean products by small-scale producers and enhance commercialization and domestic consumption. The project will support the adoption of sustainable production practices by small-scale producers and collective processing and

marketing activities. At a broader level, the project will work on enhancing elements of the enabling environment for the production and commercialization of these products, including addressing infrastructure bottlenecks in targeted production areas, improving institutional arrangements and regulatory frameworks, and supporting domestic demands. Main activities will be centered around: strengthening institutional arrangements and sectoral policy and regulatory frameworks; strengthening sustainable production, processing and commercialization; and improving rural infrastructure. *Identification completed on 12 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$55.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development and Land (MDRT) Tel: (591-2) 211-1103, E-mail: anaguzman007@gmail.com, Contact: Ana Guzman, Director of Rural Development; EMPODERAR Tel: (591-2) 211-2794, E-mail: alianzarural@gmail.com, Contact: Jhonny Delgadillo, Coordinator.

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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: amullisaca@abc.gob.bo, Contact: Antonio Mullisaca, Presidente.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Bolivia Climate Resilience - Integrated Basin Management:** The objective of the Project is to support the implementation of Borrower's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience by: (a) strengthening the Borrower's institutional capacity to define the new integrated river basin management approach to climate change adaptation; and (b) supporting its implementation in three pilot sub-basins in the Rio Grande basin. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 9 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129640. US\$ 36.0/9.5 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Water Tel: 591-2-211-5582, E-mail: carlos.ortuno@riegobolivia.org, Contact: Carlos Ortuno, Vice Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation.

### **Brazil**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Development of systems to prevent forest fires and monitor vegetation in 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\$ 9.2 (CSCF). No consultants are required. Fundacao de Desenvolvimento da Pesquisa (FUNDEP) Tel: 313409-4200, E-mail: fabianosiqueira@fundep.ufmg.br, Contact: Fabiano Siqueira, Gerente de Projetos.

**(R) 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 (Ministério 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: allan.milhomens@mma.gov.br, Contact: Allan Milhomens, Coordinator.

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 23 December 2014.* 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@caa.org.br, Contact: Braulino Caetano dos Santos, Director General.

**(R) 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 Coordenação Geral )  
Tel: 83-3246-7858, E-mail: robertocvital@gmail.com,  
Contact: Roberto Vital, Gestor.

### **Education**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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 Piaui 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 Piaui Secretariat of Planning Tel: (55-86) 3221-3145/4575, E-mail: [secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br](mailto:secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br).

**(R) AF PE SWAP Pernambuco Educ Results& Account. (AF-PERA):** This operation is an addi-

tional 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.

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Bahia Road Transport for Regional Development Project:** The Project Development Objective is to contribute to enhance the condition and the safety of state highways and feeder roads in selected regions. This objective seeks to underpin the broader goal of spurring sustainable development in those regions. *Concept completed on 4 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147272. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Infrastructure Secretariat of State of Bahia, E-mail: gasec@seinfra.ba.gov.br, Contact: Marcus Cavalcanti, Infrastructure Secretary

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Additional Finance to Acre Social and Economic Inclusion and Sustainable Development**

**Project:** Objective to be Determined. 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.

**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 (SEPM) Tel: 55-27-3636-1221, E-mail: gabinete@seg.es.gov.br, Contact: Tyago Ribeiro Hoffmann, Secretário de Estado de Governo.

**(R) (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 B. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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.* Environ-

mental Assessment Category A. US\$80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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**

**(N) 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: 56224493002, E-mail: jose.torres.v@mop.gov.cl, Contact: Jose Miguel Torres, Jefe de Asesores MOPW.

**Colombia**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon:**

The project's global environmental objective (GEO) is the same as the project's development objective (PDO), namely, to improve governance and promote sustainable land use activities in order to reduce deforestation and conserve biodiversity in the Project area. *Approval completed on 8 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144271. US\$ 10.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development Tel: 57-1-332-3400, E-mail: lbermudez@minambiente.gov.co, Contact: Laura Bermudez, Punto Focal Operativo GEF-OAI; Parques Nacionales Naturales Tel: 57-1-3532400, E-mail: di-ana.castellanos@parquesnacionales.gov.co, Contact: Diana Castellanos, Directora Territorial Amazonia - Unidad de Parques Nacionale; IDEAM Tel: 57-1-

3527160, E-mail: [pbernal@ideam.gov.co](mailto:pbernal@ideam.gov.co), Contact: Paola Bernal, Asesora de Cooperación Internacional; Instituto SINCHI de Investigación Amazónica Tel: 57-1-4442060, E-mail: [luzmarmantilla@sinchi.org.co](mailto:luzmarmantilla@sinchi.org.co), Contact: Luz Marina Mantilla, Directora General.

**(R) 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](mailto:cosorio@fedegan.org.co), Contact: Carlos Osorio, Subgerente Tecnico.

### **Education**

**(R) ACCESS WITH QUALITY TO HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT-ACCES II -SOP PHASE 2:** The objective of the Project is to increase student enrollment, graduation and equity in higher education, by: (a) increasing the number of ACCES Student Loans and the ACCES Program’s focus on students from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds and in quality higher education institutions and programs; and (b) enhancing ICETEX’s institutional capacity. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 22 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145782. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Instituto Colombiano de Crédito Educativo y Estudios Técnicos en El Exterior (ICETEX) Tel: (571) 382-1670, E-mail: [frodriguez@icetex.gov.co](mailto:frodriguez@icetex.gov.co), Contact: Fernando Rodriguez, President.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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](mailto:jcaldero@minhacienda.gov.co), Contact: Ingrid Pamela Calderon, Direccion General de Politica Macroeconomica.

**(R) Facilitating Access to Justice in the Peace Consolidation Process:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Justicia Tel: (57-1) 444-3100, E-mail: [piedad.zuniga@minjusticia.gov.co](mailto:piedad.zuniga@minjusticia.gov.co).  
**Transportation**

**(R) COLOMBIA CTF URBAN TRANSPORT:** The objective of this operation is to support the Government of Colombia (GoC) in developing the urban transport project for Bogota identified under the Colombia CTF Investment Plan, which was endorsed by the CTF Trust Fund Committee in March 2010. The CTF for Bogota envisions a comprehensive mobility and climate change agenda for Bogota’s Carrera 7 corridor, in order to improve public transit service provision and non-motorized mobility, mitigation of climate change and contribute to developing a sustainable and competitive city that provides safe mobility options for its population in line with efficiency, fairness, and environmental sustainability criteria. *Identification completed on 31 August 2011. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Transporte Tel: (57-1) 324-0800, E-mail: [mgranados@mintransporte.gov.co](mailto:mgranados@mintransporte.gov.co), Contact: Felipe Targa, Viceministro de Transporte.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) National Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project Phase 2:** 13. 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**

**(R) 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 connections 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**

**(R) 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@minerdo.gob.do, Contact: Víctor R. Sánchez Jáquez, Vice Minister of Education.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) DO Distribution Networks Rehabilitation:** 11. The proposed project development objective is to help the three distribution companies (EDEs) to improve their operational and commercial performance through: (i) reduction of energy losses in the distribution networks; (ii) the rehabilitation of selected circuits, (iii) the normalization of non-authorized users in rehabilitated circuits (iv) the deployment of remote metering and macro-metering systems to pinpoint theft, (v) the increase of the availability of energy supplied, and (vi) the improvement of billing and cash collection. *Concept completed on 3 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147277. US\$120.0/100.0 (IBRD/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. CDEEE Tel: (809) 535-9098, E-mail: rbichara@cdeee.gob.do, Contact: Ruben Jimenez Bichara, Vicepresidente Ejecutivo.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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.

**(R) INTEGRATED SOCIAL PROTECTION AND PROMOTION PROJECT:** The Project Development Objective is to improve access of the Borrower's poor citizens to an integrated package of social protection and promotion opportunities, including in particular human capital, enhanced employability, and housing improvements in selected provinces. *Negotiations authorized on 9 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147213. US\$75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Social Cabinet Tel: (809) 534-2105, E-mail: Rosa.Suarez@gabsocial.gob.do, Contact: Rosa Maria Suarez Vargas, Director, Technical Unit.

**(R) 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.

### **Information and communications**

**Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Prog - Dominican Rep.:** The project development objective is to increase access to regional broadband networks and advance the development of ICT-enabled services in the Dominican Republic and in the Caribbean Region. Approval completed on 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147483. US\$30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. INDOTEL Tel: 18293786151, E-mail: jroques@indotel.gob.do, Contact: Jorge Roques, Coordinador de Proyectos (Projects Coordinator).

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) DO Public Sector Modernization Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 29 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Hacienda Tel: (809) 687-5131, E-mail: rsarante@hacienda.gov.do, Contact: Ramon Sarante, Director del Programa de Administración Financiera (PAFI).

## **Ecuador**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Ecuador - Sustainable Family Farming Modernization Project:** 12. The project development objective is to enhance the profitability and sustainable production of small and medium farmers in targeted areas by improving productivity and by supporting more efficient and climate-smart uses for land and water.

13. To reach its objective, the project will support technical assistance, capacity-building activities, on-farm and complementary off-farm investments geared toward a more efficient use of natural resources, especially water, an increased adaptation to climate change, improvement in productivity and market access. On-farm investments are made within the farmer's plot. Off-farm investments are referring to interventions on irrigation and drainage networks upstream of the intake of the farmer's plot.

14. Project beneficiaries. The project beneficiaries are small and medium-sized family farmers, including indigenous communities. Small and Medium farmers are established by MAGAP according agroclimatological regions:

- Sierra: 0 - 5 ha. (small farmers) – 5 to 20 ha. (medium farmers)
- Costa: 0-20 ha. (small farmers) - 20 to 40 ha (medium farmers)

15. Project areas. While the project is national in scope, the Sierra Central and the Coastal regions are the main target areas for investment subprojects where climatological conditions justify investments in water storage and irrigation to foster diversification and intensification of agriculture. *Concept completed on 3 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151963. US\$60.0/15.0 (IBRD/GSPN). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries Tel: 59323960100, E-mail: dgarcia@magap.gob.ec, Contact: Dennis Garcia, Sub-secretary of Irrigation and Drainage.

### **Education**

**(R) Supporting Education Reform in Targeted Districts:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve enrollment in early education (Initial 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.

### **Transportation**

**(R) EC Ibarra Transport Infrastructure Improvement Project:** 9. The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve accessibility in

the Municipality of Ibarra and enhance mobility within its recreational and touristic urban spaces. *Concept completed on 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147280. US\$25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Ibarra Tel: (593-06) 264-1677, E-mail: guillosuarez.c@hotmail.com, Contact: Jorge Martinez, Mayor of Ibarra.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) EC Guayaquil Wastewater Management Project:** 13. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to reach sustainable universal access to wastewater management services in the Southern districts of the City of Guayaquil. The Project will therefore improve environmental conditions in Guayaquil's water bodies (the River Guayas and the Salado Estuary) and bring better livelihood conditions for its residents in selected neighborhoods, contributing to the reduction of poverty and increase of shared prosperity in the City.

14. This Project will particularly benefit the residents of "Trinitaria" and "Suburbio Oeste", two riparian districts of the Estero Salado estuary where sewer mains will be rehabilitated -what will contribute to the decontamination of this important environmental asset, and where poor households -the vast majority in the area - will enjoy eased conditions to get connected to the sewer network (a detailed socioeconomic characterization of the beneficiary population in the mentioned riparian districts will be undertaken during the project preparation phase). *Concept completed on 19 December 2014.* 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.

### **Grenada**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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 fol-

lowing 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. *Appraisal completed on 30 January 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**

**(R) GT Urban Infrastructure:** The Project's Development Objective (PDO) 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. Mancomunidad Gran Ciudad del Sur Tel: 50255179845, E-mail: thomash1@hotmail.com, Contact: Thomas Henry, PIU Manager.

**(R) Revenue Administration Modernization Project:** Support the Government of Guatemala efforts to increase fiscal space through tax administration and customs modernization and strengthening trade facilitation. *Identification completed on 4 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Haiti

### **Energy and mining**

**(N) 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**

**(R) 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 transfor-

mational 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 residential 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 (Corail-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\$ 7.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) HT Strengthening Hydro-Met Services:** The proposed PDO is to strengthen the Government of Haiti’s institutional capacity to provide weather, water and climate services customized to the needs of civil protection and agriculture sectors.

The PDO will be achieved through: (i) integrating existing hydro-met networks into a national data platform; and (ii) understanding weather, water, and climate services’ requirements for select end users (including agriculture and civil protection). *Concept completed on 14 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148259. US\$ 5.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development Tel: 50936550342, E-mail: pglafontant@agriculture.gouv.ht, Contact: Pierre Guy Lafontant, General Director.

**(R) 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 Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## **Honduras**

### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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 CorredorSeco. *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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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 Program beneficiaries, monitoring compliance with Program co-responsibilities, and making payments to 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 Program beneficiaries in rural areas; and (d) improve the Recipient’s capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible emergency. *Appraisal completed on 21 January 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**

**(N) 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). Consultants will be 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***

**(R) Jamaica Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project:** 11. 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@jsif.org, Contact: Scarlett Gillings, Managing Director.

## **Mexico**

### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) 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 Project's Development Objective is to improve the institutional capacity of advanced clean energy (ACE) technology institutions (both public and private) in Mexico, foster the commercialization of ACE technologies by providing financial incentives to the private sector, and in the process reduce GHG emissions. *Negotiations authorized on 15 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145618. US\$ 16.9 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. SEN-ER Tel: (52-5) 5000-6047, E-mail: crortiz@energia.gob.mx, Contact: Carlos Ortiz, Director General.

**(R) 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 as-

sess 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\$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Finance**

**(R) 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\$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Nicaragua**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Caribbean Coast Food Security Project:** The proposed project development objective is to enhance food and nutritional security in selected communities of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua. *Negotiations*

*authorized on 2 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148809. US\$ 33.9 (GAFS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Family Economy (MEFCCA) Tel: 50522558777, E-mail: mmachado@economiafamiliar.gob.ni, Contact: Maria Antonieta Machado, Minister.

#### **Health and other social services**

**(R) NI Comm. and Family Quality Health Care:** The objectives of the Project are to: (i) strengthen the access and improve the quality of preventive, promotional and curative health care services; (ii) strengthen the National Health Care Institution and expand the basic health care package; and (iii) ensure financial support in case of a Public Health Alert or Public Health Emergency. *Concept completed on 29 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152136. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Tel: 505-2289-4700, E-mail: castros@minsa.gob.ni, Contact: Sonia Castro, Minister of Health.

#### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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. Negotiations authorized on 28 September 2014. 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.

#### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**N) 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 stormwater 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, stormwater 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.

## Paraguay

### Transportation

**(R) PY Transport Connectivity:** The Project Development Objectives (PDO) are to improve the efficiency in the management of the country's national road transport network, and contribute to improved road safety outcomes. This will be achieved through (i) enhancing the institutional capacities of the MOPC for strategic planning and management of the road network (ii); implementing more efficient mechanisms of road asset preservation namely performance based contracts on selected national roads, and (iii) improving the capabilities of the newly created road safety agency in order to positively influence road safety outcomes in Paraguay. *Concept completed on 4 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147278. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. MOPC Tel: 595-021-414900, E-mail: upgp@mopc.gov.py, Contact: Federico Fernandez, Head UPGP.

## Peru

### Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

**(R) 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.

### **(R) 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 reduce 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: gquijandria@minam.gob.pe, Contact: Gabriel Quijandria, Viceministrer.

### Industry and trade

**(R) 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.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Subnational Transport Support Program:** 13. 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: P132515. US\$50.0/50.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consultants will be required. PROVIAS Descentralizado Tel: /Fax: (51-1) 614-5300, E-mail: jrodri-guez@proviades.gob.pe, Contact: Jose Rodriguez, Executive Director.

**(R) PE - Lima Metro Line 2 Project:** The proposed development objective is to improve the urban mobility of people in the area of influence of the Metro Line 2 and Line4 Branch and support the integration of the public transport system in the Metropolitan Region of Lima. *Concept completed on 4 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145610. US\$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. AATE; OSITRAN.

**(R) Peru: Investments for Environmentally Sustainable Development:** The project development objective (PDO) is to enhance environmental management through (i) increase the quality, availability and reliability of environmental data to decision makers and civil society; (ii) improve mechanisms to identify and address environmental priorities at the regional and national levels, and, (iii) improve mechanisms for opening up decision making on environmental aspects to public scrutiny. *Concept completed on 30 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147342. US\$35.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Tel: 51-16116000, E-mail: acuba@minam.gob.pe, Contact: Amalia Cuba Salerno, General Director of Environmental Policy and Norms.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) 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.).

**(R) 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.

### **Uruguay**

#### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Drought Events' Impact Mitigating Investment Project Financing:** The Project Development Objective of the proposed operation is to enhance the Government of Uruguay's efforts to mitigate the effect of adverse weather conditions on its public sector accounts and to enhance the efficiency of its risk management framework used to mitigate these risks. Approval completed on 2 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149069. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Corporacion Nacional de Desarrollo (CND), Contact: Alfonso Margenat, Gerente de Operaciones.

### **Regional**

#### **Finance**

**(R) 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 objective is to strengthen the financial sector in the OECS countries. *Identification completed on 17 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) OECS Competitiveness Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 4 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$15.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.



### **Transportation**

**(R) Santa Cruz Road Corridor Connector Project:** 11. The projects Development Objectives (PDO) are to support the Recipient in reducing transport costs between San Ignacio de Velasco and San Jose de

Chiquitos and prepare for future upgrading of the San Matias and San Ignacio de Velasco road. *Identification completed on 1 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$130.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) 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

### **St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

**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 pop-

ulation 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.

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## Middle East And North Africa

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### **Algeria**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) DZ-Improved Desert Ecosystems and Climate Resilient Oases:** The Project Development Objectives are to increase adoption of climate resilient approaches to desert ecosystem management and to improve access to alternative livelihoods in selected pilot oases. Negotiations authorized on 6 January 2014. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128082. US\$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Environnement Tel: /Fax: (213) 432-804, E-mail: cadastre-2002@hotmail.com, Contact: Nadia Chenouf, Deputy Director.

### **Djibouti**

#### **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 (ADDS) Tel: (253-21) 358-655, E-mail: mahdi.mohamed.djama@gmail.com, Contact: Mahdi Mohamed Djama, Directeur Général.

**(R) 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 - Telecom Sector Opening:** The PDO is to create an enabling environment in the telecom and ICT sector by: (i) strengthening the policy, legal and regulatory framework of the telecom and ICT sector; (ii) restructuring Djibouti Télécom, through the opening of its capital to a world class private operator; and (iii) opening the sector to competition, through the award of a new license to an international telecom operator. *Concept completed on 2 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146219. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communication, in charge of Posts and Telecommunications, Contact: Ali Hassan Bahdon, Ministre.

### **Egypt, Arab Republic of**

#### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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\$660.0 (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 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 poorest quintile, behavioral change in selected areas of health and education. *Concept completed on 8 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145699. US\$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of State for Administrative Development Tel: 24030147, E-mail: aelrafie@msad.gov.eg, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Elrafie, Acting Minister.

#### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Equal Access and Simplified Environment for Investment (EASE) in Egypt:** To improve the

efficiency, accessibility, and transparency of key investment services by reforming industrial licensing and land allocation processes, and enhancing the capabilities of one-stop shops through which investor services are provided while supporting the Government's efforts in building a regulatory management system.

The higher level objective to which this project contributes is to increase private investment rates and job creation, particularly among SMEs, and improve productivity growth through increased competition and a leveled playing field. *Concept completed on 29 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P153487. US\$ 6.0 (MNIS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Investment Tel: 20224055651, E-mail: mzobaa@investment.gov.eg, Contact: Mona Zobia, Undersecretary; Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Small Industries, 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 21 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**

**(R) 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.* Environmen-

tal 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***

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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 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 of 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: nafaaabdelsada@yahoo.com, Contact: Nafae Abdelsada, Director, Distribution.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(N) PFM Institutional Development and Capacity Building:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 June 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Transportation***

**(R) 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).

**(N) 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.

**(N) 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 Baghdad Water and Sewerage Improvement Project will finance priority infrastructure investments to improve water and wastewater services in the capital city. The project will also include an institutional strengthening and capacity building component to improve the performance and efficiency of the MOB in general and the Baghdad Water Authority and Baghdad Sewerage Directorate specifically to operate and manage their infrastructure systems.

The Mayoralty of Baghdad will be the primary responsible institution for project implementation, with a PMT to undertake daily project implementation. *Identification completed on 11 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Jordan***

#### ***Energy and mining***

**(N) Jordan Financial Sustainability Policy Based Guarantee (PBG):** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 22 July 2014. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* US\$ 600.0 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### ***Finance***

**(N) JO-MSME Development for Inclusive Growth:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 10 December 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category F.* US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### ***Health and other social services***

**(R) NATIONAL UNIFIED REGISTRY AND OUTREACH WORKER PROGRAM:** The project development objective is to improve the targeting of social safety net programs and developing an efficient outreach mechanism. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 23 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 9.5 (MNIS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation Tel: (962-6) 464-4466, E-mail: mop@mop.gov.jo, Contact: H.E Ibrahim Saif, Minister.

#### ***Transportation***

**(N) 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***

**(N) Regional and Local Development II:** To assist the Government of Jordan in promoting balanced local development mainly through municipalities and other ancillary support institutions, with particular attention to the country's lagging regions. Identification completed on 18 December 2014. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$0.1 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase 1:** Objective to be Determined. 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***

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) 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.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131431. US\$24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Tel: (961-1) 821-900, E-mail: mkhansa@agriculture.gov.lb, Contact: Mohammad Khansa, Advisor to H.E. the Minister of Agriculture.

**(R) GEF-SCCF-Sustainable Agric. Livelihoods in Marginal Areas (SALMA):** The proposed project development objective (PDO) is to increase the growth and stability of incomes of small farmers in ecologically vulnerable remote hilly areas through increased access to reliable sources for supplementary irrigation using sustainable land and water development approaches, and reforestation.

Project Components:

1. Increasing rural incomes by expanding water storage in small reservoirs, supporting sustainable irrigation, and improving access to markets.

2. Supporting reforestation and afforestation in up-stream basins to enhance water management and reduce run-off.

3. Technical assistance, capacity enhancement and project coordination *Identification completed on 1 November 2012*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Education**

**(R) Emergency Education System Stabilization:** To support the operational needs of Lebanese public schools and to improve the learning environment in response to the continued influx of Syrian refugee children. *Negotiations authorized on 7 January 2015*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P152898. US\$ 32.0 (LSCT). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Higher Education Tel: 961-1-772-110, E-mail: FYarak@MEHE.gov.lb, Contact: Fadi Yarak, Director General.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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 Environmenta Tel: 9611981854, E-mail: manal.moussalem@undp-lebprojects.org, Contact: Manal Moussalem, Advisor.

**(R) 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) backstopping liquidity payments under a Terminal Use Agreement (TUA) entered between GoL and the FRSU 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.

### **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, E-mail: bashiros7@yahoo.fr, Contact: Bashir Osmat, Advisor to the Minister.

**Emergency Nat'l Poverty Targeting Proj:** The objective of the Project is to expand the coverage and enhance the social assistance package of the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP) to Lebanese affected by the Syrian crisis and all Lebanese households under the extreme poverty line. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 18 August 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149242. US\$ 8.2/3.0 (LSCT/UNHC). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Social Affairs Tel: 961-1-611242, E-mail: bashiros7@yahoo.fr, Contact: Bashir Osmat, Advisor to the Minister.

**(R) 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, E-mail: mphealth@cyberia.net.lb, Contact: Dr. Walid Ammar, Director General, Ministry of Health.

### **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, E-mail: manal.moussalem@undp-lebprojects.org, Contact: Manal Moussalem, Advisor to the Minister; Central Bank Tel: (961) 1743-469, E-mail: waelhamdan@bdl.gov.lb, Contact: Wael Hamdan, Senior Director. Head of Financing Unit.

### **Information and communications**

**(R) 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, E-mail: 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:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 1 August 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) 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.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Lebanon-Water Supply Augmentation Project:** The project development objective is to increase the volume of water available to the Greater Beirut and Mount Lebanon area. Approval completed on 30 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125184. US\$474.0/128.0 (IBRD/ISDB). Consultants will be required. Council for Development and Reconstruction Tel: (961-1) 980-0096, E-mail: njisr@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Mr. Nabil El Jisr, President.

**(R) Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project:** The project development objectives are to reduce the quantity of untreated municipal sewage discharged into the Litani River, to increase the adoption of integrated pest management practices among targeted farmers and to improve the capacity of key stakeholders to manage environmental pollution around the Qaraoun Lake. *Concept completed on 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147854. US\$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Development and

Reconstruction Tel: (961-1) 981-380, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Ms. Wafaa Charafeddin, Director of Funding Division.

**Lebanon Municipal Services Emergency Project:** The project development objective is to address urgent community priorities in selected municipal services, targeting areas most affected by the influx of Syrian refugees. Approval completed on 20 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149724. US\$ 10.0 (LSCT). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Reconstruction and Development- Lebanon Tel: 9611980096, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Wafa Charafeddine, Funding Division Director.

### **Morocco**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) MA-Large Scale Irrigation Modernization Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 28 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$180.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### **Energy and mining**

**(R) MA- Noor Ouarzazate Concentrated Solar Power Project:** The PDO is to increase (a) installed capacity (megawatt) and (b) electricity output (megawatt-hour), especially during peak hours, of the Noor-Ouarzazate Solar Complex. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 19 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131256. US\$400.0/135.0/238.0/122.0/473.0/68.0/884.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CCTF/ECEU/EUIB/FRDE/KFW). Consultants will be required. MASEN Tel: 212537754747, E-mail: masen@masen.ma, Contact: Mustapha Bakoury, Managing Director.

**(R) Clean and Efficient Energy Project:** 12. The PDO 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 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143689. US\$125.0/24.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricite et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE) Tel: 212522668005, E-mail: fait@onee.ma, Contact: Mohamed Fait, Director.

#### **Finance**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

### **Transportation**

**Morocco Second Rural Roads Project - AF2:** The proposed additional financing is a follow-up to the Second Rural Roads Project approved in May 2006 and to the first additional financing approved in April 2010. It will continue to support the Government's Second National Program of Rural Roads (NPRR2).

The proposed additional financing will be used to finance a funding gap for activities appraised as part of the NPRR2, but for which no other financier has been identified. It will allow the Borrower (Caisse pour le Financement Routier) to finalize the last tranche of its borrowing plan for the NPRR2. Approval completed on 9 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148003. US\$96.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Caisse pour le financement routier

Tel: (212-53) 771-3241, E-mail: imzel@mtpnet.gov.ma, Contact: Ahmed Imzel, Director.

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(R) Morocco Integrated Urban Water Management:** The proposed Project aims at securing sustainable access to safe and reliable drinking water supply for urban communities in targeted water-scarce areas in the Project provinces.

Project activities will be defined using an Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) approach to adopt the most cost-effective and high-impact mix of solutions in a context of extreme water scarcity exacerbated by climate change. Solutions will range from demand management actions, to performance improvements and alternative sources of supply such as desalination. *Identification completed on 23 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Tunisia**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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 re-use 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.

#### **Education**

**(R) Tunisia Tertiary Education for Employability Project:** The development objective of the project is to further modernize tertiary education in Tunisia, increase employability of graduates and support tertiary education to work transition. *Identification completed on 3 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

#### **Energy and mining**

**(N) 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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\$195.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'Équipement Tel: 21671252514, E-mail: dgpc@mehat.gov.tn, Contact: Slah Zouari, Directeur General des Ponts et Chaussées.

### **West Bank and Gaza**

#### **Education**

**(N) Additional Financing for Teacher Education Improvement Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 8 November 2014*. *Environmental Assessment Category C*. US\$ 5.0 (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 A. US\$ 10.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Palestine Energy and Natural Resources Authority.

**(N) 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, Contact: Fred Fakari'i, Secretary of Finance

#### **Health and other social services**

**(R) Health System Resiliency Strengthening:** The project PDO is to support the Palestinian Authority in securing continuity in healthcare service delivery and building its resilience to withstand future surge in demand for effective healthcare coverage. *Approval completed on 21 January 2015*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150481. US\$ 8.5 (SPF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health Tel: 0598949104, E-mail: alaqla@yahoo.com, Contact: Maria AlAqla, Director of International Relations.

#### **Industry and trade**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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.

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) 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: P117449. 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. Zatar, Mayor; Palestinian Water Authority Tel: 970-2-2987665, E-mail: mghunaim@pwa.ps, Contact: Eng. Mazen Ghunaim, Minister, Head of PWA.

**(R) 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 waste water 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: Malanie Gamage, Permanent Secretary.

**(R) Additional Financing for Water Supply & Sewage Systems Improvement:** To improve the quality and efficiency of water supply and wastewater service provision in Gaza and assist in restoration of basic water supply and wastewater services through: (i) rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing and damaged water and wastewater systems, and (ii) en-

hancing the capacity of the Coastal Municipalities Water Utility (CMWU) to sustain water and wastewater services. *Approval completed on 30 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151032. US\$ 12.0/3.0 (PWUD/SPF). No consultants are required. Palestinian Water Authority, Contact: Project Management Unit

### ***Yemen, Republic of***

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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](mailto:khalshaibani@yahoo.com).

**(R) Yemen Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project (SAPEP):** 1. The GAFSP Secretariat has recently approved (September 6, 2013) the Government of Yemen's investment proposal for funding under the Global Agriculture and Food Security (GAFSP) Trust Fund. The proposal entitled Yemen-Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project (SAPEP) was submitted to the third GAFSP Call for Proposals in June 2013. The main feature of the proposal was to address the major challenges identified in the overall National Agriculture Sector Strategy (NASS) and its investment plan including food security, smallholder agricultural productivity, climate resilience, and program coordination. This proposal was in line with the 2013 updated NASS that reflected the strong participatory approaches in design, implementation, and monitoring; strong linkages to poverty reduction, nutrition, and food security enhancement; linkages to climate adaptation; enhanced readiness for implementation; and a comprehensive risk analysis. The proposal is also in line with other national strategies including the National Food Security Strategy (NFSS), and the National Water Sector Strategy and Investment Program (NWSSIP). The proposal was ranked highly among the applications received. 2. At requested by the Govern-

ment of Yemen, the World Bank will fulfill the role of SAPEP to be funded by GAFSP. In accordance with GAFSP requirements, the project will be prepared using the Bank's operational procedures for investment lending. As such, the detailed project design and document will be prepared in close consultation with the Government of Yemen. The results of the task will be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Education**

**(R) RY Higher Education Quality Improvement Project - Additional Financing:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to create enabling conditions for the enhancement of quality of university programs and graduate employability. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 18 December 2014* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: 150129. US\$3.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. ..., Contact:

### **Finance**

**(R) 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**

**(R) Yemen Accountability Enhancement Project:** The Project Development Objective is to enhance capacity of targeted accountability institutions to provide access to information and to improve enforcement of the anti-corruption law. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 10 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P148288. US\$ 6.0 (MNIS). Consultants will be required. Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption (SNACC) Tel: 967777383140, E-mail: ali-alsunaidar@gmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Afrah Badu-wailan, Chairperson.

**(R) Local Development and Service Delivery Support Program (LSDSP):** The proposed LSDSP will support the Yemeni Government establish the legal and institutional framework for decentralization, and impart resources and capacities to strengthen regional and local governments.

designated Supervising Entity for this proposed the detailed preparation, appraisal, approval and implementation of a project that will contribute to enhance agricultural productivity and food security of targeted vulnerable population in selected regions and governorates of Yemen. *Identification completed on 24 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 36.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined. 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.

**(R) Emergency Support to Social Protection Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to assist the Recipient in providing cash transfers to Social Welfare Fund beneficiaries. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 19 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151923. US\$ 90.0/28.5 (IDA Grant/GUSA). Consultants will be required. Social Welfare Fund Tel: (967-1) 544-012, E-mail: info@swf.gov.ye, Contact: Mr. Mansour Alfeadi, Executive Director.

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## **South Asia**

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### **Afghanistan**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) Physical and Institutional Infrastructure for Strategic Grain Reserves in Afghanistan:** The objective is to improve foodsecurity for the poor and other food-insecure people in Afghanistan by creating the physical and institutional infrastructure required for the establishment and efficient functioning of a Strategic Grain Reserves (SGR) for emergency relief and limited price stabilization. *Appraisal completed on 12 October 2011. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126288. US\$ 12.0/12.0 (ARTF/JSDF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock.

**(R) AF Additional Financing for Afghanistan On Farm Water Management Proj:** Background and Strategic Context. Without doubt, the agriculture sector, including the irrigated subsector will play a critical role for the country's economy in the foreseeable future. With the support of various donors including the ADB, JICA, USAID and the World Bank, about 1.8 million hectares of the irrigation schemes have

been rehabilitated over the last 12 years. While there has been good progress in physical rehabilitation, there are still outstanding issues, including: (a) further need for accelerating rehabilitation works, (b) parallel support for on-farm water application to exploit the potentials for irrigated agriculture, (c) strengthen the operation and maintenance arrangement, possibly through the community-based organizations, (d) clarify the respective ministerial roles between the Ministry of Energy and Water, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock (MAIL) (e) strengthen the MAIL, particularly Irrigation Directorate for planning, technical standards, oversight, and M&E.

The MAIL is currently implementing the OFWMP in a satisfactory manner. As OFWMP is scheduled to be closed on December 31, 2015, the MAIL is interested in obtaining the continued support from the Bank to continue rehabilitation works and start addressing the above-mentioned sector issues. *Identification completed on 1 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 37.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) AF Additional Financing: Irrigation Restoration and Development Project (IRDP):** Irrigation Restoration and Development Project (IRDP) has been under implementation since 2011 as an immediate follow up on the Emergency Irrigation Rehabilitation Project, which has successfully been implemented to quickly carry out rehabilitation of the damaged irrigation facilities throughout the country after decades of civil war in the country. IRDP has been implemented in a satisfactory manner, focusing on continued rehabilitation of the damaged irrigation facilities, development

- 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 C.* US\$ 30.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Education**

**(R) Non-Formal Approach to Training Education and Jobs in Afghanistan Project:** The objective is to increase the potential for employment and higher earnings of targeted young Afghan women and men in rural and semi-urban areas through non-formal skills training. *The loan/credit/grant was*

a few new dams in the Northern River Basin, and restoration of hydromet data collection and analysis capacity. As the IRDP is approaching the mid-term review, the Government (the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)) and the Bank has made a joint assessment on the relevancy of the current project scope. As a result, agreement has been reached that the major restructuring would be needed to address the emerging water resources management (WRM) and the natural disaster risk management (DRM) would be needed. In particular, the restructuring would support the MEW to focus on the core-mandate of the MEW, including: (a) investment and operation of the large irrigation schemes, (b) investment, operation and maintenance and repair works for irrigation dams, (c) flood forecast and early warning, (d) river bank protection, and (e) groundwater monitoring. In this context, the MEW expressed interest in obtaining the additional financing (AF) for the IRDP as a part of the restructuring the project *Identification completed on 1 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 7.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) Support to Afghan Land Authority:** 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:

*signed on 11 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146015. US\$ 15.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor Social Affairs, Martyr and Disabled Tel: (93-794) 455-309, E-mail: e.mayel@nsdp.gov.af, Contact: Dr. Enayatullah Mayel, Executive Director National Skills Development Program.

**(R) 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: (a) increasing enrollment in higher education, especially of young women; (b) improving the quality of higher education, with particular emphasis on orienting the higher education sector

towards the future economic needs of Afghanistan; and (c) building systems for greater academic and procedural autonomy of universities, with suitable institutional and accountability mechanisms. *Identification completed on 5 August 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Higher Education.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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.

**(R) Naghlu 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 Nesar, Chief Operations Officer; Ministry of Energy and Water Tel: (93-7) 5200-4998, E-mail: gfaruq11@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Ghulam Faruq Qazizada, Deputy Minister.

**(R) 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.

### **Finance**

**Additional Financing to Financial Sector Rapid Response Project:** This project is to assist DAB to improve its core function of banking supervision and regulation, and to help improve access to formal

banking services by establishing key initial building blocks for further financial sector reform. Over its five-year implementation period, FSSP aims to strengthening DAB's capacity through: (i) strengthening of the off-site supervisory functions of DAB, (ii) strengthening of DAB's accounting and internal audit capabilities, and (iii) establishment of an effective human resource management system, and (iv) development of an effective information technology system. The project also assists in developing financial sector infrastructure through: (i) establishment of a Public Credit Registry, (ii) establishment of a Collateral Registry, and (iii) supporting the physical development of the Afghanistan Institute of Banking and Finance (AIBF). Approval completed on 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.7 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, E-mail: maqa2005@yahoo.com, Contact: Adris Walli, Aide Coordination Specialist; Da Afghanistan Bank Tel: (93-79) 722-3340, E-mail: zalmei.sherzad@centralbank.gov.af, Contact: Zalmie Sherzad, Project Director.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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\$ 227.6 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Industry and trade**

**(R) Afghansitan Rural Enterprise Development Project II:** This is a follow on project to the first Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Project. *Identification completed on 8 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.3 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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.

**(R) Second Public Financial Management Reform:** Addition financing for the PFMRII 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.

### **Transportation**

**(R) Baghlan (Dushi) Bamyan:** Improve connectivity between central and north and north east of Afghanistan via rehabilitation of baghlan to Bamyan road. Also, improve accessibility along the corridor. *Identification completed on 5 August 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/180.0 (IDA Grant/ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Additional finance for Afghanistan Rural Access Project:** Objective to be Determined. *Identification completed on 11 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0/130.0 (IDA Grant/ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) Additional Financing of the Flood Disaster:** The task includes: a. Emergency repair and rehabilitation of transport infrastructure back to normal service; and b. technical assistance to enhance transport sector capacity of the country to response such nature disaster. *Identification completed on 18 August 2014. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.8 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. MPW and MRRD Tel: (93-79) 930-6173, E-mail: [salim@nrap.org](mailto:salim@nrap.org).

### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**Kabul Urban Transport Efficiency Improvement Project:** Improve road condition and traffic flows on selected corridors of Kabul city. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 11 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality (KM) Tel: 0093202101350, E-mail: [nawandish@hotmail.com](mailto:nawandish@hotmail.com), Contact: Eng. Mohammad Yunus Nawandish, Kabul Mayor.

**(R) URBAN POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:** The project will support the Ministry of Urban Development strengthen its analytic and advocacy skills to be the premier strategic thinker on urban issues on Afghanistan. It will support the Ministry de-

velop 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.

### **Bangladesh**

#### **Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**(R) 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). *Consulting services to be determined*. Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Tel: 880-2-9540100, E-mail: [dmazmulislam@gmail.com](mailto: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 smallholders' access to markets in selected districts. *Appraisal completed on 2 December 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149553. US\$ 160.0/23.7/23.9 (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](mailto:fishlivsec@pace-moe.gov.bd); Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) Tel: 880-2-9540100, E-mail: [dmazmulislam@gmail.com](mailto:dmazmulislam@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. *Negotiations authorized on 22 January 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@sdfbd.org](mailto:md@sdfbd.org), Contact: Mr. AZM Sarkhawat Hussein, Managing Director.

## Education

### **(R) 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.

### **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 tech-

nic 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 restructuring. Sub-Component 1.2 - 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, climate modeling, 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 name-

ly: (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: chairmanugc@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 successful interventions from the ongoing project under a more harmonized secondary education sector program that GOB is planning to initiate by early 2017; and (iii) initiate replication of successful activities beyond 125 SEQAEP upazilas in a phased manner for a smoother institutionalization of SEQAEP interventions. The AF 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. Ministry of Education, E-mail: seqaep@bdcom.net, Contact: Ministry of Education, Project Director, SEQAEP Project.

**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 to: "(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:

**(N) College Education Development Project:**

The World Bank is working with the Government on a project to support quality enhancement of National University and its affiliated colleges in Bangladesh. The objectives of the operation are: (i) to select initiatives with the potential to overhaul colleges' quality, relevance and governance, and to optimize their financing; (ii) to focus on activities based on voluntary participation and using incentive mechanisms; (iii) to benefit the college education sector regardless of the status (private or public) of the institutions, and encourage public-private partnerships; and (iv) to focus on activities which can bring rapid and visible benefits to the college subsector. 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.

**Energy and mining**

**(R) 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: dg@powercell.gov.bd, Contact: Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General; Infrastructure Development Company Limited Tel: (880-2) 910-2171, E-mail: mmalik@idcol.org, Contact: Mr. Mahmood Malik, Executive Director and CEO.

**(N) GPOBA Scale-up for Bangladesh RERED II:**

The proposed GPOBA grant in the amount of US\$ 15 million would help finance the costs associated with further scaling up of RERED II project's renewable energy components supporting installations of SHSs, solar powered mini-grids, solar irrigation pumps, and biogas plants. The grant will be implemented by the Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), fully owned by the Government. The program is implemented by IDCOL through eligible Partner Organizations (POs) and project sponsors. Identification completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (GPBA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Finance**

**(R) Financial Sector Support Project:**

9. The Proposed Development Objective of the project is: "to improve financial market infrastructure, regulatory capacity and access to long term financing". *Concept completed on 15 August 2014.* 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: ah-san.ullah@bb.org.bd; [mezbaul.haque@bb.org.bd](mailto:mezbaul.haque@bb.org.bd).

**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.

**(R) Income Support Program for the Poorest:** The Project Development Objective is to provide income support to the poorest mothers in selected Upazilas, while (i) increasing the mothers' use of child nutrition and cognitive development services, and (ii) enhancing local level government capacity to deliver safety nets. *Approval completed on 16 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146520. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Local Government Division Tel: (880-171) 189-4017, E-mail: akramalhossain@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Md. Akram al Hossain, Joint Secretary.

**(R) HSDP Additional Finance:** The proposed additional finance is to cover for financing gap which has emanated from: 1) front loading allocations from year 5 of the project to disburse for the performance based component - disbursement for accelerated achievement of results (DAAR) in the first two years of the program; and 2) a short-fall in the overall sector financing. The proposed additional finance will be for accelerated implementation of the existing interventions as well as introducing new initiatives for the post MDG targets. *Identification completed on 28 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) 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 objective is to strengthen the capacity of GoB agencies to respond to emergency events, and to improve construction permitting and audit processes in Dhaka and Sylhet. *Negotiations authorized on 30 January 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 Plannin Tel: 88-02-9531352, E-mail: DG@pcmu.gov.bd, Contact: Dr. Md. Jahirul Islam, Director General.

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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 these 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.

**(N) Dhaka-Chittagong Multimodal Corridor Development Project:** a. Dredging of inland waterways between Dhaka-Chittagong to facilitate cargo and passenger transport

b. Provision of key vessels for passenger and cargo transport, navigation, surveying and safety

c. Navigational aides to facilitate transport and improve navigation safety

d. Studies on River Ports Improvement and Incentivizing Private Sector Investment

e. Technical Assistance and Studies to Improve the Operational Efficiency of Bangladesh Railways including addressing organizational and operational deficiencies and preparation activities for the development of the Dhirisram ICD.

f. Development of City of Chittagong Master Plan to relieve congestion in the City of Chittagong and especially to facilitate free-flowing traffic to and from the Port of Chittagong, Bangladesh's main port. *Identification completed on 2 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 290.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) Community Climate Change Project:** The Project Development Objective is to enhance the capacity of selected communities to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 6 August 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125447. US\$ 12.5 (BDCC). Consulting services to be determined. Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) Tel: (880-2) 914-0056, E-mail: pksf@pksf-bd.org, Contact: Dr. Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Managing Director.

**Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Project:** The development objective of this project is to reduce the vulnerability of the coastal population to natural disasters across selected coastal districts of Bangladesh. Approval completed on 16 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146464. US\$ 375.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) Tel: (880-2) 811-6817, E-mail: rafique.lged@yahoo.com, Contact: Md. Rafiqul Islam, Project Director.

**(R) BD RIVER BANK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1:** 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 (BWDB), E-mail: pdecrrp.bwdb@gmail.com, Contact: Sarder Sirazul Hoque, Additional Chief Engineer.

### ***India***

#### ***Agriculture, fishing, and forestry***

**(R) Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve adaptive capacity of the rural poor engaged in farm based livelihoods to cope with climate variability and change. *Approval completed on 9 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132623. US\$ 8.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Rural Development Tel: (91-11) 2436-2396, E-mail: vjthallam@gmail.com, Contact: Mr T Vijay Kumar, Additional Secretary.

**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.

**(R) 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: asmeffsusheel@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Susheel Kumar, Additional Secretary and Project Director.

**(R) 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: murali-aku@gmail.com, Contact: A. Murali, Mr.

**(R) India: Integrated SLEM Approaches:** India is facing the twin challenge of increasing farm productivity to ensure food security for its growing population and prevent further degradation of land based productivity. The task would invest in preventing land degradation and desertification by addressing the key sector challenges of low capacity in monitoring land degradation, difficulty in scaling up Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management (SLEM) approaches and

absence of a national knowledge network working with farming communities to share and exchange knowledge and good practices suitable for dry land agriculture. *Identification completed on 14 February 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Tel: (91-11) 2436-1727; ICFRE Tel: /Fax: (91-135) 275-0693, E-mail: saibaldasgupta@icfre.org, Contact: Mr. Saibal Dasgupta

**(R) 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.

**(R) National Agricultural Higher Education Project:** The project has twin objectives of: (i) achieving excellence and enhancing development and efficiency in the agriculture education system; and (ii) strengthen the capacity of agricultural universities to benefit farmers, rural women and other stakeholders. *Identification completed on 16 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 82.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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**

**(R) MP Higher Education Reforms Project:** The objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness of higher education in order to improve quality, access and equity. *Identification completed on 28 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) Technical Education Quality Improvement Project III:** The tentative Project Development Objective is to improve the quality of engineering education and research in selected institutions. Identification completed on 2 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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\$425.0 (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\_aseb@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: (91-389) 231-1025, E-mail: el\_pachau@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: L. Pachau, Chief Engineer (Distribution).

**(R) Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency:** To achieve energy savings by mobilizing private sector in energy efficiency industry of India. *Concept completed on 10 April 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128921. US\$ 18.0 (GEFU). *Consulting services to be determined.* Bureau of Energy Efficiency Tel: 91112617-9699, E-mail: Dg-bee@nic.in, Contact: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General.

**(R) 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). *Negotiations authorized on 6 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P132620. US\$ 25.0 (CIF). 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.

**(R) Prepare:Program toEstablish Pilots for Access through Renewable Energy:** To demonstrate renewable energy based decentralised 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; BREDA Tel: 0612-2507734, E-mail: breda@breda.in, Contact: Dayanidhi Pradhan, Director.

**(R) Greening the Energy Mix in DVC:** The proposed project development objectives are (i) To green the energy mix of DVC through increase in grid connected solar energy generation; and (ii) To improve power system reliability and efficiency by modernizing and improving operation of DVC's grid network. *Concept completed on 28 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147818. US\$243.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) Tel: (91-33) 2355-7935, E-mail: debabrata.pattanayak@dvc.gov.in, Contact: Debabrata Pattanayak

**(R) Program For Large Scale Solar in India:** The Project Development Objective is to support large-scale solar power generation in India. *Concept completed on 4 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147820. US\$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Solar Energy Corporation of India Tel: 011-71989200, E-mail: corporate@seci.gov.in, Contact: Rajendra Nimje, Managing Director.

**(N) 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\$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Finance

**(R) MSME Growth Innovation and Inclusive Finance Project:** The project development objective is to improve access to finance of MSMEs in manufacturing and service sectors from early to growth stage, including through innovative financial products. *Negotiations authorized on 12 January 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P151544. US\$500.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Small Industries Development Bank of India Tel: 022-67531145, E-mail: kmani@sidbi.in, Contact: K. Mani, General Manager.

### Health and other social services

**(R) 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.

**(R) 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 Senti-yanger, Commissioner, Nagaland.

**(R) Enhancing Socioeconomic Empowerment of Adolescent Girls:** Objective of the project is to improve education, empowerment and employment 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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: amritabhijjat@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Amrit Abhijat, Secretary.

**(R) 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. MP Public Service Management Department.

**(R) IN: Karnataka Panchayat Strengthening II:** The development objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness, responsiveness and accountability of the rural local governments, in particular, Gram Panchayats in delivering public services prioritized by rural people. During project preparation a moreoperational PDO will be developed that is amenable to measurement. It is important to note that this development objective is institutional in nature as it focuses

on the strengthening of local self-government to deliver relevant services better. This is an important change of emphasis from Phase I where the PDO was focused on "improving the effectiveness of service delivery by Karnataka's Gram panchayats..." *Concept completed on 30 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150288. US\$220.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department, Government of Karnataka Tel: 080-22353925, E-mail: chief-gsp-kabn@kar.nic.in, Contact: Yalakki Gowda K, Director, Panchayat Raj.

**(R) IN: Citizen-Centric Service Delivery Reform:** Contribute to improving Efficiency, Accountability, and Access for Targeted Services in Under-served Areas. *Concept completed on 15 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P150308. US\$ 48.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Assam Tel: 91-0361-2260629, E-mail: rajivbora@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Rajiv Bora, Principal Secretary, Government of Assam; Government of Mizoram Tel: 91-3892318305, E-mail: hmachhuana@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Lalmachhuana, Secretary, ICT, Government of Mizoram.

### Transportation

**(R) Efficient & Sustainable City Bus Services:** The project's Global Environment Objective (GEO) is to improve the efficiency and attractiveness of city bus transport and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the demonstration cities. *Approval completed on 9 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132418. US\$ 9.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Urban Development Tel: 011-23061558, E-mail: ck.khaitan@nic.in, Contact: C.K. Khaitan, Joint Secretary (Urban Transport).

**(R) 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 the 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: tnrsp1@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Anil Meshram, Project Director, Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project.

**(R) UP CORE ROAD NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** The Proposed Project Development Objective is to – (i) improve quality, safety and sustainability of targeted state highway corridors and; (ii) to introduce better Road Management Practices. *Concept completed on 22 November 2013.* Environ-

mental Assessment Category A. Project: P147864. US\$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. UP-PWD Tel: 91-522-2621154, E-mail: pspwdup@rediffmail.com, Contact: Dr. Rajneesh Dube, Principal Secretary.

**(R) National Waterways Development Project:** To facilitate all weather navigability in selected section of National Waterway 1 and to undertake market development and technical feasibility studies to explore the transport development potential for National Waterway 5. *Identification completed on 8 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(R) 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\$728.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. DFCCIL Tel: 23370602, E-mail: ajaykumar@dfcc.co.in, Contact: RK Gupta, Managing Director.

### Water, sanitation and flood protection

**(R) 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 improve water service quality to a continuous supply across the three project cities of Hubli-Dharwad, Belgaum and Gulbarga in the state of Karnataka, through the establishment of sustainable service delivery arrangements at ULB level.

*Concept completed on 16 July 2012.* 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.

**(R) 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\$ 290.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of Maharashtra Tel: (91-22) 2202-5274; Kerala Department of Revenue Tel: (91-471) 232-2330; Gujarat State Disaster Management Agency Tel: (92-79) 2325-9220; Department of Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal Tel: (92-33) 221-43678.

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 5 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150395. US\$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. TNUDF Tel: 914428153114, E-mail: cmd@tnuifsl.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 *Appraisal completed on 2 February 2015.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150520. US\$248.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Tel: 0172-2743442, E-mail: pswss@punjab.gov.in, Contact: Mr Suresh Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

**(R) 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 outsource 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.

## Maldives

### *Agriculture, fishing, and forestry*

**(N) 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 Gnaviyani 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.

### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) Accelerating Sustainable Private Investment in Renewable Energy Project:** The objectives of the Maldives ASPIRE project is to scale up renewable energy investments by encouraging and facilitating private investments in the sector through the introduction of risk mitigation facilities and other incentive programs. Public sector financial resources are limited in the Maldives, thereby constraining renewable energy investments that are typically capital-intensive. In addition, the government intends on utilizing support from the World Bank and the Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program (SREP) to address several key barriers in the sector, namely: - Investment climate uncertainties due to currency and payment risks as well as those related repatriation of profits. This leads to premiums which affect the economic viability of RE projects; - regulatory frameworks are at a nascent stage; - domestic capital has little experience and/or appetite for investing in this sector; and - small scale of power distribution and dispersed investment projects make it difficult to attract private sector and to reach economies of scale. The project is included in the approved Maldives SREP Investment Plan. The project is expected to be designed as a Partial Risk Guarantee through the use of IDA funds supplemented by SREP financing as appropriate. Expected project activities would include distributed solar photovoltaic and wind energy investments under a Feed-in Tariff; private investments in Waste to Energy; and technical assistance needed to support the implementation and building capacity of state-owned utilities and other national stakeholders. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 31 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145482. US\$ 11.7/16.0 (CSCF/GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Energy and Water (Environment Research Center).

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) Maldives Environmental Management Project Additional Financing:** The project has two development objectives. The first Project Development Objective (PDO) 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. It has four components: (i) regional solid waste management program; (ii) capaci-

ty building for environmental management; (iii) technical assistance for strengthened environmental management and monitoring; and (iv) project management and communications. The additional credit would help finance the cost overrun associated primarily with the first component. The overrun was outside the control of the Borrower, implementing agency, or the Bank. The additional credit would allow for the completion and operationalization of the integrated regional solid waste management (SWM) system. Without the additional financing, the first PDO will not be achieved. A six-month extension of the project closing date is requested to implement the international technical assistance consultancy for the designated institution that would build the latter's capacity to operationalize and manage the integrated regional SWM system. *Identification completed on 15 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 3.3 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### ***Nepal***

#### ***Education***

**(R) 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. *Negotiations authorized on 26 October 2014.* 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@ugcnepal.edu.np, Contact: UGC, Sanothimi, Bhaktapur, Member Secretary.

**(R) 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 (SWAp). 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**

**SREP-Supported Extended Biogas Project:** The project development objective is to promote large off-grid biogas energy generation in Nepal. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 24 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131592. US\$ 7.9 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Alternative Energy Promotion Center Tel: (977-1) 425-9820, E-mail: gov-ing.pokharel@aepc.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Samir Thapa, Assistant Director.

**Nepal: Grid Solar and Energy Efficiency:** The project development objectives (PDOs) are to: (i) increase electricity supply to the NEA grid through grid-connected solar farms; and (ii) reduce NEA's distribution losses in pilot distribution centers. Approval completed on 22 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146344. US\$ 130.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Nepal Electricity Authority Tel: 977-1-4153007, E-mail: ne-amd@nea.org.np, Contact: Ram Chandra Pandey, Managing Director.

**(R) 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 main project objective of the task is to support capacity development and analytical work in Nepal in order to ensure the effective management and development of the energy system in the context of significant economic, social, and environmental change and needs for infrastructure. *Identification completed on 23 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) UT1 - Upper Trishuli Hydro Project:** The project will develop a partial risk guarantee product to support private sector investment in a 216 MW green-field 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.

### **Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(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\$ 150.0/30.0/80.0/800.0 (IDA Credit/AUSL/DFID/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Population Tel: (977-1) 426-2862.

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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: san-jayashrestha@dor.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Sanjaya Kumar Shrestha, Deputy Director General.

**(N) 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**

**(R) PK-Sindh Barrages Improvement Phase I 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.

**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:** Project Development objective: The main objective of the project is to improve water productivity in irrigated agriculture resulting in increased agricultural output per unit of water used. The objective will be achieved through improved physical delivery efficiency and enhanced irrigation and agronomic practices. The former will include water course lining, provision of flood shelters, water storage tanks in area areas located at the tail end of the perennial canals and in areas located in non-perennial canals, introduction and expansion of high efficiency irrigation systems, improvement of the existing on-farm and inter-farm drainage infrastructure, etc.; The latter by agriculture productivity enhancement through expansion and introduction of better agronomic practices such as introduction of deep ripping, expansion of laser land leveling, crop diversification with emphasis on growing high value crops where Sindh has a comparative advantage, provision of farmers information centers and effective application of agricultural inputs (fertilizers and pesticides). The project's objective would contribute to increased agricultural production, employment and incomes, and promote positive environmental outcomes. Project Components are: Component A: Improvement of Water Related Infrastructure. This component would primarily cover improvement of watercourses by providing lining in canal irrigated areas. The watercourse level water users' associations would be established and they would receive support to improve about 5,000 watercourses. It will also cover provision of Water Storage Tanks, for areas located at the tail end of the canals, and areas that not covered by perennial canals system. In addition, appropriate numbers of Flood Shelter/Community Center buildings will also be provided in areas subject to frequent flooding and on demand basis with communities providing the land for construction of the facilities. Component B: Installation of High Efficiency Irrigation Systems. This component will include construction of high efficiency irrigation systems such as drip,

bubbler, sprinklers, over an area of about 30,000 ha and associated training in installation, utilization and O&M of the system. Component C: Rehabilitation of Existing on-farm and inter-farm Drainage System. This component will include construction and rehabilitation of the existing drainage infrastructure i.e. on-farm (mainly by farmers through encouragement) and inter-farm drains in areas where improvement of water course will take place, as this will allow for systemic rehabilitation of I&D system thereby increasing the benefits from the project to the farmer. Inclusion of this component in the project implementation would however be a subject of further discussion and appraisals to the project justification. Component D: Improved Agriculture Practices. This component would support provision of precision land leveling equipment for improving land leveling which will result in higher efficiency and productivity of water use. Given the extent of existence of hard pans in the irrigated areas of the Sindh Province; the project will also support provision of limited equipment for periodic deep-ripping before laser leveling. It will also support improvement in agronomic practices such as in the form of demonstration and assistance in improved and modern technologies and methods to increase agriculture production. This will include assistance to establishment of farmers' information Centers, training of trainers and farmers in input application, and assistance in crop diversification. Component E: Project Management, Technical Assistance, Studies, and Monitoring and Evaluation. This component would support the project management, construction supervision, studies, technical assistance and training of staff. This component will also cover Monitoring and Evaluation of project progress, and of the environmental and social management plans. *Identification completed on 24 June 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 199.3 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Agriculture Department Tel: (92-219) 921-1462.

**(N) 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**

**(R) 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. *Appraisal completed on 28 January 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: 924299210534-5, E-mail: secyindustries@punjab.gov.pk, Contact: Arif Anwar Baluch, Secretary.

**(R) Global Partnership for Education - Balochistan Education Project:** The proposed development objective of the Project is to increase school enrollment and retention in project supported schools, with a special focus on girls' participation, and to develop mechanisms for information collection and use for improved management of education. Appraisal completed on 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144454. US\$ 34.0 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Secondary Education Department of Balochistan Tel: 92-81-9201622, E-mail: adil\_khan282@yahoo.com, Contact: Saboor Kakar, Secretary Education.

**(R) Sindh Global Partnership for Education Project:** The Project supports the implementation of the Sindh Education Sector Support Program (SESP). The Project Development Objective is to strengthen the institutional capacity to generate, disseminate and use information to support the implementation of key reforms under SESP.

Progress towards the achievement of the PDO will be measured by the following indicators:

1. Number of districts for which monitoring data of at least 70% of schools is collected by DGME.
2. Number of districts for which monitoring data is analyzed and disseminated to ELD management and district administrators.
3. Number of Districts which submitted HRMIS reports to ELD. *Negotiations authorized on 16 December 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146451. US\$ 66.0 (EFAS). *Consultants will be required.* Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh Tel: (92-21) 9921-1227, E-mail: acs.edu@sindheducation.gov.pk, Contact: Fazlullah Pechuho, Secretary.

### **Energy and mining**

**(R) 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.

### **Health and other social services**

**(R) 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 20 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: shakeelqadir@pdma.gov.pk, Contact: Shakeel Qadir Khan, Director General.

**(R) National Immunization Support Project:** The proposed development objective is to sustainably increase the equitable coverage and quality of services for immunization against vaccine preventable childhood illness - including poliomyelitis - in Pakistan. *Concept completed on 28 November 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132308. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Expanded Program on Immunization, Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination Tel: (92-51) 9203248, E-mail: secretaryipc@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Anisul Hasnain Musavi, Secretary.

**(R) CASA 1000 Community Support Program:** The Project aims to implement benefit sharing through a Community Driven Development (CDD)

approach among the stakeholder communities living within the Corridor of Impact of the CASA-1000 Transmission Line. The Project will consist of the following components: 1. Social mobilization and partnership building 2. Energy provision/ security and community infrastructure 3. Livelihood support 4. Communications and Awareness Building 5. Establishment of a Community Fund 6. Project Implementation Support *Identification completed on 31 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (CASA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) IDPs 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**

**(R) 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**

**(R) 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) 9922-2102, E-mail: rajputsohail@yahoo.com, Contact: Sohail Rajput

### **Transportation**

**(R) 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**

**(R) Disaster Resilience Improvement Project:** 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\$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**(N) Balochistan Integrated River Basin Manag:**

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.

## Sri Lanka

### Education

**(R) Skills Development Project:** The Project Development Objective is to expand the supply of skilled and employable workers by increasing access to quality and labor market relevant training programs. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 12 September 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132698. US\$ 101.5/100.0/26.0/17.0 (IDA Credit/ASDB/GKOR/GTZ). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development Tel: (941-12) 597-803, E-mail: sec@youthskillsmin.gov.lk, Contact: Mr. B. Wijayaratne, Secretary.

**(R) Early Childhood Development Project:** The objective of the proposed project is to enhance equitable access to and quality of early childhood development (ECD) services in Sri Lanka. In order to enhance the quality of ECD services, the project will put special emphasis on the development of a high quality curriculum framework and learning standards, provision of teaching-learning material, capacity development of ECD professionals, and implementation of a sound monitoring, evaluation and feedback system. The project will support both demand and supply side interventions to help enhance access to ECD, including the expansion of holistic community awareness programs, targeted financial support to low-income families, support to ECD centers to increase the enrollment of poor students and students with special needs, and

support for the establishment and upgrading of ECD centers in poor and underserved areas. The project will also involve close interactions with experts from other global practices in the Bank, especially Social Protection and Health, Nutrition and Population. *Identification completed on 18 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

**(R) 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 E: 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

**(R) 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 motorisation.

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 catalyse 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: [pddswrpp@slt.net.lk](mailto:pddswrpp@slt.net.lk).

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) LK Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project:** The development objectives of the project will be to increase access to sustainable piped water services and sanitation, and to improve hygiene behavior, in selected Districts in the country. *Concept completed on 31 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147827. US\$ 143.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. National Water Supply and Drainage Board Tel: 94-11-2635990, E-mail: [gm@waterboard.lk](mailto:gm@waterboard.lk), Contact: B W R. Balasuriya, General Manager, Water Board.

**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: P148595. US\$ 83.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management Tel: (94-11) 267-5315, E-mail: [pddswrpp@slt.net.lk](mailto:pddswrpp@slt.net.lk), Contact: Malanie Gamage, Permanent Secretary.

## ***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; Bar-ki Tajik Tel: (992-372) 358-766, E-mail: [elrpbt@gmail.com](mailto:elrpbt@gmail.com), Contact: Mr. Ali Nazarov, Chairman; National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan Tel: (996-31) 266-1001, E-mail: [nesk@elcat.kg](mailto:nesk@elcat.kg), Contact: Mr. Medetbek Aitkulov, [nesk@elcat.kg](mailto:nesk@elcat.kg); Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat Tel: (93-700) 294-722, E-mail: [shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af](mailto:shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af), Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nesar, Chief Operations Officer.

### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(R) 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](mailto:omer.zkhan@gmail.com), Contact: Omer Khan, PCNA Coordinator KP; PCNA Coordinator, FATA, E-mail: [pirzahoor@yahoo.com](mailto:pirzahoor@yahoo.com), Contact: Zahoor, PCNA Coordinator FATA.

### ***Transportation***

**(N) Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project 1:** Component 1: Investments in infrastructure,

systems and procedures to modernize key selected land ports essential for trade with India and Bhutan (US\$65 million). Two greenfield land ports will be developed and at least two existing land ports will be improved/modernized.

Component 2: Customs Modernization and Single Window Development (US\$30 million).

Component 3: Institutional Development to enhance cross-sector collaboration for border management, trade and transport facilitation (US\$7 million). Fund technical assistance, secretariat and project management support to establish and operate a National Trade and Transport Facilitation Committee, a Border Management (Sub)-Committee, and a National Single Window (Sub)-Committee, and to fund the two Project Management Units in Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Commerce, and the project management cells in the implementation agencies.

Component 4: Studies for Connecting Roads/Last Mile Links to Key Land Ports (US\$10 million). Many of the existing and greenfield land ports have missing or poor quality connecting roads. This component will prepare feasibility and design studies as well as bidding documents to address these missing links. Studies will include detailed feasibility, design and bidding documents for the connecting roads to Thegamukh Land Port, Hili Land Port, and Ramgarh Land Port among others. Identification completed on 3 February 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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## Guarantee Operations

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Bank guarantees help member countries mobilize private financing for development purposes by enhancing the country and/or project's creditworthiness. Many member countries face major challenges to attract private capital for development purposes due to private financiers' concerns over the country and/or project's creditworthiness. Key concerns usually include shortcomings in governance; sectoral reforms being in their early stages; public sector counterparts not being commercially viable; concerns about government not delivering promised host country support; and the lack of available long term finance to match life of the assets. In those instances, Bank guarantees help by providing tailored risk mitigation structures to bridge the gap between meeting the reasonable needs of otherwise reluctant private financiers, while minimizing the government support required.

In providing guarantee coverage, the Bank assesses the appropriateness of the government undertakings, taking into account country, market and project circumstances. The Bank provides guarantees to the extent necessary to mobilize private financing and/or to mitigate payment risks, taking into account country, market, and, if appropriate, project circumstances. The financial costs and benefits, access to private and public financing, and leverage of Bank resources are key considerations in deciding Bank support.

The Bank offers project-based guarantees as Investment Project Financing (IPF) and policy-based guarantees as Development Policy Financing (DPF). Policy-based guarantees cover debt service defaults, irrespective of the cause of such default, on a specified portion of commercial debt owed by government and associated with the supported government's program of policy and institutional actions.

Project-based Bank guarantees cover defaults of government payments obligations in relation to a project. Project-based Bank guarantees may be of the following types:

(a) Loan guarantees. These guarantees cover loan-related debt service default caused by government's failure to meet specific payment and/or performance obligations arising from contract, law or regulation, in relation to a project.

(b) Payment guarantees. These guarantees cover defaults on non-loan related government payment obligations, to private entities and foreign public entities arising from contract, law or regulation.

For more information on the Bank's guarantee program, please contact [guarantees@worldbank.org](mailto:guarantees@worldbank.org), or visit [www.worldbank.org/guarantees](http://www.worldbank.org/guarantees).

## Africa

### Cote d'Ivoire

#### Energy and mining

##### **(N) Gazelle Gas Field Development Project:**

This PRG will cover the obligations of the ivoirian power sector to pay for gas fproduced 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.

### Ghana

#### Energy and mining

**(N) Ghana Sankofa Gas Project:** Objective to be Determined. Concept completed on 12 January 2015. *Environmental Assessment Category B*. Project: P152670. US\$ 700.0 (GUID). 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. *Identification completed on 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (GUID)*. Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

### Mali

#### Energy and mining

**(R) Banda Gas to Power Guarantee:** The Gas To Power Project will use natural gas dicovered offshore of Maritania for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. The power will be sold to SOMELEC 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 procucer 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.

#### Energy and mining

**(R) 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.

### Mauritania

#### Energy and mining

**(R) 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 SOMELEC 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.

### Nigeria

#### Energy and mining

**(R) 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. 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***

**(R) 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***

**(R) Nigeria Power Sector Guarantees Project - Additional Financing:** The proposed additional financing for the Series of PRGs will support the implementation of the Roadmap for Power Sector Reforms. As agreed during the preparation of the parent project, subsequent transactions will be presented to the Board as an additional financing to the project. In addition, there will be a component co-financed by Climate Investment Funds (CIF) which will also help support increased solar energy based power generation capacity in Nigeria. *Identification completed on 3 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A.* US\$ 100.0/300.0 (CCTF/GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Regional

### Energy and mining

**(R) 3A-Ruzizi Hydropower Partial Risk Guarantee:** The Ruzizi III hydropower project, 147MW is sponsored by the Energy Commission of the Great Lakes Countries (DRC, Rwanda and Burundi), in short "EGL", and includes the construction of the dam, tunnel, power station and the transmission line to a switchyard. The project will be developed in the form of a public-private partnership supported by donors including the World Bank, AfDB, and DBSA. The World Bank would provide a Partial Risk Guarantee to support private sector investors to develop the Ruzizi hydropower project. *Identification completed on 15 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 60.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Senegal

### Energy and mining

**(R) 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

**(R) 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 Tullow Oil corresponding to energy exports to

Senelec. *Approval completed on 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A.* Project: P145657. US\$ 99.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

## Sierra Leone

### Energy and mining

**(R) 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

**(R) 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 gen-

eration 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**

**(R) 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 enabling the development and

### **Uganda**

#### **Energy and mining**

**IDA Guarantee for Renewable Energy Development Program:** The project will provide for amongst others counterpart 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.

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## **East Asia And Pacific**

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### **Myanmar**

#### **Energy and mining**

**(R) Myingyan Power Generation Project:** AIS - Myingyan Independent Power Producer Project# # The main challenges facing the Myanmar electricity sector can be divided in twotime 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

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: sblikwelile@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Servacius B. Likwelile, Executive Director.

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, powersector 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 facil-

itate 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.

## Philippines

### Energy and mining

**(R) Philippines Renewable Energy Development:** The Philippines Renewable Energy Development (PHED) Project is being prepared as an IBRD partial credit guarantee that will be financed by the Clean Technology Fund. With funding from the CTF, a sovereign guarantee from the Government of the Philippines will not be required. The \$44-million from the CTF will be used as call-able cash by a Government program, the Electric Cooperative Partial

Credit Guarantee (ECPCG) facility; because it has the status of cash, it may be leveraged many times. ECPCG is an existing, successful program that supports commercial bank lending to electric cooperatives. PHRED will expand the program and extend eligibility for ECPCG support to renewable energy investments in which there is some form of electric cooperative participation, including as a buyer of the output. It is anticipated that PHRED will enable ECPCG to leverage \$500-million in additional private investment in the EC sector over the first five years of CTF guarantee coverage.

The Guarantee instrument used in the Philippines Renewable Energy Development Project is a CTF Guarantee, which, while not directly backing credit risks of loans, indirectly supports partial credit guarantees through the Electric Cooperative Partial Credit Guarantee Program. Therefore, for the purpose of SAP, it is coded as Partial Credit out of the available options of Partial Risk, Partial Credit, or Policy-Based Guarantees. *Concept completed on 23 April 2012. Environmental Assessment Category F.* Project: P147646. US\$ 44.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. LGU Guarantee Corporation Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lgugc.com, Contact: Lydia Orial, President and CEO.

## Solomon Islands

### Energy and mining

**(R) Tina River Hydropower Development Project:** The project is a Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) Project in support of a hydropower development on the Tina River, Guadalcanal Island. The development will be private sector-driven with the private sector responsible for the Design, Build, Operate, Maintain and Transfer of the scheme. The power generated will be sold to the Solomon Islands Energy Authority (SIEA) for distribution mainly to Honiara and will replace a part of the SIEA's current diesel-driven power generating capacity. The PRG will partially guarantee the payment responsibility of the SIEA. The preparatory feasibility study for the 6-10 Megawatt (MW) scheme will be financed under the ongoing Solomon Islands Sustainable Energy Project (SISEP). A preliminary estimate for the design and construction of the 9 MW power scheme and associated transmission works is between US\$24-30 million. This 6-10 MW capacity project has evolved from a World Bank investigation of a larger 22 MW hydropower scheme for Guadalcanal, the Ngalimbiu Hydropower project. Both the large and the small hydropower schemes are on the Tina River (which flows into the Ngalimbiu River), in the mountains 20 km to the south east of Honiara, the capital of Guadalcanal. A pre-feasibility study for the 22 MW scheme was completed in 2007. *Concept completed on 10 July 2009. Environmental Assessment*

*Category A.* Project: P114317. US\$ 12.0/8.0 (EUIB/GUID). 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.

### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) 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\$ 119.0 (GUID). 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.

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## **Europe And Central Asia**

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### ***Albania***

#### ***Public Administration, Law, and Justice***

**(N) Albania Public Finance PBG:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 4 February 2014. *US\$ 250.0 (GUAR).* Consulting services to be

determined. Ministry of Finance Tel: (355) 69 207-4196, E-mail: [eluci@minfin.gov.al](mailto:eluci@minfin.gov.al).

### ***Croatia***

#### ***Finance***

**(R) 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

### ***Kosovo***

#### ***Energy and mining***

**(R) 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***

**(R) 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: vadin.cean@mec.gov.md.

## Turkey

### Finance

**(R) 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 EOE. 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: re-

cep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr.

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## Middle East And North Africa

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### Jordan

#### **Water, sanitation and flood protection**

**(N) Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase 1:** Objective to be Determined. 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**

**(R) 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) backstopping liquidity payments under a Terminal Use Agreement (TUA) entered between GoL and the FRSU 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.

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## South Asia

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### Nepal

#### **Energy and mining**

**(N) UT1 - Upper Trishuli Hydro Project:** The project will develop a partial risk guarantee product to support private sector investment in a 216 MW green-field 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**

**(R) 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 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.*

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

### ***Water, sanitation and flood protection***

**(R) Bangladesh Regional Weather and Climate Services Project:** The objective is to strengthen disaster related early warning systems and climate services. *Identification completed on 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.*

## Board Annex: Listing of DPFs & PforRs

As Development Policy Finance (DPF) and Program-for-Results operations do not offer procurement opportunities for firms, they will not be included in the MOS report available externally. In response to questions during the COGAM discussion, Management has clarified that the internal version of the MOS that is sent to EDs will continue to include the data on DPF and PforRs as listed in this Board Annex.

Instr Code	Region Name	Country Name	Project ID	Project Description	Decision Meeting*	Total Amount (US\$)
DPL	AFR	Africa	P146512	APEI Regional DPO	04/02/2014	\$ 60.00
DPL	AFR	Africa	P129282	Regional Trade Facilitation and Competitiveness DPO		\$ 100.00
DPL	AFR	Angola	P153243	AO-Fiscal Management Programmatic DPL		\$ 1,000.00
DPL	AFR	Benin	P146665	Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Credit	01/22/2015	\$ 20.00
DPL	AFR	Burkina Faso	P151275	Growth and Competitiveness Credit 4	02/02/2015	\$ 100.00
DPL	AFR	Cabo Verde	P147015	Cape Verde Ninth Poverty Reduction Support Credit	01/28/2015	\$ 10.00
DPL	AFR	Ethiopia	P151579	Multi-Sectorial DPO		\$ -
DPL	AFR	Gambia, The	P132889	GM - Second Economic Governance Reform Grant		\$ 5.00
DPL	AFR	Gambia, The	P147324	GM Budget Support New Series DPO		\$ 5.00
DPL	AFR	Ghana	P133664	Macro Stability for Competitiveness in Ghana	10/28/2013	\$ 150.00
DPL	AFR	Lesotho	P146534	Lesotho Second Growth and Competitiveness DPC		\$ 15.20
DPL	AFR	Liberia	P151502	Poverty Reduction Support Credit III		\$ 10.00
DPL	AFR	Liberia	P154147	Liberia - Forest Sector Budget Support		\$ 5.00
DPL	AFR	Madagascar	P153084	MG - Programmatic DPO		\$ 45.00
DPL	AFR	Malawi	P153753	Malawi Fiscal Management DPO		\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Mali	P151409	ML- Second Recovery & Governance Reform Support Credit (RGRSC-2)		\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Mauritius	P146471	Mauritius - Finance and Private Sector Competitiveness DPL	01/17/2014	\$ 40.00
DPL	AFR	Mozambique	P146930	MZ Second Agriculture Development Policy Operation AgDPO-2	11/10/2014	\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Mozambique	P151407	MZ Third Agriculture Development Policy Operation AgDPO-3		\$ 25.00
DPL	AFR	Mozambique	P151861	Mozambique - Financial Sector DPO II		\$ 25.00

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DPL	AFR	Mozambique	P154422	Mozambique Eleventh Poverty Reduction Support Credit		\$ 100.00
DPL	AFR	Niger	P151487	Budget support to improve public investment		\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Nigeria	P151480	Nigeria Second Edo State Development Policy Credit	01/16/2015	\$ 75.00
DPL	AFR	Nigeria	P147398	Nigeria Second Agriculture Sector Development Policy Operation		\$ 100.00
DPL	AFR	Nigeria	P151947	Third Lagos State Development Policy Operation		\$ 200.00
DPL	AFR	Senegal	P150976	Senegal-Third Governance and Growth Support Credit	10/31/2014	\$ 30.00
DPL	AFR	Seychelles	P153269	Sustaining Reforms for Inclusive Growth		\$ 8.00
DPL	AFR	South Sudan	P144598	South Sudan DPO		\$ 10.00
DPL	AFR	Tanzania	P133798	TZ: Open Government and Value for Money Development Policy Operation	09/22/2014	\$ 85.00
DPL	AFR	Tanzania	P150009	Tanzania Business Environment and Competitiveness for Jobs DPO		\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Tanzania	P151136	TZ Third Power and Gas Sector DPO		\$ 100.00
DPL	AFR	Tanzania	P152529	Tanzania First Pension Reform Policy Credit		\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Togo	P146650	Economic Growth and Governance Credit 7		\$ 14.00
DPL	AFR	Uganda	P143635	First Uganda Pension Reform Policy Credit (PRPC)		\$ 50.00
DPL	AFR	Zambia	P130942	Zambia Budget Support		\$ 50.00
DPL	EAP	Indonesia	P154291	Indonesia Energy Sector DPL		\$ 1,000.00
DPL	EAP	Lao People's Democratic Republic	P147564	Lao PDR Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Operation		\$ 20.00
DPL	EAP	Mongolia	P154354	Economic Management Support Operation		\$ 80.00
DPL	EAP	Myanmar	P152734	Myanmar Development Policy Operation		\$ 300.00
DPL	ECA	Albania	P152064	Albania Financial Sector Modernization DPL II		\$ 200.00
DPL	ECA	Armenia	P153234	Third Development Policy Operation		\$ 100.00
DPL	ECA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	P149768	Bosnia and Herzegovina: Management of Fiscal Resources for Growth		\$ 100.00
DPL	ECA	Croatia	P151009	Croatia EDP DPL		\$ 400.00
DPL	ECA	Georgia	P149998	Private Sector Competitiveness DPO1	12/18/2014	\$ 100.00
DPL	ECA	Georgia	P149991	Inclusive Growth DPO		\$ 100.00
DPL	ECA	Kyrgyz Republic	P148099	Fiscal Management and Governance Programmatic DPO		\$ 24.00
DPL	ECA	FYR Macedo-	P149794	FYR Macedonia Fiscal and PFM DPL		\$ 140.00

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DPL	ECA	nia, former Yugoslav Republic of FYR Macedonia, former Yugoslav Republic of	P149804	Third Programmatic Competitiveness DPL		\$ 135.06
DPL	ECA	Moldova	P149555	Second Development Policy Operation		\$ 30.00
DPL	ECA	Poland	P149781	Poland Growth and Resilience DPL2		\$ 1,600.00
DPL	ECA	Romania	P149776	2nd Fiscal Effectiveness and Growth DPL		\$ 2,000.00
DPL	ECA	Serbia	P127408	Serbia Public Enterprise Restructuring DPL 1	12/19/2013	\$ 200.00
DPL	ECA	Serbia	P149750	Serbia Public Enterprise Restructuring DPL 2		\$ 200.00
DPL	ECA	Tajikistan	P126272	Tajikistan DPO-1		\$ 20.00
DPL	ECA	Tajikistan	P126273	Tajikistan DPO-2		\$ 20.00
DPL	ECA	Turkey	P149797	Sustaining Shared Growth DPL 2		\$ 1,600.00
DPL	ECA	Ukraine	P151479	Second Development Policy Loan		\$ 1,000.00
DPL	ECA	Ukraine	P151941	SECOND PROGRAMMATIC FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY LOAN		\$ 1,000.00
DPL	LCR	Bolivia	P150751	Bolivia Disaster Risk Management DPC and DPL	12/19/2014	\$ 300.00
DPL	LCR	Brazil	P148145	BR Sergipe DPL II	03/24/2014	\$ 300.00
DPL	LCR	Brazil	P146981	Piaui Productive and Social Inclusion DPL		\$ 400.00
DPL	LCR	Brazil	P147127	BR MST Recife Municipal DPL		\$ 440.00
DPL	LCR	Brazil	P153203	Manaus Service Delivery and Fiscal Mgmt.		\$ 300.00
DPL	LCR	Chile	P154213	CL Productive Inclusion for Shared Prosperity DPL		\$ 400.00
DPL	LCR	Colombia	P150475	Programmatic Development Policy Loan for Sustainable Development		\$ 1,000.00
DPL	LCR	El Salvador	P151820	SV DPL (New Series)		\$ 300.00
DPL	LCR	Grenada	P151821	Second Programmatic Resilience Building Development Policy Credit		\$ 10.00
DPL	LCR	Jamaica	P151448	First Competitiveness and Fiscal Management Programmatic DPL	12/16/2014	\$ 150.00
DPL	LCR	Panama	P151804	FIRST PROGRAMMATIC SHARED PROSPERITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY LOAN	01/27/2015	\$ 600.00
DPL	LCR	Paraguay	P151007	PY DPL-DDO	01/26/2015	\$ 200.00
DPL	LCR	Peru	P149831	PERU SECOND DPL WITH A CAT DDO	01/08/2015	\$ 800.00
DPL	LCR	Peru	P147216	PE Social Inclusion DPL II		\$ 60.00
DPL	MNA	Jordan	P154299	JO-Energy/Water Sector Reforms DPL		\$ 400.00

Instr Code	Region Name	Country Name	Project ID	Project Description	Decision Meeting*	Total Amount (US\$)
DPL	MNA	Morocco	P128869	Morocco Second Competitiveness DPL	10/29/2014	\$ 400.00
DPL	MNA	Morocco	P149747	MA- Inclusive Green Growth DPL2		\$ 600.00
DPL	MNA	Morocco	P153603	MA-Second Capital Market Development and SME Finance DPL		\$ 600.00
DPL	MNA	Morocco	P154041	MA:Accountability and Transparency DPL2		\$ 400.00
DPL	MNA	Tunisia	P150950	Tunisia: Third Governance, Opportunities, and Jobs DPL	11/04/2014	\$ 1,000.00
DPL	SAR	Afghanistan	P147567	AF: DPG 2		\$ 50.00
DPL	SAR	Bangladesh	P154745	Bangladesh Inclusive Growth Development Policy Credit-1		\$ 100.00
DPL	SAR	Bhutan	P147806	BT: 2nd DPC Series	11/26/2014	\$ 20.00
DPL	SAR	Nepal	P133777	Financial sector stability DPC2	01/08/2015	\$ 50.00
DPL	SAR	Nepal	P154693	Nepal Energy Sector Development Policy Credit		\$ 100.00
DPL	SAR	Pakistan	P151620	PK Fiscally Sustainable and Inclusive Growth DPCII		\$ 300.00
DPL	SAR	Pakistan	P152021	Power Sector Reform: Second Development Policy Credit		\$ 500.00
P4R	AFR	Burkina Faso	P132216	Burkina Faso Public Sector Modernization Project		\$ 40.50
P4R	AFR	Cote d'Ivoire	P151507	Public Investments and Service Delivery		\$ 50.00
P4R	AFR	Ethiopia	P151432	Ethiopia Equitable Basic Services		\$ 870.00
P4R	AFR	Kenya	P149129	Kenya Devolution Support Project		\$ 100.00
P4R	AFR	Kenya	P149718	Kenya Statistics Program for Results		\$ 50.00
P4R	AFR	Kenya	P152394	Kenya Health Sector Support Program for Results		\$ 150.00
P4R	AFR	Lesotho	P151583	Education & Skills for Growth		\$ 50.00
P4R	AFR	Nigeria	P146583	Nigeria - Program to Support Saving One Million Lives	01/09/2015	\$ 500.00
P4R	AFR	Tanzania	P152736	Big Results Now in Health		\$ 270.85
P4R	AFR	Tanzania	P152810	Education and Skills for Productive Jobs Program (ESPJ)		\$ 120.00
P4R	AFR	Uganda	P151593	UG Governance and accountability		\$ 150.00
P4R	EAP	China	P154669	Scale Up Green Energy Financing		\$ 1,000.00
P4R	EAP	China	P154672	Hebei Air Pollution Prevention		\$ 1,000.00
P4R	EAP	Vietnam	P152693	Vietnam Scaling Up Sanitation		\$ 300.00
P4R	ECA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	P149755	BiH Business Environment PforR		\$ 120.00
P4R	ECA	Croatia	P143251	EU Coastal Waters Compliance		\$ 410.00
P4R	LCR	Costa Rica	P148435	CR National Health Insurance System		\$ 800.00
P4R	MNA	Egypt, Arab Republic of	P150993	Inclusive Housing Finance Program	01/20/2015	\$ 1,000.00

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P4R	MNA	Egypt, Arab Republic of	P149622	Healthcare Support Project		\$ 400.00
P4R	MNA	Egypt, Arab Republic of	P151116	Finance for Rural Egypt Program		\$ 1,000.00
P4R	MNA	Egypt, Arab Republic of	P154112	Egypt Rural Sanitation Project		\$ 1,000.00
P4R	MNA	Morocco	P148017	MA-Health Sector Support	09/15/2014	\$ 200.00
P4R	MNA	Morocco	P144539	MA-Integrated Risk Management Project		\$ 400.00
P4R	MNA	Morocco	P149653	Morocco Urban Transport Project (P4R)		\$ 400.00
P4R	MNA	Morocco	P149995	MA-Municipal Support Program		\$ 200.00
P4R	MNA	Morocco	P153099	Leveraging Finance for Inclusive Growth		\$ 200.00
P4R	MNA	Tunisia	P151011	Tunisia Financial Sector Modernization		\$ 500.00
P4R	MNA	Tunisia	P151030	TUNISIA: SYLVO-PASTORAL ECO-SYSTEMS CO-MANAGEMENT PforR		\$ 240.00
P4R	MNA	West Bank and Gaza	P148896	Local Governance and Services Improvement Program		\$ 5.00
P4R	SAR	Afghanistan	P146943	AF Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project		\$ 100.00
P4R	SAR	India	P132665	India: Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness in Bihar	10/01/2014	\$ 250.00
P4R	SAR	India	P153251	IN Swachh Bharat Mission Support Program		\$ 500.00

\*Dates listed show when the decision meeting occurred. If no date is listed, the review has not yet happened.