

The Republic of Cameroon
Education Reform Support Project
Social Safety Net Project
Community Development Program Support Project
Health System Performance Reinforcement Project

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Chair Summary*

The Executive Directors approved four projects for the Republic of Cameroon under the IDA and IDA18 Regional Sub-Window for Refugees and Host Communities (RSW) on the terms and conditions set out in the President's Memoranda:

- Education Reform Support Project (IDA/R2018-0062) - a credit in the amount of EUR 80.3 million (US\$100 million equivalent) and grant in the amount of SDR 20.6 million (US\$30 million equivalent);
- Social Safety Net Project (IDA/R2018-0075) – an additional credit in the amount of EUR 24.6 million (US\$30 million equivalent) and additional grant in the amount of SDR 20.8 million (US\$30 million equivalent);
- Community Development Program Support Project (IDA/R2018-0076) – an additional credit in the amount of EUR 6.6 million (US\$8 million equivalent) and additional grant in the amount of SDR 27.7 million (US\$40 million equivalent);
- Health System Performance Reinforcement Project (IDA/R2018-0078) – an additional credit in the amount of EUR 5 million (US\$6 million equivalent) and additional grant in the amount of SDR 20.8 million (US\$30 million equivalent).

The four projects amount to total IDA resources of US\$ 274 million, of which US\$ 130 million is from the IDA18 RSW.

Directors welcomed Cameroon's long-standing policy of hosting refugees from several neighboring countries. They fully supported the first use of the RSW and the four operations to provide refugees and their host communities with an integrated and demand-driven package addressing their education, health, local infrastructure, and livelihood needs.

Directors noted Management's assessment, based on consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Government commitment, that Cameroon's refugee protection framework is adequate. They stressed the importance of identifying long-term solutions to challenges facing refugees and host communities in the country and ensuring continued adequacy of the refugee protection framework.

Noting the fragile environment and capacity constraints, Directors supported the multi-sector approach delivered through the four projects, which builds on the existing operational implementation structure. They underscored the need to mitigate risks by ensuring strong coordination between national and local authorities and integrating the harmonized Grievance Redress Mechanism and the joint framework to prevent Gender Based Violence (GBV). They stressed the importance of continued strong collaboration with UNHCR. The issues related to recent instances for refoulement, medium-term refugee management strategy, pipeline under RSW, inclusion of targeted indicators and close coordination across the four operations throughout implementation were also noted.

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