

Burundi: Public Works and Employment Creation Project (2004)

On September 17, 2004, the Inspection Panel received a Request for Investigation submitted by AFOPROCA (*l'Association pour la formation, la production des ouvrages de carriers et la lutte contre le SIDA sur les chantiers à haute intensité de main d'œuvre - Association for Training, Stone and Quarry work and AIDS Prevention on Labor-Intensive Worksites*). The Requesters claimed that a few months after the Development Credit Agreement was signed, the Republic of Burundi entered into a new concession agreement with AGETIP (*Agence d'exécution des travaux d'intérêt public*), granting it primary responsibility for accomplishing the infrastructure works. The Requesters stated that AGETIP then contracted with AFOPROCA to provide stone pavements for the contract, but that the contract between AGETIP and AFOPROCA was later improperly terminated, AFOPROCA's assets seized, and persecution against its legal representative ensued. The Requesters alleged violations in policies and guidelines concerning project supervision and procurement. Because the Request relates to procurement, the Request did not meet the Panel's eligibility requires and was not registered.