

Africa Agriculture Water Investment Partnership

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Financial Arrangements for FY09 (Amount in US \$ Million)	
Total Budget: DGF Funding Request: DGF Percentage:	1.70 0.30 17%
Objectives and Expected Outcomes	
<p>The objective of the GPP is to scale up an existing global partnership to support NEPAD's program for the expansion of agricultural water management in Africa, as outlined in the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) prepared by NEPAD and endorsed by the Africa Union in 2003. The GPP will address specific regional constraints to upscaling investments in irrigation development, including the regional nature of irrigation development, weak sector performance and absence of a coherent framework for investment and donor collaboration, and weak regional and national irrigation planning and M&E capacities. The key outcome of the GPP is to enhance capacities of policy makers at the regional level (NEPAD and RECs) for irrigation planning and M&E. It will support the performance target in the World Bank's new agricultural water Business Plan to scale up investments over the next five years.</p> <p>A second outcome is to develop a harmonized regional framework for donor support to irrigation in Africa. In line with the Bank's commitment under the Paris Declaration, this framework would focus on increasing alignment of irrigation financing with client countries' priorities, systems and procedures; eliminating duplication of efforts and rationalizing donor activities to make them as cost-effective as possible; and defining measures and standards of performance for irrigation financing, design, performance benchmarking, and monitoring and evaluation.</p>	
Main Components	
<p>The DGF comprises three components: (i) Support country processes in developing quality investment programs around identified country priorities through the country CAADP processes; (ii) Promote knowledge sharing, dissemination and capacity strengthening, and initiate innovative business lines in support to scaling up investments in agricultural water; and (iii) Stimulate and facilitate alignment and increased support from development partners and private sector in financing AW investment program.</p>	
Performance Indicators	
<p>Component 1: Number of roundtable processes organized, and number of agricultural water action plans prepared in support of these roundtables; Component 2: regional M&E framework for agriculture water investment strengthened and performance indicators identified, and number of capacity strengthening seminars of national stakeholders organized; Component 3: an Investment Financing Support Group established that is responsible for development of innovative financing mechanisms in agricultural water.</p>	

Progress and Achievements

The following deliverables have been achieved:

- ❖ Recruitment of an irrigation specialist within the NEPAD secretariat.
- ❖ Establishment of implementation arrangements with the RECs (COMESA and ECOWAS) and the four selected pilot countries (Mali, Uganda, Niger and Zambia), and recruitment of a lead institution to prepare a paper to operationalize CAADP pillar I.
- ❖ Preparation of a concept note for support and implementation of backstopping input on the formulation of country action plans on agricultural water.
- ❖ Alignment and harmonization of the initiative on agricultural water and specifically the objectives and activities under this DGF and the CAADP sustainable land and water management agenda and implementation processes/approaches.
- ❖ Plans and implementation modalities for seminars to provide information support and raise awareness of senior managers and decision makers on key agriculture water issues have also been set in place.

An extension of the first DGF to June 30, 2008 has been approved.

Partners

NEPAD, AfDB, FAO, IFAD and IWMI.

Governance and Management

The proposal builds on the current governance arrangements.

- ❖ The Steering Committee, chaired by the World Bank, consists of senior representatives from the six partner agencies. It is responsible for setting objectives and strategy, work program and budget, supervising implementation, and fiduciary oversight. The Steering Committee already exists.
- ❖ NEPAD is responsible for program implementation and is hosting a small Secretariat to provide technical and administrative support to the Steering Committee. NEPAD and its secretariat are already existing; an irrigation specialist has recently been recruited to strengthen the secretariat.

Exit Strategy

FY09 is the last year of DGF Window Two funding. The proposal is designed as a three-year program, after which the key activities will be completed and NEPAD and the RECs will be in a position to follow up without further support from the partners. On the basis of the collaboration within the context of the DGF, the Bank, together with NEPAD and the AfDB, recently launched a Partnership for Agricultural Water in Africa (AgWA). The Partnership will build on the existing collaboration under the present DGF, will operationalize its outcomes, and will involve other partners. AgWA aims to provide support to countries in expanding area under agricultural water in SSA through: (i) partner harmonization of programs and approaches on a country by country basis, (ii) knowledge exchange and learning, and (ii) leveraging and resource mobilization for pipeline development and investments.