

# **Aide Memoire**

## **Country Portfolio Performance Review (CPPR) August – September, 2009**

### **Ministry of Planning & Development, World Bank and Other Oversight and Implementing Ministries**

#### **Introduction**

This Aide Memoire summarizes the discussions and outcomes of the 2009 Country Portfolio Performance Review (CPPR) Preparation Meetings, which were held from July to August, 2009.

The CPPR is one of the World Bank's (WB) instruments to monitor and manage the portfolio performance of the Bank-financed portfolio in client countries. The key objective of the CPPR is to identify and seek to resolve issues of concern across all projects. It also provides an opportunity to discuss issues that relate to the performance of specific projects. In Mozambique, the CPPR is held twice a year, with an annual CPPR (held September of each year) that includes a plenary session, and a mini-CPPR (held in February/March of each year) that involves individual meetings on all projects but without a formal plenary.

The CPPR preparation meetings discussed the projects in the portfolio. Although meetings were not held for the Financial Sector Technical Assistance Project and the Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Tourism Development, both of which are performing well, summaries of these projects are included in this Aide Memoire.

The mini-CPPR held in February/March 2009 agreed on the following actions to focus on the issues constraining implementation before projects become problem projects:

- to continue to build capacity in financial management and procurement with more systemic and focused training to ensure WB and country procedures are met
- to assist in strengthening capacity in monitoring and evaluation

Summaries of the specific project issues and the respective agreed-upon actions that were discussed during this CPPR review process are elaborated in the Annex 1.

#### **Portfolio Overview**

As of July 1, 2009 there were 18 investment projects representing a total of US\$777 million in total commitments. The overall performance of the portfolio has been good since the last mini-CPPR, with the number of problem projects maintained at two. Currently these are the HIV/AIDS Response project (in the process of being restructured) and the Public Sector Reform project (to close end-December 2009). The overall performance of the portfolio influences the amount of IDA resources available to Mozambique.

The "Traffic Light" monitoring table was updated for all active projects and is attached as Annex 2. This Traffic Light Table shows the following changes since the mini-CPPR in February/March 2009.

The following projects have maintained the same level of satisfactory project performance (green):

- Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance 2
- Beira Railways
- Financial Sector Technical Assistance
- Transfronteir Conservation Areas and Tourism Development
- Higher Education
- Water Services and Institutional Support

The following projects were rated marginally satisfactory project performance (yellow):

- Energy Reform and Access (declined from previous rating of green to yellow)
- Maputo Municipal Development (declined from previous rating of green to yellow)
- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (declined from previous rating of green to yellow)
- Market-led Smallholders (stayed at previous rating of yellow)

The following projects are performing poorly and are in problem status:

- HIV/AIDS Response (to be upgraded once the restructuring process is complete)
- Public Sector Reform

### **2009 Annual CPPR Meeting**

- The format for the 2009 Annual CPPR has been modified compared to previous years. Since individual meetings on each project now take place twice a year, the annual September CPPR meeting will consist of a one-half day plenary with presentations by members of the Government's project teams and a panel discussion on the relevant subject matter.
- There were four individual meetings with Government counterparts on financial management, procurement, monitoring and evaluation, and project management co-chaired with the WB as part of the preparation process for the CPPR plenary. The objective of these meetings was to discuss the issues and possible solutions and to prepare the presentations for the CPPR plenary sessions.

### **Annexes:**

Annex 1 - Project Meeting Notes

Annex 2 - Traffic Light Project Monitoring Table