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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 accounting 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. Program. 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>. 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: (ii) Investment Project Finance which provides financial support for goods, works and services for a predefined 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**

1. Name of client country
2. Sector
3. (R) = revised; (N) = new entry
4. Project description
5. Italics indicate change from last month's listing
6. PID=project identification number
7. Amount of financing in US$m (source)
8. Name/address of implementing agency

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: www.thegef.org/gef

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New Projects Added In This Issue

Africa Region

Africa

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3)

Cameroon

Energy and mining: Hydropower Dev. on the Sanaga River Proj

Chad

Health and other social services: Chad Safety Nets Project

Congo, Democratic Republic of

Education: Education Quality Improvement Project (EQUIP)

Madagascar

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: GEF Sustainable Agriculture Landscape Project

Malawi

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Public Services Reform Program

Mali

Health and other social services: Safety Nets Project (Jigisemejiri) Additional Financing

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Bamako Water Supply Project - Additional Financing

Mozambique

Energy and mining: Mozambique Energy Service and Sustainability Improvement Project

Transportation: Integrated Feeder Road Development Project
Nigeria
Transportation: Multi-Sectoral Crisis Recovery Project for North Eastern Nigeria
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Nigeria Youth Employment and Social Support AF
Health and other social services: Community and Social Development AF-2
Education: NIGERIA - Additional Financing - State Program Investment Project

Rwanda
Transportation: Rwanda Feeder Roads Development Project - Additional Finance

Togo
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Economic Governance Technical Assistance

**East Asia And Pacific Region**

China
Transportation: Shaanxi Xi’an City Intelligent Public Transport Project

Indonesia
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Indonesia Urgent Rehabilitation of Irrigation Project

Philippines
Health and other social services: Multi Donor Facility - PH Mindanao Reconstruction & Development

Vietnam
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Vietnam Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Project - Additional Financing

**Europe And Central Asia Region**

Bulgaria
Transportation: Bulgaria Corridor Upgrade Project

Georgia
Transportation: Second Regional Development Project Additional Financing

Kyrgyz Republic
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Capacity Building in Public Financial Management 2

Moldova
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Moldova Agriculture Competitiveness Project 2nd Additional Financing

Montenegro
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Subnational Finance Sustainability Project
Tajikistan
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Strengthening Critical Infrastructure against Natural Hazards

Turkey
Transportation: Turkey Railways Sector Project

**Latin America And Caribbean Region**

Brazil
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Project
Finance: Private Bond Investor Infrastructure Finance Project

Colombia
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Consolidating Forest Conservation and Sustainability in the Amazon

Haiti
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Haiti PFM Transparency and StatCap Project

OECS Countries
Finance: OECS SME Guarantee Facility

Panama
Water, sanitation and flood protection: Support for the National Indigenous Peoples Development Plan

St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Transportation: St. Vincent and the Grenadines RDVRP AF

**Middle East And North Africa Region**

Egypt, Arab Republic of
Education: Egypt Education Quality Improvement Project

West Bank and Gaza
Energy and mining: Additional Financing for the West Ban and Gaza Electric Utility Management Project

**South Asia Region**

Afghanistan
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: National Horticulture and Livestock Project (NHLP) - Additional Financing
Energy and mining: Mazar-e-Sharif Gas-to-Power Project

India
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Meghalaya Community-led Ecosystem Management Project
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Madhya Pradesh Public Financial Management Strengthening Project
Public Administration, Law, and Justice: India Cities Program

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Programme for Groundwater Development and Management

Water, sanitation and flood protection: Assam Flood, Erosion and River Management Modernization Project

Maldives

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry: Sustainable Fisheries Resources Development Project

Pakistan

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Governance and Policy Program for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Governance and Policy Program for Balochistan

Public Administration, Law, and Justice: Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) Governance and Policy Program
Projects Deleted from This Issue

Africa Region

Africa: WAPP (Phase 3) Adjarala Hydroelectric Project
Guinea: Pooled-Fund for Basic Education
Guinea-Bissau: Guinea Bissau Agribusiness Project
Liberia: Liberia: LACEEP Additional Financing
Madagascar: Social Safety Net Project(Cr. 57080-MG)

Malawi: Agricultural Commercialization and Rural Growth Project
Mali: Safety Nets Project Scale-up (Jigisemejiri)
Mozambique: Mozambique Additional Financing to Education Sector Support Project
Mozambique: MZ - Emergency Resilient Recovery Project for the Northern and Central(Cr. 57320-MZ)
Mozambique: Mozambique Roads & Bridges Mgmt Maintenance Program Phase 3
Nigeria: Nigeria Partnership for Education Project
Nigeria: Community and Social Development AF
Sao Tome and Principe: DROP-STP Competitiveness and Growth Proj

East Asia And Pacific Region

Cambodia: Third Additional Financing for Second Health Sector Support Program
China: China: Clean Cooking and Heating
China: Guizhou Tongren Rural Transport Project( Ln. 85340-CN)
China: Hainan Fishing Ports Project
Myanmar: Agricultural Development Support Project(Cr. 56240-MM)

Pacific Islands: Pacific Resilience Program(Cr. DO750-4P)
Philippines: Philippines Cross-Sectoral Public Health Enhancement Project

**Europe And Central Asia Region**

Azerbaijan: Higher Education Project

Belarus: Belarus Education Modernization Project (Ln. 85290-BY)

Tajikistan: Targeted Social Assistance Rollout Project (AF)

Tajikistan: Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program - GEF

**Latin America And Caribbean Region**

Argentina: Forests and Community (Ln. 84930-AR)

Brazil: BR Espirito Santo Integrated Sustainable Water Management Project (Ln. 83530-BR)

Colombia: Improved Fiscal Management Systems Project

Ecuador: Ecuador - Sustainable Family Farming Modernization Project (Ln. 85150-EC)

Haiti: HT Strengthening Hydro-Met Services

**Middle East And North Africa Region**

Egypt, Arab Republic of: Strengthening Social Safety Net Project (Ln. 84960-EG)

Tunisia: TN-Road Transport Corridors (Ln. 85190-TN)

**South Asia Region**

India: Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency

Pakistan: PK-Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (Cr. 56840-PK)

Sri Lanka: Early Childhood Development Project (Cr. 56780-LK)

Sri Lanka: LK Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project (Cr. 56850-LK)
Middle East And North Africa

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Health and other social services

DJ HRICT Health AF: The HRICT additional financing will support the ongoing Health Improvement Project, which is an RBF operation. Approval completed on 8 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

DJ Additional Financing Rural CDD and Water Sector Capacity: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 22 September 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Egypt, Arab Republic of

Education

(N) Egypt Education Quality Improvement Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 8 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

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$400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Local Development Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 23 September 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Equal Access and Simplified Environment for Investment (EASE) in Egypt: To improve the regulatory environment for investors through simplified licensing and transparent industrial land allocation processes. Approval completed on 2 October 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P153487. US$ 5.0 (MNIS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Investment/General Authority for Investment Tel: 202-240-55414, E-mail: asalman@investment.gov.eg, Contact: Mona Zobaa, Undersecretary; Industrial Development Authority Tel: 202-261-34990, E-mail:
Transportation

**EG-Urban Transport Infrastructure Development:** 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.

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 23 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

**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. Environmental 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

**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

**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. 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/kW/hr), 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 sys-
tem, 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$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Electricity Tel: (964-790) 192-1982, E-mail: nafaaabdelsada@yahoo.com, Contact: Nafae Abdelsada, Director, Distribution.

Health and other social services

Expanding the Engagement of Youth Inclusion and Peace Building: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 7 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (MNCC). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

PFM Institutional Development and Capacity Building: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

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).

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.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Baghdad Water and Sewerage Improvement Project: The Project Development Objective (PDO) of BWSIP is to improve the quality of water and sewerage services in Baghdad. The Project will support improvements in high-priority and high-impact areas. Concept completed on 14 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150409. US$210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Jordan

Transportation

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

Red Sea-Dead Sea Phase 1: 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

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) back-stopping liquidity payments under a Terminal Use Agreement (TUA) entered between GoL and the FSRU 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 (NPPTP), 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.

Transportation

Greater Beirut Urban Transport: 14. The Project Development Objective is to improve transport connectivity and mobility on Beirut’s northern entrance between Tabarja and Beirut.

15. This objective will be achieved through (i) the construction of a new BRT system between Tabarja and Beirut, (ii) the establishment of feeder bus services to the trunk BRT line and within Beirut, and (iii) establishing appropriate institutional arrangements for the management, operation and maintenance of the new mass transit system. Concept completed on 13 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146691. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Development and Reconstruction Tel: 961-1-980-0096, E-mail: njisr@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Mr. Nabil El-Jisr, President; Ministry of Transport Tel: 961-1-371644, E-mail: ministry@transportation.gov.lb, Contact: Mr. Abdel Hafiz Kaysi, Director General.

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

Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project: The development objectives of the project are to reduce the quantity of untreated municipal sewage discharged into the Litani river and to improve pollution management around Lake Qaraoun. Negotiations authorized on 7 May 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147854. US$55.0 (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.

Morocco

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

MA-Large Scale Irrigation Modernization Project: The project development objectives (PDO) are: (i) for the Doukkala ORMVA, the Gharb ORMVA, the Haouz ORMVA and the Tadla ORMVA, to provide an improved water service to farmers, and (ii) for targeted farmers in the Project Area, to have better access to improved irrigation technologies. Approval completed on 8 July 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150930. US$150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

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**

**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$85.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Improving the System of Service Delivery for Social Protection:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 27 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$200.0 (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**

**Morocco Integrated Urban Water Management:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to ensure water security for urban communities in targeted, water-scarce areas in the Project provinces and to introduce an integrated management approach based on an economic optimum. Concept completed on 10 February 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P151128. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE) Tel: 212537759600, E-mail: sbadri@onee.ma, Contact: Samira Badri, Direction Financière.

**Tunisia**

**Agriculture, fishing, and forestry**

**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 reuse 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.
TUNISIA: Forest and Rangeland Ecosystems Co-Management project: The development objective of the project is to improve integrated management of forests and rangelands in targeted areas in Tunisia.

Targeted geographical areas will be more precisely identified during preparation phase, through more in-depth and participatory discussions with representatives of ministerial departments and local governments' authorities as well as other stakeholders. In general, the team plans to target watersheds and agro-pastoral areas that are critical for the provision of goods and services to local communities, the Tunisian society and global community. These will be selected based on specific criteria, such as number of forest and rangeland users, poverty level, environmental degradation, downstream impacts/externality (e.g. water reservoirs serving major users, desertification and silting of roads and other infrastructures). Concept completed on 11 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151030. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Tunisia Tertiary Education for Employability Project: The objective of the proposed new project is to improve the employability of future graduates and modernize the management of higher education. Concept completed on 16 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151059. US$70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY Tel: 21658478177, E-mail: najlaromdhane@hotmail.fr, Contact: Mme Najla Romdhane, Director, Unite de Coordination.

Energy and mining

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

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$100.0/78.0/28.0 (IBRD/AFDB/FRDE). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

Tunisia - Northern Tunis Wastewater Project Additional Finance: The Project’s Development Objective is to provide an environmentally safe disposal system for the treated wastewater in the North of Tunis. Negotiations authorized on 13 May 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P154713. US$25.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Bank and Gaza

Education

(R) Additional Financing for Teacher Education Improvement Project: The main objective of this project is to improve the competencies and skills of class teachers (i.e., those teaching grades one to four) in West Bank and Gaza schools, and in doing so to contribute to enhancing student learning in primary schools. This objective will be achieved through two type of interventions targeted at teacher educators, student teachers and under-qualified practicing teachers. First, the proposed project will support investments aimed at improving the quality and pertinence of the school-based practice component of teacher education (the teaching practicum) programs. Second, TEIP will support the supply of quality programs by higher education institutions to facilitate the upgrading of academic and professional knowledge and skills of the large proportion of practicing class teachers (i.e., teachers teaching in grades one to four) who are currently under-qualified in their academic and/or professional teaching qualifications and who do not satisfy the new standards for teacher certification that
are being developed by the Commission for Developing the Teaching Profession (CDTP) with support from EU-UNESCO. The target population of the proposed project is future teachers that are being prepared to become class teachers and under-qualified teachers currently teaching in grades one to four. Approval completed on 2 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P152914. US$ 3.0 (SPF). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and mining

**Solar Energy Supply for Northern Gaza Sewage Treatment Plant (NGEST):** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 22 June 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 5.0 (WBGB). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Gaza Electricity Sector Performance Improvement Project:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.0/2.0 (SPF/WBGF). Consulting services to be determined. Palestinian Energy and Natural Resources Authority (PENRA).

**(N)** Additional Financing for the West Bank and Gaza Electric Utility Management Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 21 October 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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: Harry Kuma, Secretary of Finance.

Finance

**(R) West Bank and Gaza: Finance for Jobs:** The SOP development objective (PDO) is to mobilize private investment financing in high potential sectors and generate job opportunities for the West Bank and Gaza.

The F4J PDO is to test the effectiveness of selected financial interventions. Negotiations authorized on 11 November 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151089. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and other social services

**West Bank and Gaza Cash Transfer Project Second Additional Financing:** This proposed second additional financing will continue to fund the reforms of the Palestinian Social safety net including scaling up a cash transfer program for poor and vulnerable households.

The Project Development Objectives are (i) to mitigate the impact of the continued socio-economic crisis on a subset of the extremely poor and most vulnerable households; and (ii) to support the PA’s efforts to continue reforms of the Cash Transfer Program. Identification completed on 12 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

**Gaza 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.

**Gaza 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.

GZ-Second Municipal Development Project AF: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 30 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.9 (PWUD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, sanitation and flood protection

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) enhancing 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

Hebron Regional Wastewater Management Project - Phase 1: The objective is to reduce the environmental pollution from wastewater produced in the Hebron Municipality. Approval completed on 22 April 2015. 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. Zatari, Mayor; Palestinian Water Authority Tel: 970-2-2987665, E-mail: mghunaim@pwa.ps, Contact: Eng. Mazen Ghunaim, Minister, Head of PWA.

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: Chandanie Wijayawardene, Director General.

Yemen, Republic of

Agriculture, fishing, and forestry

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.

RY-Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities (CRCC): 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.

Yemen Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project (SAPEP): The project development objective is to increase the use of productivity and nutrition-enhancing crop and livestock practices by smallholders in targeted project areas. Appraisal completed on 4 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148747. US$ 36.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MAI) Tel: 9671235873, E-mail: GAFSP@yemen.net.ye, Contact: Mr. Hamood Al-Rubaidi, Acting Project Director.
Finance

**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

**Local Development and Service Delivery Support Program (LDSDSP):** The proposed DLSDSP will support the Yemeni Government establish the legal and institutional framework for decentralization, and impart resources and capacities to strengthen regional and local governments.

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.