**Middle East And North Africa**

**Djibouti**

**Agriculture**

(R) **DJ- Second Additional Financing for the Rural Community Development and Water Mobilization Project (PRODERMO):** The objective of the Project is to increase access of rural communities to water and enhance their capacity to manage water and agro-pastoral resources in the project areas using a participatory approach to community-based development. Approval completed on 31 May 2016. Project: P157282. US$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy & Extractives**

(R) **Djibouti: Sustainable Electrification Program:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase access to electricity in the targeted project area in Djibouti. Identification completed on 11 December 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P158505. US$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance; Electricite de Djibouti.

**Health, Nutrition & Population**

**DJ HRTF Health AF:** The HRITF 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.

**Social Protection & Labor**

**Djibouti Social Safety Net Second Additional Financing:** The PDO is to support a social safety net system for (i) improved targeting, (ii) improved nutrition practices, and (iii) access to short-term employment for the poor and vulnerable. Approval completed on 31 May 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Trade & Competitiveness**

(R) **Governance for Private Sector and Finance Development Additional Fin.:** To improve the efficiency of business regulation and establish an automated National Payment System. Negotiations authorized on 3 November 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P158952. US$ 5.1 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
**Egypt, Arab Republic of**

**Agriculture**

**Inclusive Agricultural Development Program in Upper Egypt:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 3 December 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transport & ICT**

**(R) 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.

22. 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. Identification completed on 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149704. US$200.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Cairo Governorate, Contact: Mr. Galal Mostafa Said, Governor.

**Iraq**

**Governance**

**Modernization of Public Financial Management Systems Project:** The project development objective (PDO) is to improve financial information management and transparency, cash management, public investment management and public procurement modernization at selected federal and governorate agencies. Negotiations authorized on 18 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P151357. US$41.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Republic of Iraq, Contact: Salahuddin Al-Hadeethi, Director General Public Debt Department; Federal Ministry of Finance, Contact: Salahuddin Al-Hadeethi, Director General Public Debt Department; Federal Ministry of Planning, Contact: Maher Hamadi Juhan, Deputy Minister, Technical Affairs; KRG Ministry of Planning, Contact: Zagros Fatah, Director General, Capital Investment Budget Department.

**Water**

**Baghdad Water and Sewerage Improvement Project:** The Project Development Objective (PDO) of BWSIP is to improve the quality and efficiency of water, and sewerage services in Baghdad. The Project will support improvements in high-priority and high-impact areas. The total population that will be served by the project is about 1.05 million directly and 5 million indirectly in Baghdad (Al Karkh & Al Rusafa). Identification completed on 5 October 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Jordan**
Environment & Natural Resources

Jordan Ozone Depleting Substances HCFC Phase-Out (ODS3) Phase 2: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 12 May 2016. US$ 5.0 (MPIN). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance & Markets

Facilitating Equity Financing for Innovative Start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises: The objective of the activity is to facilitate private equity financing to innovative start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises in Jordan. Identification completed on 29 September 2016. US$25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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(N) Municipal Services and Social Resilience Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 19 October 2016. US$ 60.0 (MNAF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.


Water

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

Social Protection & Labor

Additional Financing for Emergency National Poverty Targeting Program: The objective of the Project is to expand the coverage and enhance the social assistance package of the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP) to Lebanese affected by the Syrian crisis and all Lebanese households under the extreme poverty line, as well as to assess the effectiveness of a graduation pilot. Approval completed on 30 June 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P158980. US$ 10.0 (LSCT). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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 (NPTP), 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; Lebanese Republic, Contact: Alain Bifani, Ministry of Finance Director General.

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Land Administration System Modernization: The development objective of the proposed project would be to modernize the digital Land Register and Cadastre system of Lebanon to allow widened access and use of data for decision making, state land management and revenue enhancement. Identification completed on 24 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance; General Directorate of Land Registration and Cadastre.

Transport & ICT
Roads and Employment Project: The objective of this project is to improve accessibility and create job opportunities in Lebanon’s regions and rural areas. Identification completed on 9 May 2016. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Greater Beirut Urban Transport Project: To improve transport connectivity and mobility in Greater Beirut. Identification completed on 17 May 2016. US$250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Morocco

Energy & Extractives

Noor-Midelt Solar Power Project: The development objective is to increase installed solar power capacity and electricity generation in Morocco. Identification completed on 20 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$400.0/260.0/50.0/200.0/100.0/750.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CCTF/EUIB/GFRC/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance & Markets

(R) Piloting Equity Financing for SMEs in Morocco: The Project’s development objective is to encourage the private equity investment market to increase the supply of early stage investment finance for innovative small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the Project Area Identification completed on 21 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P150928. US$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Administrator; La Caisse Centrale de Garantie, Contact: Taoufic Lahrach, Director Finance and Legislation.

Social Protection & Labor

Identity and Targeting Systems for Social Protection Project: The objective of the Project is to expand coverage of a unique identifying number for individuals who have the right to reside in the territory of the Borrower, and to improve targeting of social safety nets in the Project Area. Negotiations authorized on 30 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P155198. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Kingdom of Morocco; Ministry of Interior.

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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$50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transport & ICT

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, Contact: Ahmed Imzel, Director.

**Tunisia**

**Environment & Natural Resources**

**Integrated Landscapes Management in Tunisia's Lagging Regions:** The project development objective is to improve agro-silvo-pastoral landscapes management and associated value chains in selected lagging regions in Tunisia.

Direct beneficiaries of the Project will be:

- Agro-silvo pastoral communities in the North-West and Center-West regions of Tunisia, which will benefit from a range of initiatives aimed at improving their asset-based livelihoods through different capacity building initiatives and investments (on local natural, physical, human, and social capital).

- National institutions, such as DGF (Direction GÂnÃrale des ForÃts), DGPB (Direction gÃnÃrale de la Production biologique), DGACTA (Direction GÃnÃrale de la Management et de la Conservation des Terres agricoles), DGFIOP (Direction GÃnÃrale du Financement, des Investissements et des Organismes professionnels), DGAFJ (Agence des Affaires Juridiques et FonciÃ¨res and APIA (Agence de Promotion desInvestissements agricoles) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing (MAHRP); as well as the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) and several other Ministries, such as Industry (including the Agence de Promotion de lÃ Industrie et de lÃ innovation APII- and the Direction General des Industrie Agroalimentaires), Local Affairs, Tourism and Interior.

- Regional and sub-regional institutions, such as CRDAs, (Commissariat regional developpement agricole), ODNO (Office de Developpement du Nord-Ouest); ODCO (Office developpement du Nord-Ouest), ODESYPANO (Office developpement Sylvo-pastoral du Nord-Ouest), Forestry delegations (Triages), tourism regional offices, as well as other regional branches of sectoral ministries, which will benefit from capacity building initiatives as well as by the effects of improvements of the legal and institutional environment and regulations.

- Local institutions - namely local governments and iNGOs, GDAs (Groupement developpement agricole), SMSAs (SociÃtÃs mutuelles de Service agricole) and Multi-Sectoral Partner Group (MSPG), as well as the private sector which will also benefit from institutional reforms conducive to improved entrepreneurship, networking, and social development and economic growth.

- Vulnerable people, mainly youth and women in selected lagging regions: These groups will benefit preferentially from the project key activities mainly those related to labor work and value chain development.

It may be estimated that the ultimate beneficiaries of the proposed project is a population of a little more than 250,000 rural households (about 1.5 million people), practicing agricultural crop production systems, tree plantations, arboriculture, forestry, rangelands and livestock in the rural areas in the North-West and Center-West regions of Tunisia. Women constitute 51% of these beneficiaries, and the youth (age category 15-29) are about 25 percent (i.e., about 400,000 people). Identification completed on 28 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151030. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Republic of Tunisia; Direction GÃnÃrale des ForÃts, Contact: Saadani Youssef, General Manager.

**Social Protection & Labor**

**Productive Inclusion Opportunities for young women and men:** The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve jobs opportunities of targeted vulnerable groups in selected territories of Tunisia.
This objective is to be achieved through an integrated, multisector approach to jobs and economic inclusion of targeted vulnerable segments. For the purpose of this project, economic inclusion is defined as enhanced income generating capacity, through access to more and better jobs. This entails strengthened participation in the labor markets (transitioning from inactivity/unemployment to jobs- either wage employment or self-employment) and increased quality and/or productivity of such participation. The proposed integrated multisector approach refers to interventions addressing the binding constraints in labor supply and demand in an integrated manner, promoting the creation of jobs through an inclusive flexible platform for support to entrepreneurs, businesses and value chains, improving the quality of existing jobs, and facilitate transitions from inactivity/unemployment into jobs. The underpinning strategic vision also involves a shift from a top-down to a more local-context and citizen-oriented approach with accountability for results. Concept completed on 7 October 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P158138. US$60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Development and International Cooperation; Ministry of Development and International Cooperation.

Water

Tunisia - Northern Tunis Wastewater Project Additional Financing: The project development objective is to provide an environmentally safe disposal system for the treated wastewater in the North of Tunis, and increase availability for its reuse in the Project Area. Approval completed on 31 August 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P154713. US$18.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tunisia Irrigated Agriculture Intensification Project: The project objective would be to establish the foundations for enhancing the performance of irrigated agriculture in Tunisia by piloting innovative institutional models coupled with critical physical investments and capacity strengthening. Identification completed on 27 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Bank and Gaza

Education

Education to Work Transition Project Additional Financing: The Education to Work Transition Project seeks to improve education to work transition of young Palestinians attending participating tertiary education institutions (TEIs) by: (i) fostering partnerships between TEIs and employers in order to make TEIs’ study programs more relevant to the needs of the labor market; and (ii) enhancing the capacity of the MOEHE and TEIs to collect, analyze and disseminate data collected through the TEIs’ graduate tracking system to monitor the outcomes of TEIs’ study programs, and to inform education policy formulation and implementation. Negotiations authorized on 26 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P158951. US$ 5.0 (SPF). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy & Extractives

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.

GZ: Electricity Sector Performance Improvement Project: Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Palestine Energy and Natural Resources Authority, E-mail: chairman@menr.org.

Finance & Markets

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. Approval completed on 18 December 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P151089. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Planning through a private sector implementing agent, Contact: TBD,
TBD; Ministry of Finance and Planning, Contact: Dr. Shukry Bishara, Minister.

Finance for Jobs II: To enhance employment opportunities and mobilize private investment as a result of testing selected financial interventions in the West Bank and Gaza. Concept completed on 21 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P159337. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Planning; To be determined / Project Implementing Agency currently being recruited by MOFP.

Social Protection & Labor

Social Protection Enhancement Project: 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 20 June 2016. US$ 15.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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(R) GZ-Second Municipal Development Project AF: The PDO is "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 22 March 2016. Project: P155268. US$ 6.9 (PWUD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

GZ-Integrated Cities and Urban Development Project: The proposed PDO is to enhance the capacity of participating urban areas to plan for sustainable urban growth. Approval completed on 21 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P150991. US$ 5.0 (SPF). Consultants will be required. Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) MDP, Contact: Tawfiq Budeiri, Director General; PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY), Contact: Laila Sbaih, Director General for the International Relations Dept..

(N) GZ-Third Municipal Development Project: Strengthened Municipalities in WBG capable of providing accountable, sustainable service delivery to their citizens Identification completed on 17 March 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P155268. US$ 6.9 (PWUD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Yemen, Republic of

Agriculture

(R) 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. Identification completed on 26 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144764. US$ 18.6 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Tel: 967-1-449669.

Environment & Natural Resources

(R) RY-Climate Resilience of Coastal Communities (CRCC): The proposed Project would consist of three interrelated components: (1) Climate Resilient Coastal Management consisting of: (a) Coastal Protection Infrastructure (small-scale and medium-scale); (b) Ecosystem-based Adaptation; and (c) Livelihoods Support; (2) Capacity Building and Climate Risk Management consisting of: (a) Technical Assistance; and (b) Capacity Building; and (3) Project Coordination and Management. The project is expected to increase the adoption of climate-resilient measures in targeted coastal communities in Hodeida and Aden; and support coastal communities to become more resilient to climate variability and change. TTL is changed from Song Li to Banu Setlur UPI 22327 effective July 1, 2014 Identification completed on 4 February 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.

Health, Nutrition & Population
**Emergency Health and Nutrition Project:** To support the delivery and provision of a package of life-saving, high impact & evidence-based health and nutrition interventions to the Yemeni population, particularly children and pregnant and lactating women, in the context of ongoing emergency. Identification completed on 15 September 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Social Protection & Labor**

**Emergency Crisis Response Project Additional Financing:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 14 September 2016. US$ 250.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Regional**

**test project for lending FN 1:** When she was a little girl in the Philippines, communications officer Pabsy Pabalan was barred by her brother from touching his impressive collection of Star Wars toys. But with the stealth of a Jedi warrior, she once managed to spirit away the Millennium Falcon for an epic adventure.

The Star Wars franchise has a strong following in her country and Pabsy became, as she put it, "a mild, mid-range fan." (Her colleagues suggest she's closer to a Hard Core fan with her own collection of toys and some rocking fashion accessories.)

Which explains why she was so excited to interview the renowned law professor and author Cass Sunstein about his most recent book, "The World According to Star Wars.”

Pabsy showed up well prepared for the interview. She had two books about Star Wars, her own unique Star Wars t-shirt and some serious questions about how the Star Wars Saga can provide lessons in international development. She asked Sunstein if we need heroes to end extreme poverty and wanted to know what villains they encounter in their epic quest. She also asked the author how Star Wars can help us mobilize and engage people to tackle issues that affect the poor.

Sunstein was prepared with some interesting plot twists in the narrative of development. For him, the real heroes are the ordinary people around the world who try to make a better life for their families every day, even though their strength and sacrifices are rarely recognized by a large audience. As for the villains, they are the individuals who prey on our fears.

Negotiations authorized on 1 July 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P160877. US$0.1/0.1/0.0 (IBRD/ARTF/EXAR). Consulting services to be determined. NEPAL; Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development.

**Environment & Natural Resources**

**Coastal Fisheries Initiative: Challenge Fund:** Objective to be Determined. Identification completed on 7 July 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 0.2 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.