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Quick Facts

Countries	Cameroon
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-11-26
Borrower	MINISTERE DU PLAN - DE L'AMENAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE
Sectors	Finance
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 49.44 million

Project Description

The proposed intervention concerns a EUR 80.4 million AfDB loan to finance the third phase of the Competitiveness and Economic Growth Support Programme (PACCE III). PACCE was approved in November 2017 as a multi-year programme-based operation that covers three years (2017, 2018, and 2019). PACCE III is designed to consolidate the achievements of PACCE I and II. This is the last operation of the three-year programmebased operations for a total amount of EUR 411 million. The programme is structured around two (2) mutually interdependent and complementary components: (i) streamlining of the public finance management framework; and (ii) strengthening of governance and competitiveness in productive sectors. PACCE III will complement the other operations financed by the African Development Bank Group in Cameroon. In particular, its implementation will enhance the impact of infrastructure and agricultural investment projects that were approved recently or are in the process of being approved, namely: (i) Road Programme 2: Yaounde-Bafoussam (UA 12.8 million); (ii) Central African Backbone Project (UA 31.1 million), and (iii) PD-CVA Agricultural Value Chains Project (UA 79.4 million). The expected potential impact of these projects, coupled with that of the ongoing structural reforms, will unlock Cameroon's full potential for long-term development through macroeconomic stabilisation, effective public policy, improved competitiveness and economic diversification, and the creation of decent jobs.

PACCE seeks to support the implementation of GESP and PLANUT, which strive to accelerate growth and reduce unemployment and the incidence of poverty. To that end, the proposed programme aims at: (i) consolidating the State's budgetary position by streamlining public expenditure in order to build up buffers needed to finance priority investments; and (ii) creating favourable conditions for sustainable and inclusive growth by strengthening governance and competitiveness of productive sectors and improving the efficiency and quality of road and energy infrastructure, as well as the legal, regulatory and institutional environment.

The programme beneficiaries remain the same as in the two previous PACCE phases. The direct beneficiaries are the Government of Cameroon, through the Ministries and administrative services in charge of the Economy, Finance, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Stockbreeding and Fisheries, Public Works and Energy. Economic growth brought by the creation of sustainable jobs in the agropastoral sector, in particular, will ultimately benefit the Cameroonian population. The private sector, particularly road subsector SMEs run by women and young people in rural areas, will be the indirect PACCE beneficiaries. Programme measures for the energy, transport and rural development sectors will, in the medium term, provide better access to electricity, better maintained roads, and fair access to public procurement, as well as create an environment conducive to the development of their activities.

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Bank Documents

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