Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Cape Verde
Specific Location	Islands of São Vicente, Santo Antão and São Nicolau
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-10-17
Borrower	Government of Cabo Verde
Sectors	Humanitarian Response
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 700.00 million
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Project Description

According to bank provided information, the objective of this emergency operation is to provide rapid, effective and well-coordinated humanitarian assistance to populations affected by the floods and landslides. Specifically, the operation aims to ensure access to essential food supplies, basic household items, safe water, shelter and sanitation for displaced and vulnerable households; to support immediate rehabilitation of damaged water systems, irrigation canals, reservoirs, agricultural plots and livestock assets; and to contribute to stabilizing conditions that allow affected families to begin recovering their livelihoods. Priority attention is given to vulnerable groups, including women, children, the elderly, and households living in high-risk zones.

The islands of São Vicente, Santo Antão and São Nicolau in Cabo Verde were severely affected by torrential rains on 11 August 2024, which caused extensive flooding, landslides, and widespread destruction of infrastructure, homes, agricultural land, water systems and essential public services. The disaster resulted in tragic loss of life, displacement of nearly 1,500 people, major damage to schools, roads, bridges, water treatment plants, agriculture and fisheries, and significant disruption to local economic activities and livelihoods across more than 20 populated areas. In response to this emergency, and following the Government’s declaration of a state of calamity, Cabo Verde requested international support to help address the immediate humanitarian needs and restore essential services. To support the national emergency response, the African Development Bank is providing USD 700,000 in emergency grant financing through the Special Relief Fund (SRF). This grant is part of the Bank’s emergency relief policy aimed at assisting countries facing severe physical destruction, social disruption and threats to human well-being.

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