

 Early Warning System

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Djibouti - Emergency Assistance in Response to Drought-Induced Food
Insecurity



Quick Facts

Countries	Djibouti
Specific Location	Arta, Ali Sabieh, Dikhil, Obock, and Tadjourah
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-11-18
Borrower	Government of Djibouti - Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarity; World Food Programme (WFP)
Sectors	Education and Health, Humanitarian Response
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 1.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Emergency Food Assistance Project in Response to Drought-Induced Food Insecurity in Djibouti aims to mitigate the immediate impacts of a severe and prolonged drought that has significantly worsened food insecurity across the country. The project is financed through a USD 1 million grant from the African Development Bank's Special Relief Fund (SRF). The operation is implemented by the World Food Programme (WFP) as the executing agency, in close coordination with the Government of Djibouti, notably the Ministry of Social Affairs and Solidarity. The Bank's contribution complements the Government's national humanitarian response plan and ongoing emergency interventions supported by WFP and other development partners. While the Government and WFP are covering a large share of the affected population, the Bank's financing specifically fills remaining coverage gaps for vulnerable households not yet assisted.

The objective of the project is to reduce the immediate impact of drought on food security and nutrition among vulnerable populations in Djibouti by improving access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. Through emergency food distributions, the project aims to stabilize household food consumption during the crisis period, reduce reliance on negative coping strategies such as reducing meals or selling productive assets, temporarily preserve household resilience and livelihoods, and help mitigate secondary impacts of food insecurity, including disruptions to children's education in affected communities.

The project directly targets 21,800 vulnerable people, corresponding to approximately 4,360 households, living in drought-affected areas classified as IPC Phase 3 or above. At least 50 percent of the beneficiaries are women, with particular attention given to female-headed households, pregnant and lactating women, older persons, and people with disabilities. Beneficiaries are located across the most affected regions of Arta, Ali Sabieh, Dikhil, Obock, and Tadjourah and will receive emergency food assistance amounting to approximately 766.4 metric tons of food commodities during the project implementation period.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project is classified as Category 3. It is justified by the fact that the project funds activities consisting of supporting communities through the distribution of food and water, which pose no environmental or social risks.



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Financial Instrument: Emergency Assistance

Commitments (UA): 733,089

Conversion Rate USD (2026-01-06): 1,35078

Commitments (USD): 990,241.95



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