Early Warning System

AFDB-P-DZ-DC0-004

Laghouat-Ghardaia-El Meniaa Railway Construction Project (495 km) - Phase II

Quick Facts

Countries	Algeria
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-07-13
Borrower	Ministry of Public Works and Basic Infrastructure
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 883.07 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 883.07 million

Project Description

According to bank's website, the Laghouat–Ghardaïa–El Meniaa Railway Construction Project – Second Tranche is a sovereign transport infrastructure project in Algeria forming part of a wider 495 km railway programme linking Laghouat, Ghardaïa and El Meniaa. The overall project comprises the 265 km Laghouat–Ghardaïa section, financed under the first tranche, and the 230 km Ghardaïa–El Meniaa section, covered by the present second tranche. The line is a strategic component of Algeria’s planned north–south railway axis between Algiers and Tamanrasset, and ultimately of the trans-African Algiers–Lagos Corridor. The second tranche will finance the construction and equipment of the Ghardaïa–El Meniaa railway section, including railway tracks, passenger stations, logistics facilities, signalling systems, climate-resilient protection works and the acquisition of rolling stock. It also includes land acquisition and right-of-way clearance, supervision of works, integrated socioeconomic facilities, local economic development activities, and vocational training for young people and women in railway trades, logistics, tourism and handicrafts. Institutional support will be provided to the National Agency for Studies and Monitoring of Railway Investments (ANESRIF), while the completed infrastructure will ultimately be operated and maintained by the National Railway Transport Company (SNTF). The total cost of the full 495 km project is estimated at USD 2,929.51 million. The second tranche is estimated at USD 1,175.15 million, financed by an African Development Bank loan of USD 878.09 million, an expected Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank loan of USD 275.50 million, and a Government of Algeria contribution of USD 21.56 million. The implementing agency is the Ministry of Public Works and Basic Infrastructure through ANESRIF.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [1] High Risk

Climate Safeguards Categorization: [2] Projects may be vulnerable to climate risk

Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

African Development Bank

Financial Instrument: Project

Masterloan number: 2000300001862

Commitment (UA): 646,510,087

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Bank Documents

- Project Appraisal Report (EN)
- Project Appraisal Report (FR)