Early Warning System

# AFDB-P-KM-K00-013

COMOROS - Financial Governance and Energy Sector Support Programme (PAGFSE)



### **Quick Facts**

| Countries               | Comoros                                |
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| Financial Institutions  | African Development Bank (AFDB)        |
| Status                  | Approved                               |
| Bank Risk Rating        | C                                      |
| Voting Date             | 2024-07-19                             |
| Borrower                | Government of the Union of the Comoros |
| Sectors                 | Energy, Law and Government             |
| Investment Type(s)      | Loan                                   |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 5.97 million                        |
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# **Project Description**

As stated by the AfDB, PAGFSE is a programme-based operation designed to help improve the country's economic and financial performance through better economic and financial governance and improved public electricity supply. It is based on the premise that improved energy sector performance will contribute to the financial resilience and economic stability in the Union of the Comoros. The selected reform measures will build the resilience of Comorian public finances by accompanying structural reforms in the areas of debt management, governance of public enterprises (including in the energy sector), transparency, accountability and corruption control, and improved public electricity supply. The programme will contribute to improving expenditure quality, which is necessary to release the resources needed to finance the social sector and the country's development.

PAGFSE is a two-year programme-based operation covering fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The programme-based approach will improve the predictability of aid and facilitate alignment with the country's development policy, with a view to creating conditions conducive to inclusive and sustainable growth. This multi-annual framework will also provide a medium-term platform for dialogue on key reforms to improve public finance management and energy sector governance.

The entire population of the Comoros will benefit from PAGFSE. The operation should have a distributive and sustainable impact by providing the State with the budgetary resources it needs to improve the delivery of public services and ensure a better regulatory framework to promote financial governance. The population will also benefit from improved governance of public enterprises, in particular SONELEC. The private sector also stands to benefit from the increased competitiveness of the economy that would result from the implementation of the reforms supported by the programme. Public enterprises will also benefit from the programme through the operationalisation of the Energy Regulatory Authority and the Directorate for the Management of State Holdings and the Monitoring of the Financial Performance of Establishments and Enterprises.



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# Early Warning System Project Analysis

The AfDB categorized the project environmental risk as "Low", and stated that "projects are not vulnerable to climate risk."



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## **Investment Description**

• African Development Bank (AFDB)



# **Private Actors Description**

As stated by DevEx, the National Electricity Company called SONELEC was created by Decree No. 081/PR dated September 18, 2018. It is governed by the OHADA Uniform Act on the Law of Commercial Companies and Economic Interest Groupings revised, the laws and regulations applicable to Commercial Companies. It is placed under the administrative and technical supervision of the Ministry in charge of Energy and the financial supervision of the Ministry in charge of Finance. Its main mission is to manage the activities of Production, Transmission, Distribution and Marketing of Electrical Energy in the Union of the Comoros. The Head Office is based in Moroni with main branches in Mutsamudu and Fomboni. The Company has a term of ninety-nine years with a share capital of six hundred million Comorian francs (600,000,000 kmf) divided into six thousand (6,000) shares of one hundred thousand (100,000) Comorian francs each, fully paid up and owned by the state. The National Electricity Company is administered by a Board of Directors and is managed by a General Management. The latter is the body responsible for operational management.



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| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor<br>1 Role | Private Actor<br>1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2                                   | Private Actor<br>2 Role | Private Actor<br>2 Sector |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| -               | -                       | -                         | -        | National Electricity Company of Comoros (SONELEC) | Undisclosed             | Energy                    |

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### **Bank Documents**

- Appraisal report (English)
- Appraisal report (French)