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Quick Facts

Countries	Lesotho
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-10-17
Borrower	Government of Lesotho
Sectors	Communications
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 14.20 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the purpose of the project is to support job creation and economic growth through investment in digital infrastructure and services. It should help to provide access to a diverse range of financial products and services for individuals as well as small, medium and large businesses through the expansion of digital infrastructure and services, which will lead to creating jobs, and contributing to Lesotho's economic growth.

The second phase of the eGovernment Infrastructure Project is designed to drive digital finance and financial inclusion by improving access to reliable digital Services, particularly among citizens living in rural and unserved areas. This phase II is considered as a logical continuation of phase I, and aims to further deploy mobile coverage and to extend fiber optic connectivity in order to facilitate digital transformation. The project shall increase data enabled coverage in rural and unserved areas; improve financial inclusion among unbanked citizens in Lesotho by developing digital payment infrastructure and strengthening digital services ecosystem and improve government skills to oversee and implement ICT initiatives. The project comprises three main components, namely: (1) improvement of broadband coverage in rural and underserved areas, (2) improvement of digital public services, and (3) capacity building and project management.

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