

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-SS-I00-010

South Sudan - Job Creation Through Youth and Women-Led Micro and
Small Enterprises (JMSE)



Quick Facts

Countries	South Sudan
Specific Location	Northern Bahr-El-Ghazal and Western Bahr-El-Ghazal
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2024-09-24
Borrower	Government of South Sudan - Ministère du Commerce et de l'Industrie (MdCI)
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 10.61 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Project development objective is to strengthen the enabling environment for private sector growth and job creation. The specific objectives are: i) Provide livelihood, entrepreneurial skills and business development services for increased employability for youth and women, and enterprise growth; ii) Support micro and small enterprises (MSEs) development along key value chains through improved access to capital and markets; and iii) Strengthen coordination of MSE and private sector development.

The JMSE Project will be implemented in 2 States -Northern Bahr-El-Ghazal and Western Bahr-El-Ghazal. The selection of the states was informed by: (i) a high 10 percentage of the population who are vulnerable youth and displaced people needing skills development, livelihood support and sustainable return and reintegration; (ii) reasonable peace, security and accessibility of the states; and (iii) opportunities for sustainability, complementarity because of completed or on-going interventions funded by the Bank and/or other DPs, and higher impact.

The direct Project beneficiaries are(i) 1,060 youth (50% women) and 830 women who will be supported in establishing sustainable businesses through 63 VSLAs and 378 youth and women-led MSEs; (ii) 50 already existing early-stage youth-led MSEs (50% women-led) and 50 existing early-stage women-led MSEs will be supported to create at least two new jobs per MSE over the project cycle demonstrating its employability capacity; and (iii) Capacity building of 20 MoTI staff. The beneficiaries will include rural and urban youth and women.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [3] Low Risk



Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

Finance Type: Standard grant

Commitments (UA): 8,000,000

Conversion Rate USD (2024-09-24): 1,32645



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Report \(EN\)](#)
- [Appraisal Report \(FR\)](#)