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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2020-04-01
Borrower	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.50 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the objective of the Bank emergency assistance is to respond to the request from the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) which was mandated by the IGAD Heads of State and Government Summit in February 2020 to mobilize resources on behalf of the member states and streamline the assistance to affected countries in the East and Horn of Africa.

The present intervention concerns the emergency assistance to fight the desert locust invasion in nine (09) regional member countries, namely Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania. The proposed Bank emergency assistance is to contribute to the alleviation of the suffering of the victims of the desert locust in these regions. Indeed, the East and Horn of Africa, which is one of the most fragile regions of the continent, is being ravaged by large locust swarms coming from the Arabian Peninsula. The desert locust infestation occurring in the region poses an unprecedented risk to livelihoods and food security in an already fragile region in that it causes huge damages on agricultural production. Studies have shown that a swarm of one square kilometer can devour the equivalent of crops that could feed 35,000 people for a year (FAO). The situation is particularly alarming in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia where widespread breeding is ongoing and new swarms are expected to form in the coming weeks. The emergency relief assistance operation will be funded through a grant from the Bank's SRF. The total grant amount is for one million five hundred thousand US dollars (USD 1,500,000). The immediate priority should be to first control the spread of the current invasion and eliminate the current threat, therefore the grant funds will specifically contribute to the regional desert locust invasion control effort, prevention of next generation swarms and impact assessment and monitoring for enhanced preparedness and awareness creation.

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