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Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia, Sudan
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-11-05
Borrower	GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA (MULTINATIONAL)
Sectors	Transport
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.68 million



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Project Description

The present intervention concerns the Feasibility Study for the Proposed Standard Gauge Railway Connecting Ethiopia and Sudan. This study is to determine whether, and under what conditions a railway line between Ethiopia and Sudan is technically, financially, economically, socially and environmentally viable. The railway line will link Addis Ababa in Ethiopia to Khartoum in Sudan, and extend to Port Sudan on the Red Sea coast. The transport sector goal is to contribute towards the socio-economic development by providing an efficient and effective transport system in Ethiopia and Sudan. The generally accepted route is Addis Ababa-Awash-Kombolcha-Weldiya, on to Wereta - Gonder - Metema - Galabat - Gadarif - Kassala - Haiya and to the Port of Sudan, a total estimated distance of 1,522 km. The Study is to finance the preparation of a full feasibility study of the proposed SGR between Ethiopia and Sudan. This will cover technical, economic and financial viability, social and environmental impact assessment, and alternative financing modalities including Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

The purpose of the study is to prepare the Ethiopia Sudan Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project for investment financing. The main beneficiaries of the feasibility study are the two governments (Ethiopia and Sudan) who will have a sound basis for deciding whether to move ahead with the investment project. The governments will also benefit from the due diligence coming out of the study to attract funding from various sources including development partners and the private sector.



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Bank Documents

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