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Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia, South Sudan
Specific Location	Gambella, Ethiopia and Unity State, South Sudan
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-07-15
Borrower	Governments of Ethiopia and South Sudan
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 9.30 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 9.20 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 10.17 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the objective of the project is to build resilience through nutrition- and climate-smart, inclusive and gender-transformative agriculture and WASH services in five woredas in Gambella, Ethiopia, and two counties in Unity State, South Sudan. More specifically, the project seeks to apply innovative technologies to strengthen integrated water and flood management and improve the availability of multipurpose water services for domestic, agricultural and livestock use; expand sustainable and climate-resilient water, sanitation and hygiene services; promote climate-resilient agricultural practices and access to climate-resilient inputs; strengthen agricultural and food value chains; improve food and nutrition security; restore degraded land and ecosystems; and strengthen the resilience, skills, livelihoods and economic opportunities of women and young people. The project is expected to contribute over the longer term to reduced waterborne diseases and child malnutrition, more sustainable water services, diversified agricultural production, improved household incomes and market access, and greater resilience to floods, drought and other climate shocks.

The Climate Proof Water4Food Project is a multinational climate-resilience project covering Ethiopia and South Sudan, integrating water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), climate-smart agriculture, nutrition, food value chains, flood resilience and livelihood development. The project targets five woredas in Gambella Regional State in western Ethiopia — Abobo, Gambella Zuria, Gog, Itang and Lare — and Rubkona and Mayom Counties in Unity State, South Sudan. These neighbouring areas share the Baro-Sobat-White Nile river system and face recurrent flooding, drought, displacement, food insecurity, malnutrition and limited access to sustainable WASH services. The project comprises three main components: (i) inclusive, gender-transformative and integrated WASH; (ii) climate- and nutrition-smart agriculture and food value chains; and (iii) project management and capacity building. Interventions will include climate-resilient and solar-powered water supply systems, improved sanitation and hygiene services, integrated water and flood management, strengthened operation and maintenance systems, climate-smart agricultural practices, access to resilient agricultural inputs, agricultural extension services, demonstration sites, support to farmers' cooperatives, soil and water conservation, afforestation and rehabilitation of degraded land, development of food processing and value addition, and climate-resilient skills and livelihood opportunities for young people and women. The total project cost is estimated at UA 7.415 million, equivalent to approximately USD 10.17 million. It will be financed by an African Development Fund Climate Action Window – Adaptation grant of approximately UA 6.780 million (USD 9.30 million), representing about 91.4% of the project cost, and a co-financing grant of UA 634,830 (USD 871,000) from Plan International Spain and Plan International Denmark. Although no mandatory government counterpart contribution is included in the financing table, the Governments of Ethiopia and South Sudan are expected to provide in-kind contributions of UA 181,000 and UA 175,034 respectively, for a combined value of UA 356,034. The grant recipient and executing agency is Plan International's Nairobi Regional Office, while implementation will be carried out through Plan International Ethiopia and Plan International South Sudan, in collaboration with the relevant government institutions in both countries.

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