

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-Z1-FA0-228

Multinational - Desert to Power Initiative - 225 KV Mauritania-Mali
Electrical Interconnection and Associated Solar Power Plant
Development Project



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Mali, Mauritania |
| Specific Location | Kayes Region in Mali |
| Financial Institutions | African Development Bank (AFDB) |
| Status | Approved |
| Bank Risk Rating | A |
| Voting Date | 2023-12-14 |
| Borrower | Government of Mali, Government of Mauritania |
| Sectors | Energy, Infrastructure |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 33.32 million |
| Loan Amount (USD) | \$ 33.32 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 66.64 million |



Project Description

As stated by the AfDB, the Desert to Power Initiative - 225 KV Mauritania-Mali Electrical Interconnection and Associated Solar Power Plant Development Project is adopted by the Republic of Mali and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in the context where the electricity sub-sectors in both countries faces significant challenges, including (i) a low electricity access rate; (ii) an electricity supply-demand gap; and (iii) a marked predominance of fossil fuel-based power generation in the energy mix.

PIEMM will comprise three components: (A) Construction of Electrical Infrastructure; (B) Institutional Support; and (C) Project Management. It will be implemented over seven (7) years, from January 2024 to December 2030.

The project will benefit about 2.2 million people in Mauritania, 52% of them women and help to connect 80 000 new households in 150 agro-pastoral localities. The project will be implemented in Kayes Region in Mali and will benefit about 500 000 people, including 20 000 households in the 50 localities that will be connected to the network. In addition to the above-mentioned beneficiaries, the project will directly benefit the two countries' governments (which will collect taxes from project activities) and the two national power utility companies which will improve their performance, as well as 60 professional entities (schools, training centres, health centres, handicraft workshops, women's professional groups, etc.) in the localities covered by the project.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The AfDB categorized the project risks as follows -

Environmental Category: 1

Climate Safeguards Categorization: 2



Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)



Private Actors Description

As stated on the company's website, a player in the development and promotion of Mali's electricity sector, Énergie du Mali -SA is an industrial and commercial company.



| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| - | - | - | - | Société Energie du Mali SA (EDM-SA) | Contractor | Energy |



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal report \(English\)](#)
- [Appraisal report \(French\)](#)
- [Environmental study \(French\)](#)



Other Related Projects

- AFDB-P-Z1-FA0-214 Multinational - Desert to Power Initiative - 225 KV Mauritania-Mali Power Interconnection and Related Solar Power Plants Development Project