

 Early Warning System

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Rwanda - Burundi-Rwanda Integrated Development Project (BRIDEP)



### Quick Facts

Countries	Burundi, Rwanda
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2024-10-04
Borrower	Government of Rwanda
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 256.28 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 256.30 million



### Project Description

According to bank provided information, the Burundi-Rwanda Integrated Development Project (BRIDEP) is aligned with the respective national development plans (Burundi PND 2018-2027 and Rwanda NST2 2024-2029). The BRIDEP is also aligned with the National Compact for Food and Agriculture of Burundi, which primarily aims to bolster the country's food self-sufficiency and create jobs within competitive value chains, with a particular focus on young people and women. The project is consistent with the twin strategic objectives of accelerating inclusive green growth and driving prosperous and resilient economies in Africa of the Bank's Ten-Year Strategy (TYS 2024-33) and contributes to three(3) of the Bank's High5 priorities: Feed Africa, Integrate Africa and improve the Quality of Live of the People of Africa.

The project aims to transform Burundi's agriculture and food systems to contribute to food sovereignty and resilience, and advance the Bank's crosscutting objectives of promoting food security, gender equality, financial inclusion, youth empowerment, climate change resilience, and regional integration. The development objective of BRIDEP is to foster regional integration by enhancing agricultural production, cross-border transport links, and trade facilitation. More precisely, the project aims to: (i) Increase the productivity and production of priority agricultural value chains (maize, rice, pigs and poultry) by scaling up climate-smart agriculture technologies; (ii) promote agro-industrialization and job creation in targeted value chains; (iii) bridge missing and last mile transport links thereby promoting regional integration and trade, and (iv) reduce travel costs and improve road safety.

BRIDEP focuses mainly on the Ruzizi plain, spanning the borderlands of Burundi and Rwanda, and on Cross Border Roads in northwest and southwest regions in Rwanda. In Burundi, the project will directly affect 120,000 direct beneficiaries, including 80,000 living in the provinces of Bubanza and Cibitoke, and 40,000 in the provinces of Gitega, Karuzi and Muramvya. The target group of the project will be made up of small producers, agri-breeders and young rural people, who are often households with: (i) poor access to production factors and natural resources (e.g., land and agricultural inputs), and (ii) a very limited level of equipment. The target group also includes cooperatives, farmers' organizations, agricultural services, researchers and the private sector. The indirect beneficiaries are made up of a large part of the Burundian population who will benefit from the improvement in the availability and quality of agricultural and livestock products. In Rwanda, the project extends road improvements to the northwest and southwest regions adjacent to Burundi and the DRC, impacting an estimated 2 million people (Burundi: 0.6 million and Rwanda: 1.4 million). Beneficiaries include farmers, traders, producers, and the general populace, all set to gain from enhanced road infrastructure and improved connectivity and trade.



### Investment Description

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