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Quick Facts

Countries	Cameroon
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-10-22
Borrower	Government of Cameroon
Sectors	Climate and Environment
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 2.60 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 2.60 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the objective of the DIMS II project is to strengthen the capacities and coordination of CSOs in the crisis-affected border areas of Cameroon and Chad, in order to enhance their role in stabilization, resilience, and local development. Specifically, the project aims to: (i) establish a digital directory of active CSOs connected to a knowledge management system; (ii) strengthen the technical, operational, and governance capacities of these CSOs, particularly in the areas of digitalization, resource mobilization (including climate finance), and accountability; and (iii) promote innovative coordination and financing mechanisms to amplify the collective impact of CSO-led initiatives within a humanitarian-development-peace nexus approach.

The project “Empowerment of Civil Society Organizations within the framework of the Regional Strategy for Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Lake Chad Region (DIMS II)” responds to the fragility challenges and the critical recovery needs of the Lake Chad region. DIMS II builds on the achievements of DIMS I, successfully implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) between 2021 and 2023 in the same regions. DIMS I enabled the establishment of an initial directory of 400 CSOs active in the target areas and mapped their areas of intervention; provided training and support to 250 CSOs in the use of digital tools for coordination and information sharing; supported 60 micro-projects led by CSOs in the socio-economic and environmental sectors; and set up CSO–public authorities consultation frameworks at local and national levels. DIMS II will contribute to strengthening the role and impact of local civil society organizations in the stabilization, recovery, and resilience of cross-border regions of the Lake Chad Basin affected by the security and humanitarian crisis. By equipping local CSOs with appropriate tools and improving their institutional environment, DIMS II will help unlock their potential as agents of change serving vulnerable communities. A stronger, better-structured civil society capable of delivering coordinated actions aligned with the priorities of the Regional Stabilization Strategy (RSS) will be a key driver of sustainable peace and development in the region. The total project cost, excluding taxes and customs duties, is estimated at USD 2.6 million. This amount will be fully financed by the Bank through the Transition Support Facility (TSF) in the amount of USD 2.6 million.

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- African Development Bank (AFDB)

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