

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-Z1-KF0-083

Multinational - Regional Capacity Development Project for Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)



Quick Facts

Countries	Burundi, Eritrea, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Sudan
Specific Location	Eastern and Southern Africa
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-06-26
Borrower	Regional - Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)
Sectors	Finance, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.34 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 5.34 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the overarching goal of the project is to strengthen the capacities of the selected countries in transition to fight money laundering, terrorism financing and illicit financial flows (ML/TF & IFFs). This will promote financial integrity and transparency which are key in reducing resource leakages and promoting DRM and economic growth. The project comprises three (3) components : (i) Support of national ML/TF risk assessments, AML/CFT strategies and Mutual Evaluations ; (ii) AML/CFT Institutional Capacity Building ; and (iii) Project Management. In tandem, the three components would ultimately contribute to enhanced financial integrity and transparency.

The Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) is a Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Style Regional Body (FSRB) established in 1999. It currently consists of 21 member countries and one observer member. Its main objective is to promote and assess the effective implementation of anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) and proliferation financing standards within its member countries' jurisdictions in line with the FATF international standards. This Project will address fragility drivers and support the implementation of the resilience strategies in the selected transition countries. The Bank has provided similar support to ten GIABA member countries under the Capacity Development Project on Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism in West Africa Transition States and in South Sudan under the Institution Support Project for Strengthening Economic Governance in South Sudan (ISP-SEG). Therefore, this operation will complement these previous Bank efforts, especially that of South Sudan. Moreover, due to competing priorities in these countries such as food security, water, infrastructure, energy, ML/TF & IFF issues are usually not prioritized when allocating budgetary resources even though they are recognized as important. High levels of fragility have seen limited participation from other TA providers in these countries. The Bank's intervention will create regional synergies and provide a response to AML/CFT challenges in the targeted countries including the financial, human and technical capacity necessary to support the countries in developing and building more efficient and effective AML/CFT and CIFF regimes.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [3] Low Risk

According to the Appraisal Report, in compliance with in-country environmental assessment systems, legal and institutional frameworks and the Bank's Integrated Safeguards Systems Operational Safeguards (ISS, OS) that are the key determinants of the project's E&S categorization, the Regional Capacity Development Project for Eastern and Southern Africa Anti Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) on AML/CFT is categorized as low risk: Category 3.

There are no anticipated E&S risks associated with implementation of the project. By their nature, the project components and planned activities have no direct impacts or influence on the prevailing biophysical and socioeconomic conditions in the targeted countries.



Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

Finance Type: Standard grant

Commitments (UA): 4,000,000

Conversion Rate USD (2025-07-01): 1,33412

Total Project Cost (UA): 4,000,000



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Report \(EN\)](#)
- [General Procurement Notice \(EN\)](#)