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**South Africa - Loan to the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan
Municipality for electricity, water and sanitation, solid waste projects**



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Quick Facts

Countries	South Africa
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-06-24
Borrower	City of Johannesburg
Sectors	Energy, Law and Government, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 141.05 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the scope of the transaction entails the Provision of an African Development Bank (AfDB) senior unsecured loan facility to the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) amounting to ZAR 2.5 billion (Under Subnational finance Guidelines) to support CoJ's capital expenditure (CAPEX) needs, which will be used for maintaining and expanding delivery of basic services to its population. CoJ has struggled to meet rising demand for basic services from its growing population of residents within the Johannesburg metropolis with subsectors like energy, water, sewerage / sanitation, solid waste management taking the biggest toll due to lack of adequate financing to sustain the expansion of capacity needed to keep pace with rising demand. Therefore, the loan will seek to help address the financing gap in the aforementioned subsectors by unlocking additional funding towards CoJ's critical sectors thereby enhancing productive capacity in the City. The CAPEX funds will be used by CoJ to exclusively finance capex requirements under trading services for electricity, water and sewage, and solid waste management projects. These projects have been identified and defined and are primarily on brownfield sites. Most are already under implementation.

The Development Outcomes include expanded accessibility of potable water supply, improved quality of water, reduction of water and electricity technical and commercial losses, improvement in water quality discharged by sewerage treatment plants into rivers, Water Demand Management, Renewal of infrastructure, and general improvement in service delivery and access levels through increased service connections for all infrastructure.

Project main beneficiaries are City of Johannesburg (CoJ) residents. CoJ is the metropolitan municipality responsible for local governance and service delivery in the Johannesburg Metropolitan area. It is the largest metropolitan administrative municipality in South Africa. There are fourteen Municipal Owned Entities (MOEs) created for effective service delivery to the residents of the CoJ.



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Finance Type: Standard loan

Commitments (UA): 106,114,757

Conversion Rate USD (2025-06-29): 1,32923



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Bank Documents

- Environmental Study (EN)