

 Early Warning System

DFC-2024-VOLOBETA

Volobe TA



Quick Facts

Countries	Madagascar
Specific Location	Ivondro river, 30 km from Toamasina in eastern Madagascar
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Compagnie Générale d’Hydroélectricité de Volobé (CGHV)
Sectors	Energy, Hydropower, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.87 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 1.87 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 3.75 million



Project Description

As stated in the project disclosure document, DFC will provide pre-investment Technical Assistance (TA) to CGHV. The objective of the TA is to develop the Upper Volobe Hydropower Plant for potential DFC debt financing over a period of approximately 18 months that will lead to the development, design, financing, construction, and maintenance of a 121.5 MW run-of-the-river hydroelectric power facility, under a 25-year concession agreement and PPA to be entered into with Jirama, Madagascar's national power utility.

The project is located on the Ivondro river, 30 km from Toamasina in eastern Madagascar. The project will produce clean energy while meeting the energy needs of communities living between Toamasina and the Antananarivo Interconnected Power Grid.

DFC's TA activities will fund a portion of the development budget with a view to reaching financial close consisting of technical studies, the execution of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) amendments, conducting the procurement process and selection of the EPC contractor, and preparing and launching an insurance tender.



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Private Actors Description

As stated on the [website of the Ministry of Energy and Hydrocarbons](#) (translated with DeepL.com), CGHV (Compagnie Générale d'Hydroélectricité de Volobe) is a Malagasy company whose mission is to develop, build, operate and maintain the Volobe amount hydroelectric project in the Atsinanana region.

It is made up of a consortium of shareholder companies comprising SCATEC, Africa 50 and Axian Energie.

The Volobe amount hydroelectric scheme is being developed with the Malagasy government under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP). It is one of the priority projects defined in the Low Cost Development Plan (PDMC). It is a reliable response to Madagascar's emerging energy needs.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
Africa50	Client	Infrastructure	contracts with	Scatec ASA	Client	Energy
Axian Group	Client	Energy	contracts with	Africa50	Client	Infrastructure
Axian Group	Client	Energy	contracts with	Scatec ASA	Client	Energy



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

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