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Quick Facts

Countries	Tunisia
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2019-09-04
Borrower	Government of Tunisia
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 61.76 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 61.76 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project involves provision of a sovereign loan of up to EUR 55 million to the government of Tunisia to finance the modernisation of the public hydraulic infrastructure serving oases of four water-scarce southern governorates of Gabes, Gafsa, Kebili and Tozeur.

The proposed EBRD loan will finance the (i) rehabilitation and/or replacement of up to 23 deep boreholes; (ii) decommissioning of up to 20 deep boreholes; (iii) rehabilitation and construction of associated hydraulic infrastructure (including, borehole heads, water cooling systems, pumps and meters); and (iv) improvements of the irrigation and drainage networks.

The Project aims to restore and enhance the resilience of 37 oases ecosystems and to improve access to water resources across the four southern governorates. The Project will improve access to irrigation water to over 30,000 farmers and their immediate families living in the catchment area of the Project and will result in substantial economic and social benefits. In the absence of viable immediate alternatives, the Project will tap into non-renewable groundwater as a transition solution essential for maintaining socioeconomic stability, securing livelihoods, catalyzing women and youth economic inclusion opportunities and minimising emigration rates in the region over the next 30 years.

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