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Quick Facts

Countries	Jordan
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2020-12-15
Borrower	Greater Amman Municipality
Sectors	Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 3.40 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 6.81 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the investment involves the provision of up to EUR 2.8 million (to be available in JOD) unsecured sub-sovereign loan to GAM to finance the purchase of up to 15 new battery electric buses ("BEB"), as a pilot rollout for the first electric bus transport in the city. The project is a follow-on investment of Amman's Green City Action Plan, and is part of a larger fleet expansion project that involves purchasing a total of 151 buses, including 136 diesel Euro V buses in addition to the remaining 15 BEB buses considered herein. The project aims to improve public transport in the city of Amman, while serving as a crucial first step towards transitioning into low-carbon transport infrastructure. Total Project cost is expected to be EUR 5.6 million, which is expected to be co-financed by a Green Climate Fund ("GCF") concessional loan of EUR 2.8 million in addition to the Bank loan of EUR 2.8 million.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

GAM is seeking to improve its urban transport services and renew its bus fleet through the purchase of up to 151 new buses with related bus depot facilities and ancillary systems. The proposed new bus fleet will serve new routes under the bus network plan developed by GAM. It is intended that the bus fleet will be purchased by GAM and leased to a private sector operator, which will be responsible for the depot facilities and warranty and maintenance obligations for the fleet. The bus operator will be paid through a Public Service Contract ("PSC") with Amman Vision for Transport (the municipal company responsible for transport operations) under a gross-cost arrangement. This purchase of 151 new buses will include 15 e-buses as a pilot project to debut zero-emission public transport vehicles in Amman, in an effort to transition into a low-carbon public transportation system (the "Project"). The Project is expected to have a strong demonstration effect, being the first of its kind in the country, as well as the SEMED region, financed by EBRD. The Project is a follow-on investment from Amman's Green City Action Plan ("GCAP"), developed as part of the City's participation in EBRD Green Cities. The electric bus fleet aligns with actions identified in the GCAP and supports the City to address the GCAP priorities of reducing GHG emissions and air pollution. The Project is also eligible for dedicated concessional funds for Green Cities projects from the Green Climate Fund ("GCF") by promoting electric mobility. The Project will benefit from a concessional loan which will match EBRD funding. The tender for the Project is expected be launched in December 2020. The planned purchase of the new buses is expected to improve the reliability and quality of public transport services for users, as well as significantly reduce GHG and air pollutant emissions from transport through the use of alternative fuels and improved fuel efficiency, in compliance with objectives and commitments of the city. The investment in the new buses will result in a significant reduction in emissions (clean air and GHG related) from the urban bus sector.

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