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Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	*Borrower information not provided at the time of disclosure*
Sectors	Energy, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the technical cooperation is supporting the Government of Egypt (GoE), together with the National Renewable Energy Authority (NREA), in undertaking a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) to inform decision-making process for developing renewable energy (RE), specifically wind and solar (PV) projects in the East Nile Area. The SESA is a systematic decision-support process that will help to ensure that environmental, social and other sustainability aspects are considered effectively in policy, plan and programme making.

The East Nile Area has been identified based on existing data on solar and wind potential and existing land use and has a potential useable area of 1,725 km² for RE development

The Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) for the East Nile Area has the following objectives:

- To provide a reliable source of environmental and social data for the East Nile Area to inform the SESA and clarify the need for future environmental and social impact assessments (ESIA) required for permitting and/or financing purposes of specific projects.
- To identify areas in the East Nile Area which are 1) suitable for RE project development, 2) which may be suitable subject to impacts being mitigated, 3) and those areas which are not suitable for RE projects.
- To identify and assess potential environmental and social impacts associated with RE projects in the East Nile Area and define mitigation and management measures to address these potential impacts, including recommendations on project design.
- To engage with stakeholders, including members of the public on the planned development of RE projects in this area.
- To develop a Geographic Information System ("GIS") database which will inform future RE projects.
- To provide training to NREA on SESA, ESIA and GIS.

The SESA also includes the procurement of equipment (wind and solar masts, GIS systems and laser binoculars) to inform the SESA and support future assessments and surveys for RE projects.

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Contact Information

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