

 Early Warning System

EIB-20220809

ELECTRIFICATION BURUNDI



Quick Facts

Countries	Burundi
Specific Location	Bujumbura
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-02-04
Borrower	REGIE DE PRODUCTION ET DE DISTRIBUTION D'EAU ET D'ELECTRICITE
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 76.71 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 76.71 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 199.45 million



Project Description

As stated by the EIB, the project involves the rehabilitation, modernisation and densification of the electricity distribution network in Bujumbura (the capital). It also focuses on strengthening the national 30 kV medium voltage network, particularly in rural areas surrounding the capital. It includes the set up of a remote control system of Bujumbura's electricity distribution networks and the densification and electrification of outlying districts.

The aim is to expand access to electricity in Burundi while enhancing the quality and reliability of the electricity network, which is a key strategic priority for Burundi, as outlined in its National Development Plan (2018-2027) and the Master Plan for the Distribution Sector. Additionally, it aligns with the regional priorities of the East African Community.

The project supports the implementation of the Strategy for Universal Access to energy, which aims to increase energy access to 80% in urban areas and 70% in rural areas by 2030. Other financiers include the European Union, the World Bank, and Agence Francaise de Developpement.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The EIB categorized the project E&S risk as 'High'.



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Private Actors Description

As stated by the EIB, the project Promoter, REGIDESO (Régie de Production et de Distribution d'eau et d'électricité du Burundi, Burundi Water and Electricity Production and Distribution Authority), is the state-owned water and power distribution company in Burundi, supervised by the Ministry of Water, Energy and Mines (MINHEM). REGIDESO currently serves about 170,000 customers of which 64% are based in Bujumbura.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Regie de Production et de Distribution d'Eau et d'Electricite (Burundi)	Client	Infrastructure



Contact Information

No project contacts provided at the time of disclosure.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Bank Documents

- [Environmental and Social Data Sheet \(ESDS\)](#)