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Quick Facts

Countries	Congo, Democratic Republic of
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2026-03-30
Borrower	Banque Centrale du Congo
Sectors	Infrastructure, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.60 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the Democratic Republic of Congo is modernizing its national payment system through the refinement of the national payments switch. IFC’s role is to provide global knowledge, best practices, and practical tools to support BCC and other stakeholders throughout the design and implementation process.

Through targeted knowledge sharing, technical guidance, and capacity building, IFC will help stakeholders address key challenges such as limited interoperability, high transaction costs, and constrained access to digital financial services. IFC will also facilitate peer learning by sharing comparative experiences from other countries that have successfully implemented payments switches.

By strengthening institutional capacity and enabling the adoption of proven tools and approaches, IFC’s support will contribute to a more efficient, inclusive, and sustainable payment infrastructure that expands access to digital financial services for women, SMEs, and rural communities, in line with the DRC’s broader financial inclusion objectives.

The project aims to support the modernization and strengthening of the Democratic Republic of Congo’s national payment system to advance financial inclusion, with a particular focus on underserved groups such as women, rural populations, and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). By leveraging global best practices, the initiative seeks to establish a secure, scalable, and interoperable national payments switch that reduces transaction costs and expands access to digital financial services. This effort is expected to foster inclusive economic growth, promote gender equity, and support rural development by addressing structural barriers to financial inclusion and improving the efficiency and accessibility of the payment ecosystem.

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