

 Early Warning System

WB-P151083

Great Lakes Trade Facilitation



Quick Facts

Countries	Congo, Democratic Republic of, Rwanda, Uganda
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Active
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2015-09-25
Borrower	Governments of DRC, Rwanda and Uganda
Sectors	Industry and Trade, Technical Cooperation, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 79.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 79.00 million



Project Description

The objective of this Great Lakes Trade Facilitation Project for Africa is to facilitate cross-border trade by increasing the capacity for commerce and reducing the costs faced by traders, especially small-scale and women traders, at targeted locations in the borderlands.

There are four components to the project:

1. Improving core trade infrastructure and facilities in the border areas. The project will finance improvements to core trade infrastructure and facilities at specific land border crossing points, and an airport in Rwanda that is of regional importance. In addition, support will also be provided to ministries responsible for trade and commerce to finance the planning and construction of cross-border markets in the border areas.
2. Implementation of policy and procedural reforms and capacity building to facilitate cross-border trade in goods and services. A clear lesson from previous trade facilitation projects is that improvements in infrastructure need to be accompanied by policy and procedural reforms and capacity building.
3. Performance-based management in cross-border administration. It will primarily focus on raising mutual awareness on their respective rights and obligations as stated in the 'charter for cross-border traders in goods and services', as well as on strengthening basic elements such as a professional attitude to border operations, customer care for officials, duty calculation for traders, mutual respect and understanding of constraints, etc. More generally it will progressively build mutual trust. On the other hand, change management activities planned under sub-component 3.1 will build on those exercises and develop different tools and incentives to increase professionalization for border officials only.
4. Implementation support for building the implementation capacity of government agencies and COMESA, communication activities and the development of a robust system of project monitoring and collecting data on cross-border trade flows. A common challenge of multisectoral projects is having in place effective mechanisms to coordinate project implementation across sectors and between countries. The capacity of agencies, especially in the DRC, may be insufficient to:
 - i. coordinate and implement multi-sectoral activities;
 - ii. channel funds to other institutions; and
 - iii. monitor progress in the eastern provinces as well as procure specialized equipment and services.

This project is part of the Programme for Infrastructure Development In Africa (PIDA)



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)



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- WB-P079734 East Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Project