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Quick Facts

Countries	Somalia
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-06-19
Borrower	Government of Somalia
Sectors	Energy, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 5.50 million

Project Description

The Project Objective is to expand access to electricity in targeted rural and peri urban communities in Somalia, including Somaliland. The project has three components:

1. Electrification of households and small businesses through standalone solar home systems [US$ 3 million]. The proposed component is based on a well-tested approach to catalyzing commercial markets for off-grid solar developed by the joint World Bank-IFC Lighting Africa program. A holistic, bespoke approach to addressing both demand and supply-side bottlenecks will be developed for the specific needs of the Somali off-grid market.

2. Enabling electrification through solar powered/hybrid mini-grids [US$1,000,000]. This component will support mini-grid sector in Somalia. The information available on existing mini-grids is nascent, thought they are the default energy provider throughout the country. This incumbent private-sector led approach merits additional investigation, given that any activities to be financed under the project should build on lessons learned from these experiences.
3. Technical Assistance, Capacity Building and Project Management [US$1.5 million]. This component will ensure the effective rollout of project activities and support the development of capacity in the government agencies to directly manage these types of engagements in the future. A first set of activities will focus on capacity development within the federal government of Somalia's Ministry of Energy and Water Resources; and Somaliland's Ministry of Energy and Minerals. The capacity development would be in form of training of key staff in the ministries, participation in workshops and seminars, exposure visits, hiring of local consultants to support the ministries and office equipment. The component will also support safeguard capacity building for the clients (PIUs, ministries of energy, and stakeholders who will access financing from the project).

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Bank Documents

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