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Quick Facts

Countries	Mauritania
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2018-07-12
Borrower	Government of Muritania
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 14.50 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 15.40 million

Project Description

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve monitoring and transparency of selected government entities and the administration of property and mining taxation.

The additional financing will expand upon the scope of work initially envisaged in the original project by allocating additional resources in the following areas:

i. Strengthen the core budget and accounting modules of the Government's financial management information systems in furtherance of a modern and integrated government financial management information systems (GFMIS)
ii. Scale-up support for the land registration pilots to increase the number of formally registered land parcels in Mauritania.
iii. Reinforce inter-ministerial coordination and tax audit capacity in the mining sector to optimize revenue mobilization.
iv. Introduce a new component to strengthen statistical capacity and improve the reliability and timeliness of macroeconomic and fiscal forecasts for better annual and multi-year budgeting.

Restructuring: To reflect the expanded scope of work envisaged and rectify several shortcomings identified during the mid-term review, a restructuring of the original project is proposed.

1. Enhancing Transparency and Efficiency in Public Resource Management: The objective of this component is to support the authorities' efforts to enhance the transparent and efficient use of public resources through (i) an updated and more integrated GFMIS; (ii) increased monitoring and oversight of SOEs and AGAs; and (iii) a more efficient public procurement system.
2. Strengthening the Administration of Land Registration and Mining Taxation: The objectives of this component are to (i) support the authority's efforts to broaden the tax base and enhance the effectiveness of the tax administration in the mining sector to create a more predictable and stable source of
revenue for the state; and (ii) create the foundational institutional arrangements needed to manage land registration, as a precursor to enhancing the mobilization of property taxes. The four sub-components included in the original project will be consolidated into two sub-components.
3. Project Management: Resources allocated to the component will be increased to reflect the expanded scope of activities under the AF; the extended closing date and improvements to the project's institutional arrangements, including the introduction of a new technical committee to facilitate regular results monitoring.
4. Strengthening national statistical capacity, medium-term programming and annual budget processes: The objectives of this new component are (i) to support the authorities in strengthening national statistical capacity and enhancing macro-economic and fiscal analysis as the basis for evidence-based policy making and programming; and (ii) to strengthen the linkages between medium-term programming and annual budgeting processes, to facilitate results-based resource allocation and improve allocative efficiency. To facilitate the provision of continuous capacity building and technical expertise to the Ministry of Finance, the Mauritanian Centre for Policy Analysis (Le Centre Mauritanien d'Analyse des Politiques, CMAP), will play a central role in the implementation of this new component.

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