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Quick Facts

Countries	Eswastini
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-04-18
Borrower	Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 40.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 45.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to Improve the reliability of electricity supply and increase access to electricity services in targeted areas of Eswatini.

Rge project has three components:

1. Reinforcement of the Transmission and Distribution Grid. This component comprises two sub components with the objective of strengthening the transmission and rural networks for social and economic development.
2. Electricity access expansion, Component 2 will support GoKE's program for rural electrification by financing an estimated 13,000 household connections through the REP. The component will be implemented by EEC's Rural Electrification Unit focusing on the Shiselweni region and will help reduce the outstanding backlog of connection applications. This backlog comprises applications that have been evaluated by MNRE and determined to be cost effective for connection to the grid. Cost
   estimates have been prepared by EEC through its Rural Electrification Unit that undertakes the works for REP projects under the direction of MNRE. Selection criteria that take into account the poverty level, potential for economic activity and cost per connection will be developed to select applications that will be financed under the project. Beneficiaries will include households and micro-small enterprises in rural areas of the Shiselweni region.
3. Analytical Support and Capacity Building. This component will finance technical assistance (TA) to: (i) enhance electrification planning capacity, considering GoKE's stated capacity of reaching universal access in the short-term; and (ii) support the development of a policy and regulatory environment that will engender private sector participation in off-grid electrification and renewable energy generation.

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Bank Documents

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