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Quick Facts

Countries	Mauritania
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Bank Risk Rating	C
Borrower	Government of Mauritania
Sectors	Law and Government, Mining
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.30 million

Project Description

The project objective is to support the National EITI Committee in making satisfactory progress of implementing the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. This will be achieved through support to administration of the national EITI Committee and automated publication of revenue data and sector statistics from the oil, gas and mining industries.

The national EITI Committee has approved a Work Plan for the three years 2017 to 2019. It is expected that this three-year Work Plan will be updated in early 2018 in line with the existing structure. The Work Plan contains eight objectives which can be grouped under the following themes:

a. sustainable administration and capacity building of the national EITI process,
b. expansion of the scope of EITI reporting,
c. effective communication and awareness-building among stakeholders and the wider public.

The proposed grant intends to support specific components under each of the three themes.

Automated reporting of production and revenue data will be an essential activity of the proposed grant. The EITI Committee intends to move from annual data compilation and reporting exercises to an automated reporting system by which operators and government representatives will generate automatic data logs of payment transfers. GIZ is already assessing the feasibility of developing a Data Warehouse and portal for compilation of essential revenue data and sector statistics. This activity is expected to require extensive technical assistance on the input side to re-engineer and consolidate existing declaration templates as well as the output side in terms of accessible web portal design and model reports. The outputs are expected to be (i) standardized EITI reporting templates as well as (ii) a “proto-type” EITI Reconciliation Report for 2018.

Strategic communication and awareness-raising will form the second pillar of the grant support. This component will cover various dimensions of communication including (i) impact/perception surveys to understand the impacts of EITI implementation to date in terms of increased awareness of the extractive industries among stakeholders from local community representatives to media and political representatives; (ii) modernization of communication tool-kits such as the EITI web-site, printed hand-outs as well as other audio-visual tools which can benefit the illiterate parts of the population; (iii) support to information campaigns and outreach events to ensure that report findings and sector debate are widely disseminated across the country, especially in communities which are affected by mining but isolated from urban centers.

EITI Secretariat business planning will be an important third grant component which is intended to address the challenge of the financial viability of the National EITI Committee and the EITI Secretariat even after the closure of the current grant financing. Consultancy services, in combination with self-assessments, will assess the long-term staffing needs and the resulting budget estimates for continued EITI reporting, dissemination and stakeholder participation. It is the objective to identify potential financing sources which can be sustained in the absence of continued donor contributions. Financial independence of the MSG and the Secretariat will depend on securing a stable cash flow from domestic or government revenue.

Investment Description

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Bank Documents

- Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet (ISDS) - Mauritania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative C [Original Source]
- Project Information Document (PID) - Mauritania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Consol [Original Source]