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Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-12-19
Borrower	Palestinian Liberation Organization
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 12.00 million

Project Description

Original Objective
The Project Development Objective is to enhance institutional capacity of the energy sector, improve efficiency of the distribution system in targeted areas, and pilot a new business model for solar energy service delivery in Gaza.

Current Objective:
The Project Development Objective is to improve operational performance of electricity sector institutions, and pilot a new business model for solar energy in Gaza.

The Additional Finance (AF) will scale-up the ESPIP project components. A description of the activities supported under the AF is provided below.

1. Strengthening the Capacity of Palestinian Electricity Sector Institutions. The AF will enhance focus on operational performance of PETL through the following additional activities, which are essential for PETL to fulfill its responsibilities as the single buyer and Transmission System Operator (TSO) and implement the long-term PPA with the Israel Electric Company (IEC).
    a. Development of PETL Master plan;
    b. Enhancement and support of PETL maintenance services;
    c. Support metering of 80 priority electricity connection points that will be managed by PETL, as part of the transition plan that is agreed under the IEC-PETL PPA.
2. Improving the Operational Performance of Palestinian Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs). The AF will finance a simple and direct scale-up of the activities being implemented under the ESPIP parent project to include all the five West Bank DISCOs; include Gaza DISCO and; enable support to new DISCOs that will be created as part of the ongoing sector consolidation efforts. The simultaneous planning and installation across all DISCOs will ensure harmonization of operational and reporting capabilities of DISCOs and strengthen planning and monitoring across the sector.
3. Improving Energy Security in Gaza with Solar Energy. This component will directly scaleup (a) the Pilot solar revolving fund established under the ESPIP parent project and (b) the solar rooftop solutions for health facilities in the Gaza strip.
4. Technical Assistance, Capacity Building, and Project Management: The AF has a higher budget for TA support to dedicate resources for technical assessments & Feasibility studies to develop a high priority project pipeline. This activity responds to interest from key stakeholders in identifying priority projects and developing an ‘implementation-ready’ pipeline for potential financing by development partners and private sector. In addition, this component will support workshops & trainings for PENRA, PETL, PERC and DISCOs and support core staff from the PMU, along with recruitment of specialist staff (e.g., MIS) to support the project
during implementation.

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Bank Documents

- Project Information Document-Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet - Electricity Sector Performance Impro [Original Source]