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Quick Facts

Countries	Sierra Leone
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2020-03-31
Borrower	Government of Sierra Leone
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Law and Government
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 63.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to: (i) improve urban management in select cities, (ii) increase access to services and resilient34 infrastructure in Greater Freetown, and (iii) enhance local and national capacity for emergency preparedness and response.

The project has four components:

1. Component 1: Support to Greater Freetown (US$45 million, of which US$35 million IDA and US$10 million GEF36),
    i. Subcomponent 1a: Strengthening Urban and Disaster Risk Management in Greater Freetown (US$2 million): This sub-component supports actions aimed at institutionalizing and strengthening capacity in areas related to: (i) enhanced municipal finance and own-source revenue management; (ii) planning and managing municipal investments; (iii) building capacity to integrate local economic development into municipal management; (iv) disaster and climate
    resilient planning and investments; (v) participatory planning; and (vi) integrated planning in Freetown and Western Area Rural District.37 Select technical assistance and consulting services have been identified and agreed to be integrated in the Project Preparation Advance Activities (PPA).
    ii. Subcomponent 1b: Investments in Municipal Services and Resilient Infrastructure in Greater Freetown (US$23 million): This subcomponent aims to improve basic infrastructure and services in Greater Freetown. The focus will be on investments identified as contributing to disaster risk reduction and prevention as well as having positive social and economic impacts at the local levels including in low-income communities. The Project proposes the consolidation of the
    types of investments around (i) urban upgrading for flood and landslide reduction in unplanned settlements, and (ii) plot servicing for residential development: while in-situ upgrading is one intervention to improve the living conditions in existing informal urban settlements, forward planning is essential to prevent new disaster risks caused by settlements in high risk areas and without adequate infrastructure.
    iii. Subcomponent 1c. Solid Waste Management (US$20 million). Through this subcomponent, the Project will finance the construction of a new sanitary landfill that will service the residents of the CoF and its neighboring Western Area Rural district. Two potential sites (Masantigie and Old Yams Farms) have been proposed for the landfill. Both sites are undeveloped and accessible from Freetown and are deemed potentially suitable for waste-related infrastructure. Final
    site qualification will require full environmental and social diligence, which will be conducted under the Project.
2. Component 2: Support to Select Secondary Cities (US$6 million IDA). Strengthening Urban and Disaster Risk Management Capacities for City Councils: The Project aims to support the secondary cities to develop their capacity to catalyze their development potential, by supporting activities to strengthen these cities' urban management capabilities that are critical for efficient delivery and sustainable management of resilient infrastructure and services. This component will support a range of targeted technical assistance and capacity development activities for selected City Councils among the country's six secondary cities, to deliver on their respective mandates.
3. Component 3: Strengthening Disaster Data Collection and Emergency Preparedness and Response (US$6 million IDA).
    i. Subcomponent 3a: Disaster Resilience Data Lab (US$2 million). This sub-component will support data collection, management and sharing through partnerships (between national and local government institutions, local universities, the private sector and communities) and capacity building programs to harness technology and foster innovation to strengthen climate and disaster resilience in Sierra Leone. The subcomponent's aim will be to: i) provide integrated solutions for data collection and management for resilient urban planning and disaster risk

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

World Bank Group Financing
International Development Association (IDA) 50.00
IDA Grant 50.00
Non-World Bank Group Financing
Counterpart Funding 3.00
Borrower/Recipient 3.00
Trust Funds 10.00
Global Environment Facility (GEF) 10.00

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Bank Documents

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