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Quick Facts

Countries	Tunisia
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2020-05-29
Borrower	Republic of Tunisia
Sectors	Climate and Environment
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 75.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 100.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to strengthen integrated management of oasis landscapes in targeted governorates in Tunisia.

The project has four components:

1. Improving environmental governance of oasis ecosystems (about USD 10 million).
    i. Sub-component 1.1: Strengthening legal frameworks and supporting reforms.
    ii. Sub-component 1.2 Capacity building. A comprehensive program of sensitization, information and training will address representatives of: (i) key national institutions (such as the Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment; Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fishing; Ministry of Tourism; Ministry of Energy, Mining and renewable energies; Ministry of Equipment; etc.); (ii) regional institutions (such as the Governorate and the regional branches of technical departments) (including their extension agents and agricultural advisers); and (iii) local level institutions, such as the Agriculture Development Associations (GDAs) and other Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
    iii. Sub-component 1.3: Territorial development planning. The proposed operation will support a comprehensive territorial development planning aimed at realizing economic, social, cultural and environmental goals.
2. Fostering sustainable investments in oasis ecosystems (about USD 80 million). This component will ensure that productive oasis lands are embedded within landscapes, which provide ecosystem services in a sustainable manner and protect the natural ecosystems and soil on which they depend. A holistic, systemwide approach will aim at integrating both horizontal (water, land and other natural resources) and vertical (food value and supply chain) dimensions.
    i. Sub-component 2.1: Sustainable Water and Land Management practices and biodiversity conservation. A key entry point of the proposed operation will be the improvement of the economic profitability of the oasis agroecosystem through a range of interrelated activities focusing on climate-smart and sustainable agriculture, water saving and soil biodiversity conservation.
    ii. Sub-component 2.2: Basic infrastructure assets and energy breakthroughs for renewable energy (RE). Use of infrastructure and renewable energy sources (wind turbines, solar panel and solar farms) will create opportunities and challenges for rapid growth of low-carbon energy and will reduce dependency on fossil fuels and carbon emissions, while creating jobs at local level.
    iii. Sub-component 2.3: Improving local livelihoods. Initiatives of the proposed operation will aim at improving the livelihoods of local stakeholders, increasing their social, financial, and economic capital, and creating jobs.
3. Project Coordination and Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation (about USD 10 million). This component will support the establishment and functioning of a Project Management Unit (PMU), hosted by the Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment MALE. The PMU will: ensure fiduciary management, procurement and monitoring and evaluation for overall project activities, including a monitoring system consistent Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets, particularly SDG 15.3 and its indicator 15.3.1 on LDN, while managing the project's special accounts; prepare consolidated annual work programs and budgets; coordinate procurement and financial management reporting; and coordinate and consolidate periodic progress reports for the project activities. The participation of all relevant stakeholders involved in the regular monitoring and validation of LDN status reporting as well as project implementation outcomes, with a particular attention to gender, will be ensured.

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