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Quick Facts

Countries	Iraq
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2019-12-03
Borrower	Republic of Iraq
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 5.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the proposed Project objective is to provide entrepreneurship and employment opportunities to rural inhabitants in lagging areas of Iraq and improve their level of road access to markets and critical social services. The project has three components:

1. Rural roads maintenance subprojects (USD 4 million).
    i. Sub-component 1.1: Labor-intensive rural roads maintenance works (USD 3.6 million). This sub-component will provide, given the pilot nature of the project, financing for labor-intensive rural roads maintenance subprojects to be implemented within the Project Area by microenterprises.
    ii. Sub-component 1.2: Technical inspection of works (USD 0.4 million). This sub-component will finance consulting services for field technical inspections of road maintenance subprojects for independent quality control purposes to complement the implementing agencies and local
    stakeholders in ensuring that the preventive maintenance works are executed in accordance with internationally recognized best practices, including in terms of management of social and environmental matters and risks associated with the civil works of the project.
2. Capacity building (USD 0.5 million).
    i. Sub-component 2.1: Trainings on technical aspects (USD 0.3 million). This sub-component will finance, through the provision of consulting services, capacity building activities in the form of technical assistance and hand-on trainings for staff of implementing agencies and stakeholders at the governorate and local level to enable them to properly supervise and support/manage the maintenance activities of the project.
    ii. Sub-component 2.2: Trainings on entrepreneurial and managerial aspects (USD 0.2 million). This sub-component would finance, through the provision of consulting services, capacity building activities in the form of hand-on trainings for key beneficiaries to improve the sustainability of the road maintenance modality financed by the project and the local entities involved.
3. Project management and administration (PMA), monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and knowledge dissemination (USD 0.5 M).
    i. Sub-component 3.1: Project management and administration (USD 0.3 M). Sub-component 3.1 would finance, through the provision of goods, consulting and non-consulting services, as follows: (i) project management costs, (ii) project audit costs, and (iii) project operating costs.
    ii. Sub-component 3.2: Monitoring and evaluation - M&E (USD 0.15 M). Sub-component 3.2 would finance, through the provision of consultant services, M&E activities for the project, including third party monitoring to offset the difficulties in access by the World Bank's staff and
    provide a good level of project oversight.
    iii. Sub-component 3.3: Knowledge dissemination (USD 0.05 M). Sub-component 3.3 would finance, through the provision of non-consulting services, knowledge dissemination activities to share lessons of this project and raise awareness about this initiative within central, regional and local levels of government as well as local communities and civil society to increase likelihood of replicability and scalability of this concept.

Investment Description

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Bank Documents

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