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Quick Facts

Countries	Somalia
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2020-06-25
Borrower	Government of Somalia
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1.45 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to expand access to electricity in targeted urban, peri-urban and rural communities.

The project has three components:

1. Part 1. Electrification of households and businesses through standalone solar home systems Improving access among off-grid households and small enterprises, in particular
    a. carrying out a program of activities to facilitate a range of market-building supply-and demand-side interventions, through the provision of Expansion Grants and Seed Grants to solar distributors for investment to catalyze key solar business functions.
    b. promoting quality assurance to limit availability of and demand for poor quality and/or counterfeit solar products.
    c. carrying out consumer awareness and citizen engagement campaigns to improve household understanding and use of quality off-grid solar technology.
2. Part 2. Analytical work for enabling electrification through solar-powered/hybrid mini-grids. Carrying out analytic work for development of mini-grid sector, in particular:
    a. carrying out detailed geospatial mapping to undertake a more comprehensive inventory of the current mini-grid situation in Somalia, identify potential future sites, and estimate future location specific demand;
    b. Reviewing property rights and land issues pertaining to energy infrastructure investment;
    c. Carrying out pre-feasibility studies for hybridization, operational enhancements, and densification of brownfield (existing) mini-grid sites;
    d. Carrying out pre-feasibility studies for greenfield (new) sites identified in geospatial mapping;
    e. Developing structuring options for the financing, operation, and ownership of new mini-grids and;
    f. Defining legal, institutional, and financing arrangements for developing mini grids.
3. Part 3. Technical Assistance, Capacity Building & Project Management:
    a. Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources (MoEWR) of the federal government and Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MoEM) of Somaliland for overall energy sector management, power and access planning, and implementation of future development projects, including: (i) carrying out required energy sector studies; (ii) developing energy strategies; (iii) reviewing energy policies; (iv) carrying out analytical work; (v) improving internal MoEWR/MoEM infrastructure and systems; (vi) provision of relevant training to staff of the MoEWR/MoEM, and conducting workshops and study tours; and (vii) establishing PIUs at federal MoEWR and MoEM of Somaliland.

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Bank Documents

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