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Quick Facts

Countries	Djibouti
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-06-22
Borrower	Republic of Djibouti
Sectors	Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 10.00 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 11.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to assist the Government in creating a favorable environment for the introduction of competition and private sector investment, and to promote the adoption of digital skills and services.

The project has four components:

1. Component 1. Digital ecosystem and connectivity – US$7M. This component is designed to help Djibouti lay the groundwork for accelerating the emergence of a vibrant, inclusive and safe digital economy, by creating a favourable legal and regulatory environment for more competition, and by enhancing the level of digital connectivity available, in particular for education.
    i. Sub-component 1.1: Digital enabling environment.
    ii. Sub-component 1.2: Digital connectivity. The aim of this sub-component is to increase the capacity of the Government to deliver services to the public and improve broadband connectivity, especially for education services, and to the private sector, and to conduct its work efficiently, through the provision of broadband internet access to priority government locations.
2. Component 2: Digital transformation and skills – US$2M. This component aims to build on the evolving ICT market structure and the additional digital connectivity provided under Component 1 to promote digital transformation and skills development. It will seek to promote digital literacy capabilities, in order to increase digital inclusion and literacy, and to stimulate demand for digital solutions through support to the creation of a vibrant digital private ecosystem. The component will target two groups of interest: i) MSMEs, and ii) the general population, with a focus on women and young people.
3. Component 3: Project Management – US$1M. This component covers the costs of implementing and managing the project, including the costs of procurement, financial management, communications, safeguards, monitoring and evaluation, citizen engagement and Interactive Beneficiary Mechanism (IBM) and overall project coordination. In the longer term, it is expected that a new project implementation unit (PIU) will be established, to be hosted by the MCPT, which has insisted that it guide the project, but in the short-term, the project could benefit greatly by using an existing project as a transitional PIU, such as the one hosted by ANSIE for PAMAP (P162904). During the preparation of the PAD, further work will be carried out to evaluate different options and to set out criteria to guide the transition. The project will seek to establish good collaboration with other donors active in the sector, notably UNDP and AfD.
4. Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) – US$0. Since the global shock generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become common practice for all WBG lending projects to incorporate a Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC). This will have an initial zero value but may be financed during the course of the project to allow for an agile response to unforeseen emergencies. Adding the component in from the beginning, albeit with zero funding, provides for flexibility to respond to crises as they arise. These could include, for instance, humanitarian crises which require the provision of emergency communications services to replace facilities that have been damaged, or to facilitate emergency humanitarian payments using mobile money.

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Bank Documents

- Concept Project Information Document (PID) - Djibouti Digital Foundations Project - P174461 [Original Source]

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- WB-P515866 Djibouti Digital Foundations Project