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Quick Facts

Countries	India
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-11-15
Borrower	Republic of India
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Water and Sanitation
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 148.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 211.00 million

Project Description

According to World Bank documents, the objective of the project is to "improve access to water resources and to enhance the management of water in order to augment the production of agricultural commodities in the project area in West Bengal."

Overall, the project aims to harness approximately 160 million cubic meters (MCM) of water in 1,000 micro watersheds for minor irrigation activities. The project will also provide financing for existing minor irrigation schemes to support value additions and rehabilitations. In total, the project is expected to improve irrigation for up to 60,000 ha of farmland thus benefitting up to 150,000 farmers.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INFORMATION

The project will focus on (i) minor irrigation infrastructure which are small in size and no significant adverse impact on environment is envisaged at this time . The impacts of construction and operation of minor irrigation structures, including material source, dust, noise, waste, OHS, impacts related to access roads, etc. are expected to be local, moderate and easily mitigatable; (ii) supporting services that enable the adoption of more efficient, productive and climate friendly technologies and practices for agriculture and fisheries.

DWRID have experience of implementing phase-I of the project including managing the environmental safeguards. A negative list will be prepared as a part of the environmental and social screening that would facilitate in early identification of high and substantial risk sub- projects and activities that will not be financed under the project . The E&S screening will help in early identification of risks and selection of sub-projects and activities. The project’s environmental exclusion and screening processes will ensure that no direct or indirect impact occurs on any individual or community, forest or on any natural habitat, protected or not, such as wetlands, elephant corridors, mangroves, or community forests or on physical cultural resources.

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To achieve the PDO, the project will provide investment project financing of USD 211 million, of which the proposed IBRD credit will contribute USD 148 million and the Borrower counterpart financing of USD 63 million

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Bank Documents

- Environment and Social Review Summary [Original Source]
- Project Information Document [Original Source]