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Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia, Madagascar
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2022-06-21
Borrower	Government of Madagascar; Government of Ethiopia
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Humanitarian Response
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 938.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 1,028.60 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the program objective is to increase the resilience of food systems and preparedness for food insecurity in participating countries.

The program has seven components:

1. Component 1: Responding to a Deteriorating Food Security Situation. This component will provide short-term support to farmers and households to restore basic productive capacity following climate-related production. It will also provide support to participating countries in mitigating the impact of the global crisis and price spikes in food, feed and fertilizers on the most vulnerable populations. The component will provide a range of support which the Bank has considerable experience with. This support may include procuring and distributing agricultural inputs, vouchers for the purchase of inputs from local markets if available, animal feed, and livestock; clearing and restoring affected areas or onfarm facilities; and facilitating access to fertilizers as short-cycle or rapid food production solutions. In some circumstances, the procurement for the import of food, feed and fertilizers may be necessary, either in the context of managing strategic reserves or as a social protection adaptation measure. Financing for the laborintensive restoration of infrastructure, engaging crisis-affected populations, will also made available to borrowers. Participating countries will also be able to either trigger a contingent emergency response under Component 6, restructure their existing project to include short-term activities under this subcomponent, or seek additional financing.
2. Component 2: (Re-)Building Resilient Agricultural Production Capacity. Component 2 aims to strengthen the resilience of food supply to climate change and other shocks and stressors with a focus on agricultural production and related supporting services. It will build climate resilience and support agricultural producers' access to quality inputs, technology, and know-how, and a suite of upstream and downstream agricultural services. It will also support agricultural research and innovation systems, extension and advisory services, agricultural information systems, the provision and financing of highquality inputs (like seed, fertilizer, and equipment) and risk management tools, quality assurance systems for farm inputs and outputs, productive infrastructure (like storage facilities, sheds, barns, and so on), and other publicly and privately provided goods and services with a particular focus on resilience. The component will support both the development of these services (including via public-private partnerships [PPP]), as well as farmers' ability to benefit from them—working not just with farmers but with the full "ecosystem" of stakeholders involved in primary food production. In addition to medium-term investment to increase resilience, it will provide short-term support in case of a rapidly deteriorating food security situation. Component 2 is organized around two subcomponents:
    i. 2.1: Developing National or Regional Agricultural Information Systems; and Subcomponent
    ii. 2.2: Developing and Delivering Resilience-Enhancing Technologies and Services.
3. Component 3: Supporting the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources for Resilient Agricultural Landscapes. Component 3 will adopt a watershed or landscape approach to enhance the sustainable and resilient use of natural resources for food systems and livelihoods within priority areas, consistent with the spatial, ecological, and socioeconomic contexts of the participating countries and responding to changing climatic conditions. The component is structured around two subcomponents.
    i. Subcomponent 3.1: Identification and Validation of Interventions at the Local or Watershed Level finances the planning of activities at the local or watershed level including knowledge, information, and institutional capacity building pertinent to the use of natural resources.
    ii. Subcomponent 3.2: Investments in Sustainable Natural Resources Management finances investments in sustainable land, water, ecosystem services, and biodiversity management, and related knowledge. The component will finance

Investment Description

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Management Plan [Original Source]
- Project Information Document - Food Systems Resilience Program for Eastern and Southern Africa - P17 [Original Source]
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan - Madagascar - Food Systems Resilience Program for Eastern and Southern [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- WB-P181398 Additional Finance to Food Systems Resilience Program for East and Southern Africa - Phase I