

 Early Warning System

WB-P507938

Regional Program for Distributed Access Through Renewable Energy
Solutions Phase 1



Quick Facts

Countries	Central African Republic, Gabon, Liberia, Sierra Leone
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-06-22
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Grant, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 200.00 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 85.00 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 115.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 381.35 million



Project Description

As stated by the World Bank, the project development objective is to increase access to renewable electricity for households, businesses and public institutions in participating countries.

Regional DARES is as a regional platform to enable scaling up of both new and established cross-country market aggregation approaches to accelerate distributed renewable energy (DRE) market growth across countries in West Africa for achieving universal electrification. The program will focus on accelerating DRE market growth in the three most critical segments, namely: (i) households, (ii) productive use of energy (PUE) for enhanced food security (including irrigation, cooling and agri-processing), and (iii) critical human capital-related public services (including schools and healthcare facilities). The fourth pillar will focus on aligning policies and regulatory frameworks and building capacities in the countries (REAs, regulators etc.).

In its first phase, the project aims to provide:

- (i) electricity access to 3,440,000 people and 66,800 businesses;
- (ii) 16,270 electricity connections for productive uses of energy; and
- (iii) electricity access to 1,750 public institutions, including health centers and schools, to enable them to provide essential public services.

The program supports the following components:

- Component 1: Connecting People and Businesses with affordable DRE solutions including minigrids, mesh-grid and standalone systems to foster local development.
- Component 2: Powering Food Security through DRE-based irrigation, cooling and agri-processing solutions to build resilience of food supply chains in West Africa.
- Component 3: Powering Human Capital through the roll-out of the "Energy-as-a-Service" (EaaS) model to strengthen critical public infrastructure (incl. health centers and schools) via OGS systems.
- Component 4: Technical Assistance focused on enabling environment as well as regional tender design and capacity building of national Rural Electrification Agencies and Sector Regulators.



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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Regional Program for Distributed Access T
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- Benin, Liberia, Central African Republic, Sierra Leone - First Phase of the Regional Program for Dis
- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Regional Distributed Access Through Renewab
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- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) - Regional Program for Distributed Access Through Re
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Credit 8075-BJ.pdf
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Credit 8080-LR.pdf
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for ESMAP Grant D2378-LR.pdf
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Grant E703-CF.pdf
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Grant E714-SL.pdf
- Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Credit 8075-BJ.pdf
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- Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Grant E703-CF.pdf
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- Revised Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) Regional Program for Distributed Access Thro
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- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) - Regional Program for Distributed Access Through Renewable Energy
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