

 Early Warning System

WB-P511719

Irrigation Water Security, Resilience and Value-Addition Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Tunisia
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-03-31
Borrower	Government of Tunisia - Ministry of Economy and Planning; and others
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 124.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 147.50 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to improve the quality of irrigation water services; to strengthen the operational performance of the irrigation operators; and to increase crop yields.

The project will focus on the irrigation sub-sector. It aims at supporting irrigated agriculture in public irrigation schemes, through: (i) strengthened performance of the operator of the irrigation service; (ii) modernized irrigation infrastructure, reducing losses and ensuring more flexible access to water; and (iii) improved agricultural value addition, productivity and market access.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The environmental risk rating is **Substantial**. The project activities are expected to generate typical construction-related environmental risks such as noise, dust, solid and liquid waste, increased runoff, and soil erosion. The use of heavy machinery, opening of borrow pits or quarries, and potential removal of vegetation or trees may cause site degradation, landscape disturbance, or habitat fragmentation. While these risks are largely predictable and site-specific, the spatial scale of the infrastructure components and their proximity to sensitive areas (watercourses, forested patches, agricultural lands) require systematic environmental screening and careful planning.

Social risks for this project are deemed to be **Substantial**, particularly given the potential impacts of the project on local communities, including temporary disruption to livelihoods, changes in land access, and the need to manage expectations around project benefits, especially for vulnerable groups among farmers, women and youth. Social risks include: (i) weak social risk management system; (ii) limited institutional capacity to manage social risks through the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF); (iii) poor working conditions, lack of formal contracts, inadequate occupational health and safety (OHS) measures, and the use of child or forced labor, especially among migrant or seasonal workers; (iv) influx of labor, even if limited, can create social tensions with local communities and increase the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment (SEA/SH).



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IBRD Commitment: US\$ 124.00 million



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Borrower/Client/Recipient

Ministry of Economy and Planning

Implementing Agencies

Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche, MARHP

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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Irrigation Water Security Resilience and](#)
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\)](#)
- [Climate Finance Assessment \(P511719\)](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#)
- [Disclosable Version of the ISR - Irrigation Water Security Resilience and Value-Addition Project - P](#)
- [DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK PLAN Irrigation Water Security Resilience and Value-Additio](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Irrigation Water Security Resilience and Value-Add](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Irrigation Water Security Resilience and Value-Addition Project](#)
- [Tunisia - Irrigation Water Security, Resilience, and Value-Addition Project](#)

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