

 Early Warning System

WB-P513204
Quality Assurance Program



Quick Facts

Countries	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-09-11
Borrower	Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program - CLASP
Sectors	Energy, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 5.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 5.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to provide quality assurance for technical standards, specifications, and environmentally sustainable use of off-grid solar products and energy-efficient appliances to help facilitate off-grid energy access solutions in beneficiary countries.

The grant will establish and operationalize quality assurance (QA) measures for off-grid energy solutions in target countries, including off-grid solar lighting products and energy-efficient appliances. The QA will cover test methods and quality standards, laboratory capacity for product testing and certification, the creation and implementation of a due-diligence framework for commercial product certification, and the provision of technical assistance. By improving market confidence and enabling institutions and programs to adopt and implement QA requirements, the activity will help facilitate the uptake of quality off-grid energy solutions in beneficiary countries.

Beneficiary countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gambia, The, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, India, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project will support the establishment of technical standards for the quality and testing of small off-grid solar products. It does not involve civil works such as installation of the solar products or direct interaction with communities. Project activities will be implemented by a reputable NGO, i.e., CLASP, who have established staff rules and policies, which addresses ESS2 related aspects adequately. For these reasons, the project risk rating is **Low**.



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- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US\$ 5.00 million

Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (grant): US\$ 5.00 million



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Collaborative Labeling and Appliance Standards Program

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Bank Documents

- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Quality Assurance Program - P513204](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Quality Assurance Program \(P513204\)](#)
- [Project Information Document - Quality Assurance Program - P513204](#)