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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-12-15
Borrower	African Union Development Agency
Sectors	Education and Health, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 3.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 3.00 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the project development objective is to strengthen the generation, exchange and application of regional evidence and learning to support PHC transformation in participating MPA countries. It will connect country implementation experience with regional expertise, enabling participating countries to jointly identify solutions to shared challenges, translate evidence into practical tools and approaches, and apply emerging lessons across MPA phases.

LEAP comprises a US$3.00 million IDA grant and will be implemented by the African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD). It serves as the regional learning and evidence platform for the Scaling Primary Health Care Through Accelerated Reforms and Knowledge in Africa (SPARK PHC Africa) Multiphase Programmatic Approach. It addresses five shared PHC transformation shifts: networks of care, health financing, digital public infrastructure, medicines supply chains, and regional medical manufacturing.

Component 1, Regional Evidence Generation and Applied Learning, will support a limited set of demand-driven regional evidence and applied-learning activities. It will turn that evidence into regional public goods such as tools, standards, and guidance, and draw on IFC expertise to provide private-sector perspectives.

Component 2, Regional Technical Exchange and Collaborative Action, will support countries in applying the evidence through peer learning, communities of practice, technical clinics, institutional twinning, and targeted technical assistance. It also promotes women's participation in technical and leadership roles. The activities will focus on areas where collaboration offers demonstrable added value, including the adoption of regulatory reliance, joint assessment, and work-sharing for priority products; structured twinning between national regulatory authorities; and regional capabilities such as biobanking and genomic surveillance networks that also reinforce PHC resilience and health emergency preparedness.

Component 3, Regional Coordination, Knowledge Infrastructure, and Project Management, will support the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) in strategic governance and the development of a shared regional knowledge platform. It also finances the Project Management Unit (PMU), which covers financial management, procurement, and monitoring and evaluation.

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Bank Documents

- Initial Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Learning and Evidence for Accelerated PHC T
- Initial Project Information Document (PID) - Learning and Evidence for Accelerated PHC Transformatio