Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Ethiopia
Specific Location	Afar, Amhara, Tigray, Benishangul Gumuz and Somali
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2025-11-10
Borrower	Government of Ethiopia - Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 20.18 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 22.42 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the proposed resilience building project targeting disaster impacted youth and women led enterprises is designed to contribute to the realization of the country's development strategies including the TYDP, the 2nd Homegrown Economic Reform (HGER) 2023 and the Ministry of Labour and Skills (MoLS) Ten Year Plan (2020 – 2030).

It will be implemented in five regions of Ethiopia that have been severely affected by internal conflict and climate change : Afar, Amhara, Tigray, Benishangul Gumuz and Somali. These regions have experienced significant disruptions to livelihoods and economic activities, leading to increased levels of unemployment, displacement, and vulnerability. The project is structured around four components designed to support the recovery and growth of disaster impacted youth and women micro and small enterprises and strengthen the entrepreneurship eco-system in the target areas :
(i) Access to Finance;
(ii) Enhanced Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Support & Business Development Services Delivery (BDS);
(iii) Support the Operationalization of Policy Reforms;
(iv) Project Management.

The estimated total project cost is UA 16.67 million over a period of 4 years.

The direct beneficiaries of the project are 4500 disaster impacted youth and women entrepreneurs, including IDPs and Returnees, in these five regions of the country.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [3] Low Risk

The project’s components, sub- components, and associated activities that will lead to outcomes will trigger: Low-environmental and social risks and impacts and is, therefore, categorized as Low-risk; Category 3.

Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

The estimated total project cost is UA 16.67 million over a period of 4 years.
African Development Bank: UA 15,00
Government Counterpart Contribution: UA 1.67

Financial Instrument: Institutional Support and Rehabilitation Grant
Commitments (UA): 15,000,000
Conversion Rate USD (2025-12-09): 1,34533
Commitments (USD): 20,179,950

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Report (EN)
- Appraisal Report (FR)