Early Warning System

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GUINEA-BISSAU - Project to Strengthen Health Systems and Skills and Create Jobs for Young People and Women (PSCE)

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Quick Facts

Countries	Guinea-Bissau
Specific Location	Tombali, Bafata, Cacheu, Quinara, Biombo and Oio
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-11-25
Borrower	Government of Guinea-Bissau - Ministry of Public Health
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.46 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 22.35 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Project to Strengthen Health Systems and Skills and Create Jobs for Young People and Women in Guinea-Bissau (PSCE) aims to reinforce the resilience of the national health system while promoting economic opportunities for youth and women. The total project cost amounts to UA 16.66 million, of which UA 15 million is financed through a Transition Support Facility (TSF) Pillar I grant, representing 90% of the total envelope. The Government of Guinea-Bissau will provide UA 1.66 million in counterpart funding, covering a combination of cash and in-kind contributions such as office space, utility costs, and part of the equipment for health facilities. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Public Health, with technical support from the World Health Organization under a tripartite agreement.

The overall objective of the PSCE is to improve resilience by enhancing access to quality health and nutrition services in rural and peri-urban areas, while creating decent jobs—particularly for women and young people. More specifically, the project seeks to: (i) improve the accessibility, quality, and climate-resilience of health and nutrition services; (ii) strengthen the training capacity of national institutions to develop qualified human resources for the health sector; and (iii) increase employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for young people and women across the health-sector value chain and in food-processing activities.

The project will directly benefit an estimated 110,000 people living in the regions of Tombali, Bafata, Cacheu, Quinara, Biombo and Oio—areas with some of the weakest health indicators in the country. Women and children will gain improved access to maternal, neonatal, paediatric, emergency and reproductive health services through the rehabilitation and equipping of four health facilities and the upgrading of six others. Health professionals, including young graduates and women, will benefit from strengthened training institutions, updated curricula, and expanded training opportunities. Additionally, the project will support the creation and consolidation of 550 MSMEs, generating approximately 1,490 direct and indirect jobs, half of which are reserved for youth. Local communities will also benefit from strengthened hygiene, nutrition and disease-prevention programmes.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [2] Moderate Risk

The project has been classified under Category B.

Main environmental and social risks and impacts of the project: Environmental risks are linked to Component 1 and Sub-Component 1.1 concerning rehabilitation and equipping of 4 health facilities to improve quality healthcare service delivery. These risks and impacts concern both the rehabilitation and equipping phase and the operational phase. During the construction phase, identified risks (moderate to low) include: (i) respiratory infections (particularly for young patients in maternity units and emergency departments) due to dust and effluent emissions from masonry, carpentry, and painting work; (ii) accidents related to the movement of construction machinery; (iii) soil pollution due to the poor management of construction waste; (iv) intoxication/contamination due to the on-site accumulation and poor management of biomedical waste. Social risks include: (i) social conflicts between construction workers, health centre staff, and neighbouring populations and patients; (ii) increased risk of gender-based violence, particularly SEA/SH, especially during identification and training of women and youth in hospital professions.

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Financial Instrument: Project Cycle Grant
Commitments (UA): 1,091,673
Conversion Rate USD (2025-11-25): 1,34161
Commitments (USD): 1,464,599.41

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Report (EN)
- Appraisal Report (FR)
- Environmental Study (FR)

Other Related Projects

- AFDB-P-GW-IB0-007 GUINEA-BISSAU - Project to Strengthen Health Systems and Skills and Create Jobs for Young People and Women (PSCE)