

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-SL-A00-003

EMPOWERING NOVEL AGRIBUSINESS-LED EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Sierra Leone
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	African Development Bank (AFDB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2016-07-18
<b>Sectors</b>	Agriculture and Forestry, Education and Health, Technical Cooperation
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 0.76 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 0.76 million



### Project Description

The envisioned ENABLE-YOUTH project will support: a) Development of an enabling policy and business environment to incentivize entry of youth entrepreneurs in the Agriculture sector; b) Skills and entrepreneurship training in Incubation platforms so as to enable youth to champion improved production and evolution of competitive Agribusinesses; c) provision of business development and support services to enable agriprenuers to transition from incubation platforms to self-sustaining businesses. The business development component would include: preparation of business plan and financial support through start-up grants and financial intermediation with Commercial Financial Institutions. A PPF grant would be used to prepare analytical studies that would in turn inform the Project and appraisal document for the project. Project preparation activities will define a baseline and identify country-specific challenges that need to be taken into account to develop a project that takes into account the local context. The preparation activities would therefore seek to:

- (i) Identify and address supply-side labor market challenges that hinder employability of youth;
- (ii) Improve Labor demand (youth employment) in Agribusiness;
- (iii) Provide institutional and regulatory support for reducing barriers to entry for youth in Agriculture.

### Objectives

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to create decent and gainful employment and income generation for the youth in Sierra Leone by building a cadre of agriprenuers that meet the labour demands of competitive agribusiness ventures. A Project Preparation Facility (PPF) advance will be used to carry out feasibility and other preparation studies for the Empowering Novel Agribusiness-led Employment for Youth in African Agriculture (ENABLE-YOUTH) Project.



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### Investment Description

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