Early Warning System

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Quick Facts

Countries	Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia
Specific Location	Horn of Africa corridor
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2025-12-09
Borrower	Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing (MPWRH); Somaliland Roads Development Agency
Sectors	Infrastructure, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 75.37 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 75.37 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Somalia Road Infrastructure Programme – Additional Financing aims to scale up and consolidate ongoing investments to improve transport connectivity, facilitate cross-border trade and strengthen regional integration along the Horn of Africa corridor linking Somalia, Djibouti and Ethiopia. The programme focuses on upgrading and climate-proofing strategic road sections that are critical for national and regional mobility, notably the Beled Weyne–Kalabeyr road in Hirshabelle and the Zeila–Asha Addo road section forming part of the Lowyaddo–Borama corridor in Somaliland. In addition to road works, the programme includes the construction of selected socio-economic facilities, trade and transport facilitation measures, skills development and community empowerment activities, and institutional capacity building to ensure sustainability and resilience in a fragile context.

The total cost of the additional financing amounts to UA 55.80 million. The programme is financed entirely through Bank Group grants, comprising an African Development Fund (ADF-16) Performance-Based Allocation (PBA) grant, an ADF-16 Regional Operations (RO) envelope grant, and a Transition Support Facility (TSF) Pillar I grant. The Federal Republic of Somalia provides in-kind counterpart support, including security, office space, staffing and logistical facilitation. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction and Housing (MPWRH) for the Beled Weyne–Kalabeyr section and by the Somaliland Roads Development Agency (SRDA) for the Zeila–Asha Addo section, building on the institutional arrangements of the original Road Infrastructure Programme.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [1] High Risk

In compliance with the Federal Republic of Somalia and the Bank's Integrated Safeguards System's (ISS) requirements, the overall programme is categorized as Category 1 due the associated high E&S risks that include involuntary resettlement, environmental degradation, health and safety hazards, pressure on natural resources, and potential impacts utilities, and vulnerable groups.

Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts: The scale of the planned civil works presents significant E&S risks if not effectively managed. Key environmental risks include accidental soil and water contamination from fuel and chemical spills, inadequate waste management, erosion and sedimentation of ephemeral streams, localized flooding due to terrain modification, and vegetation loss at borrow pits and along the right-of-way. Social risks comprise unsafe working conditions, potential labour disputes, gender-based violence and sexual exploitation risks, and community health and safety concerns. The project's primary impacts include sustained noise levels of 80–100 dBA from blasting at quarry sites within 200m; and elevated air pollution levels extending 200 –300 m downwind of construction activities. The key social impact is the physical and economic displacement of approximately 60 Project-Affected Persons, including 20 roadside kiosks.

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Financial Instrument: Project Cycle Grant / Institutional Support and Rehabilitation Grant
Commitments (UA): 55,800,000
Conversion Rate USD (2026-01-24): 1,35078
Commitments (USD): 75,373,524

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Report (EN)
- Appraisal Report (FR)
- Contract (EN)
- Contract (FR)
- Environmental Study (EN)
- Expression of Interest (EN)
- Expression of Interest (EN)
- Expression of Interest (EN)
- General Procurement Notice (EN)
- General Procurement Notice (FR)