Early Warning System

AFDB-P-SD-E00-010

Port Sudan Emergency Water and Sanitation Project

Quick Facts

Countries	Sudan
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-05-13
Borrower	Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 51.39 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 51.39 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 51.39 million

Project Description

According to bank's website, the Port Sudan Emergency Water and Sanitation Project is a restructured emergency water and sanitation operation in Sudan designed to respond to the severe water and sanitation crisis in Port Sudan caused by armed conflict, mass displacement, climate shocks, and the collapse of the Arba’at Dam in August 2024. The project restructures and consolidates three ongoing water and sanitation operations into one emergency intervention focused primarily on Port Sudan, while also including emergency water and sanitation interventions in North and South Kordofan. The project will finance climate-resilient water infrastructure development, including rehabilitation of the Arba’at wellfield, rehabilitation of transmission mains, construction of a 15,000 m^3 storage reservoir at Kilo 14, installation of a new chlorination system, rehabilitation and expansion of the distribution network, construction of 50 water kiosks, and development of a 10,000 m^3/day desalination plant. It also includes sanitation and hygiene interventions, institutional strengthening and capacity building, and project management. The restructured portfolio will be implemented by UNICEF Sudan as the third-party implementing agency, working closely with the Drinking Water and Sanitation Unit within the Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [2] Moderate Risk

Climate Safeguards Categorization: [2] Projects may be vulnerable to climate risk

Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

African Development Fund

Financial Instrument: Institutional Support and Rehabilitation Grant

Masterloan number: 2100155044316

ADF Cycle: ADF-16

Commitment (UA): 21,450,000

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation

Financial Instrument: Project Cycle Grant

Masterloan number: 5800155002351

Commitment (UA): 957,830

Total (UA): 37,507,830

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Bank Documents

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