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Quick Facts

Countries	Benin, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2026-06-11
Borrower	West African Health Organization (WAHO)
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 14.19 million
Grant Amount (USD)	$ 14.19 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 14.19 million

Project Description

According to bank's website, the Strengthening Health Systems and Medical Regulations Project (SHyMeR) is a multinational regional public goods operation designed to strengthen health-system resilience and medical-product regulation in seven eligible African Development Fund countries in the ECOWAS region: Benin, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Togo. The project will strengthen National Medicines Regulatory Authorities and laboratories, improve access to safe and quality-assured medical and nutrition products, enhance diagnostic and emergency-response capacities, and build the skills of the regional health workforce. It will support the regulatory authorities of Benin, The Gambia, Liberia and Sierra Leone in progressing towards World Health Organization Maturity Level 3; equip The Gambia's national quality-control laboratory; establish cross-border One Health laboratories in Benin and Togo; and repair, maintain and equip biomedical, diagnostic, intensive-care and cancer-diagnostic facilities in Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The project will also develop an integrated regional health data hub and electronic medical-record systems, introduce digital learning and virtual or augmented-reality simulation laboratories in three universities, train health professionals and biomedical technicians, and support youth-led biomedical and digital-health enterprises. At the regional level, it will promote harmonized health policies, pooled procurement of essential medicines, sustainable health financing, climate-resilient health investment planning, and the integration of One Health, nutrition and gender-based violence considerations into community-health policies. The total project cost is estimated at UA 11.435 million, equivalent to approximately USD 15.712 million. It will be financed by an African Development Fund Regional Public Goods grant of UA 10.380 million, or about USD 14.262 million, and a cash counterpart contribution from ECOWAS/WAHO of UA 1.055 million, or approximately USD 1.450 million. The grant recipient and executing agency is the West African Health Organization (WAHO).

Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [3] Low Risk

Climate Safeguards Categorization: [3] Projects are not vulnerable to climate risk

Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

African Development Fund

Financial Instrument: Institutional Support and Rehabilitation Grant

Masterloan number: 2100155044330

ADF Cycle: ADF-16

Commitment (UA): 10,380,000

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Bank Documents

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