Notifications of Arab Contracting Companies and Consulting Offices For Projects and Technical Assistance operations funded by the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) – April 2023

Within the framework of BADEA's financing activities, the Board of Directors in its session held on 16 April 2024, approved the financing of operations from the public sector window for the benefit of some African countries, including two loans and seven technical assistance operations.

The total amount of funding approved in this session amounted to **42.715 million USD**, of which 40 million USD were allocated to contribute to the financing of two public sector projects, and 2.715USD million to finance seven technical assistance operations.

The following is a statement of the operations that have been approved for financing:

First: Public Sector Projects:

Country	Loan Amount (US\$ M)	Project Name
1. Uganda	20.00	The Construction of "Nebbi – Goli" Road
2. Cameroon	20.00	Rice Value Chain Development

Second: Technical Assistance:

Country	Technical assistance Amount (US\$ M)	Project Name
1. Regional	0.250	Financing the technical and economic pre-feasibility study for establishing a cross-border special economic zone for the battery industry.
2. Zambia	0.500	A training program in favour of some ministries and governmental agencies.
3. Niger	0.330	Providing an Arab expert services to support the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

4. Regional	0.500	Strengthening the institutional capacities of the African Economic Cooperation and Guarantee Fund (FAGACE)
5. Sierra Leonne	0.350	Organizing a roundtable conference for financiers.
6. Regional	0.300	Co-sponsoring the CEO Forum 2024 in Rwanda.
7. Regional	0.485	Contributing to financing the Global Investment Forum for Entrepreneurs in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Projects Details:

Beneficiary	The Repu	ublic of Uganda
Project Name	The Construction of "Nebbi – Goli" Road	
Total cost	US\$ 23.00 million.	
BADEA Financing	US\$ 20.00 million.	
Other Funds	Government:	US\$ 3.00 million.
Description and Components of the Project	 Government: US\$ 3.00 million. The project consists of the construction of an asphalt road from the town of "Nebbi" to the town of "Goli", with a total length of about 16 km. The project includes the following main components: Civil works: To construct an asphalt road approximately 16 kilometres long and 7 meters wide (one lane in each direction with a width of 3.5 meters (with two shoulders: 1.5 meters wide each), in addition to the construction of rainwater drainage facilities. Consulting services: It includes reviewing detailed designs and tender documents, assisting the implementing agency in issuing the tender, evaluating offers, awarding contracts, and supervising the implementation of the works. Land acquisition. Supporting the project implementation unit. Organization of the project implementation launch workshop and the semi-interim evaluation workshop. Auditing the annual accounts of the project. 	
Project Objectives	Sustainable Development Goals, w	ntribute to achieving Goal No. (1) of the hich concerns the eradication of poverty. romoting economic growth, in addition to

	Goal No. (9) on building a resilient infrastructure. It also aims to contribute to achieving Goal No. (10) of Africa's Agenda 2063, related to comprehensive, modern, world-class infrastructure for all parts of Africa. In particular, the project aims to promote equal access to social and economic
	development throughout the country, link the Republic of Uganda to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, improve the quality of national roads, improve the road network in all regions of the country and increase the safety of their use. The development of this road will also enhance trade volumes and reduce The cost of transporting agricultural inputs in the project area and linking agricultural productive areas to urban centres.
Procurement of Works, Goods and Services	 Goods and services financed by the BADEA will be procured as follows: Civil works and their ancillaries: through a tender limited to Arab, African or joint Arab-African contracting companies. The consulting office: through a short list of Arab, African or joint Arab-African offices. Procurement of equipment and means of transportation to support the project implementation unit: through a local tender limited to local suppliers. Implementation of the project launch workshop: through local specialized agencies or institutions. Auditing of the project's annual accounts: through a shortlist of local specialized offices.
Project Implementation Program	It is expected that the actual implementation of the project will take about 24 months, preceded by a 12-month period during which the consulting office will be selected, the detailed designs and tender documents will be reviewed, the tender will be issued, and a contractor will be selected to carry out the civil works. The actual implementation of the works is expected to begin in September 2025 and be completed at the end of September 2027.
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Beneficiary	The Republic of Cameroon	
Project Name	Rice Value Chain Development Project.	
Total cost	US\$ 121.49 million.	
BADEA Financing	US\$ 20.00 million.	
Other Funds	 Islamic Development Bank Saudi Fund for Development Abu Dhabi Fund for Development Government: US\$ 73.93 million US\$ 1.41 million US\$ 19.26 million US\$ 6.89 million. 	
Description and Components of the Project	The project consists of the following components: 1- Supporting increasing rice production and productivity: this includes preparing 7,000 hectares of agricultural land for rice production, constructing 40 livestock corridors, and providing agricultural equipment and basic seeds. Furniture and equipment supply. 2- Enhancing market access: this includes the following: (1) supporting value addition to rice through the construction and equipment of 9 rice processing plants/units. (2) Supporting the economic infrastructure (for marketing) by constructing 18 markets that include assembly and sales points and exhibition spaces. (3) Creating/launching a digital marketing platform. (4) Reconstruction/construction of 650 km of agricultural/rural roads. (5) Reconstruction/construction of 40 warehouses for temporary storage and 18 warehouses for permanent storage. 3- Consulting Services: includes reviewing detailed studies and preparing requests for proposals, in addition to monitoring the works. 4- Supporting the capabilities of parties involved in the rice value chain. 5- Reconstruction/construction of social infrastructure: including: (1) construction/reconstruction of 18 drinking water supply systems, and rehabilitation/expansion of 16 drinking water supply systems, (2) Reconstruction/construction of 6 health centres and provision of furniture and medical equipment. (3) Reconstruction/construction of 8 schools, equipping them with office furniture and drinking water. (4) Construction/reconstruction of 6 community work centres for women and youth, providing office furniture and supplying them with drinking water. (5) Expansion of the rural electricity network through the construction of electrical supply lines with a total length of (125) km. 6- Project management: including: (1) Supporting the program management and implementation units. (2) Monitoring and evaluation, (3) Organizing project launch workshops, semi-interim evaluation, and preparing a project completion report.	

Project Objectives	The project generally aims to contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals, especially Goal (1): (Eradicate poverty), Goal (2): (Total eradication of hunger), and Goal (8): (Promote comprehensive and sustainable economic growth and ensure employment Decent work for all), through integrated and complementary interventions that increase rice production and productivity, with a focus on smallholder farmers in the project area. It also falls within the African Agenda 2063, especially Goal 5: (Supporting modern agriculture to increase productivity and production). In particular, the project aims to develop rice value chains, by 1) increasing rice productivity in the project area from 4 tons/ha to 6 tons/ha and rice production from 5,000 tons to 42,000 tons per year, and 2) creating 210,000 permanent job opportunities.
Procurement of Works, Goods and Services	 Goods and services financed by the BADEA will be procured as follows: Reviewing detailed studies, preparing tender documents, and monitoring the works financed by the Bank: through a tender limited to Arab, African or joint Arab-African offices. Completion of civil works, to prepare agricultural lands and reconstruct/construct agricultural roads: through a tender limited to Arab, African or joint Arab-African contractors. Construction and equipment of the rice processing unit: through approved local companies. Procurement of equipment and transportation means: through a shortlist limited to approved local suppliers. Financial audit: through a shortlist limited to approved local offices.
Project Implementation Program	It is expected that the actual implementation of the project will take approximately 24 months, including 9 months for reviewing studies and awarding contracts. The actual implementation of the works is expected to begin in February 2026 and be completed in January 2028.
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