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BADEA Approves Over USD 55 Million to Boost Roads, Healthcare, and Housing in Africa

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The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) has approved a financing package worth more than fifty-five million United States dollars (USD) during its third Executive Committee meeting of 2025, held at the Bank's temporary headquarters in Riyadh.

The approvals will fund strategic infrastructure and healthcare projects, expand affordable housing, and strengthen institutional capacity across several African countries. These decisions reaffirm BADEA's commitment to inclusive growth, stronger public-private partnerships, and innovative financing solutions that deliver tangible economic and social impact.

I. Public Sector Loans

- ❖ **United Republic of Tanzania:** BADEA will provide twenty-three million United States dollars (USD 23 million) to construct the Kitusha–Kisana–Kisereri Road. The project will reduce transport costs and cut travel times by more than half by 2029, while equipping the Tanzania Roads Agency with enhanced planning, safety, and data-analysis capabilities in line with global best practices.
- ❖ **Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe:** A financing package of eighteen million United States dollars (USD 18 million) will support the construction and equipping of a new central hospital. The project will deliver modern healthcare services, expand access, and train medical staff to international standards—contributing to lower child mortality rates and stronger social outcomes.

II. Private Sector Loans

- ❖ **Republic of the Congo:** BADEA approved a ten million euros (EUR 10 million) credit line for a national housing finance institution. This support will boost public housing development, widen financial inclusion, and improve access to affordable housing, advancing both social housing programs and private sector investments.

III. Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building Grants

The Committee also approved six technical assistance and capacity-building grants totalling approximately two and a half million United States dollars (USD 2.5 million). These include:

- Support for Ministries of Finance staff in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Federal Republic of Nigeria through targeted training programs.
- A pilot project in the Republic of Niger to promote agricultural productivity, food security, and sustainable development.
- Regional initiatives on pesticide registration, agricultural safety, and SME financing across the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU).
- Together, these programs aim to strengthen governance, improve public services, and foster a supportive environment for long-term socio-economic growth.

About BADEA

The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) was established in 1974 by 18 member states of the League of Arab States. As an independent multilateral financial institution, BADEA promotes Afro–Arab solidarity through economic, financial, and technical cooperation.

The Bank mobilizes investments to support sustainable development in Sub-Saharan Africa, focusing on infrastructure, Arab–African trade, and institutional capacity-building. BADEA operates with full legal personality and administrative autonomy under its Establishment Agreement and the principles of international law.

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