

# PROGRESS REPORT

**July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022** 

This Progress Report consolidates data provided by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the World Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank

# 1.1 Abbreviations and Acronyms

ARDI Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation

DPO Development Policy Operations

BC Benefitting Country

DPL Development Policy Loan

EBRD European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

EIB European Investment Bank

FY Fiscal Year

GCFF Global Concessional Financing Facility

GoC Government of Colombia

GoCR Government of Costa Rica

GoJ Government of Jordan

GoL Government of Lebanon

GoM Government of Moldova

IaDB Inter-American Development Bank

IBRD International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

ISA Implementation Support Agency

IsDB Islamic Development Bank

JPSGF Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility

MDBs Multilateral Development Banks

PDO Project Development Objective

PforR Program for Results

WB(G) World Bank (Group)

<sup>\*</sup>Dollar amounts, shown with \$, refer to US Dollar

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#### 1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of key developments in the GCFF between July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, including progress in the implementation of projects supported by the facility. This progress report transitions from the previous full year report that covered the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, to now a biannual basis.

**During the reporting period the GCFF has continued to serve as a valuable instrument for countries hosting large numbers of refugees.** The GCFF Steering Committee approved the funding request for financing an underlying operation supported by the World Bank for Ecuador<sup>1</sup> (see table 1, below). A total of US\$ 30 million was allocated from the GCFF for this project, leveraging US\$ 500 million in lending on concessional terms.

The ability of the GCFF to meet continued demand for support from Benefiting Countries was made possible by the strong engagement of Supporting Countries. During the reporting period, receipts to the GCFF amounted to US\$ 6.49 million, with contributions received from Canada and the United States.

During the reporting period, progress was not only made in strengthening the facility, but also expanding it to respond to emerging refugee crises. Key accomplishment include:

- Approval of addition of Costa Rica as a benefiting country in response to the influx of migrants and asylum seekers and refugees from Cuba, Colombia, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela into the country<sup>2</sup>.
- Approval of amendments to the scope and use of grant-only allocations<sup>3</sup>. Through this provision, grant operations will focus on activities directly benefiting refugees and host communities and complement national policies and programs. They can also be employed to pilot new approaches or programs on a small-scale basis.
- Endorsement of annual Funding Plan<sup>4</sup> to facilitate adequate, predictable, and strategic financing to meet the needs of Benefiting Countries. This one-year plan, covering 2023, outlines key Benefiting Country priorities and corresponding Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) project pipelines, and provides indicative GCFF financing requirements.
- Endorsement of strengthening country level GCFF coordination by creating country coordination committees led by respective Benefiting Countries<sup>5</sup>. The coordination committees will serve as platforms for dialogue and review country GCFF project pipelines and also provide a forum for the discussion, prioritization, and review of GCFF funding requests before formally being submitted to the Steering Committee for approval.
- Approval to establish Technical Advisory Group composed of technical-level representatives of all GCFF stakeholders<sup>6</sup>. This group will among other functions provide a forum to discuss and review funding requests submitted to the GCFF Steering Committee to inform its decisions; as well as Technical Notes and other documents requiring decisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Steering Committee approval on No-objection basis October 26, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Steering Committee Meeting on December 16, 2022. Minutes of the meeting are available here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Steering Committee Meeting on July 6, 2022. Minutes of the meeting are available <u>here</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Steering Committee Meeting on October 31, 2022. Minutes of the meeting are available here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ibid

• Approval to reconfigure the GCFF window structure to establish regional windows for Latin America and East and Central Europe; rename the existing Lebanon/Jordan window as the Middle East and North Africa window; and retain the Global, Jordan and Lebanon windows<sup>7</sup>.

Table 1. Projects Approved and Financing Allocated in FY22<sup>8</sup>

ISA	Project Name	Date	Total Project	Loan	Funding	Other
		GCFF	Financing	Financing	from	Funding
		financing		from ISA	GCFF	
		approved	(US\$ millions)	(US\$ millions)	(US\$ millions)	(US\$ millions)
WB	Second Green and Resilient Recovery	26-Oct-22	530.00	500.00	30.00	0
	Development Policy Financing					
Total			530.00	500.00	30.00	0
Ecuador						
Grand			530.00	500.00	30.00	0
Total						

# 2. Key Steering Committee Meeting Decisions (July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)

<b>Decision Date</b>	Decision	Full Text of Decision
Committee Operations Manual Operation an adden existing properation funding a for Exceptions Manual Operation an adden existing properation funding a for Exception operation for Exceptions Manual Operation and adden existing properation funding a for Exception operation operation and adden existing properation operation operation and adden existing properation operation operation and adden existing properation operation op		The Steering Committee approved the Technical Note on Exceptional Grant Operations (with the additional clarifications provided during the meeting) as an addendum to the GCFF Operations Manual, in order to complement existing provisions relating to GCFF financing for exceptional grant operations and inform the preparation, review and decision on associated funding requests. The Steering Committee agreed that the additional criteria for Exceptional Grant Operations contained in the Technical Note would be reviewed after the first two funding requests approved under this modality.
	Approval of GCFF Budget for 2023 Fiscal Year	The Steering Committee approves the GCFF Trustee and Coordination Unit Budget for the 2023 Fiscal Year.
Out of Committee Decision October 26, 2022	Approval of Funding Request for Ecuador.	Allocation of US\$ 30,035,000 for the Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing with the IBRD as ISA, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available first from the Global Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 30,000,000 Concessionality Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Steering Committee Meeting October 31, 2022.	Approval of GCFF Funding Plan 2022-2023	The Steering Committee took note of the indicative project pipelines in the Funding Plan, as well as the estimated GCFF financing requirements and targets for the 2022-2023 calendar period. The Steering Committee endorsed the recommendations on proposed adjustments to GCFF funding and governance modalities outlined in the Funding Plan.
Steering Committee Meeting December 16, 2022.	Decision to include Costa Rica as a Benefiting Country	Acknowledging the request from the Government of the United States and the consent of the Trustee to add the Republic of Costa Rica as a benefiting country of the GCFF; The Supporting Countries approve the addition of the Republic of Costa Rica as a benefiting country of the GCFF in accordance with paragraph 9 of the GCFF Operations Manual.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Steering Committee Meeting on October 31, 2022. Minutes of the meeting are available <u>here</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> FY refers to the World Bank Fiscal Year. This progress report covers July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.

# 3. Highlights of the Financial Status of the GCFF Fiduciary Intermediary Fund

The World Bank acts as a Trustee to the GCFF and publishes Trustee Reports on the financial status of the GCFF every six months.

Table 2. Financial Status (as of December 31, 2022, in US\$ millions)

	Total	% of Total
Supporting Country Pledges and Contributions		
Contributions	826.25	93.8%
Pledges outstanding a/	55.00	6.2%
Total Pledges outstanding and Contributions	881.25	100.0%
Cumulative Resources		
Resources received		
Cash Receipts	811.79	89.5%
Investment Income earned b/	26.12	2.9%
Total Resources Received	837.92	92.3%
Resources not yet received		
Contributions not yet received	14.46	1.6%
Pledges outstanding	55.00	6.1%
Total Resources not yet received	69.46	7.7%
Total Potential Resources (A) (in USD millions)	907.37	100.0%
Cumulative Funding Decisions		
Concessionality	758.01	99.0%
ISA Costs	2.29	0.3%
Administrative Budget	5.74	0.7%
Total Funding Decisions Net of Cancellations (B)	766.04	100.0%
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions (A) - (B)	141.33	
Funds Available		
Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions	112.41	
Approved Amounts Pending Cash Transfers	40.54	
Total Funds Available to Support Steering Committee Decisions	71.88	

a/ This does not include potential pledges that may be provided if a Supporting Country enters into a loan agreement with IBRD wherein grant amounts may be generated to benefit GCFF

Note: Sub-totals may not add up to due to rounding

b/ Represents investment income earned on the liquid balances of the GCFF Trust Fund and investment income received from ISAs

## Pledges and Contributions:

As of December 31, 2022, Contributions, and outstanding Pledges to the GCFF Trust Fund totaled US\$ 881.25 million. Of this amount, US\$ 811.79 million has been deposited as cash into the GCFF Trust Fund.

## Funding Approvals:

As of December 31, 2022, the GCFF Steering Committee had approved funding from the GCFF Trust Fund totaling US\$ 766.04 million to cover Concessionality amounts and ISA Costs, as well as Administrative Budget of the GCFF Coordination Unit and Trustee.

#### Funds Held in Trust:

Funds Held in Trust reflect contributions paid-in from Supporting Countries, plus investment income, less cash transfers. Funds Held in Trust as of December 31, 2022, amounted to US\$ 112.41 million.

Funds Available for GCFF Steering Committee Funding Decisions:

Funds available to support GCFF funding decisions amounted to US\$ 71.88 million as of December 31, 2022.

# 4. GCFF Portfolio and Implementation Status

# 4.1 Portfolio of Underlying Operations (Active Projects)

Table 3. Portfolio of GCFF supported Underlying Operations (as of December 31, 2022)

ISA	Project Name	Date GCFF financing approved	Date ISA Board Appr.	Closing	Total Project Financing (US\$ millions)	Loan financing from ISA (US\$ millions)	Funding from GCFF (US\$ millions)	Other funding (US\$ millions)
Jordan								
WB	Economic Opportunities for Jordanians & Syrian Refugees	28-Jul-16	27-Sep-16	31-Jan-23	400.00	349.00	51.00	
EBRD	Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	28-Jul-16	22-Nov-16	15-Dec-23	46.05	25.30	1.95	18.80
WB	Jordan Second Programmatic Energy and Water DPL	3-Nov-16	1-Dec-16	12-Dec-17	500.00	475.00	25.00	
WB	Jordan Emergency Health Project	20-Apr-17	13-Jun-17	31-Oct-23	50.00	36.10	13.90	
IsDB	Jordan Emergency Health Project	20-Apr-17	14-May-17	16-Oct-20	100.00	79.00	21.00	
WB	Jordan Emergency Health AF	23-May-19	24-Jun-19	31-Oct-23	200.00	141.10	58.90	
EBRD	Jordan West Irbid Wastewater Project	20-Apr-17	31-Oct-17	30-Jun-24	63.10	22.34	2.50	38.26
WB	Jordan Education Reform Support Program	29-Oct-17	5-Dec-17	31-May-25	200.00	147.70	52.30	
VVD	Jordan Education Reform Support AF	12-Jun-20	29-Jun-20	31-May-25	100.00	81.40	18.60	
WB	Jordan First Equitable Growth and Job Creation DPL	29-May-18	27-Jun-18	31-Dec-21	500.00	389.00	111.00	
WB	Jordan Youth, Technology, and Jobs	22-Nov-19	20-Mar-20	31-Mar-25	200.00	163.10	36.90	
WB	Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response AF	05-Jun-21	16-Jun-21	31-Jan-24	63.75	50.00	12.50	1.25
EIB	Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF)	01-Oct-21		31-Dec-32	186.30	156.30	30.00	
WB	Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program	31-May-22			125.00	95.60	23.90	5.50
Jordan					2,734.20	2,210.94	459.45	63.81
Lebanon		ı	T					
WB	Roads and Employment Project	29-Oct-16	6-Feb-17	30-Jun-23	200.00	154.60	45.40	
WB		20-Apr-17	26-Jun-17	30-Jun-23	400.00			
	Health Resilience Project	20 / (p) 1/		30-Juli-23	120.00	95.80	24.20	
IsDB	Health Resilience Project	20-Apr-17	2-Jul-17	8-Aug-21	30.00	95.80 24.10	24.20 5.90	
IsDB WB	Health Resilience Project  Municipal Investment Program							
	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project	20-Apr-17		8-Aug-21	30.00	24.10	5.90	
WB	Municipal Investment Program	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19	2-Jul-17	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05	
WB WB	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22	2-Jul-17 6-May-22	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23	30.00 100.00 150.00	24.10 90.70 135.00	5.90 9.30 15.00	0.00
WB WB	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22	2-Jul-17 6-May-22	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05	0.00
WB WB Lebanon	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22	2-Jul-17 6-May-22	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05	0.00
WB WB Lebanon Colombia	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability,	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85	0.00
WB WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85	0.00
WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB WB	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia  Resilient and Inclusive Housing project  Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19 19-Mar-20	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20 31-Mar-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00 750.00	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85 31.50 37.60	
WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB WB WB IDB	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia  Resilient and Inclusive Housing project  Colombia Social and Economic Integration	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19 7-Jan-20 7-Dec-20	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19 19-Mar-20 27-May-21	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20 31-Mar-23 24-Jul-26	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00 750.00 187.60 136.70	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50 150.00 100.00	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85 31.50 37.60 21.70	
WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB WB WB WB	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia  Resilient and Inclusive Housing project  Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF  Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social and Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19 7-Jan-20 7-Dec-20 30-Sep-21	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19 19-Mar-20 27-May-21 11-Nov-21	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20 31-Mar-23 24-Jul-26 15-Nov-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00 750.00 187.60 136.70 526.40	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50 150.00 100.00 500.00	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85 31.50 37.60 21.70 26.40	
WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB WB WB UB WB Colombi	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia  Resilient and Inclusive Housing project  Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF  Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social and Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19 7-Jan-20 7-Dec-20 30-Sep-21	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19 19-Mar-20 27-May-21 11-Nov-21	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20 31-Mar-23 24-Jul-26 15-Nov-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00 750.00 187.60 136.70 526.40	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50 150.00 100.00 500.00	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85 31.50 37.60 21.70 26.40	15.00
WB WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB WB WB Colombi a	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia  Resilient and Inclusive Housing project  Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF  Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social and Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19 7-Jan-20 7-Dec-20 30-Sep-21	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19 19-Mar-20 27-May-21 11-Nov-21	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20 31-Mar-23 24-Jul-26 15-Nov-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00 750.00 187.60 136.70 526.40	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50 150.00 100.00 500.00	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85 31.50 37.60 21.70 26.40	15.00
WB WB Lebanon Colombia WB WB WB UB Colombi a Ecuador	Municipal Investment Program  Wheat Supply Emergency Project  Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response  Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF  Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia  Resilient and Inclusive Housing project  Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF  Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social and Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia	20-Apr-17 18-Oct-19 15-Apr-22 3-May-22 4-Jan-19 7-Jan-20 7-Dec-20 30-Sep-21	2-Jul-17 6-May-22 16-May-22 21-May-19 19-Mar-20 27-May-21 11-Nov-21 3-Nov-21	8-Aug-21 31-Dec-25 30-Jun-23 30-Sep-22 21-May-20 31-Mar-23 24-Jul-26 15-Nov-23	30.00 100.00 150.00 25.00 625.00 750.00 187.60 136.70 526.40 317.59	24.10 90.70 135.00 22.95 523.15 718.50 150.00 100.00 500.00 1,768.50	5.90 9.30 15.00 2.05 101.85 31.50 37.60 21.70 26.40 17.59	15.00

ISA	Project Name	Date GCFF financing approved	Date ISA Board Appr.	Closing	Total Project Financing (US\$ millions)	Loan financing from ISA (US\$ millions)	Funding from GCFF (US\$ millions)	Other funding (US\$ millions)
WB	Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing	26/Oct/22	06/Dec/22		530.00	500.00	30.00	
Ecuador					1,550.10	1,500.00	50.10	0.00
Moldova								
WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	5/9/2022	6/2/2022	8/10/2022	159.24	150.00	9.24	
Moldova					159.24	150.00	9.24	-
Grand Total:					6,986.83	6,152.59	755.43	78.81

Total Project Financing refers to the Project financing package, which includes borrower's financing and financing from any other sources (e.g., private sector, co-financiers, donors, etc.)

# **4.2 Performance Ratings**

There are two types of project-level performance ratings issued during the reporting period: (i) rating for progress towards achievement of project development objective (PDO); and (ii) rating for overall implementation progress. The rating scale consists of five ratings: (i) Satisfactory; (ii) Moderately Satisfactory; (iii) Moderately Unsatisfactory; (iv) Unsatisfactory; and (v) Not applicable (in case the project is not yet effective). The ratings are assessed by each ISA and detailed in their Progress Report for Underlying Operations.

During the reporting period, the performance ratings of most projects are Satisfactory or Moderately Satisfactory. In the case of the joint WB/IsDB Lebanon Health Resilience Project with IsDB as the ISA no significant progress in implementation has been made since June 2022 resulting in an Unsatisfactory rating. Similarly, due to project delays the Greater Beirut Public Transport Project with the WB as the ISA has an Unsatisfactory rating. The project has since been cancelled and GCFF contribution returned to the Trustee. The Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project with WB as the ISA has not been declared effective yet due to the non- issuance of a decree from the Council of Ministers and therefore has no progress update. Furthermore, the Lebanon Municipal Investment Program has been cancelled and converted into an Advisory Services and Analytics (ASA), without a loan component and also does not have a progress update (for more information on these projects please see progress reports at Section 2 in Annex-1).

Table 4. Performance ratings

Project name	ISA	Rating for progress towards achievement of project development objective	Rating for overall implementation progress
		Jordan	
Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees PforR	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	EBRD	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Energy and Water DPL (CLOSED)	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Jordan Emergency Health Project + Additional Financing	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

	IsDB	Moderately Satisfactory	Satisfactory
West Irbid Wastewater Project	EBRD	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Education Reform Support PforR	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan First Equitable Growth and Job DPL (CLOSED)	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Youth, Technology and Jobs	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response Additional Financing	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility	EIB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
		Lebanon	
	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Lebanon Health Resilience Project	IsDB	Moderately Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Lebanon Roads and Employment	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Greater Beirut Public Transport Project	WB	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Lebanon Municipal Investment Program	WB	N/A	N/A
Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19	WB	N/A	N/A
Response Project			
		Colombia	
Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness and Migration DPF (CLOSED)	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social & Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia	IaDB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
		Ecuador	
Ecuador Second Inclusive and Sustainable Growth DPF (CLOSED)	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Ecuador Third Inclusive and Sustainable Growth DPF	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
		Moldova	
Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory

#### **Explanation of Ratings**

## Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:

- <u>Satisfactory:</u> The project is likely to achieve almost all or exceed its major objectives efficiently without any significant shortcomings.
- <u>Moderately Satisfactory:</u> The project is likely to achieve the majority of its major objectives efficiently with moderate shortcomings.
- <u>Moderately Unsatisfactory:</u> The project is not likely to achieve at least half of its major objectives efficiently with moderate shortcomings.
- Unsatisfactory: The project is not likely to achieve most or any of its major objectives efficiently.
- *Not applicable:* The project is not yet effective.

#### Rating for overall implementation progress:

- <u>Satisfactory:</u> Implementation of most components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan except for only a few that are subject to remedial action.
- <u>Moderately Satisfactory:</u> Implementation of some components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action.
- <u>Moderately Unsatisfactory:</u> Implementation of some components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
- <u>Unsatisfactory:</u> Implementation of most components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.
- Not applicable: Implementation has not yet started

# 4.3 Disbursements of Underlying Operations

73 percent of the of the total project financing has been disbursed by December 31, 2022. This excludes operations approved in 2022, which are all still awaiting effectiveness.

Table 5. Disbursements<sup>9</sup>

Project name	Total Project Financing (US\$)	Disbursements (US\$)	% Disbursed
Jordar		(884)	
Econ. Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees PforR	400,000,000	360,000,000	90%
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	47,180,000	6,822,000	14%
Jordan Energy and Water DPL	500,000,000	500,000,000	100%
Jordan Emergency Health Project + AF WB	250,000,000	240,050,000	96%
Jordan Emergency Health Project + AF IsDB	100,000,000	100,000,000	100%
West Irbid Wastewater Project	63,100,000	0.00	0%
Jordan Education Program for Results (PforR) + AF	300,000,000	192,830,000	64.3%
Jordan First Equitable Growth and Job Creation DPL	500,000,000	500,000,000	100%
Jordan Youth, Technology and Jobs	200,000,000	26,750,000	13.3%
Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response AF	83,750,000	55,130,000	66%
Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF)	186,300,000	31,200,000	0%
Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and	125,000,000	240,000	0.19%
Innovation (ARDI) Program			
Total	2,755,330,000	2,013,022,000	73%
Lebano	n		
Lebanon Roads and Employment	200,000,000	77,810,000	39%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project WB	120,000,000	76,860,000	64%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>As reported in the individual project Progress Reports for the reporting period.

Lebanon Health Resilience Project IsDB	30,000,000	0	0%
Greater Beirut Public Transport Project	295,000,000	10,570,000	4%
Lebanon Municipal Investment Program	100,000,000	0	0%
Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Project	150,000,000	340,000	0.25%
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	25,000,000	0	0%
Total	920,000,000	165,580,000	18%
Colomb	, ,	, ,	
Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness and Migration DPF	750,000,000	750,000,000	100%
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency	187,600,000	142,642,000	76%
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	136,700,000	5,710,000	4.2%
Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF	526,401,000	526,401,000	100%
Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social & Economic	317,590,000	317,589,000	100%
Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia			
Total	1,918,291,000	1,742,342,000	90.8%
Ecuado	r		
Ecuador Second Inclusive and Sustainable Growth DPF	514,100,000	514,100,000	100%
Ecuador Third Inclusive and Sustainable Growth DPF	514,100,000	514,100,000	100%
Total	1,028,200,000	1,028,200,000	100%
Moldov	'a		
Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	159,240,000	159,240,000	100%
Total	159,240,000	159,240,000	100%
Grand Total	6,781,061,000	5,108,384,000	75%

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#### 1. Jordan

# 1.1 Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

enderlying operation intermediate				
Project Name: Ain Ghazal Project				
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan		Name of Implementation	on Support Agency (ISA): EBRD	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Assaad El Turk		Email of ISA Project Le	eader: ElTurkA@ebrd.com	
Recipient Entity: Water Authority of Jordan		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Sultan		
		Mashaqbah sultan_mas	haqbah@mwi.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):47,180,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):	
(US\$): 1,948,614			16,650,000 <sup>1</sup>	
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implemen	ntation Start Date:	Project Closing Date:	
4/20/2017	12/31/2017		12/15/2023	

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- The project agreements (Loan and Grant) between EBRD, FCDO and Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) were signed in December 2016.
- The EBRD-mobilised consultants to carry out the Feasibility Study completed their work in April 2017 following an extension to their contract to allow for the updated census figures.
- EBRD secured funding from its donor programme (SEMED Multi-Donor Account and the internal Shareholder Special Fund Community Resilience Window) to finance the Design, Implementation and Supervision consultant for the project. However, the selection of the Design, Implementation and Supervision consultant was terminated due to a procurement issue. It was initially understood that WAJ had requested USAID to step in and carry out the Design tasks, however, in order to expedite the projects implementation, it was instead agreed that the project will be tendered as a Design-Build contract and therefore that there was no need for a Design consultancy to be launched.
- WAJ completed the procurement for the Tender and Implementation support consultants, utilizing the remaining funding from the EBRD's SEMED Multi-Donor Account and the internal Shareholder Special Fund Community Resilience Window, on 27 March 2019 (the final CP for effectiveness).
- The project was declared effective on 29 March 2019.
- The environmental permit required from the Ministry of Environment was obtained in April 2019.
- The consultants (Dar Al-Omran Infrastructure and Environment) supported WAJ throughout the tender process, which was launched on 8 August 2019.
- The contract with the winning bidder, Arab Towers Contracting Company, was signed in September 2020. The winning bidder's contract price was lower than the original expected project amount by circa USD 9.1 million. These project savings would remain as committed funds to the benefit of the project, to cover future variations in the project design or price of material if justified.
- The contractor carried out the detailed design works and commencement works on site in February 2021. The contractor received an advance payment of 10% of the contract price (US\$ 3.4 million) funded from the EBRD loan. The contractor also received afterwards a total disbursement amount of USD 13.2 million, between March and November 2022, from the different funding sources on a pro-rata basis between the EBRD's loan, FCDO, GCFF and EBRD's Shareholder Special Fund. The total funds disbursed to the contract to date amount to USD 16.6 million. The

distribution of disbursement from the funding sources going forward will make sure a pro rata use of sources is achieved by the end of the project. So far, USD 599,447 have been disbursed from the GCFF. It is expected that further disbursements from GCFF to occur in 2023, until the amount disbursed from GCFF reaches circa USD 1.55 million. From the total project savings described above due to the lower price of the winning bidder, around USD 398k are expected to save from the GCFF grant, assuming no additional funding would be needed for the project beyond the contractor's current contract price.

- Due to delays in agreeing on the technical specifications with the contractor, and due to the covid pandemic, the initial
  completion target date of September 2022 has been revised to November 2023. It is expected that the final
  disbursements be made after the construction completion date, and therefore the funds availability has been extended
  until December 2023, based on a request that EBRD received from the Ministry of Planning and International
  Cooperation.
- Project construction progress reached 37.43% as of the end of November 2022 and is expected to reach completion in November 2023.
- In March 2021, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation suspended temporarily the project for 47 days, and then requested again from the contractor to resume the works. Due to this action by the Ministry, the contractor submitted a EUR 11.2 million claim to the Ministry to compensate for the price increase of material that occurred during the suspension period. The Ministry determined that the contractor is not entitled to a financial claim, but only to a time extension to compensate for the time during which the Ministry temporarily suspended the project. The Ministry refrained from sending out their decision officially to the contractor for over a year, but they ultimately did in November 2022. The contractor has not yet officially replied to the Ministry in that regard. EBRD has been closely following the development of the claim discussions and has encouraged the Ministry in numerous occasions to have an open dialogue with the contractor to reach an amicable settlement, however these efforts did not come to fruition yet. The Bank will respond at the time that MWI make a contract change proposal to EBRD.
- The Ministry of Water and Irrigation advised the EBRD that a design amendment of the inlet structure of the pipeline that connects it with the As Samra Wastewater Treatment Plant is needed; it was initially anticipated that this inlet structure would be constructed under a different project, but it is no longer the case. The Ministry officially engaged with the operator of As Samra Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to propose a design. As soon as the Ministry receives the proposed design, they will propose it to the contractor for consideration and pricing, and then they will share with EBRD an official request to fund this additional structure, the cost of which is expected to be less than USD 500k, according to the initial estimations by the Ministry. Any additional funds needed to cover this amended scope would be covered from the remaining committed funds to the project from the existing funding sources on a pro-rata basis, after conducting any and all necessary due diligence by the EBRD. As of this report date, no additional funding is expected to be requested from the donors for this project.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
A pending claim has been presented by the contractor to the ministry in July	WAJ/MWI	1H 2023
2021. This claim has not yet been resolved. Further delays in resolving the claim		
could delay full project completion.		
Receive from WAJ a request by the Ministry to finance this structure from the	WAJ	1H 2023
provisional sums already accounted for in the contractor's contracted amount.		

#### **B.** Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
USD 1,948,614	599,447 <sup>2</sup>	30.7

Year	Total by Year End
2021	US\$ 0

2022	US\$ 599,447
2023	US\$ 949,938

# 1.2 Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response Project			
		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): The World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Takahiro	Hasumi	Email of ISA Project Lo	eader: thasumi@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Ms. Zeina Toukan, H.E. Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, info@mop.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 12.5 million	Total Project Ame 83.75 million <sup>1</sup>	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 55.12 million
CFF Approval Date <sup>2</sup> : 6/5/2021			Project Closing Date: 1/31/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

#### Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- The Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response Project (JCERP) was financed by a US\$20 million loan prepared under the World Bank COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Program (SPRP) using the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA). The project was approved by the World Bank on April 28, 2020 and declared effective on May 13, 2020. Additional financing of US\$63 million (US\$50 million IBRD loan, US\$12.5 million grant from the Global Concessional Financing Facility and US\$1.25 million from the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Trust Fund), was approved on June 16, 2021, and became effective on October 6, 2021. The additional financing continues to provide essential resources to enable the expansion of a sustained and comprehensive pandemic response that includes vaccination in Jordan.
- Of the total amount of US\$83 million, 66 percent has disbursed, with the original financing fully disbursed. The JCERP has supported expenditures for mandatory quarantine of more than 5,300 people in late March 2020. It has also supported expanded case management capacities to accommodate surges of infections/hospitalized cases through the procurement of life-saving medical equipment for intensive care units at Al-Bashir Hospital in Amman and three field hospitals in Amman, Irbid and Ma'an. In addition, a contract has been signed with Pfizer for COVID-19 vaccines, with 750,000 doses already delivered.
- Lessons learned from nearly two years of JCERP implementation indicate the importance of an agile and inclusive COVID-19 emergency response, which Jordan started at the outset of the pandemic. The JCERP has supported the MOH in its inclusive response: Jordan was one of the few countries that included refugees and non-Jordanians as target beneficiaries of the COVID-19 emergency response and COVID-19 vaccines are available for all eligible residents, regardless of nationality. In addition, given that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, there is a need to be able to continuously reassess the situation on the ground and adapt to the changing the needs.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Hiring of a part-time environmental and social officer	МОН	2/28/2023
Submission of overdue technical audit reports	МОН	3/31/2023

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
83.75 million	55.13 million	66%

Year	Total by Year End
2020	5.9 million
2021	14 million
2022	35.23 million
2023	27.62 million
2024	1 million

## 1.3 West Irbid Wastewater Network Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: West Irbid Wastewater I	Network Project		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdo	om of Jordan	Name of Implementat	ion Support Agency (ISA): EBRD
Name of ISA Project Leader: Assaad E	l Turk	Email of ISA Project	Leader: ElTurkA@ebrd.com
Recipient Entity: Water Authority of Jo	ordan	Name and Email of I Rami Abu Rwaq Rami Aburwaq@mw	Recipient Entity Contact:
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 2.5 million	Total Project Am million	ount (US\$): 56.1 <sup>1</sup>	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 0.00 (the project is disbursing, but from another grant facility).
CFF Approval Date: 4/20/2017	Project Implement 12/31/2017	ntation Start Date:	Project Closing Date: 12/20/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

#### Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- The project agreements (Loan, GCFF and EBRD SSF Grants) between EBRD, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) were signed on 20 December 2017. The EU MADAD Grant was signed on 10 May 2018.
- EBRD-mobilised consultants completed a review of the Water Authority Jordan's (WAJ) technical studies for the project in mid-2017 and carried out environmental and social due diligence.
- The review concluded in proposing a revised technical solution to WAJ, which was accepted, and consequently the project cost increasing to EUR 56.1 million (assuming Fx rates as of December 22, 2022). The financing of the project is now as follows: EBRD loan EUR 25 million; GCFF USD 2.5 million; EU MADAD grant EUR 19.6 million; and EBRD SSF EUR 5.9 million.
- The project was declared effective on 30 April 2019, following the achievement of a number of critical Conditions Precedent, including the mobilisation of the technical assistance to support WAJ through the procurement process.
- The consultants (Engicon) supporting WAJ to tender and implement the project were contracted on 10 February 2019
- The results of the procurement were concluded in June 2020, where 3 out of the 5 lots were awarded to Hassan Allam Construction (the contractor), and the remaining two were decided to be retendered. It was found that the total original budgeted amount (EUR 56.1 million), is not sufficient for the 5 lots due to: i) USD/EUR exchange rate depreciated from 0.85 in October 2017 to 1.01 as of 6 October 2022; ii) the price of corrugated high-density polyethylene pipes be increased and also the price of manholes is also estimated to have increased by 35 per cent; and iii) coverage of the wastewater networks was increased to cover increasing households in the selected towns.
- In addition, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) is currently envisaging a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), to be connected to the wastewater networks financed by this Project and would serve the area of West Irbid. However, it was later decided to consider the new WWTP as a separate project and consider its financing separately from the financing available for this project.
- To fill the funding gap on this project, the GoJ has approached EBRD to request additional loan financing of circa
  EUR 30 million, in order ensure all the envisaged networks serving the 15 villages of the catchment area would
  be constructed and the households connected. MWI has currently requested from the Government's Credit
  Committee the preliminary approvals for this additional financing of EUR 30 million. As soon as the Credit
  Committee approves this additional financing, the MWI would engage actively with EBRD in order to seek the

- needed internal approvals from EBRD on this financing. The structure of the financing could be split into tranches; however, this would need to be further discussed with MWI after the Credit Committee approval is granted. Tranching could be needed due to budgetary controls and available borrowing limits in 2023, to be later confirmed
- The Bank's consultant (Engicon), supporting the inclusive procurement process, has started to design the structure of the process in Jordan through a number of training exercises and outreach to potential partners, this will enable the local population to benefit from not only first-time wastewater services but also employment opportunities.
- The project's progress currently stands at 6.5%, consisting of the completion of Contractor's engineering design work and preparatory work for excavation, the production of the final design plans, and the issuance of excavation permits by the relevant municipalities in the area. The contractor shipped its construction material and pipes through the Aqaba Port, and the material is currently onsite. It is expected that the excavation and installation work to pick up quickly in 2023, especially that the excavation permits are issued, the preconstruction work is completed, and the material is on site.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
	Consultant and	Q2 2023
	EBRD support)	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
USD 2.5 million	0	0

Year	Total by Year End
2023	USD 1.25 million
2024	USD 1.25 million
2025	0

# 1.4 Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees P4R

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program-for-Results (P159522)			
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA):	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Mohamed Hassan		Email of ISA Project Leader: mabdulkader@worldbank.org	
Abdulkader			
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Omar Fanek,	
Cooperation, Ministry of Labor, Jordan Investment		omar_fanek@reformjo.org	
Commission			
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Ame	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 51 million	400 million		360 million
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
9/27/2016	10/24/2016		1/31/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- A US\$300 million package (comprising an IBRD loan of US\$149 million,), an IDA Credit of US\$100 million, and a grant of US\$51 million from Global Concessional Financing Facility) for the Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program for Results (the Program) operation were approved on September 27, 2016, became effective on October 24, 2016, with a closing date of January 31, 2023. The Program Development Objective is to improve economic opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees in Jordan. The Program comprised four Result Areas: (i) Improving the labor market for Syrians; (ii) Improving the investment climate; (iii) Improving investment promotion; and (iv) Improving exports' competitiveness.
- Additional Financing. An additional financing (AF) IDA credit of US\$100 million was approved on June 10, 2020, became effective on July 26, 2020, and has a closing date of January 31, 2023 (i.e., at the same time as the financing for the parent operation). The AF supports the "Improving labor market for Syrians" result area of the parent program, as well as the following additional Result Areas: Improving formality and working conditions; Improving entrepreneurship; Improving digital financial inclusion; Improving women economic opportunities through childcare; and Improving women's economic opportunities through social norms. The AF also focused on the inclusion of refugees and vulnerable populations and on economic opportunities, with a special focus on women. These focus areas allowed the project to support the implementation of two key government programs: the Jordan Compact and the Five-Year Reform Matrix.

# TABLE 1. Result Areas of the Program

Result area 1: Improving labor market for Syrians (Parent and Additional Financing)
Result area 2: Improving investment climate (Parent)
Result area 3: Improving investment promotion (Parent)
Result area 4: Improving formality and working conditions (Additional Financing)
Result area 5: Improving entrepreneurship (Additional Financing)
Result area 6: Improving digital financial inclusion (Additional Financing)

Result area 7: Improving women economic opportunities through childcare (Additional Financing)

Result area 8: Improving women economic opportunities through social norms (Additional Financing)

Result Area 9: Improving exports competitiveness (Parent and Additional Financing)

- The parent Program (the IBRD loan, the IDA Credit, and the Global Concessional Financing Facility) has disbursed in
  full, while the AF credit has disbursed 58 percent. Progress towards achievement of the PDO is rated Satisfactory, while
  overall implementation progress is rated Moderately Satisfactory due to an uneven progress across results areas. The
  status of the nine result areas is summarized below.
  - o Result Area 1: Improving labor market for Syrians (Parent and Additional Financing). The Program is making good progress on Syrians' access to the labor market as a result of the new flexible scheme for work permits that was introduced during the Program restructuring in June 2020. The number of work permits issued in 2021 has jumped to 62,000 from a plateau of 45,000 pre-restructuring, and the figures for 2022 are approaching 60,000 as at end-November 2022. The new permits allow Syrians to work in all open occupations, in any sector, with flexibility to move across employers and sectors.
  - o Result Area 2: Improving investment climate (Parent). The targets and disbursements under this result area, related to regulatory processes as well as licensing and inspections reform, have been achieved.
  - o Result Area 3: Improving investment promotion (Parent). The targets and disbursements under this result area, related to supporting the Jordan Investment Commission (JIC), have been achieved.
  - o Result Area 4: Improving formality and working conditions (Additional Financing). Work in agriculture is now regulated and the number of Syrians registered in social security has increased from 12,000 to 19,000. However, the December 2021 targets for social security registration have not been achieved, because as many workers lost social security coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic as those brought under social security coverage through Social Security Corporation's (SSC's) extraordinary efforts. The issue appears to be the large number of businesses closing or going fully or partly informal; this is a recurrent phenomenon, regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is therefore proposed to restructure this DLI to focus on systemic improvements through data analysis, communication, and enforcement measures.
  - o Result Area 5: Improving entrepreneurship (Additional Financing). *The home-based businesses target for Syrians is far from being achieved, although other forms of entrepreneurship are progressing*. Since 2019, 133 Syrians have registered a sole proprietorship company versus 93 home-based businesses, and 1,612 Syrians registered a joint company with a Jordanian since 2017, with a peak from 2019 to 2022. The progress on Jordanian home-base businesses is also slowing down. It is therefore proposed to restructure this Result Area and focus on enabling policies, including for Syrians.
- Result Area 6: Improving digital financial inclusion (Additional Financing). Significant progress has been made (beyond the targets) on the expansion of access to digital finance (e-wallets). The DLI targets have been surpassed for Jordanians, including for women, as well as for Syrians. Syrians' access to digital finance increased dramatically to 126,000 e-wallets in December 2022 from a baseline of 18,000 in April 2020, as a result of the Central Bank's flexible e-KYC measures, digitization of humanitarian cash transfers, and communication campaigns- using an encompassing "one refugee" approach.
- o Result Area 7: Improving women's economic opportunities through childcare (Additional Financing). The use of elicensing for childcare businesses is increasing slowly due to the COVID-19 pandemic-related disruptions of the childcare sector: 1,059 nurseries were e-licensed by December 2022, i.e., almost halfway to the DLI target of 2,500. The Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) is working on overhauling its regulatory framework for childcare,

including on new regulations for home-based nurseries (which should increase the supply of nurseries), as well as on a training program for service providers to ensure good quality of service.

- o Result Area 8: Improving women's economic opportunities through social norms (Additional Financing). Communication campaigns to address social norms affecting women's labor force participation have commenced and will continue in 2023. The design and production of the multimedia campaigns are making progress. The first multimedia campaign has been broadcast and is being evaluated.
- o Result Area 9: Improving exports competitiveness. Standard Operating Procedures for the export of perishable agricultural produce have been adopted and published by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) to improve export competitiveness. Pesticides management, extension services and inspections are being improved as part of the Bank dialogue around this Result Area with MoA, and a modernization roadmap is being prepared with MoA. Several aspects of the roadmap will be implemented in the coming years, including through support via the new World Bank supported Agricultural Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation ("ARDI") Project.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
World Bank and GoJ to finalize a light restructuring of the Additional	World Bank and	1/28/2023
Financing, to refocus DLIs on key policy measures needed (SSC, HBB, work	MOPIC	
permits) in addition to numerical targets.		

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
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	Country	
Additional Financing	60 million disbursed, 40 million	60
	remaining	
Parent P4R	300 million (fully disbursed)	100

Year	Total by Year End
2016	145
2017	25
2018	45
2019	60
2020	25
2021	
2022	

## 1.5 Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility

**Program Information** 

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Program Name: GCFF JORDAN PRIVATE SECTOR GUARANTEE FACILITY (JPSGF)			
Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (EIB)			
Name of ISA Program Leader: Andreas Berkhoff			
Email of ISA Program Leader: a.berkhoff@eib.org			
Total Program Budget (US\$): GCFF Allocations (US\$): GCFF Amount Committed (US\$):			
USD 31.2 million USD 31.2 million USD 31.2 million			
CFF Approval Date: Program Implementation Start Date: Program Closing Date:			
10/1/2021	9/14/2022	12/31/2032	

#### B. Summary of Program Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Program Development Objective:

The Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF) provides partial credit risk protection in the form of guarantees on underlying debt-financing granted to micro-, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on a portfolio basis by each Private Sector Financial Institution (PSFI), either a bank or a microfinance institution (MFI).

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Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory		
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory		

## Brief Summary of Program Implementation Status:

- Following the GCFF Steering Committee meeting in October 2021, the EIB has started approaching private sector financial intermediaries (PSFIs) to express formally their interest in the guarantee program. To date, 4 banks and 1 microfinance institution have expressed interest, while further banks are considering joining the program. The EIB has completed due diligence of 2 banks (including aspects raised during the GCFF Steering Committee meeting, like the do-no harm principle and results monitoring) and has started preparations for the due diligence of the remaining banks and microfinance institutions. The Facility and the first batch of EIB operations have been submitted to the EIB Board of Directors for approval at the December 2022 meeting.
- The EIB believes that on this basis there is a good chance for a full deployment of the guarantee program. Depending on the pace of negotiations, first guarantee agreements will be signed before year end 2022 or beginning of 2023. The EIB plans to submit the Cash Transfer requests close to or immediately after the signature of the guarantee agreements. According to the GCFF Operations Manual, the EIB will have to commit at least 50% of the approved amount before 1 April 2023<sup>1</sup>. While EIB continues to consider this a realistic and feasible target, there is a chance that approval and negotiation process of additional guarantee transactions will take longer. In this case, the EIB and GCFF Steering Committee will have to review the situation and discuss a possible extension of the deadline.
- The eligibility criteria as approved by the GCFF Steering Committee are considered ambitious but feasible for the PSFIs. To ensure that eligibility criteria remain fit for purpose, EIB continued discussions with CBJ, MOPIC and other relevant stakeholders during the reporting period. CBJ and MOPIC expressed support for transforming the list of Covid-impacted Sectors into a list of Special Priority Sectors, agreed specifically for the purpose of this program. A proposal in this regard is expected to be prepared during Q1 2023 and would be presented to the GCFF Steering Committee prior to implementation in guarantee agreements.

Status Update: Actions Taken	Responsible Party	Approx. Date of
		Delivery
Identification of suitable counterparts and obtaining expression of	EIB	1/31/2022
interest		
Launch of due diligence	EIB	3/1/2022

Discussions on eligibility criteria	EIB, CBJ, MOPIC	3/1/2022
Due diligence and approval of first batch of counterparts	EIB	12/16/2022
Negotiation and signature first guarantee agreements	EIB	12/29/2022

Action Plan: Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Due diligence and approval $-2^{nd}$ batch of counterparts	EIB	2/17/2023
Negotiation and signature guarantee agreements – 2 <sup>nd</sup> batch	EIB	3/31/2023
Submission of proposal for a List of Special Priority Sectors	EIB	3/31/2023

C.Implementation Status of the projects supported under the Program

Project 1: not applicable.		(779A)
Previous Rating:	Current Rating:	GCFF Amount (US\$):
PSO fees (received from the PSO		
beneficiary and retained by the ISA)		
(US\$):		
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (pa	id to beneficiaries) Amo	ount (US\$):
Status of Implementation: <i>In future, this table would list all signed guarantee transactions with PSFIs.</i>		

D.Aggregate Use of Private Sector Funds for Direct Program Activities

	Total (US\$)
Total GCFF Amount Received	USD 0 million
Total Amount Committed under Eligible Projects	USD 0 million
Total Amount Paid to the Beneficiary(-ies) under Eligible	USD 0 million
Projects	
Total Amount to be Returned to GCFF	USD 0 million

# E.Aggregate PSO Fees Collected under the Program

Aggregate PSO Fees retained by the ISA (pursuant to the	Total (US\$)
approved Funding Request)	USD 0 million

Commitment Forecast of GCFF Funds for Direct Program Activities by Calendar Year (US\$) \*

Year	Jan-June	Jul-Dec	Total by Year End
2022		USD 12 million	USD 12 million
2023	USD 12 million	USD 6 million	USD 30 million

<sup>\*)</sup> in case of the envisaged financial instrument (partial portfolio guarantee for PSFIs), the commitment would correspond to the "maximum guaranteed amount" as per the guaranteed agreements signed with the PSFIs (guaranteeing a larger loan portfolio that benefits from the GCFF support).

## 1.6 Jordan Emergency Health Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

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Project Name: Jordan Emergency Health Project			
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingd	ome of Jordan	Name of Implementation	on Support Agency (ISA): the World
		Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Takahiro	Hasumi	Email of ISA Project Lo	eader: thasumi@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning	and International	Name and Email of Re	ecipient Entity Contact: Ms. Zeina
Cooperation		Toukan, H.E. Minister	of Planning and International
		Cooperation, info@mor	p.gov.jo
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$): 250	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 240.05
(US\$): 72.8 million	million		million
CFF Approval Date <sup>1</sup> :	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
4/6/2017	7/26/2017		10/31/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

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Project Development Objective: Maintaining the delivery of primary and secondary health services to poor uninsured	
Jordanians and Syrian refugees at Ministry of Health facilities.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:  Satisfactory	

## Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- The Jordan Emergency Health Project (JEHP) was approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors on June 13, 2017, and declared effective on July 26, 2017, financed by a US\$50 million loan, consisting of a non-concessional portion of US\$36.1 million and a concessional portion of US\$13.9 million from the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF). In addition, the Islamic Development Bank provided US\$100 million through a parallel co-financing arrangement, of which US\$21 million is financed by the GCFF. Additional Financing of US\$200 million was approved by the World Bank's Board on June 24, 2019.
- The JEHP has two components: (1) Results-based financing to deliver health care services at primary and secondary care facilities of MOH for the target population, and (2) Improving coverage and quality of the primary health care services. Under Component 1, the JEHP has continued to support primary and secondary healthcare service delivery amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The service utilization has increased significantly in 2022 among poor and uninsured Jordanians. The MOH has intensified its efforts to encourage Syrian refugees to utilize available health services at MOH facilities through communication and community engagement. Under Component 2, an assessment of gaps in strengthening primary health care using a family health model was launched. The project disbursed 96 percent of the allocated funds with full disbursement under Component 1.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Submission of evidence related to DLI2.1 (i.e., an assessment of gaps in human resources and skills needed to incorporate a nation-wide family health services	МОН	2/28/2023
model and recommendations)		

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$250 million	US\$240.05 million	96%

Year	Total by Year End
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2017	0
2018	US\$20.2 million
2019	US\$28.0 million
2020	US\$100.0 million
2021	US0.1 million
2022	US\$1 million
2023	US\$9 million

## 1.7 Jordan First Equitable Growth and Job Creation DPL

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Jordan First Equitable Growth and Job Creation DPL			
		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Mr. Omar	Fanek, Director,	Email of ISA Project Le	eader: omar_fanek@reformjo.org
Reform Secretariat			
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact:	
		Mr. Omar Asfour, omar. Asfoor@MOF.GOV.JO	
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Amo	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 111.00 million	500.00 million		500.00 million
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
	7/19/2018		12/31/2021

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The program development objective is to support Jordan to set foundations to: (i) reduce business costs and improve market accessibility, (ii) create more flexible and integrated labor markets and provide better and more efficient social assistance, and (iii) improve fiscal sustainability and take more informed decisions regarding risk.

Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

Jordan First Equitable Growth and Job Creation DPL (DPL1, Board approved June 17, 2018) was followed by the Jordan Second Equitable Growth and Job Creation DPL (DPL2, Board approved June 4, 2019). The DPL1 policy matrix was adjusted for DPL2 when the program was strengthened substantially. DPL1 Performance was in the Satisfactory - Moderately Satisfactory range though November 2020 when the last ISR was published. During 2021 some challenges emerged and the and follow up actions are currently being discussed. Overall, the results are as follows:

- For Pillar 1, the results on the private sector environment are mixed, with about 50 percent of results achieved, primarily in monitoring and inspections, licensing and export guaranteed and the national broadband. Importantly, the implementation progress is lagging in areas where government is making a course adjustment with the preparation of the Omnibus legislation.
- For Pillar II, the goal of creating a more efficient social assistance system has been largely met, which is an admirable achievement. For this pillar, 75 percent of the results indicators have been achieved. Regarding Syrian refugees, all actions under DPL1 have been implemented, are continuing, and results have been met.
  - For Pillar III, which is dominated by energy and fiscal actions, very significant and worthwhile progress has been made in recent years on domestic revenue mobilization, PPPs and PIM implementation. However, challenges need to be ironed out in energy and PPPs.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
The remaining two lots to be retendered and awarded.		

D. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	500.00 million	500.00 million

	Total by Year End
2018	500.00 million
2019	0
2020	0

# 1.8 Jordan Education Reform Support Program-for-Results

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Jordan Education Reform Support Program-for-Results (including Additional Financing)			
Benefitting Country: Jordan		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
•		Email of ISA Project Leader: <a href="mailto:dabughaida@worldbank.org">dabughaida@worldbank.org</a> ; maudah@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC)		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahim; maher.abdelrahim@mop.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$70.9 million	Total Project Am- US\$300 million	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$192.83 million
CFF Approval Date: 6/12/2020	Project Implement 12/14/2017		Project Closing Date: 5/31/2025

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- Overall implementation progress remains moderately satisfactory. The World Bank received a formal request for revisions to several Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) and amendments to the technical assistance portion of the program. These changes will not affect the Project Development Objective (PDO) nor the PDO indicators but reflect lessons learned during implementation.
- In terms of implementation progress, under Results Area 1 (early childhood education), the draft quality assurance standards are currently being piloted after completion of an inception report detailing progress to date and a pilot implementation plan. On expansion of public ECE services, the World Bank continues to support MOE in the formulation of an action plan to identify the most suitable areas to expand provision. To better understand the landscape of potential expansion of private provision under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) modality, a survey in Irbid and Amman will commence in February 2023.
- Under Results Area 2 (improved teaching and learning conditions), several DLRs are currently under verification review, including the number of teachers evaluated against the National Teacher Professional Standards (NTPS), the number of teachers trained and certified in compliance with the NTPS, and the number of teachers meeting minimum socioemotional practices.
- Under Results Area 3 (student assessment and certification system), firm procurement for the development of an overarching assessment strategy will be reinitiated after the Ministry of Education decided to cancel the current firm's contract due to poor performance.
- Under Results Area 4 (education system management), a firm has been hired for the development of a blended learning strategy and it has completed its first two deliverables, prerequisites for development of the actual strategy.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
Submission to the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation of report	Ministry of	2/1/2023
by independent verification agent for several achieved DLRs	Education	
Completion of restructuring package	World Bank	3/1/2023
Hiring of firm for development of national assessment strategy	Ministry of	3/1/2023
	Education	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
US\$300 million	US\$192.83 million	64.3%

	Total by Year End
2017	US\$76.8 million
2018	US\$76.8 million
2019	US\$77.8 million
2020	US\$121.8 million
2021	US\$162.4 million
2022	US\$192.8 million
2023	US\$234.8million
2024	US\$266.8 million
2025	US\$300.0 million

# 1.9 Youth Technology and Jobs Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Youth Technology and	Jobs		
		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): Ministry of Digital Economy & Entrepreneurship	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Dana Te	elegraph	Email of ISA Projec	t Leader: dana.telegraph@modee.gov.jo
		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahim maher.abdelrahim@mop.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$):	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date: 4/7/2020		Project Closing Date: 3/31/2025

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory	
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory	

#### Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship (MODEE) is making good progress towards the implementation of the project activities. The below summarizes the main achievements under the project components:

• Component 1: Support the supply of digital skills in Jordan

Sub-component 1.1: The Digital Skills Development Association (DigiSkills) is making good progress towards the implementation of activities. The PMU hired a Director General, a Senior Grants Officer, and an Administrative Assistant to run the activities of the association. DigiSkills has started engagement with private sector employers and training providers, to prepare for the roll out of digital skills training activities. DigiSkills finalized and published the Digital Skills Gap Analysis in the ICT sector. They also signed 5 grant agreements with training service providers to carry out training activities aligned with the gap analysis.

Sub-component 1.2: MoDEE, MOE and NCCD requested to re-tender the Digital Skills Curriculum Development activity, to expand the scope of work to include the development of teacher guides and the training of teachers. The request was accepted since it will not affect the roll-out of the curriculum, which is expected to start in the school year of 2024-2025.

• Component 2: Expanding the digital sector and digital government services in Jordan Sub-component 2.1 -Expanding access to markets for digital firms: To support the growth plans of tech-enabled businesses, social enterprises, and CSOs in Jordan to develop digital functions and generate new income opportunities for underserved youth in tech-enabled activities, the project has supported 63 companies in the "talents" and "market expansion" program, and 6 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the "Gig" program, to create 2,099 jobs and income opportunities in total.

Sub-component 2.2 - Supporting digital transformation of service delivery to citizens and businesses: MoDEE finalized and shared with the World Bank a revised digital transformation strategy and a list of initiatives under YTJ. MODEE team is working closely with different governmental agencies to implement the recommendations to improve 25 public eservices, which were selected as part of the public value assessment conducted earlier this year. The PMU, with the MODEE team, has put together a list of 159 new public services that have been digitized and launched since the beginning of the project.

Sub-component 2.3 - The PMU completed the bidding process for procuring a government back-end payment system and started implementation of activities with a selected vendor (Progress Soft) in October 2022. The system will enable a wider integration between government entities' core financial systems and the billing modules linked with different payment streams.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Complete project restructuring based on MoPIC request - the project	World Bank/YTJ	3/31/2023
restructuring has been postponed to Feb-March 2023 based on MoPIC advice.		
Provide working spaces in underserved communities (Tech Hubs). Key actions:	YTJ	3/31/2023
(1) Award the contract of first Tech Hub operation to selected vendor, (2)		
Finalize the design of the first Tech Hub, and (3) Launch the first Tech Hub		
refurbishment tendering process		
Enhance digital skills competencies at public school. Key action: Award the	YTJ	8/31/2023
contract of digital skills development to selected consortium		

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
	\$26,750,000 (as of Dec 15, 2022)	13.3%

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Year Total by Year End (US\$)		
2023 35,000,000		
2024	57,000,000	
2025	19,000,000	

# 1.10 Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI)			
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Tobias Baedeker		Email of ISA Project Leader: tbaedeker@worldbank.org	
		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher	
Cooperation (MOPIC)		Abdelrahim Maher.Abdelrahim@MOP.GOV.JO	
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Ame	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 23.9 million	125 million		0.24 million
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implemen	tation Start Date:	Project Closing Date:
10/13/2022	1/1/2023		6/28/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory	
	Satisfactory	

# Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

• The ARDI Program reached effectiveness on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and implementation has started on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. From January 8<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> the World Bank team has conducted the first implementation supervision mission of the program to ensure a timely and effective start of the program. During the mission, the World Bank team and implementing agencies have discussed and agreed on practical matters of initial implementation arrangements, including i) the timely staffing, scope, and hiring process of the delivery unit, ii) the verification of disbursement-linked indicators, iii) safeguards requirements and related actions, iv) prioritization and sequencing of planned actions for the first year of the program. The mission also discussed a restructuring of the IPF component (US\$ 5.5 Million) embedded in the overall Program-for-Results (PforR) program to support the delivery of DLIs in the first year of the program, in alignment with the program's scope and objectives.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
Complete restructuring of activities under the embedded IPF component of	World Bank and	4/30/2023
the Program in alignment with the program's scope and objectives	Ministry of Agriculture	
	(main implementation	
	agency)	
Establish the program's delivery unit and hire relevant roles	Ministry of Agriculture	3/31/2023
	(main implementation	
	agency)	
Development and adoption of the Program Operations Manual (POM) under	Ministry of Agriculture	2/8/2023
terms and conditions acceptable to the Bank	(main implementation	
	agency)	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
US\$ 125 Million	US\$ 0.24 Million	0.19

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Year		Total by Year End (IBRD)
	2023	12 million

2024	10 million
2025	14 million
2026	20 million
2027	22 million
2028	15.6 million

## 2.1 Greater Beirut Public Transport Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Greater Beirut Public Tr	Project Name: Greater Beirut Public Transport Project (P160224)			
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International		
		Bank for Reconstruction and Development		
Name of ISA Project Leader: Anne-Cecile Souhaid and		Email of ISA Project Leader: asouhaid@worldbank.org;		
Mira Morad		mmorad@worldbank.org		
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Works and		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Minister Ali		
Transport		Hamie; ahamie@gmail.com		
Concessionally Amount Approved Total Project Am		ount (US\$): US\$ 295	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$	
(US\$): US\$ 69.8 Million	Million		10.57 Million	
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implemen	ntation Start Date:	Project Closing Date:	
1/17/2018	3/15/2018		12/31/2023	

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: (i) improve transport connectivity along select paved road sections; and (ii) create short	
term jobs for Lebanese and Syrians.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Unsatisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Unsatisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- On March 15, 2018, the Board approved a loan on concessional terms in the amount of US\$295 million for the Greater Beirut Public Transport Project. The Loan Agreement was approved by the Council of Ministers on May 16, 2018 and signed on July 9, 2018. The Parliament ratified the Project on July 5, 2019, and the Project became effective on July 31, 2019, with a Project Closing Date on December 31, 2023. A designated account was opened soon after effectiveness and a US\$10 million advance payment was disbursed, out of which US\$2.4 million were from GCFF.
- Based on the delays in Project implementation and unsatisfactory performance which was further exacerbated by the
  compounded financial and economic crises in Lebanon, the Project would not have been able to meet its PDO,
  implement all activities and disburse the Loan by the Closing Date on December 31, 2023. The Project was cancelled
  on July 4, 2022, and the GCFF contribution was returned to the TF window. The Bank is now closely following up
  with the Project Implementation Unit for the refund of the advance payment.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 295,000,000	US\$ 11,330,000	3.8%

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		Year	Total by Year End

# 2.2 Lebanon Health Resilience Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Lebanon Health Resilience Project				
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International		
		Bank for Reconstruction and Development		
Name of ISA Project Leader: Ronald Eduardo Gomez		Email of ISA Project L	Email of ISA Project Leader: rgomezsuarez@worldbank.org	
Suarez				
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Health		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact:		
		Dr. Firass Abiad; firassabiad@gmail.com		
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):	
(US\$): US\$24.2 million	US\$120 million		US\$75.88 million	
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:	
4/6/2017	3/13/2020		6/30/2023	

# A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective (PDO): to increase access to quality healthcare services to poor Lebanese and displaced		
Syrians in Lebanon and to strengthen the Government's capacity to respond to COVID-19.		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory	
Rating for overall implementation progress: Moderately Satisfacto		

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

### Project Rating:

The project's progress towards achieving the PDO and the overall implementation is rated as Moderately Satisfactory.

### Disbursement Updates:

As of November 19, 2022, disbursements amount to US\$75.88 million (63.24 percent of total financing).

### COVID-19 Response:

The project supported the Government of Lebanon (GOL) in the procurement of COVID-19 goods and commodities. Goods and supplies were procured to equip 45 public and private hospitals to increase their ability to test and treat suspected cases. Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and their associated equipment were procured to increase the ICU capacity by 180 ICU beds, in addition to the procurement and installation of negative pressure to further increase the ICU capacity by 85 ICU rooms.

As of December 2021, the project started supporting the increase in the COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 hospital payments to reduce patient overcharge (i.e. multiplying the hospital share of the claim by a coefficient of 2.5 as of December 2021). To date, 16,792 COVID-19 claims, and 9,866 non-COVID-19 claims have been audited by the Third-Party Agency (TPA) and cleared for payment by the World Bank.

### COVID-19 Vaccines:

This project has supported the procurement of 3.25 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine covering 24 percent of the population with two doses, all of which were financed by the LHRP funds, and 2.75 million of which were already delivered to the country, as well as supplies for vaccine deployment. The MoPH informed the Bank that the order for the remaining doses has been postponed until after the available stock is depleted.

The project also financed the pharmacovigilance (PV) program at the MoPH through covering the salaries of four PV personnel, which supported the design and launch of the National Pharmacovigilance System in September 2022.

The Third-Party Monitoring (TPM) of COVID-19 vaccination implementation conducted by the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) ended in July 2022. The Bank and the MoPH have agreed to transfer the monitoring function to MoPH's existing field monitors until the new COVID-19 response project (Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project) begins implementation. The scope and tools for monitoring have been revised based on the progress in the vaccination campaign and the current risks in agreement with IFRC and MoPH. The Third-Party Monitoring Agency

(TPMA) conducted a refresher training for MoPH's field monitors on data collection and reporting tools on September 9, 2022. However, risks such as the lack of capacity of the MoPH to conduct proper monitoring, low vaccine demand, and persisting stock management issues such as the expiry of vaccines and quality management of the vaccination process remain.

## Delays in implementation of Primary Health Care (PHC) Activities:

There continues to be significant delays in the implementation of PHC related activities under Component 1 (Scaling up the Scope and capacity of the PHC Universal Health Coverage Program) and Component 2 (Provision of health care services in public hospitals) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has impacted the achievement of the initial development objective of the project, which is to increase access to quality healthcare services to poor Lebanese and displaced Syrians in Lebanon. During the last implementation supervision mission conducted by the Bank in June 2022, the MoPH informed the Bank that they are in the process of conducting a consultative process with development partners and relevant actors to inform the National PHC Roadmap. This process would inform the restructuring of the project, especially the design of the activities under Component 1. This process was formally launched on October 3, 2022. Consultations are expected to be completed by December 2022, resulting in a preliminary draft of the PHC strategy for Lebanon. The MoPH expects to pilot the new approaches for PHC delivery in January – June 2023, followed by launching and implementing the PHC Roadmap in July 2023.

# Project Restructuring:

On March 1, 2022, the Bank received a request for restructuring from the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to increase the funds allocated to component 4 (Strengthen capacity to respond to COVID-19) to support the procurement of additional one million COVID-19 vaccine doses. The restructuring of the project is required to update the results framework in order to reflect the activities conducted to support the GOL response against the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the project requires an extension of the closing date to adjust for the delays to declare effectiveness and the expected changes in design in Component 1. The Bank agreed with MoPH that this restructuring will be conducted in a two-step process (reallocation of funds between project components and categories followed by restructuring). The reallocation of funds was completed on May 24, 2022, through an exchange of official letters, given the urgent needs in the country. The upcoming restructuring will require an amendment to the Loan Agreement as it will entail changes in the component design and scope, the indicators, and their targets under the results framework (as there has been no progress in the indicators under components 1 and 2 since the associated activities have not been executed vet), the disbursement allocation, and the potential extension of the closing date of the project, which has been proposed to be extended by 1 additional year (till June 30, 2024). During the last implementation support mission, the Bank and MoPH discussed the upcoming project restructuring and the potential activities that could be financed using the remaining funds under the LHRP. The MoPH confirmed that the restructuring will be completed once the contents of the reform of the PHC system are defined (as explained above). The Bank agreed with the Project Management Unit (PMU) on the need to complete the restructuring by January 31, 2023, at the latest.

### Challenges:

Macroeconomic factors. Currently, Sayrafa exchange rate (which is an exchange rate established by the Central Bank based on a platform used to exchange USD to LBP) is used for locally sourced expenditures financed by the World Bank and USD is used for internationally sourced expenditures. However, the fluidity of the US dollar/ LBP exchange rate remains a risk impacting the monetary value of the funds.

Withdrawal ceiling: The Bank was informed by the MoPH that the hospitals were not able to withdraw the full payments transferred to them due to the withdrawal ceiling set by the local commercial banks on the hospitals' bank accounts. The Bank sent a letter to the GOL recommending that the MoF coordinate with the Central Bank to remove the withdrawal ceiling on the payments received (in LBP) from the project to the public and private hospitals for the COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 claims paid. Following that, the Central Bank agreed to remove the withdrawal ceiling on the payments received (in LBP) from the Project to the public and private hospitals for the COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 claims paid. This withdrawal ceiling issue is also faced by the TPA.

Delays in recruitment of stock management officer: The Bank agreed to work with the MoPH on a plan to strengthen stock monitoring at the Ministry, which should be enabled for new deliveries of vaccines or any other supplies to be funded by the project. The PMU agreed to hire a stock management officer to address this issue, and the hiring is expected to be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Finalize the PHC roadmap	МоРН	12/31/2022
Finalize the restructuring of the project	Bank and MoPH	1/31/2023

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
US\$120 million	US\$75.88 million	63.24%

# C. Disbursement Forecast of Funds for Underlying Operation by Calendar Year (US\$)

Note: The third restructuring of the project is underway and is expected to be finalized in January 2023. Some activities related to primary healthcare will be introduced. Other activities could be cancelled. The closing date of the project is expected to be extended for one year to have enough time to implement the project activities in order to achieve the PDO. Accordingly, these projection estimates will be revised after restructuring.

Year	Total by Year End
2022	US\$2.58 million

# 2.3 Lebanon Health Resilience Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Health Resilience Project				
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): IsDB		
Name of ISA Project Leader: Sadik Mohammed Teyeb		Email of ISA Project Leader: STeyeb@isdb.org		
		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Mohamad Hindawi; MohamadH@cdr.gov.lb		
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$):	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):	
CFF Approval Date: 5/14/2017	Project Implement 5/8/2019	ntation Start Date:	Project Closing Date: * 12/31/2024	

<sup>\*</sup>Planned extension to execute the contracts to be signed for consultancy and medical equipment supply. The original project's closing date was estimated at 2 years from the date of declaration of effectiveness of project's financing agreement (i.e., 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019).

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:				
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory			
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Unsatisfactory			

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: No significant progress in project's implementation since last report. The procurement processes for consultant and medical equipment suppliers are not yet concluded. The Bank has granted its 'No Objection' on the submitted Bids Evaluation Report BER) for selection of Supervision Consultant (Technical) and is waiting for the combined Technical & Financial Evaluation Report to conclude the procurement process by signing the contract. The Bank is still waiting for supporting documents from the CDR in order to finalize its review on the submitted BER for medical equipment suppliers. In the meantime, both the last dates for first and last disbursement (LFD and LDD) have already expired and extension requests from the VDR are being awaited.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
1. Expedite submission of supporting document for BER (medical	CDR/IsDB	12/31/2022
Equipment) and the combined Technical and Financial BER for		
Consultancy Services		
2. Review and provide 'No Objection' on the BERs (Consultancy	IsDB	1/15/2023
and Medical Equip.)		
3. Submit draft contracts for Consultancy Services and Medical	CDR	2/15/2023
Equipment Supply		
4. Review and provide 'No Objection' on the draft contracts	IsDB	2/30/2023
5. Conclude award of contract and contract signing	CDR	3/31/2023
6. Make first disbursement for consultant and supplier(s)	CDR/IsDB	5/31/2023

**B.** Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
US\$ 30 million (IsDB financing)	0	0

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	Year	Total by Year End

2023	11,500,000.00*
2024	18,500,000.00

<sup>\*10%</sup> advance payment for the contracts envisaged to be signed in addition to 30% of the contracts to be paid at the end of the year (assuming that the ongoing temporary suspension of Lebanon by IsDB is uplifted. IsDB has suspended Lebanon since March 2022 due to overdue).

# 2.4 Lebanon Road and Employment Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Road and Employment Project (P160223)					
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International			
		Bank for Reconstruction and Development			
Name of ISA Project Leader: Mira Morad		Email of ISA Project Leader: mmorad@worldbank.org			
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Works and		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Minister Ali			
Transport		Hamie; ahamie@gmail.com			
Concessionality Amount Approved Total Project Amo		ount (US\$): US\$ 200	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$		
(US\$): US\$ 45.4 Million	million		77.81 Million		
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:		
10/29/2016	2/6/2017		6/30/2022		

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

The Roads and Employment Project (REP) was approved by the World Bank's Board of Directors on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The loan agreement was signed on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and the project was declared effective on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, following exceptional efforts and commitment by the Lebanese authorities, at highest levels, to ensure it is made effective by the October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 deadline. The delays in project effectiveness were mainly due to the delays in the elections and the formation of the government. The list of roads was later approved by the Council of Ministers on June 27th, 2019. The project suffered since from the multiple crises that Lebanon went through, namely the social unrest, the financial and economic crises, intermittent nationwide COVID-19 lockdowns, the tragic explosion of August 4, 2020, and the lack of fuel and primary construction material in the summer of 2021. CDR's resistance to move towards electronic procurement and the inability of the CDR Board to meet between September 2021 and March 2022, due to lack of quorum, also caused further delays.

Nevertheless, the REP has been playing an important role amidst the current economic and financial crises in Lebanon by creating jobs for the Lebanese and Syrian, addressing food security risks, and stimulating the economy. Progress has been observed between May and November 2022. The update is as follows:

- 11 works contracts, out of 13, are currently under implementation. One contract is under termination by the Employer and should be relaunched by end of December 2022. The last contract has been signed but is awaiting the issuance of performance and advance payment guarantees with the Notice to Commence expected in December 2022.
- During the summer of 2022, progress was noted on most contracts with around 74 km of roads completed and 170 km of roads substantially completed (pending signing and marking) as of end of October 2022. Requests for additional road rehabilitation have been received and are being reviewed by the Bank with a key focus on urgency due to road safety hazard.
- Disbursement to date amounts to US\$ 77.81 million and is expected to increase to around US\$ 115 million by December 2022. Commitments to date amount to US\$ 154 million, including foreseeable compensations on works contract due to changes in legislation (lifting of fuel subsidies) estimated at US\$27.5 million. The PIU was requested to immediately process identified Variation Orders and payment requests and take action on outstanding issues that have been delaying some contracts and freezing disbursements.
- 7 construction supervision consultants are currently overseeing the works under the 12 packages to ensure that the
  works are carried out to a satisfactory standard of workmanship and materials, as scheduled, within budget, in
  accordance with the specifications and drawings, and to acceptable environmental and social standards.
- Between the start of the works contracts and end of October 2022, around 466,000 labor days have been created under the project. The PIU was requested to closely monitor this indicator and ensure the intended results are reached, taking corrective measures if needed. Though not initially accounted for in the total target, the labor-days created under the

farmers' support component (3,354 as of end of October 2022) have been added to the total number of days generated by the Project.

- A technical auditor was recruited in January 2022 to conduct two site visits per week and ensure close oversight. The
  technical audits identified good practices and project requirements that are well implemented under the project. They
  also identified areas of weaknesses (social, OHS, road safety, and technical) and incidents which require further
  attention and capacity building.
- 4 packages of equipment were delivered between November 29, 2019, and July 27, 2020, including 15-wheel loaders,
   10 snow blowers, 5 salt spreaders and 10 four-wheel drive vehicles.
- 26,687 small-scale Lebanese farmers have benefited from improved access to inputs. The final version of the Third-Party Monitoring Agent (TPMA) verification report is expected in December 2022. FAO will coordinate with the Council for Development and Reconstruction and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) to present to the Bank a revised list of eligible and ineligible expenditures.
- 1.6 million animal vaccine doses have been delivered and are now stored at the suppliers' storage facilities due to power
  cuts at the Ministry of Agriculture's facilities. Should the vaccination program not be completed by end of December
  2022, the contract with FAO would need to be extended.
- A request to extend the project closing date has been received from the Ministry of Finance and is under consideration by the World Bank.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Process the payment for completed works amounting to 40 million USD	Contractors/	12/20/2022
	Supervision	
	Consultants /CDR	
Relaunch procurement process for Lot 2 Package 1	CDR	11/30/2022
Complete Variation Orders, extensions of time and payment requests	CDR	11/30/2022
Provide Notice to Commence for Lot 2 Package 2	CDR	12/30/2022
Complete vaccination program	FAO / MoA	12/30/2022

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200,000,000	US\$ 77,810,000	39%

Year	Total by Year End
2022	US\$ 37 million
June 2023	US\$ 35 million
December 2023 (if the Project is	US\$ 30 million
extended)	
June 2024 (if the Project is extended)	US\$ 20 million

### 2.5 Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project (P178866)				
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International		
		Bank for Reconstructi	on and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Irina Sch	uman and Armine	Email of ISA Project l	Leader: ischuman@worldbank.org or	
Juergenliemk		ajuergenliemk@world	bank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Economy and Trade		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Minister Amin		
		Salam; asalam@econo	omy.gov.lb	
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Amo	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):	
(US\$):	150,000,000		340,000	
15,035,000				
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implemen	tation Start Date:	Project Closing Date:	
4/15/2022	6/30/2022		6/30/2023	

### A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The objective of the Project is to ensure the availability of wheat in Lebanon, in response to the economic impact of the conflict in Ukraine, and to enable emergency access to affordable bread by poor and vulnerable households.

Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

After being declared effective as of August 19, 2022, the Project is progressing towards implementation readiness and disbursement. One of the disbursement conditions regarding Component 1, the completion and disclosure of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), has already been met, while the other disbursement condition, signing of Framework Agreements with the eligible wheat importers, continues to move forward and is close to being completed. On October 18, 2021, the Lebanese Parliament adopted the law regarding the reflection of Project activities in the Lebanese public accounting system and changes to the private sector contribution, as well as on the completion of the Project financial management system.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
	Ministry of Economy and Trade	,

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
150,000,000	340,000	0.25%

Year	Total by Year End
2016	

2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	

# 2.6 Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project				
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International		
		Bank for Reconstructio	n and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Ronald Eduardo Gomez Em		Email of ISA Project L	Email of ISA Project Leader: rgomezsuarez@worldbank.org	
Suarez				
Recipient Entity: Lebanese Republic		Name and Email of Re	ecipient Entity Contact:	
		Ministry of Public Heal	lth; Dr. Firass Abiad;	
		firassabiad@gmail.com	1	
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):	
(US\$):	US\$29 million		No disbursement to date	
US\$2.05 million				
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implemen	ntation Start Date:	Project Closing Date:	
5/4/2022	TBD		9/30/2024	

### A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen		
Lebanon's national system for public health preparedness.		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:  Not Applicable		
Rating for overall implementation progress:  Not Applicable		
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Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

The project was approved by the World Bank on May 15, 2022. The Loan and Grant agreements were signed on June 29, 2022. The effectiveness deadline was extended till December 27, 2022, based on the Government's request. As for the effectiveness conditions:

- The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) has been cleared and disclosed.
- The project was ratified by the Parliament on October 18, 2022, (*Law #308*). However, to declare the project effective, the issuance of a decree from the Council of Ministers is still pending. The delay is caused by the political situation in the country, since cabinet meetings are halted due to the presidential void.

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has been actively following up on launching project implementation activities and has submitted the Project Operations Manual (POM) – legal covenant, which was reviewed by the Bank. The MoPH is currently addressing the Bank's comments and finalizing the POM.

The Labor Management Procedures (LMP) have been cleared and disclosed.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
Fully meet the project effectiveness conditions (ratification of the loan and grant	Government of	12/27/2022
agreements)	Lebanon	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
US\$29 million	NA	NA

### C. Disbursement Forecast of Funds for Underlying Operation by Calendar Year (US\$)

This project has not been declared effective yet. The projections (annual and not quarterly) are based on the estimates done at appraisal (as in the project paper). Once the project is declared effective, the Bank will work with the MoPH on the implementation plan and the disbursement projections will be revised.

Year	Total by Year End
2022	
2023	US\$14.40 million
2024	US\$11.15 million
2025	US\$3.45 million

# 3. Colombia

# 3.1 Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Resilient and Inclusive	Housing Project		
Benefitting Country: Colombia		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International	
		Bank for	
		Reconstruction and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Mark Th	omas	Email of ISA Project L	eader: mthomas1@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance and		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Karen Rodriguez	
Public Credit		karen.rodriguez@minh	acienda.gov.co
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 21,700,000	136,700,000		5,710,000
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
7/12/2020	5/10/2021		7/24/2026

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Moderately Unsatisfactory
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Moderately
Unsatisfactory

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
\$136,700,000 (\$21,700,000 from GCFF)	5,710,000 (900,000 from GCFF)	4.2%

Year	Total by Year End
2022	5,700,000
2023	42,820,000
2024	36,400,000
2025	16,240,000
2026	15,220,000
2027	20,320,000
2022	5,700,000

# 3.2 Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS DPF			
Benefitting Country: REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): WORLD BANK	
Name of ISA Project Leader: PAULA I AND ANA I. AGUILERA	ROSSIASCO	Email of ISA Project Laaguileradellano@worl	eader: prossiasco@worldbank.org; dbank.org
Recipient Entity: MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MINISTERIO DE HACUENDA Y CREDITO PUBLICO)		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Luz Stella Campillo, luz.campillo@minhacienda.gov.co	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 26,401,000.00	Total Project Amount (US\$):		Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 526, 401,000
CFF Approval Date: 9/30/2021			Project Closing Date: 11/15/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory	
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory	

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

• The Financing Agreement and the Loan Agreement related to the Social and Economic Integration of Migrants became effective on November 11, 2021, and the total 526.4 million was disbursed in December 2021.

Project Implementation advances in the first year:

Pillar 1: Legal and Institutional Basis for the Protection and Long-Term Social and Economic Inclusion of Migrants in Host Areas. The inclusion of migrants in regularization schemes and registration for the provision of social services has shown outstanding results, surpassing targeted results in the first year regarding regularization and access to health social security services and registration into social security. The GoC has already reached and surpassed the goal of regularizing 1.1 million migrants, including the targeted gender balance. The same holds true for registration into del health social security system of over 924,000 Venezuelan migrants. Registry into de SISBEN has reached over 823.000 migrants, over half of all regularized migrants.

The legal and institutional goals of the loan, however, have shown partial results so far. The targeted institutionalization of the 6 local migration roundtables has already been completed, and the interoperable data sharing protocol between the RUMV and key social sectors has been completed. The financial program for local governments and the statistical action plan have not yet been accomplished, nor have statistical action plans regarding migration been implemented. There has been little progress regarding the implementation of norms to guide *e the Integrated Migratory Policy on the issues of (i) socioeconomic integration of migrants; and the recognition of the statelessness condition for people born abroad or in Colombia.* 

Pillar 2: Improved Access to and Quality of Services for Migrants. Covid-19 vaccination of migrants has advanced steadily and already reached the target goal, with almost 1.1 million Venezuelan migrants vaccinated Implementation of the rental subsidy program has been delayed due to the change in national government in August 2022, and the obstacles to make access for migrants a priority for the new Ministry of Housing.

Delays due to change in national government: A new national government took office in August 2022. The new administration has shown reduced political will in working towards migrant integration. So far, however, government buy-in has been limited, the presidential migration office (Gerencia de Fronteras) established by the previous administration has been dismantled and its responsibilities assigned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; there has been a waning leadership and actions regarding migrant integration. To mitigate this risk, in Colombia the World Bank has been engaging in policy dialogues with the new government representatives to provide all the necessary tools to understand the migration phenomenon and continue integration policies, showing how Colombia has already harnessed political and social benefits from migration and may continue to harness them in the future, along with economic benefits, if it continues its efforts towards integration.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Continuation of policy dialogue with line ministries to ensure the inclusion of migrants in government action plans and priorities.	World Bank	6/16/2023
Technical assistance from World Bank and government efforts towards regulation of the Integrated Migratory Policy.	World Bank / Ministry of Foreign Affairs	6/30/2023
Restructuring of Housing Project	World Bank and Ministry of Housing	3/17/2023

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
526,401,000.00	526,401,000.00	100%

Year	Total by Year End
2022	526,401,000.00

# 3.3 Improving Quality of Health Care Services and Efficiency in Colombia Program

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Improving Quality of Health Care Services and Efficiency in Colombia Program					
Benefitting Country: Colombia		Name of Implementatio	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): The World		
		Bank			
Name of ISA Project Leader: Jeremy Veillard, PhD		Email of ISA Project Le	Email of ISA Project Leader: <a href="mailto:jveillard@worldbank.org">jveillard@worldbank.org</a>		
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Health and Social Na		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Diana Carolina			
Protection N		Corcho Mejia, dcorcho	@minsalud.gov.co		
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):		
(US\$):	187,600,000		142,650,000		
37,600,000					
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:		
1/7/2020	12/1/2020		3/31/2023		

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Development Objective of the Program is to support improve	vements in the quality of
health care services and in the efficiency of the health system	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- The Improving Quality of Health Care Services and Efficiency in Colombia Program (P169866) was approved by the World Bank Board of Directors on March 19, 2020. The loan was declared effective on December 1, 2020, after approval by the Congress of the Republic of Colombia. On August 7, 2022, a new government started its period with a different approach to some of the strategies that were advancing.
- By December 20, 2022, the program had disbursed 142.65 M USD out of a total of 187.6 M USD (76% disbursement) with a total of nine (9) Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs) achieved out of twelve (12) DLR. Despite the different actions implemented, the result indicator "Increase in the percentage of women with Early Detection at the time of diagnosis" still presents challenges and will be restructured. Regarding the other two indicators the indicator related to the regulation on the methodology for the control in the introduction of high-cost medicines requires more time for its issuance, and the indicator correspondent to the EPS accreditation manual, needs to be restructured according to the priorities of the new government. In order to achieve the objectives and the end target of the project, the Government of Colombia GoC will request an extension of the closing date for 15 months, until June 2024, which would give the opportunity to align with the new objectives of the government, continuing with the technical support the Bank is providing. On November 15 to 18, the Bank did a supervision mission where the teams had the opportunity to explore how to start the working on a new operation, and on the extension of the project. During the supervision mission, various alternatives were discussed for the restructuring of the two disbursement indicators.
- A Technical assistance is in place to support the completion of the DLRs that were adverse effected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and its being advancing in the support to the Ministry to increase the number of migrant population affiliate to the health insurance. The Program Action Plan is being implemented as required and risks remain the same.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
Four supervision missions (two per year) have been held since the declaration of	World Bank Team	4/3/2023
effectiveness of the Program, being the latest on November 2022 to oversee the	and Ministry of	
progress on PDO indicators, intermediate indicators, program implementation	·	

plan in fiduciary and environmental and social aspects and review the projected achievements of the Disbursements Linked Indicators for 2022. The next supervision mission is scheduled for April 2023.		
	World Bank Team and Ministry of Health and Social Protection	3/15/2023

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
GCFF: 37,600,000	GCFF: 28,585,000,00	76%
Credit: 150,000,000	Credit: 114,063,000.00	
Total: 187,600,000	Total: 142,648,000.00	

Year	Total by Year End
2023	29,312,000.00

# 3.4 Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social and Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia

### **Underlying Operation Information**

Project Name: Program to support policy reforms for the social and economic inclusion of the Venezuelan migrant			
population in Colombia			
Benefitting Country: Colombia		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): Inter-	
		American Development Bank (IADB)	
Name of ISA Project Leaders: Francisco		Email of ISA Project Leader: <u>fzegarra@iadb.org</u> ,	
Zegarra/Joaquim Tres		jtres@iadb.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Treasury and Public Credit		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact:	
(Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público)			
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Amount (US\$):		Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 17.589.000	317.589.000		317.589.000
			Project Closing Date:
September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.	November 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021.		November 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

## A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	und Teey 188des	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory	
Rating for overall implementation progress:  Satisfactory		

### Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, the Board of Executive Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) approved the financing to support Colombia's reform program for the social and economic inclusion of the Venezuelan migrant population in Colombia (CO-L1272 (Loan) and CO-J0014 (GCFF Grant)), to be disbursed under: (1) Loan Agreement No. 5389/OC-CO, financed with resources from the Bank's Ordinary Capital through Resolution DE-90/21 in the amount of US\$300 million; and (2) from the Non-Reimbursable Financing Agreement GRT/FF-18938-CO with resources from the Global Concessional Financing Facility" ("GCFF") through Resolution DE-91/21, up to the amount of US\$17,589,000 million. The corresponding Loan Agreement and Non-Refundable Financing Agreement was signed by the authorities of the Government of Colombia (GoC) and the Bank on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The present operation has been designed as a Loan in Support of Policy Reforms, under the programmatic modality in accordance with the provisions set forth in document CS 3633-2 "Lending in Support of Policy Reforms: Guidelines on Preparation and Implementation" from the IADB.
- The present operation constitutes the first of a series of two technically linked but contractually independent operations and is intended to finance the following components: (1) institutional strengthening for the effective management of migration towards inclusion processes; (2) institutional articulation for access to social services and protection against human trafficking; and (3) promoting the economic integration of the migrant population through the recognition of competencies.
- Objectives of the Program. The general objective of the Program is to contribute to the effective socioeconomic integration of Venezuelan migrants. The specific objectives will: (i) increase regularization and information management of the Venezuelan migrant population; (ii) expand access of Venezuelan migrants to social services and protection against human trafficking; and (iii) promote the recognition of labor competencies of the Venezuelan migrant population.

Policy Progress. The IADB Migration Unit with the GOC achieved the following progress with the public policy conditions that correspond to the operation components that contribute to the general and specific objectives as of Q3 2022:

- 1. Institutional strengthening to facilitate the effective management of migration towards inclusion processes:
- Improvement in the registration and characterization of Venezuelan migrants, who are documented and undocumented in Colombia, through the Temporary Statute for the Protection of Venezuelan Migrants (ETPMV). As of

Q3 2022, the GoC had delivered 1.5 million of special protection permits (PPT) and more than 2.3 million of Venezuelans registered in the demographic and socioeconomic characterization database of *Migracion Colombia* in the same period, exceeding the IADB initial established goal (1.5 million of migrants).

- Improvement in the development of tools to design migration public policy-based evidence through the support of the National Planning Department (DNP) in the design and development of the Multidimensional Index of Socioeconomic Integration of the Venezuelan migrant population in Colombia. DNP has adopted the index methodology as a tool of the Migration Observatory (OMV for the Spanish acronym). The first measurement was calculated using 2020 data from 23 departments under analysis (plus Bogotá D.C.). The average value obtained was 5.6 points out of 10, which allows to infer that Venezuelans had an "acceptable" degree of integration (between 5 and 6 points in the scale). <sup>23</sup> For the second measurement, 2021 data was added and for the 23 departments under analysis (plus Bogotá D.C.) the IMI was 5.5 points, 0.1 p.p percentage point less than in 2020.
- Strengthening the Information System of migration statistics through the National Statistics Department (DANE). As
  a result, the national government has a geographical viewer software of the Venezuelan migrants with indicators for
  their social and economic characterization financed by the IADB Migration Unit.

Institutional coordination for access to social services and protection against human trafficking.

- There was an increase in the number of Venezuelan migrants affiliated to the General Social Security Health System (SGSSS). The Ministry of Health reported that 924.391 migrants had affiliated as of August 2022, compared to 448.894 migrants in 2021, an increase of 105,9%. These results far exceeded the initial goal of 425.000 affiliated migrants to the Healthcare system.
- There was a higher number of Venezuelan migrant students at all educational levels who have been enrolled in the Colombian educational system. The Ministry of National Education has reported that 586.529 migrants were enrolled as of October 2022, which represented an increase of 222.006, 61%. These results exceeded the initial target of 475.000 migrants enrolled in the Colombian educational system.
- There has been an increase of 2.5% of the average budget for 2022 allocated to the implementation of public policies for the prevention, assistance, and fight against human trafficking at the national level. The national government reported a total budget of \$3.238.328.906 COP for 2022 compared with \$3.158.804.200 COP in 2021. Additionally, the IADB promoted a dialogue with the new authorities of the national government (Migration Colombia as the technical secretariat of the Intersectoral Commission to Fight Migrant Trafficking) and designed a technical cooperation (TC) to reduce gender violence, human smuggling and migrant trafficking that should be completed by end 2022. Currently, the IADB is expecting to be informed about the government's needs in those areas to complete the TC design jointly with the IADB's Gender and Diversity Division (GDI).

Promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, by by by by the promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, by by by the promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, by by by the promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, by by by the promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, by by the promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, by the promote policies for the economic integration of the migrant population.

- Venezuelan migrants with recognized labor competencies. The National Learning Service (SENA) has certified 1.840 migrants labor competencies in 2022 primarily through the "Saber Hacer Vale" Program. The target is to certify at least 5.400 migrants.
- SENA recognized the labor competencies of 811 Venezuelan migrant women in 2022, exceeding the initial target of 1.971 migrant women certified. SENA certified 2.108 female migrants labor competencies, bringing a total of 2.919 of Venezuelan migrant women certified.
- There has been a steady increase of Venezuelan migrants who have validated their professional degrees. According to the Ministry of National Education, 2.638 migrant degrees were validated as of June 2022, which represents an increase of 24.5% but still a gap of 4.513 beneficiaries to reach the 7.151 target.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
Strengthen the mechanisms for budget planning by estimating the net-fiscal	Ministry of Finance	2023-Q2
financial requirements to incorporate the migrant population.	and Public Credit	
Support to the Ministry of the Interior in the implementation of the Plan for the	Migracion Colombia	2023-Q2
Prevention of Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Persons.		

Carry out socialization sessions with territorial entities, for the implementation of Ministry of Housing	2023-Q2
the rental subsidy program for the Venezuelan migrant population	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
US\$317.589.000	US\$317.589.000	100%

Year	Total by Year End
2021	US\$300.000.000
2022	US\$17.589.000

### 4. Ecuador

# 4.1 Second Inclusive and Sustainable Growth Development Policy Financing

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Second Inclusive and Sustainable Growth Development Policy Financing			
Benefitting Country:		Name of Implementation	on Support Agency (ISA):
The Republic of Ecuador		International Bank for l	Reconstruction and Development
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Recipient Entity:		Name and Email of Re	ecipient Entity Contact:
Ministry of Economy and Finance		Richard Martinez	
		rmartinez@finanzas.go	b.ec
Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 6,000,000	500,000,000		506,000,000
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
5/7/2020	5/7/2020		12/31/2020

### A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: This DPF series supports measures aimed at: i) responding to COVID-19 to protect the vulnerable; ii) removing barriers to the private sector development and supporting the economic recovery; iii) promoting public sector efficiency and fiscal sustainability post-crisis

Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status

- As of July 2019, more than 80 percent of the people who entered the country were registered by an officer, but 54 percent of those who resided were in an irregular situation. In response to this situation, the government took an important step to integrate Venezuelan migrants into Ecuadorian society. On July 25, 2019, the government approved the Executive Decree 826 which gathered information on migrants (Migrant Census) and created a humanitarian visa to regularize Venezuelans was applied between August 2019 through March 2020, however, due to the pandemic was further extended through August 2020. This humanitarian visa granted multiple entries in and from the country and the right to work during a two-year period. This enabled formalizing migrant workers and increasing their salaries by up to 18.1.9 Accordingly, this DPF supported Ecuador in proactively managing the integration of large inflows of Venezuelan migrants providing a legal and strategic framework that delineates roles and responsibilities across government entities for integrating refugees and migrants in a sustainable manner.
- The Executive Decree No. 826 established the first Census of migrants and foreign citizens in Ecuador (i.e. the Migrant Registry). The Decree also granted a migration amnesty and initiated the process of issuing temporary residence visas for humanitarian reasons for Venezuelan citizens. The registry's objective was to collect relevant information on the conditions and characteristics of Venezuelan citizens residing in the country to establish adequate and timely public policies for the migrant community in Ecuador.
- The registry process targeted Venezuelan citizens residing in Ecuador temporarily or permanently, and who wished to benefit from the regularization process described in the Executive Decree No. 826. The registry process was a multistep process. Migrants had to start their self-registration on a virtual platform, this was followed by an in-person visit to the Migratory Support Service Units for the validation of information and registration of biometric information. As of June 2022, 165,761 Venezuelan migrants registered.
- The difference between the initial target of registrations of 230,000 migrants and the final number of completed registrations of 165,761 migrants can be explained by different factors. First and foremost, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health measures. On March 11, 2020, the Minister of Public Health issued

Ministerial Agreement No. 126-2020, declaring a state of National Health Emergency, followed by a March 16, 2020, a Presidential Executive Decree No. 1017 declaring a state of emergency. As a result, by March 18, 2020, the biometric immigration registration was suspended, and it only resumed functions (slowly) on June 14, 2020. In addition, access barriers to the virtual service (even mobile platforms that were also discontinued due to COVID-19), mobility barriers for the in-person component of the registration, information barriers, and fears of consequences if a visa was not granted, might have prevented some migrants from completing their registration.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
500,000,000	506,000,000	100%

Year	Total by Year End
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	US\$506,000,000

### 4.2 Third Inclusive and Sustainable Growth DPF

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Third Inclusive and Sustainable Growth DPF			
Benefitting Country: Republic of Ecua	ador	Name of Implementa	ation Support Agency (ISA): International
		Bank for Reconstruc	tion and Development
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Minister of Economy and Finance		Mauricio Pozo	
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Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 14,100,000	514,100,000		514,100,000
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implemen	ntation Start Date:	Project Closing Date:
11/24/2020	11/25/2020		12/31/2021

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:  Satisfactory	
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Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- As of July 2019, more than 80 percent of the people who entered the country were registered by an officer, but 54 percent of those who resided were in an irregular situation. In response to this situation, the government took an important step to integrate Venezuelan migrants into Ecuadorian society. On July 25, 2019, the government approved the Executive Decree 826 that gathered information of migrants (Migrant Census) and created a humanitarian visa to regularize Venezuelans was applied between August 2019 through March 2020, however due to the pandemic was further extended through August 2020. Accordingly, this DPF supported Ecuador in proactively managing the integration of large inflows of Venezuelan migrants providing a legal and strategic framework which delineates roles and responsibilities across government entities for integrating refugees and migrants in a sustainable manner.
- The visa process, operationalized via the Ministerial Agreement No. 103, that created the exceptional visa for humanitarian reasons (VERHU), was designed to benefit Venezuelan citizens including an amnesty, exempting them of fines for migratory irregularity (i.e. exceeding their stay limits in Ecuadorian territory).
- The visa application process was a multi-step that started virtually and was finalized in person. Already targeting migrants that had completed their registry, the final number of visas issued was 57,608, 37% higher than the original target of visas, which was 42,000. The process was aided by financial support to the cost of visa issuing, partnerships with international partners (such as OIM and UNHCR), as well as the pre-clearance of requirements that the registry allowed.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

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Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
514,100,000	514,100,000	100%

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Vaar	Total by Year End
Year	Total by Year End

2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	US\$514,100,000

# 4.3 Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing

**Underlying Operation Information** 

Project Name: Second Green and Resi	lient Recovery Dev	elopment Policy Finan	cing
Benefitting Country: Republic of Ecuador		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International	
		Bank for Reconstruction	on and Development
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Minister of Economy and Finance		Pablo Arosema Marriot	
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Concessionality Amount Approved	Total Project Am	ount (US\$):	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$):
(US\$): 30.000,000	530,000,000		530.000,000
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
12/06/2022	12/23/2022		12/15/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

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Project Development Objective: The Program's Development Objective (PDO) is to assist the government of Ecuador in		
its agenda to tackle selected structural challenges to foster inclusive, resilient, and low-carbon development.		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory	
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory	
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:		
The DPL has been fully disbursed. As per DPL policy, all prior action were met by the time of Board approval.		
Implementation of policies supported is advancing as expected.		

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of
		Delivery
Continue implementation of regularization scheme	Government of	12/31/2023
	Ecuador	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	Country	
530.000,000	530.000,000	100%

Year	Total by Year End
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019	
2020	
2021	
2022	US\$530.000,000

#### 5 Moldova

# 5.1 Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO

# **Underlying Operation Information**

Project Name: Moldova Emergency Response, Resilience, and Competitiveness DPO			
Benefitting Country: Moldova		Name of Implementati Bank	on Support Agency (ISA): World
Name of ISA Project Leaders: Stefano Curto		Email of ISA Project Leader: scurto@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact:  Elena Matveeva (Head of the Public Debt Department, Ministry of Finance) elena.matveeva@mf.gov.md	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 9,240,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 159,240,000		Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 159,240,000
CFF Approval Date:	Project Implementation Start Date:		Project Closing Date:
May 9, 2022.	June 3, 2022		May 31, 2023

## A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

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Project Development Objective: to (i) mitigate the impact of the war on refugees and households, (ii) build resilience and enhance competitiveness to reduce vulnerabilities to future shocks.		
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory	
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory	

### Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- On June 2, 2022, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the first in a series of two operations, in the amount of US\$159.24 million, to support the Republic of Moldova's efforts to respond to unprecedented challenges, while maintaining momentum on the long-term agenda of building resilience and enhancing competitiveness. The first operation comprises financing from IBRD in the amount of US\$43 million and IDA credit in the amount of US\$ 107 million, including US\$ 100 million from the IDA Crisis Response Window, and US\$9.24 million in concessional contribution on a non-reimbursable basis under the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF). On December 2, 2022, US\$43.76 million of supplemental grant financing from Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) were channeled to the Government of Moldova (GoM) to help cover an unanticipated financing gap related to severe spillovers from the war in Ukraine and energy prices.
- As of January 2023, 102,000 refugees from Ukraine remained in Moldova. About 40 percent of these refugees are mothers reported to be traveling with children, who represent about 50 percent of total refugees, while the remaining 10 percent are mostly elderly people or those with disabilities. About 65 percent of refugees are women or girls under 18. The influx of refugees is overwhelming for such a small country as Moldova: those refugees who have decided to remain represent about 4 percent of the total population; the adults represent 6 percent of the active labor force; and school-age refugees represent about 9 percent of the pupils that regularly attend pre-kindergarten to secondary schools.

### Objectives of the Program.

The DPO's program development objectives are to: (i) mitigate the impact of the war in Ukraine on refugees and households; and (ii) build resilience and enhance competitiveness to reduce vulnerabilities to future shocks. Actions included in the first pillar of this operation are expected to support the integration of refugees from Ukraine by facilitating the entrance into Moldova and relaxing the administrative requirements for Ukrainian refugees seeking employment; and granting school-aged children access to educational institutions.

### Policy Progress.

To facilitate their integration into Moldovan society and increase their self-reliance, thereby reducing the pressure on public finances, the GoM has temporarily granted Ukrainian refugees the right to work in Moldova without the need to go through the usual procedures for foreigners seeking employment in Moldova. Facilitating integration is particularly important for women, who face multiple challenges. Moreover, the GoM has temporarily provided access to schooling, which has helped provide a sense of normality to children in a period of upheaval and chaos, and to support their psychological wellbeing and learning, which is, in turn, important for their future productivity and earnings. These measures were supported by the first operation of this DPO series.

The Program supported by the first DPO is being successfully implemented. The authorities continued to implement reforms despite a more challenging operating environment. Due to the spillovers from the war in Ukraine, Moldova is facing unprecedented challenges, which are straining its households, economy, and public finances, despite the government's strong efforts. Energy prices have reached levels that are placing a severe strain on households and threatening social cohesion. The increased fiscal pressure from the energy shock is accompanied by still large spending related to the massive influx of refugees from Ukraine who have decided to remain in Moldova.

An increasing permanence of the refugees due to the ongoing conflict requires the GoM to move from emergency measures to longer-term management of refugees who have decided to remain in Moldova. In this context with the Government Decision No. 808/2022, the Government transposed the provisions of United Nations conventions on: the status of refugees in matters of international protection and the protection of human rights; the status of stateless persons; and reducing cases of statelessness. It is also aligned with the priorities and objectives of the Global Pact for Safe, Regulated and Orderly Migration, as well as with the objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees. The Government Decision aims at providing a framework for entry, stay and exit to/from the Republic of Moldova, with well-defined rules of admission and documentation procedures, as well as for preventing and combating illegal migration. It also aims at strengthening the national asylum system and ensuring adequate reception conditions and European standards for the functioning of the Center for Settlement and Integration of Foreigners, as well as the provision of diversified and improved integration services. Government Decision No. 21 selectively transposed Council Directive 2001/55/EC of July 20, 2001, and Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of March 4, 2022. The Government Decision establishes the conditions and categories of persons to whom temporary protection will apply, including displaced persons from Ukraine from February 24, 2022, or after that date, as a result of the war. By applying the temporary protection mechanism, Moldova synchronizes and standardizes the approach to the refugee in Ukraine with the EU, regulating administrative aspects regarding the registration of beneficiaries of temporary protection and the issuance of identity documents, which gives them the right to remain in Moldova for the entire duration of the temporary protection. Specifically, the Government Decision regulates the rights of beneficiaries of temporary protection: (i) provision of minors' access to education and education, access to appropriate accommodation, and access to social assistance for families with children and unaccompanied minors; (ii) integration of beneficiaries into the labor market, including ensuring access to active employment services and measures offered by National; Employment Agency (ANOFM) to beneficiaries of temporary protection during the period of validity of this status; and (iii) access to primary health care, emergency medical assistance and a free medical examination. The temporary protection will be granted for a period of one year from the date of entry, which may be extended by periods of six months, but not exceeding two years, if the reasons for temporary protection continue to persist.

Moreover, Government Decision No. 846/2022 aims at providing a comprehensive framework to guide activities for the prevention of, preparation for, and national response to growing emergency and exceptional situations that Moldova is facing at both the national and local levels. The Government Decision clarifies the respective roles of national and local governments to enable Moldova to better respond not only to emergency and exceptional situations, such as the refugee crisis, but also to other emergencies, including future pandemics or natural disasters. The Government Decision also contains specific measures to strengthen capacity at the national and local levels, including through civil protection training, and support the introduction of improved early warning systems. This Government Decision is an important first step in the development of a comprehensive Disaster Risk Management system. The associated Action Plan will strengthen the competences and roles of the national and local government authorities, and help close regulatory gaps, thus improving the management of emergency situations.

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country	
US\$159,240,000	US\$159,240,000	100%	

Year	Total by Year End
2022	US\$159,240,000