



Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCOFF)

PROGRESS REPORT

January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

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

DPO	Development Policy Operations
BC	Benefitting Country
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EIB	European Investment Bank
FY	Fiscal Year
GCFF	Global Concessional Financing Facility
GoA	Government of Armenia
GoC	Government of Colombia
GoCR	Government of Costa Rica
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)

*Dollar amounts, shown with \$, refer to US Dollar

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1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of key developments in the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) between 1 January 2024, to 30 June 2024, including progress in the implementation of projects supported by the Facility. This progress report is the first in a series of two reports that will be issued on a biannual basis. The second report will cover the period 1 July 2024, to 31 December 2024. The report provides a shortened and concise update on the project portfolio.

During the reporting period the GCFF has continued to serve as a valuable instrument for countries hosting large numbers of refugees. Advancements were made towards strengthening GCFF governance, consolidating processes for upstream engagement, outreach with GCFF and non-GCFF Stakeholders and continued financing to Benefiting Countries.

Some major developments during the reporting period include:

- Approval by the Steering Committee on 19 February, of a Funding Request for financing of IBRD supported *Second Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Development Policy Operation* underlying operation for Armenia. (See table 1, below).
- Approval by the Steering Committee on 29 February, of a Funding Request for financing of IBRD supported *People Centric Digital Government Program for Results* underlying operation for Jordan. (See table 1, below).
- Organisation of high-level event titled “Innovative Approaches to Addressing FCV Challenges in Middle-Income Countries (MICs): Lessons from the Refugee Experience” in the World Bank Fragility Forum on 28 February.
- Approval by Steering Committee on 28 March of the Technical Note on Strengthening Dialogue on Refugee Policy and Protection Priorities in GCFF Benefiting Regions and Countries.¹
- During the reporting period, receipts to the GCFF amounted to US\$ 17 million, with contributions received from Japan (1.5 million), Netherlands (10.8 million), and the United States (5 million).
- Approval by GCFF Supporting Countries on 29 April of inclusion and addition of ADB as a Designated MDB to the GCFF.
- Approval by the Steering Committee on 17 May, of Funding Request for financing of IBRD supported *Supporting Growth and Resilience Development Policy Operation* for underlying operation for Moldova. (See table 1, below).
- Organisation of joint GCFF-UNHCR high-level meetings with GCFF Supporting Countries on strengthening the Facility and securing predictable, flexible, and sustainable financing.
- Organisation of annual in-person GCFF Steering Committee meeting in Chişinău, Moldova, on 4-5 June 2024.
- Approval by the Steering Committee on 6 June, of Funding Request for financing of IBRD supported *Jordan Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms (MASAR)* underlying operation for Jordan. (See table 1, below).

¹ Steering Committee Meeting on March 28, 2028. Minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

- Approval by the Steering Committee on 12 June, of first Funding Request under the Exceptional Grant Modality for the IBRD *Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance* project for Moldova. (See table 1, below).

Table 1. Projects Approved and Financing Allocated between January – June 2024

Benefiting Country	ISA	Project Name	Date GCFE financing approved	Total Project Financing	Loan Financing from ISA	Funding from GCFE	Other Funding
Armenia	WB	Second Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Development Policy Operation	19-Feb-24	116.00	100.00	16.00	
Total				116.00	100.00	16.00	
Jordan	WB	Jordan People-Centric Digital Government Program for Results	29-Feb-24	404.34	321.00	29.00	54.30
Jordan	WB	Jordan Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms (MASAR)	05-Jun-24	400.00	393.00	7.00	
Total				804.34	714.00	36.00	54.30
Moldova	WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	17-May-24	55.00	40.00	5.00	10.00
Moldova	WB	Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance project	10-Jun-24	1.50		1.50	
Total				56.50	40.00	6.50	10.00
Grand Total				976.84	854.00	58.50	64.30

2. Key Steering Committee Funding Decisions (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)

Decision Date	Decision	Full Text of Decision
Out of Committee Decision 19 February 2024	Approval of Funding Request for Armenia	Allocation of US\$ 16,035,000 for the Second Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Development Policy Operation with the IBRD as ISA, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available first from the ECA Window and the balance from the Global Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 16,000,000 Concessional Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Out of Committee Decision 29 February 2024	Approval of Funding Request for Jordan	Allocation of US\$ 29,035,000 for the Jordan People-Centric Digital Government Program-for-Results, with the IBRD as ISA, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available first from the Jordan Window and the balance from the MENA Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 29,000,000 Concessional Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Steering Committee Meeting 28 March 2024	Decision to Strengthen refugee policy and protection issues in GCFE Benefiting Countries	The Steering Committee approved the Technical Note on Strengthening Dialogue on Refugee Policy and Protection Priorities in GCFE Benefiting Regions and Countries with the changes agreed during the meeting as an addendum to the GCFE Operations Manual, in accordance with Articles 9 and 47, and aligned to the Framework for the GCFE Refugee Policy and Protection Review. The Steering Committee further tasked the Coordination Unit to prepare a timeline for the reviews, including preparation of country RPPRs, on a two-year timeframe for virtual approval by the Steering Committee.
	Decision on organisation of in-person GCFE Steering Committee meeting	The Steering Committee agreed to hold the next in-person meeting in Chişinău, Moldova from 3-5 June. The Steering Committee directed the Coordination Unit to organise the meeting including agenda, providing regular updates to the Steering Committee members for timely planning and coordination
Out of Committee Decision 29 April 2024	Approval of Inclusion of ADB as GCFE Implementation Support Agency	Acknowledging the request from the Government of Armenia received on 29 February 2024 to consider the inclusion of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as a GCFE Implementation Support Agency (ISA), and following the discussion in the Steering Committee meeting on March 28 on this subject no objections were received from Supporting Countries to include ADB as a Designated MDB without an accreditation process, in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the GCFE Operations Manual.
Out of Committee Decision 17 May 2024	Approval of Funding Request for Moldova	Allocation of US\$ 5,035,000 for the Moldova Supporting Growth and Resilience Development Policy Operation with the IBRD as ISA, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available first from the ECA Window and the balance from the Global Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 5,000,000 Concessional Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Steering Committee Meeting 4-5 June 2024	Decision on development of proposal for expanding Private Sector Operations Modality	The GCFE Steering Committee requested the preparation of a Technical Note on options for expanding the Private Sector Operations Modality. The Steering Committee further requested the Coordination Unit to prepare this Note in collaboration with the GCFE ISAs, to be presented for discussion at an upcoming Steering Committee meeting later in 2024.
	Decision on development of	The Steering Committee requested the Coordination Unit to develop a GCFE Business and Investment Plan.

	GCFF communication and impact material	
	Decision on strengthening GCFF business processes	The Steering Committee agreed that future updates to the GCFF Funding Plan should include prior consultations at country level (through the Country Coordination Committees, or equivalent) of Benefiting Country project pipelines to ensure their adequacy and prioritization in relation to GCFF objectives; and that future GCFF funding requests be discussed at country level (through the CCCs or equivalent) and in the TAG prior to formal submission to the Coordination Unit.
Out of Committee Decision 6 June 2024	Approval of Funding Request for Jordan	Allocation of US\$ 7,035,000 for the Jordan Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms (MASAR) Operation, with the IBRD as ISA, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available first from the Jordan Window and the balance from the MENA Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 7,000,000 Concessionality Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Out of Committee Decision 12 June 2024	Approval of Funding Request for Moldova	Allocation of US\$ 1,500,000 for the Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance with the IBRD as ISA, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available first from the ECA Window and the balance from the Global Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 1,500,000 Grant.

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

The World Bank acts as a Trustee to the GCFF and publishes the Trustee Reports² on the financial status of the GCFF every three months. Below is a snapshot of the report as of June 30, 2024.

Table 2. Financial Status (as of June 30, 2024, in US\$ millions)

	Total	% of Total
<u>Supporting Country Pledges and Contributions</u>		
Contributions	952.00	100.0%
Pledges a/	-	0.0%
Total Pledges and Contributions	952.00	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Resources</u>		
<u>Resources received</u>		
Cash Receipts	952.00	95.3%
Investment Income earned b/	46.91	4.7%
Total Resources Received	998.91	100.0%
<u>Resources not yet received</u>		
Contributions not yet received	-	0.0%
Pledges outstanding	-	0.0%
Total Resources not yet received	-	0.0%
Total Potential Resources (A) (in USD millions)	998.91	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Funding Decisions</u>		
Concessionality	966.57	99.0%
ISA Costs	2.57	0.3%
Administrative Budget	6.75	0.7%
Total Funding Decisions Net of Cancellations (B)	975.90	100.0%
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions (A) - (B)	23.01	
<u>Funds Available</u>		
Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions	35.08	
Approved Amounts Pending Cash Transfers	12.07	
Total Funds Available to Support Steering Committee Decisions	23.01	

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

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

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

² The Trustee Report is published separately and is available [here](#).

Pledges and Contributions:

A pledge represents a Supporting Country's expression of intent to make a contribution. Pledges are formalized as Contributions by way of a countersigned Contribution Agreement/Arrangement.

As of June 30, 2024, contributions to the GCFE Trust Fund totaled USDeq. 952.00 million which has been deposited as cash into the GCFE Trust Fund.

There are no outstanding pledges or contributions.

Investment Income:

As of June 30, 2024, the GCFE Trust Fund earned investment income of approximately USD 46.91 million on the liquid balances in the GCFE Trust Fund and investment income received from Implementation Support Agencies (ISA).

Funding Approvals:

As of June 30, 2024, the GCFE Steering Committee had approved funding from the GCFE Trust Fund totaling USD 975.90 million to cover Concessionality amounts and ISA Costs, as well as Administrative Budget of the GCFE Coordination Unit and Trustee.

Funds Held in Trust:

Funds Held in Trust³ reflect contributions paid-in from Supporting Countries, plus investment income, less cash transfers. Funds Held in Trust as of June 30, 2024, amounted to USD 35.08 million.

Funds Available for GCFE Steering Committee Funding Decisions:

Funds available to support GCFE funding decisions amounted to USD 23.01 million as of June 30, 2024.

³ Funds Held in Trust represents balance of cash, investments and unencashed promissory notes (if any) as of the reporting date.

4. GCFE Portfolio and Implementation Status

4.1 Portfolio of Underlying Operations

Table 3. Portfolio of GCFE supported Underlying Operations (as of June 2024). Amounts are in US\$ million.

GCFE Portfolio Monitoring (as of June 2024)								
ISA	Project Name	Date GCFE financing approved	Date ISA Board Appr.	Closing	Total Project Financing	Loan financing from ISA	Funding from GCFE	Other funding
Armenia								
WB	Second Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Development Policy Operation	19-Feb-24	26-Apr-24	31-Mar-25	116.00	100.00	16.00	
					116.00	100.00	16.00	0.00
Jordan								
WB	Economic Opportunities for Jordanians & Syrian Refugees	28-Jul-16	27-Sep-16	31-Jan-24	300.00	149.00	51.00	100.00
EBRD	Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	28-Jul-16	22-Nov-16	01-Dec-24	46.05	25.30	1.95	18.80
WB	Jordan Second Programmatic Energy and Water DPL	03-Nov-16	01-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		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	20-Dec-27	60.80	27.00	2.50	31.30
WB	Jordan Education Reform Support Program	29-Oct-17	05-Dec-17	31-May-25	200.00	147.70	52.30	
	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	28-Feb-27	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	14-Sep-22	31-Dec-32	186.30	156.30	30.00	
WB	Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program	31-May-22	29-Sep-22	28-Jun-29	125.00	95.60	23.90	5.50
WB	Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Program	15-May-23	15-Jun-23	31-Dec-28	250.00	200.00	50.00	
EIB	Water Security and Climate Adaptation Project	22-Dec-23	13-Dec-23	31-Dec-29	489.29	435.00	54.36	
WB	Jordan People-Centric Digital Government Program for Results	29-Feb-24	28-Mar-24	31-June-28	404.34	321.00	29.00	54.30
WB	MASAR	05-Jun-24	27-Jun-24	30-Jun-29	400.00	393.00	7.00	
					4,175.53	3,364.60	599.81	211.15
Lebanon								
WB	Roads and Employment Project	29-Oct-16	6-Feb-17	30-Nov-24	200.00	154.60	45.40	
WB	Health Resilience Project	20-Apr-17	26-Jun-17	30-Jun-23	120.00	95.80	24.20	
ISDB		20-Apr-17	2-Jul-17	8-Aug-21	30.00	24.10	5.90	
WB	Wheat Supply Emergency Project	15-Apr-22	6-May-22	31-Oct-24	150.00	135.00	15.00	
WB	Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	3-May-22	16-May-22	31-Dec-25	29.00	22.95	2.05	4.00
WB	Greater Beirut Public Transport (CANCELLED)	17-Jan-18					2.58	
					529.00	432.45	95.13	0.00
Colombia								
WB	Colombia Second Fiscal Sustainability, Competitiveness, and Migration DPF	4-Jan-19	21-May-19	21-May-20	750.00	718.50	31.50	
WB	Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	7-Jan-20	19-Mar-20	31-Mar-23	187.60	150.00	37.60	
WB	Resilient and Inclusive Housing project	7-Dec-20	27-May-21	31-Dec-24	136.70	100.00	21.70	15.00
WB	Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF	30-Sep-21	11-Nov-21	15-Nov-23	526.40	500.00	26.40	
IDB	Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social and Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia	30-Sep-21	3-Nov-21	26-Nov-24	317.59	300.00	17.59	
					1,918.29	1,768.50	134.79	15.00
Ecuador								
WB	Second Inclusive and Sustainable Growth Development Policy Financing	24-Mar-20	07-May-20	30-Jun-21	506.00	500.00	6.00	
WB	Third Inclusive and Sustainable Growth Development Policy Financing	27-Oct-20	24-Nov-20	31-Dec-21	514.10	500.00	14.10	
WB	Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing	26-Oct-22	06-Dec-22	15-Dec-23	530.00	500.00	30.00	
					1,550.10	1,500.00	50.10	0.00
Moldova								
WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	09-May-22	02-Jun-22	10-Aug-22	159.24	43.00	9.24	107.00
WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO 2	07-Apr-23	25-May-23	24-May-24	134.30	100.00	25.00	9.30
WB	Education Quality Improvement Project	01-May-23	31-May-23	31-Dec-29	59.80	40.00	10.00	9.80
WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	17-May-24	14-Jun-24	29-May-25	55.00	40.00	5.00	10.00
WB	Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance	10-Jun-24	17-May-24	30-Jun-26			1.50	
					409.04	223.00	50.74	126.10
Costa Rica								
WB	Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project	16-Feb-23			370.00	350.00	20.00	
					370.00	350.00	20.00	
Grand Total:					9,067.96	7,738.55	966.57	352.25

4.2 Portfolio of Underlying Operations (Active Projects)

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.

Table 4. Performance ratings

Project name	ISA	Rating for progress towards achievement of project development objective	Rating for overall implementation progress
Colombia			
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Costa Rica			
Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project*	WB	N/A	N/A
Jordan			
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	EBRD	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
West Irbid Wastewater Project	EBRD	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Education Reform Support PforR	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
Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptatio**	EIB	N/A	N/A
Lebanon			
Lebanon Health Resilience Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
	IsDB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Lebanon Roads and Employment	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Moldova			
Education Quality Improvement Project	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

* Project has not become effective.

** Project became effective on 18 July 2024.

Explanation of Ratings

Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:

- Satisfactory: The project is likely to achieve almost all or exceed its major objectives efficiently without any significant shortcomings.
- Moderately Satisfactory: The project is likely to achieve the majority of its major objectives efficiently with moderate shortcomings.
- Moderately Unsatisfactory: 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:

- Satisfactory: 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.
- Moderately Satisfactory: Implementation of some components is in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with some components requiring remedial action.
- Moderately Unsatisfactory: Implementation of some components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan with most components requiring remedial action.
- Unsatisfactory: Implementation of most components is not in substantial compliance with the original/formally revised plan.
- Not applicable: Implementation has not yet started

4.3 Closed Projects

During the reporting period the following projects closed. Implementation Completion and Results Reports will be shared in due course.

Table 5. Closed projects

Project	ISA	Rating for progress towards achievement of project objective	Rating for overall implementation progress	Date of Closure
Colombia				
Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social & Economic Inclusion of Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia	IaDB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	March 2024
Jordan				
Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program-for-Results	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory	31-Jan-2024
Moldova				
Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO2	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory	24-May-2024

4.4 Disbursements of Underlying Operations (concessional support)

As of June 30, 2024, disbursements of active underlying operations that received GCFF concessional support amount to 63.4% percent of the total project financing. This excludes operations closed before the reporting period and operations approved in 2023 and 2024 which are still awaiting effectiveness.

Table 6. Disbursements⁴

Project name	Total Project Financing (US\$)	Disbursements (US\$)	% Disbursed
Colombia			
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	187,600,000	154,372,998	82.3%
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	136,700,000	27,250,000	19.9%
Total	324,300,000	181,622,998	56%
Jordan			
Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees PforR	400,000,000	400,000,000	100%
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	47,180,000	24,161,956	51.2%
West Irbid Wastewater Project	60,800,000	17,226,803	28.3%
Jordan Education Reform Support PforR + AF	300,000,000	246,370,000	82.1%
Jordan Youth, Technology and Jobs	200,000,000	44,420,000	22.2%
Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response AF	83,750,000	75,880,000	90.6%
Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation (ARDI) Program	125,000,000	49,415,965	39.5%
Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Program	250,000,000	9,500,000	3.8%
Total	1,466,730,000	866,974,724	59.1%
Lebanon			
Lebanon Roads and Employment	200,000,000	166,570,000	83.3%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project WB	120,000,000	89,510,000	74.6%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project IsDB	30,000,000	0	0%
Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Project	150,000,000	150,000,000	100%
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	29,000,000	5,410,000	18.6%
Total	529,000,000	411,490,000	77.7%
Moldova			
Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO 2	134,300,000	134,300,000	100%
Education Quality Improvement Project	59,800,000	1,410,000	2.3%
Total	194,100,000	135,710,000	69.9%
Grand Total	2,514,130,000	1,595,797,722	63.4%

⁴As reported in the individual project Progress Reports for the reporting period.

4.5 Disbursements of Private Sector Operation(s)

Due to the exceptional nature of the Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility Project, a separate table has been added to distinguish it from Underlying Operations that follow a standard disbursement model. Disbursements related to Partial Portfolio Guarantees (PPG) are only made in case of default on the guarantees by the financial intermediary. With no loans in default so far, there has been no disbursements. US\$31.2 million from GCF financing has been committed (used) by the financial intermediary. For more details on the project please see Progress Report in Annex.

Project name	Total Project Financing (US\$)
Jordan	
Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF)	186,300,000

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1. Colombia

1.1 Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Improving Quality of Health Care Services and Efficiency in Colombia Program		
Benefitting Country: Colombia	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): The World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Jeremy Veillard	Email of ISA Project Leader: jveillard@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Health and Social Protection	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Guillermo Alfonso Jaramillo Martínez, gjaramillo@minsalud.gov.co	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 37,600,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 187,600,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 154,372,998
CFF Approval Date: 1/7/2020	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/1/2020	Project Closing Date: 12/31/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Development Objective of the Program is to support improvements in the quality of health care services and in the efficiency of the health system	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As of July 2024, the program had disbursed US\$154.4 million out of a total of US\$187.6 million (82 percent disbursement rate) with a total of ten Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs) achieved out of twelve. The Program Action Plan is being implemented as planned. Furthermore, as of July 2024, the program has achieved key development results: two out of three Program Development Indicators (PDOs) have been fully achieved and even surpassed — this is the case for the Performance Index for public hospitals (a composite performance index of 17 indicators) and the Efficiency Gains resulting from the introduction of new regulations in the pharmaceutical market. Moreover, eleven out of thirteen intermediary indicators have been accomplished.</p> <p>However, discussions in Colombian Congress around the proposed health reform have resulted in a highly uncertain political environment, contributing to implementation delays in key activities of the MSPS, which also impacted the Program's progress. In this context, the Government's request to process a restructuring to account for adjustments to the results framework, including potential modifications to the resources associated with these indicators, which was agreed upon during the May 2023 supervision mission, has been delayed and subsequently revised during the November 2023 supervision mission, but it has not yet been submitted. During the May 2024 supervision mission, both teams agreed on a two-step restructuring. The first restructuring includes a 6-month extension of the closing date (December 31, 2024) for the BIRF loan and the GCFE, which was received on June 18, 2024, and approved by the Bank on June 25, 2024; and a second restructuring that needs to be finalized before September 2024. The Program has now been extended to December 31, 2024, and there is a clear plan in place to finalize the second phase of the restructuring, disburse 100% of loan proceedings including concessional financing, and close the project in an orderly manner by the new closing date.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
<p><i>Restructuring Request to be received by Ministry of Finance for WB Loan and GCFF.</i> It is anticipated that this would be a Level II Restructuring to account for: (a) changes to DLR 1.2 related to the accreditation of EPS to align it with the MSPS focus on Primary Health Care (PHC); (b) adjustments to the results framework to reflect the new baseline and target for PDO1 regarding early detection of breast cancer and associated DLR 2.3, and the revision of the Intermediate Indicator 1 on the Ministerial Decree approving the Guarantee System for Quality of Care, to align it with the new DLR 1.2 focused on PHC; (c) inclusion of a new DLR 2.4 related to an action plan for cancer; (d) reallocation of loan proceeds between undisbursed DLRs; and (e) minor adjustments to the Legal Agreement.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health and Social Protection and World Bank Team</p>	<p>9/30/2024</p>

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
<p>GCFF: 37,600,000 Loan: 150,000,000 Total: 187,600,000</p>	<p>GCFF: 30,934,999 Loan: 123,437,999 Total: 154,372,998</p>	<p>82%</p>

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

Year	Total by Year End
<p>2025</p>	<p>33,227,000</p>

1.2 Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project		
Benefitting Country: Colombia	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): IBRD	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Andre Herzog	Email of ISA Project Leader: aherzog@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Republic of Colombia, Ministry of Housing, City and Territory	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Ricardo Bonilla, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, luz.campillo@minhacienda.gov.co Catalina Velasco, Minister of Housing, City and Territory, cvelasco@minvivienda.gov.co	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 36.7 M	Total Project Amount (US\$): 136.7 M	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 27.25 M (19.97 M IBRD and 7.28 M Grants)
CFF Approval Date: 5/27/2021	Project Implementation Start Date: 10/5/2021	Project Closing Date: 7/24/2026

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To improve the quality of housing and public space for vulnerable households, including migrants from Venezuela, in selected municipalities	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The project implementation continues to gain pace, reflecting the efforts to overcome obstacles in implementation; this can be evidenced by the acceleration of procurement processes, the implementation of key activities and, most importantly, the concrete benefits for vulnerable households. The volume of procurement and implementation activities has increased significantly over the past six (6) months. The amount of funds committed to projects is expected to more than double in the coming months (from the current US\$ 19.4 million to the estimated US\$ 44.5 million by August 2024).</p> <p>The mission held from June 4 to 6, 2024, had the pleasure of visiting the municipality of Itagüí and witnessing the impact on the development of improvements in households that have already benefited several families, mostly headed by women who are single mothers and heads of household, and who have been victims of internal conflict and displacement.</p> <p>The mission was also very satisfied with the progress in implementing the pilot plan for temporary rental subsidies for Venezuelan migrants in Bogotá, as well as the intention of the District Secretariat of Habitat (SDHT) to extend the current agreement and add 200 subsidies for the term 2024, and 800 more for 2025. The mission agreed to study a strategy to expand the leasing program within the scope of the 30 municipalities selected by the project.</p> <p>The project's FM performance is Moderately Satisfactory (MS), taking into consideration that some financial management arrangements are still being implemented, such as the contracting of fiduciary agents and the budgetary aspects of trust funds and planning and budgeting issues. The Bank recommended that the project prioritizes the hiring of fiduciary agents to begin execution, finalize the processes to allocate trust fund budget for FY23 and FY24, and strengthen financial planning and disbursement processes.</p> <p>The project's current main challenge is related to the severe delays for the Ministry of Housing, City and Territory to receive GPG and GCFF funding through APC. In this regard, the mission agreed that, starting in 2025, the MVCT will include GPG and GCFF</p>	

funds as part of the overall request for project funds through the Annual Budget Act, which will accelerate the execution of GPG and GCFE funds as originally designed.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Make effective a third disbursement to meet the financial requirements related to the acceleration in procurement processes achieved by the Ministry of Housing, City and Territory.	Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, National Planning Department, Ministry of Housing, City and Territory, and World Bank	10/10/2024
Include the GPG and GCFE funds as part of the overall request for project funds through the Annual Budget Act, which will accelerate the execution of GPG and GCFE funds as originally designed.	Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, National Planning Department, and Ministry of Housing, City and Territory.	12/15/2024
Approve a second restructuring for the project as requested by the Ministry of Housing, City and Territory, and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit in the June 2024 mission.	Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, National Planning Department, Ministry of Housing, City and Territory, and World Bank	12/27/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
136.7 M (100 M IBRD, 36.7 Grants)	27.25 M (19.97 M IBRD and 7.28 M Grants)	20%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	12.33 m
2025	
2026	

2. Costa Rica

2.1 Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project		
Benefitting Country: Costa Rica	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Abigail C. Baca	Email of ISA Project Leader: abaca@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity : Comisión Nacional de Prevención de Riesgos y Atención de Emergencias (CNE)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: cpicado@cne.go.cr	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 20 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 370 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 0
CFF Approval Date: 2/16/2023	Project Implementation Start Date: Not applicable	Project Closing Date: 9/1/2028

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The PDO is to increase access to disaster and climate resilient infrastructure and services in selected regions of Costa Rica	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Not Applicable
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Not Applicable
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>Project negotiations with the Government of Costa Rica were initially scheduled for March 2023. However, negotiations have been postponed due to internal government approval processes. Specifically, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN) are currently evaluating the required studies for investments aimed at strengthening the National Risk Management System (non-emergency investments), which a part of the project's Component 2. A new timeframe for negotiations has been agreed for January 30 and 31, 2024, expecting a World Bank Executive Board's approval in March 2024. The loan (project) will then go for review and approval by the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, with an estimated effectiveness date between May and September 2024.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Government gets a positive clearance to conduct project negotiations	CNE	1/21/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

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

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	77.17 million
2025	95.14 million
2026	84.57 million
2027	63.43 million
2028	49.69 million

3. Jordan

3.1 Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees Program-for-Results

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 Abdulkader	Email of ISA Project Leader: mabdulkader@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Labor, Jordan Investment Commission	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Omar Fanek, omar_fanek@reformjo.org	
Concessional Amount Approved (US\$): 51 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 400 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 400 million
CFF Approval Date: 9/27/2016	Project Implementation Start Date: 10/24/2016	Project Closing Date: 1/31/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Improve Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees in Jordan										
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>									
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>									
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The PforR is a US\$400 million project closed on January 31st, 2024, whose development objective was to improve economic opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian refugees in Jordan. The project received additional financing of US\$100 million in June 2020, in addition to the original financing of US\$300 million, aiming to i) continue to support Jordan in honoring its commitments to the Jordan Compact by granting Syrian refugees access to economic opportunities; and (ii) support the Government of Jordan’s (GoJ’s) ambitious reform agenda to grow the Jordanian economy mainly through investment climate and sectoral reforms. The World Bank and GOJ recently finalized a restructuring of the Additional Financing, to reform DLIs on key policy measures needed related to Social Security Corporation (SSC), Home-Based Businesses (HBBs), work permits and numerical targets. The restructuring did not add any additional finance.</p>										
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<p>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 100 percent. Progress towards achievement of the PDO is rated Satisfactory, while overall implementation</p>										

progress is rated Moderately Satisfactory due to an uneven progress across results areas. The status of the nine result areas is summarized below.

- 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. The number of work permits issued in 2023 exceeded the annual target of 90,000.
- 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.
- 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.
- Result Area 4: Improving formality and working conditions (Additional Financing). Work in agriculture is now regulated. The DLIs related to social security coverage were focusing on systemic improvements through data analysis, communication, and enforcement measures were all achieved indicated by achieving the targets relevant to enforcement of enterprise registration and workers coverage. The DLI relating to the numerical target for the number of labor inspections recorded in the Inspection Management System developed by MOL, have been achieved supported by improvement of inspection information management system, introduction of new standard operating procedures and training of inspectors.
- Result Area 5: Improving entrepreneurship (Additional Financing). A streamlined regulatory model of “food handling business” to HBBs in food was approved allowing businesses to operate without a pre-operation JFDA inspection/license. Homebased food businesses can now apply directly for municipal licenses. This is a critical enabling policy for HBBs including for Syrians. Additionally, the number of licensed HBBs exceeded 3,900 by December 2023, of which over 2,200 are women owned and 141 are owned by 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). All targets have been achieved.
- Result Area 7: Improving women’s economic opportunities through childcare (Additional Financing). A new regulatory framework for licensing of childcare facilities by the Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) was approved by the Cabinet, including on new regulations for home-based nurseries (which should increase the supply of nurseries).
- Result Area 8: Improving women’s economic opportunities through social norms (Additional Financing). JNCW implemented and assessed four communication campaigns to address social norms affecting women’s labor force participation.
- Result Area 9: Improving exports competitiveness. The study of agricultural subsidies was finalized. Safe use of pesticides were published by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) on its social media accounts including guideline and videos in addition to incorporating these guidelines in the syllabus of the farming schools. Investor events also took place to showcase the cold chain opportunity in collaboration with MoA and the Ministry of Investment.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
Overall	400 million disbursed	100

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

Year	Total by Year End
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3.2 Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: MR3: Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): EBRD	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Kaori Kume	Email of ISA Project Leader: kumek@gmail.com	
Recipient Entity: Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Eng. Ahmad B. Alsbaihat Ahmad B. Alsbaihat <Ahmad_Alsbaihat@mwi.gov.jo>	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 1,948,000 (GCFE)	Total Project Amount (US\$): 47,180,000 ⁵	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): USD 24,161,956, including USD 943,083.68 from the GCFE
CFF Approval Date: 4/20/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/31/2017	Project Closing Date: 11/30/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status</p> <p>The project agreements (Loan and Grant) between EBRD, FCDO and Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) were signed in December 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

⁵ FX rate as of 28 December 2016

- 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 (June-end 2024) amount to USD 24.1 million.
- 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 had been first revised to November 2023, and later to November 2024 due to unforeseen delays from access by the contractor to specific excavation sites along the 31.5 km conveyor route. Therefore the funds availability has been extended as a second time until 1st December 2024, which was approved in December 2023.⁶
- In March 2021, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation suspended temporarily the project for 47 days, and then requested again for 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. Since then, the contractor refuted this rejection and has been extensively engaging with WAJ at technical level and ministerial level to explain the merits of this claim. EBRD has been closely following the development of the claim discussions, and has encouraged the Ministry on numerous occasions to reach an amicable settlement, however these efforts did not come to fruition yet. An increased momentum in November and December 2023 was notable due to several meetings by WAJ and the Contractor aiming at reaching a mutual understanding. The special committee was formed for this issue and by the end of June 2024, the Committee completed the recommendation report for solving this issue. The team is expected to have this issue be solved by the end of Q3 2024.
- 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. Then the Ministry assessed the designed and is yet to issue a decision whether to include this inlet structure in the current project or not. The Ministry would share with the EBRD an official request to fund this additional structure, the cost of which is expected to be around EUR 800k, according to the initial estimations by the Ministry. Any additional funds needed to cover this amended scope would be covered from the existing funding sources on a pro-rata basis, after conducting any and all necessary due diligence by the EBRD. Regarding this connectivity, the contractor has submitted a proposal to have a connectivity with an allowance to connect to As-Samra via the existing inlet, but the contractor would have to bear the risk of liability. The committee is now finalizing the report on this matter. As of this report date, no additional funding is expected to be requested from the donors for this project.
- The distribution of disbursement from the funding sources is based on pro rata use of sources is achieved by the end of the project. As of 30 June 2024, USD 943,083.68 has been disbursed from the GCFF.
- The overall project completion rate stood at 74.44 % as of 30 June 2024.
- The pipes installation works in open areas such as Surveying, Trail pits excavation, excavation, bedding and pipes surround materials, pipes laying and fittings installation, welding, NDT, pipes external PE wrapping and pipes internal protection for welded joints by cement lining and backfilling are ongoing, with around c 75% of open areas works, Hydro testing for portion of work is ongoing expected to be finalized by mid-2024. As of June-end 2024, around 23.8km of pipes out of the 31.5km are installed. The pipes work inside existing tunnel area preparation such as guides and supports installation are completed, the pipe laying and preparation for welding is ongoing. The pipes work across roads preparations are ongoing, such as ground leveling to receive the pipes. For structural works in Ain Ghazal – Operation Tank, the concrete Casting of the Operation Tank Walls and backfilling around is ongoing, and concrete casting for precast slabs is ongoing.
- Further extension is expected based on the project completion rate as of today. If needed, the Bank will update the GCFF team.

⁶ This extension was presented to GCFF in February 2024.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
A pending claim has been presented by the contractor to the Ministry in July 2021. This claim has not yet been resolved. Some positive discussions occurred in September 2023, and then in December 2023. The team has been following up with WAJ to underline the priority of resolving the claim.	WAJ/The Contractor	2H 2024
Receive from WAJ a request by the Ministry to finance an inlet structure of the pipeline that connects it with the As Samra Wastewater Treatment Plant from the provisional sums already accounted for in the contractor's contracted amount.	WAJ	2H 2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
USD 47,180,000	24,161,956	51.2%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	USD 13,823,684.97 ⁷

⁷ This figure assumes an FX rate as of 11 July 2024. 1EUR=1.09USD

3.3 West Irbid Wastewater Network Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: West Irbid Wastewater Network Project		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): EBRD	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Assaad El Turk	Email of ISA Project Leader: elturka@ebrd.com	
Recipient Entity: Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Suliemman M. Almukahal sulieman_almukahal@mwi.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 2.5 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): c. 60.8 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): USD 17,226,802.57 (So far, the disbursement was made only from the EU grant as per the EU grant conditions. The GCFF grant, SSF grant and EBRD loan will be disbursed on a pro-rata basis after the EU grant is fully disbursed starting H3-2024)
CFF Approval Date: 4/20/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/31/2017	Project Closing Date: 11/20/2027

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Project aims at developing and implementing a comprehensive wastewater investment programme to resolve current issues in the sector, caused by the rapid population growth, and the Syrian refugee influx, which has placed an unprecedented strain on the wastewater system.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 by proposing a revised technical solution to WAJ, which was accepted, and consequently the project cost increased to c.EUR 56.1 million. 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, with 3 out of the 5 lots awarded to Hassan Allam Construction (the contractor), and the decision was taken to retender the remaining two. 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 depreciation from 0.85 in October 2017 to 1.01 as of 6 October 2022; ii) the price of corrugated high-density polyethylene pipes increased and 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 an increased number of households in the selected towns compared to the original plan. 	

- 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, which 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 Government of Jordan has approached EBRD to request additional loan financing of circa USD 30 million, in order ensure all the envisaged networks serving the 15 villages of the catchment area would be constructed and the households connected. The Government’s Debt Committee provided its approval for an additional USD 30 million loan in November 2023.
- The EBRD is currently preparing for internal approvals of the additional loan of USD 30 million in coordination with MoPIC and MWI, with the aim of signing the additional loan in Q4-2024. This is currently under approval process. Once the additional loan is signed, the disbursement of the GCFF grant, and the SSF grant will be made on a pro-rata basis with the existing loan of EUR 25 million and the additional loan of USD 30 million. Therefore, the implementation timeline for the overall project will likely extend until November 2027.
- 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. Competence Management Consultant and the Royal Scientific Society (which are both consultants funded by SSF grants from the EBRD) are collaborating on the inclusive aspects of the project.
- In 2023, the project made significant progress. The construction completion rate of the tendered packages (3, 4 and 6) reached c.51% (as of end of December 2023), consisting of the completion of Contractor’s engineering design work and preparatory work for excavation, the production of the final design plans, the issuance of excavation permits by the relevant municipalities in the area, excavation and installation works, as well as road rehabilitation and asphaltting in several villages of West Irbid. The previous year-end construction completion rate was around 10%.
- As of June-end 2024, the project completion rate for the already tendered three packages are c.60.4%.
- Due to a contractual condition of the EU MADAD grant, the EU grant is being disbursed first fully and then, will the other grants (GCFF and SSF) and the EBRD loan be disbursed on a pro-rata basis, expected to start in H3-2024.
- The remaining packages (2,5) are expected to be tendered during the Q3 of 2024.
- The WAJ has requested an additional financing of USD 30 million in order to close a financing gap that has arisen as a result of global price increases, currency depreciation and population growth which has increased the proposed coverage area of the Project within the boundaries of the same 15 cities. This is currently under approval process and expected to be finalized by the end of this year.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
The remaining two packages to be retendered and awarded.	WAJ (with the support of the PIU Consultant funded by EBRD)	2H 2024
Additional Financing approval (WAJ requested to have an additional financing of USD 30 million, which is expected to be signed during Q3 2024.	WAJ represented by MWI and MOPIC, and EBRD	Q3 2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
USD 63.1 million	USD 17,226,802.57	c. 28.3%

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

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

3.4 Jordan Education Reform Support Program-for-Results (including Additional Financing)

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	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Zaina Dawani, Maria Jose Vargas	Email of ISA Project Leader: zdawani@worldbank.org ; mvargasmancera@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 Amount (US\$): US\$300 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$246.52 million
CFF Approval Date: 6/12/2020	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/14/2017	Project Closing Date: 5/31/2025

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To expand access to early childhood education, and to improve student assessment and teaching and learning conditions for Jordanian children and Syrian refugee children	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The project has made progress since the last Implementation Status Report. MOE reported the following key achievements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of Syrian refugee boys and girls benefitting from the Program interventions continue increasing and reached 163,477 (target: 180,000). b. Over 122 additional public KG2 classrooms have been constructed (as extensions to existing primary schools) and are operational (target: 280). c. A significant milestone was achieved with the official adoption of the quality assurance system (QAS) for KG. The roll out will begin and key teams have been deployed (including core and follow-up teams, teams for report writing and analysis, automation, system management, among others). Data collection tools are being updated, training manuals are under review and Training of Trainers (ToT) will start in August 2024. d. Over 10,086 teachers have been evaluated against the new National Teacher Professional Standards (NTPS) and meet the minimum performance standards (to be verified). e. A minimum increase of US\$10,000,000 to MOE's budget from the baseline of one billion JOD. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Disbursements have reached US\$246.5 million, representing 82.17 percent of the total operation amount of US\$300 million, including US\$116.8 million in advances, US\$128.6 million for the achievement of Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs), and US\$1.9 million for technical assistance activities. 3. Some DLRs have been achieved and are pending verification, including the design of a PPP model for increasing KG enrollment, maintenance of schools to meet minimum health and safety standards, the additional number of teachers evaluated against NTPS meeting minimum requirements and the development of a national blended learning strategy. 	

4. A task team has been established to work on the National Student Assessment Framework, comprising MOE staff, academic researchers from national universities and representatives from the National Human Resource Development (NHRD), with additional support from international experts.
5. MOE has appointed a new Director of the Development Coordination Unit (DCU), who previously served as a DCU staff member, providing her with a solid understanding of World Bank operations. Previous delays in the staffing of the DCU have slowed down operations. It is expected that with a new Procurement Officer in place and the support provided by the DCU coordinator the Program implementation will speed up in the coming months.
6. Over the last months, MOE's technical teams and the Bank have been working on the preparation of a pipeline Operation which builds on the lessons learned and results of the Jordan Education Reform Support Program, particularly regarding early childhood education access and quality, inclusion for refugees and the student evaluation system. The new Operation has also received concessional financing due to its focus on refugee populations.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Conduct verification of achieved DLRs	Ministry of Education	11/30/2024
Implementation support mission	World Bank	30/9/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$300 million	US\$246.52 million	82.17%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$266.8 million
2025	US\$300.0 million

3.5 Youth, Technology and Jobs Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Youth, Technology and Jobs Project		
Benefitting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Dana Telegraph	Email of ISA Project Leader: Dana.Telegraph@modee.gov.jo	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahin Maher.Abdelrahim@MOP.GOV.JO	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$36.9 M	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$200.00 M	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$44.42 M
CFF Approval Date: 11/22/2019	Project Implementation Start Date: 4/7/2020	Project Closing Date: 2/29/2027

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Improve digitally enabled income opportunities and expand digitized government services in Jordan.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship (MODEE) is making good progress towards the implementation of the project activities. The restructuring of the project has now been formalized and is now reflected in all the project's action plans.</p> <p>The below summarizes the main achievements under the project components:</p> <p>Component 1: Support the supply of digital skills in Jordan.</p> <p>(i) Subcomponent 1.1: Support private sector-led digital skills development.</p> <p><i>Support the establishment of the National Skills Council for Information and Communication Technology (NSC- ICT), as an independent (financially and administratively) legal entity, with a majority private sector board membership and representation from key public sector stakeholders.</i></p> <p>As of now, the evaluation of the financial proposals has been completed, and we are in the process of finalizing the report and sharing it with the companies. After this step, we will conduct the technical evaluation. Prior to this, DigiSkills completed the evaluation of</p>	

the Expressions of Interest received for the supply and demand gap analysis, with a total of 15 submissions. We intend to publish the analysis by the end of 2024.

The internal training for the Digiskills portal, platform for skilling and employment, is complete, and we are now planning to start the training for the new TSPs.

DigiSkills sponsored the Droidcon-Amman 2024 event, which took place from the 18th to the 20th of January 2024.

Subcomponent 1.2: Enhancing digital skills competencies for public school students:

The focus group discussions and review sessions assigned by the National Center for Curriculum Development, Ministry of Education, have been completed as the first phase of approval for the seventh, ninth, and eleventh grades, in preparation for the scheduled curriculum rollout set to commence in September 2024 for the odd grades.

Subcomponent 1.3 - Providing working spaces in underserved communities through Tech Hubs: This subcomponent is designed to support upgrading, equipping, and managing three to five technology hubs (Tech Hubs) as “for fee” venues for skilling programs, co-working spaces, ITO/BPO spaces, and networking spaces for trainers, entrepreneurs, freelancers, CSOs, and ITO businesses in nearby communities.

Following the completion of the interior design, a soft opening session was held on Thursday, June 27, from 10 AM to 3 PM. This public discussion opening session aimed to share information about the center, the project, and the ministry, while also gathering suggestions and expectations from the local community. The session was attended by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, representatives from the World Bank and the British Embassy, local community members, and youth.

This progress follows the successful acquisition of a space exceeding 500 square meters at the Marka Youth Center in the Central Region, approved by the Ministry of Youth.

We have shortlisted 4 companies for the second Tech Hub in the south of Jordan. We are currently in the process of finalizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) to send it to the shortlisted companies. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Techhub were approved and published on March 31st.

Sub-component 1.4: Enhancing Digital Skills Competencies for Youth

Training youth through eligible Training Service Providers and the provision of Sub grants to eligible Training Service Providers.

The 14 Technical Service Providers (TSPs) identified through the external evaluation by the King Abdullah II Award for Excellence are currently under the signing phase. This follows an internal evaluation where 29 service providers submitted applications during the Request for Applications (RFA) period starting September 3rd. Following careful review based on predetermined eligibility criteria, Digiskills selected 22 providers.

For the previous round, Digiskills evaluated 17 Training Service Providers (TSP) grant applications and selected 6 programs aligned with the recommendations of the Digital Skills Gap Analysis. The Independent Verification Agency (IVA) is currently verifying the number of trainees, graduates, and employment outcomes for these 6 TSPs.

Training is currently ongoing at Hashemite University, Mu'tah University, Yarmouk University, and Al-Ghor Al-Safi as part of our collaboration with the British Council to train 100 beneficiaries in cloud computing. This program aims to equip participants with valuable skills in the field of cloud computing and is scheduled to conclude in September.

Following the completion of cloud computing training for 20 beneficiaries in Karak, conducted in collaboration with Estarta, the participants have successfully taken the CCNA certification exams. We are now advancing to the second phase of the program, focusing on employment opportunities for the trainees.

The tender for designing the Career Acceleration program, intended to train 5000 young individuals in digital and employability skills, has been canceled following the financial evaluation results. Instead, we have initiated an alternative plan through direct coordination between universities and training entities contracted with the ministry.

We are currently auditing the training data following the completion of student training on May 11. After successfully completing teacher training on January 28, significant progress has been made in establishing a coding club for adolescents. This initiative involves 2,000 students from seventh to eleventh grade in public schools, along with 125 teachers from various provinces. The implementation of this initiative is guided by the collaboration of Hello World Kids and Luminous.

The training of 157 beneficiaries in cloud computing has been successfully concluded, and we are currently in the process of verifying their data. This represents the initial cohort in collaboration with AWS, with the program designed to impart essential skills and knowledge in cloud computing technologies and practices.

As of now, 223 students have been verified for the first cohort. The training for the second cohort is currently ongoing. In collaboration with Coach you, the program aims to train 1000 students in functional skills, specifically focusing on communication and interview skills tailored for IT students.

Following our agreement with Mays El Ward Company in April to conduct, a summer camp targeting 150 students from public schools, the registration phase concluded by the end of June. Currently, we are in the process of finalizing eligible students. The camp will focus on game designing and development training, with a goal of achieving 50% female participation. It will be held in three regions: north, south, and middle, with 50 students allocated to each region.

Component 2: Expanding the digital sector and digital government services in Jordan

Subcomponent 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.

As of the current date, we have signed a total of 66 agreements, consisting of 446 in the Talent category, 16 in the Expansion incentive category, and 4 in the GIG incentive category. Since opening applications on July 2, 2023, we've received 289 applicants. Currently, 101 applications are incomplete, awaiting completion and submission by companies for eligibility criteria checks. Our committees are actively reviewing 22 applications, and 7 have successfully completed due diligence and are now ready for final grant approval before signing.

We are currently focusing on market linkages and assessing the investment readiness for 60% of the 40 supported startups, following a thorough assessment. Upon submission of the action plan to support 40 startups through the intermediary's agreement with international leaders, a rigorous selection process resulted in the selection of these startups from a pool of 108 submissions.

The Project has supported 65 companies in the "talents" and "market expansion" program, along with 6 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the "Gig" program, resulting in the creation of 2,823 jobs and income opportunities in total.

Jordan Source supported BCIU's trip through the technology segment, engaging with over 12 promising companies and helping them understand government incentives and collaboration opportunities.

Jordan Source participated in and co-organized the first EU Business Forum, held on June 11th. At the event, our team presented collaboration opportunities in ICT at the Jordan Source Booth and facilitated an interactive session led by HE Ahmad al Hanandeh for forum visitors.

Jordan Source signed the first intermediary agreement for expanding German companies into Jordan with Gateway Jordan in June 2024.

Organized the largest Jordanian delegation to Canada from June 17th to 22nd, focusing on collaboration with the Canadian ICT ecosystem. The trip included:

- ✓ Participation in the Collision Conference in Toronto on June 17th, with over 40,000 attendees, facilitating networking opportunities with a diverse range of companies.
- ✓ Three informative sessions on entering North American markets, conducted in collaboration with The Dias, Microsoft, and Google.
- ✓ A working visit to the University of Waterloo in Ottawa, organized in partnership with the Embassy of Jordan, to explore collaboration opportunities with academia and the private sector

In May 2024, Jordan Source hosted a panel discussion at the Aqaba Gaming Summit, highlighting the benefits of investing in Jordan for potential investors. Additionally, we organized a closed round table meeting with key players in the gaming industry to explore opportunities for accessing Middle Eastern markets through Jordan.

Jordan Source has launched the Change makers' app, which aims to connect Jordanian talent with opportunities abroad. In addition, we have initiated scheduled calls with Jordanian embassies abroad to facilitate the onboarding process for Jordanians onto the app.

On April 27th, Jordan Source supported MENA DEVS, our partners, in their Hackathon by providing outreach, PR, publicity, on-the-ground support and logistics, and facilitating connections with local partners. This included comprehensive assistance to ensure the event's success.

Supported five startups during the SelectUSA event through Jordan Source's US-based account manager. This included facilitating their summit participation by covering accommodation, airline tickets, and transportation. Additionally, we assisted in organizing meetings, events, workshops, and introductions to potential investors and soft-landing programs throughout the conference.

Currently, Jordan Source has established a pipeline of four companies in the process of registration. Furthermore, Jordan Source is planning a follow-up webinar with stakeholders from Singapore in September. At the event, 9 companies and 5 organizations were attracted, leading to the signing of 2 MOUs between Jordanian and Singaporean companies. Furthermore, 2 more MOUs are in the pipeline.

Subcomponent 2.2 – Supporting digital transformation of service delivery to citizens and business.
 Currently, we are internally verifying the additional new services exceeding the initial target, ensuring accuracy and completeness in our records. IVA verified a comprehensive list compiled by the PMU and the MODEE team, consisting of 178 new government services and enhancements to 20 existing services. The recorded transactions, reflecting citizens' engagement with these services, total 3,531,506.

The PMU has compiled and added to the WB procurement system (STEP) 59 contracts managed and delivered by the e-government department at MoDEE, with an estimated cumulative value of US\$ 24 million. Our next step is to ensure the full reimbursement of these contract values. The PMU is currently in discussions with the WB to finalize all previous contracts based on a new submitted list as per HE guidance.

Subcomponent 2.3 – Digitization of government payments:

The ministry has completed the backend digital government payment system. This initiative aims to establish a more comprehensive integration between the billing systems of government entities and the diverse payment channels in Jordan. The outcome will be a unified collection management system and information source, streamlining the processing of government bill payments.

We are currently qualifying frontend acquiring service providers to handle the digitization of payment collections for three government entities: DVLD, CSPD, and MoH.

Component 3: Project management and implementation support

The PMU currently has 19 staff members including the Director, Finance Manager, Digital Skills Development Manager, Digital Business Sector Manager, Senior Procurement Officer, Procurement Officer, Senior Social Outreach and Communication Officer, M&E Officer, two Digital Business Sector Officers, Jordan Source Program Manager, Senior Grants Officer, Training Specialist, Finance Officer, Account Manager, Stakeholders Outreach and Communications Officer, Market Research Specialist, Environmental Specialist and Senior DBS Officer.

The PMU extended an employment offer for a Technology Solution Specialist, and by that it will conclude the main technical positions needed, the Technology Solution Specialist is expected to start during July 2024.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Launch new curricula and activity books for odd-numbered grades.	MoDEE, MoE, NCCD	9/30/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200 M	US\$ 44.42 M	22.2%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$ 37.50 M

2025	US\$ 55.75 M
2026	US\$ 55.00 M
2027	US\$ 12.35 M

3.6 Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response Project		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Takahiro Hasumi	Email of ISA Project Leader: 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 Amount (US\$): 83.75 million ⁸	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 75.88 million
CFF Approval Date: ⁹ 6/5/2021	Project Implementation Start Date: 5/13/2020	Project Closing Date: 1/31/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen the national health system for public health preparedness.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>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 project closed on January 31, 2024.</p> <p>Of the total amount of US\$83.75 million, 90.6 percent (US\$75.88 million) has been 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.</p> <p>In response to a request from the Government of Jordan (GOJ) in September 2023, the JCERP was restructured in January 2024 to reallocate funds initially designated for COVID-19 vaccines to cover expenses related to COVID-19 case management, including personal protective equipment and diagnostic kits. This restructuring enabled the GOJ to use the project funds to benefit Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians who received free care at MOH facilities for COVID-19 case management. The support allowed</p>	

⁸ US\$20 million IBRD, approved on April 28, 2020 (Original Financing) and (US\$12.5 million GCF, US\$50 million IBRD, & US\$1.25 million HEPRTF, approved on June 16, 2021

⁹ Approval date refers to the date that GCF was approved for the Additional Financing

the MOH to enhance and maintain its service delivery capacity for COVID-19 services and benefited Syrian refugees who utilized MOH services. The reallocation of funds did not negatively impact Syrian refugees and did not affect the project's original objectives. In the latest Implementation Status Report issued in May 2024, the PDO achievement rating was deemed Satisfactory, with all PDO indicators successfully met.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
83.78	75.88	90.61

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	8.3 million

3.7 Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF)

Program Information

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\$): USD 31.2 million	GCFF Allocations (US\$): USD 31.2 million	GCFF Amount Committed (US\$) : USD 31.2 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/1/2021	Program Implementation Start Date: 9/14/2022	Program Closing Date: 12/31/2032

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).	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Program Implementation Status: During the reporting period Q1 2024, a further progress in the implementation of the program was made. A due diligence of Jordan Ahli Bank was successfully carried out, the guarantee agreement to allocate the remaining USD 7m budget is planned to be signed in Q3-Q4 2024. With this signature the entire GCFF guarantee agreement will be fully allocated. The Capital Bank of Jordan has fully built up its portfolio, no defaults of the loans so far were registered. Other two Financial Intermediaries (Microfund for Women and Bank Al Etihad) are about to start building up the loan portfolios in Q2 2024.	

Action Plan: Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Signature of the guarantee agreement with Jordan Ahli Bank	EIB	Q3-Q4 2024

Implementation Status of the projects supported under the Program

Project 1: Guarantee Agreement with the Capital Bank of Jordan		
Previous Rating: <i>Satisfactory</i>	Current Rating: <i>Satisfactory</i>	GCFE Amount (US\$): 10m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$) for Q1 2024	Received: USD 98,009	Retained by the ISA: USD 70,006
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$): USD 10m/Loss 0		
Status of Implementation: The guarantee implementation is well underway. So far there were no defaults on the included loans under the guarantee.		

Project 2: Guarantee Agreement with Microfund for Women		
Previous Rating: <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>	Current Rating: <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>	GCFE Amount (US\$): 5m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$):		
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$): 0		
Status of Implementation: The conditions precedent were fulfilled to make the guarantee agreement effective. First inclusions are expected in Q2 2024.		

Project 3: Guarantee Agreement with the Bank Al Etihad		
Previous Rating: <i>Satisfactory</i>	Current Rating: <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>	GCFE Amount (US\$): 8m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$):		
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$): 0		
Status of Implementation: The conditions precedent were fulfilled to make the guarantee agreement effective. First inclusions are expected in Q2 2024.		

Aggregate Use of Private Sector Funds for Direct Program Activities

	Total (US\$)
Total GCFF Amount Received	USD 30m
Total Amount Committed under Eligible Projects	USD 10m
Total Amount Paid to the Beneficiary(-ies) under Eligible Projects	USD 0m
Total Amount to be Returned to GCFF (for Q1 2024)	USD 28,003 of Financial Intermediary fees + USD 422,540 from investment income

Aggregate PSO Fees Collected under the Program

Aggregate PSO Fees retained by the ISA (pursuant to the approved Funding Request) for Q1 2024	Total (US\$)
	70,006

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

Year	Jan-June	Jul-Dec	Total by Year End
2024		USD 7m	USD 30m

3.8 Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation (ARDI)

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program for Results (PFR) (P167946)		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Tobias Baedeker and Armine Juergenliemk	Email of ISA Project Leader: tbaedeker@worldbank.org, ajuergenliemk@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahim, Maher.abdelrahim@mop.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 23.9 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 125 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 49.4 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/13/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 1/1/2023	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Strengthen the climate resilience and enabling environment for agriculture development in selected value chains in Jordan	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The World Bank team conducted a mission from April 14 to 18, 2024, to take stock of the implementation progress of the Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation (ARDI) Program for Results (PforR). The mission focused on the following key objectives: (i) review the implementation progress of enabling activities for program delivery under the IPF component; (ii) review the progress towards delivery of 2024 DLIs; and (iii) the Program Action Plan.</p> <p>The mission noted strong implementation progress towards the delivery of the DLIs; a total of 11 Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs) for 2023 were verified by the Audit Bureau, unlocking US\$19.7 million in disbursements, bringing the total disbursements to US\$ 49,415,965 as of May 23, 2024 (including advances), representing 40% of the total project financing since the inception of the project 18 months ago. Only one DLR was considered moderately unsatisfactory (DLR 2.4.1), where a force majeure event (disease outbreak emergency) led to delays. Progress towards the Project Development Objective and overall implementation progress are assessed as satisfactory, and similarly good progress was noted regarding the PAP.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Extension services manual to be developed covering, safeguards, decent work, health and safety, environmental and social aspects	MoA	7/31/2024
Prepare and finalize the Guiding Manual on decent working conditions, child labor, OHS in the agricultural sector	MoA	7/31/2024
Developing a digital mapping platform for RWH structures.	MoA	7/31/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 125 Million	US\$ 49.65 million	40 %

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$ 26.9 million
2025	US\$ 21.4 million
2026	US\$ 17.05 million
2027	US\$ 16.5 million
2028	US\$ 15.04 million

3.9 Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project (P176619)		
Benefitting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): GCFE - IBRD as ISA (CFFISA)	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Jacqueline Marie Tront	Email of ISA Project Leader: jtront@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahim Maher.Abdelrahim@MOP.GOV.JO	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 50.00M	Total Project Amount (US\$): 250.00M	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 9.51M
CFF Approval Date: 6/20/2023	Project Implementation Start Date: 6/15/2023	Project Closing Date: 12/31/2028

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To improve the efficiency of water services in Jordan	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <i>The project was declared effective on November 7, 2023. The implementing entities (i.e., Ministry of Water and Irrigation, the water companies, the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) and the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA)) have met most of the legal covenants in the financing agreement and have initiated project implementation. The first disbursement was processed in June 2024. Procurement was initiated for design and works to be completed in the service areas of all three water companies based on a procurement Library of over 30 templates which was developed to standardize the approach and build the capacity of the different implementing agencies. The project team anticipates that the pace will accelerate in the coming reporting period and that Project implementation is on-track.</i>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Procurement of prioritized sub-projects. WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA to update the procurement plan and enter procurement activities into STEP.	WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA	Ongoing
Project Operations Manual. Prepare and adopt, and ensure the carrying out of the Project in accordance with a Project Operations Manual.	WAJ-PMU	3/7/2024 – Overdue, expected soon
Independent Verification Agency. WAJ to engage an independent verification agency for purposes of implementing PBC#1 to PBC#5.	WAJ	5/7/2024 – Overdue, expected soon

WAJ-PMU staff. WAJ to contract or assign for the WAJ-PMU the needed additional staff, with qualifications and terms of reference satisfactory to the Bank	WAJ-PMU	5/7/2024 – Overdue, expected soon
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B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
GCFF: 50.00M IBRD: 200.00M Total: 250.00M	GCFF: 1.81M IBRD: 7.71M Total: 9.51M	4%

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

Year	Total by Year End1
2024	14,000,000
2025	30,000,000
2026	50,000,000
2027	52,000,000
2028	53,500,000
2029	

3.10 Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation		
Benefitting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): EIB	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Alexander Abdel Gawad	Email of ISA Project Leader: a.abdelgawad@eib.org	
Recipient Entity: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: H.E. Minister Zeina Toukan <Zeina.Toukan@MOP.GOV.JO>	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 54.36m	Total Project Amount (US\$): 434.9m	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 0
CFF Approval Date: 12/22/2023	Project Implementation Start Date: 7/1/2024	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation project will finance small scale investments aiming to reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW), increase water supply as well as improve sanitation services throughout Jordan. It will improve water security and contribute to climate adaptation actions in line with EU cooperation objectives and the Government of Jordan's National Water Strategy, Non-Revenue Water Strategy and Financial Sustainability Roadmap.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <i>During Q1 and Q2, the Government of Jordan and the EIB worked towards the signature of the relevant legal documentation for the Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation operation. The loan agreement was finally signed on 18 July 2024 and implementation of the operation will commence, starting with a first disbursement in Q3 2024 (subject to completion of certain conditions precedent).</i>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
First disbursement (subject to conditions precedent)	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and EIB	9/30/2024
Finalisation of Programme Operations Manual (POM)	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	12/31/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
54,360,000	0	0

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	16,308,000
2025	13,590,000
2026	13,590,000
2027	5,436,000
2028	5,436,000

4. Lebanon

4.1 Road and Employment Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Roads and Employment Project		
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 Transport		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Minister Ali Hamie; ahamie@gmail.com
Concessional Amount Approved (US\$): US\$ 45.4 Million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$ 200 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$ 166.6 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/29/2016	Project Implementation Start Date: 2/6/2017	Project Closing Date: 11/29/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Project Development Objectives (PDOs) are to: (i) improve transport connectivity along select paved road sections; (ii) create short term jobs for the Lebanese and Syrian; and (iii) to support eligible farmers engaged in crop and livestock production to spur COVID 19 emergency recovery	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

The Roads and Employment Project (REP) was approved by the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors on February 6, 2017 and became effective on October 30, 2018. The original Project Development Objectives (PDO) were to: (i) improve transport connectivity along select paved road sections; and (ii) create short term jobs for Lebanese and Syrians. The project has been restructured four times since its effectiveness:

- On March 14, 2021, at the request of Ministry of Finance (MOF), the REP was restructured to respond to the impact of the economic and financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic on the agriculture sector and food security in Lebanon. A new PDO and component were added and US\$10 million were reallocated from other components to provide direct support to farmers engaged in crop and livestock production. The initial project Closing Date of June 30, 2022 was also revised to June 30, 2023 to allow successful implementation of the activities.
- On February 13, 2023, at MOF's request dated October 19, 2022, the project was restructured again to extend the project closing date until May 31, 2024 to complete the remaining project activities and achieve the PDO.
- On March 22, 2023, the World Bank received a third restructuring request from MOF to expand the geographic project scope of the routine maintenance activities to cover international roads and the maintenance of expansion joints. The project was subsequently formally restructured on July 28, 2023, with no impact on the project closing date.
- On May 27, 2024, at MOF's request dated January 5, 2024, the project was restructured to extend the project closing date from May 31, 2024 until November 29, 2024, to allow the successful completion of project activities, the disbursement of the remaining amount under the project, and the potential rehabilitation and maintenance of the roads affected by the ongoing hostilities in South Lebanon.

Commitments to date amount to US\$189 million (95% of loan amount). Disbursements as of July 12, 2024 amounted to US\$166.6 million compared to US\$141.67 million on December 20, 2023, an increase from around 71% to 83% of the loan amount. Disbursements are expected to reach US\$199 million by the new closing date of the project, including around US\$10 million that remain in the Designated Account (DA) at the Central Bank of Lebanon and are not considered Fresh Dollars.

The project has reached most of its targets and anticipates that all indicators in the results framework would be achieved or over-achieved by the end of the project. The update is as follows:

- The project has rehabilitated around 525 km of roads (overachieving the initial target of 500 km).
- The project has also generated around 1.13 million labor-days as of end-May 2024 (90% of the target of 1.25 million labor-days).
- 850 labor-days of hands-on practical training have been delivered out of 1,000 planned, in addition to more than 6,000 labor-days of training on social and environmental safeguards, and occupational health and safety, among other subjects.
- The vaccination program has been completed with around 1.5 million animal vaccine doses administered (150% of the target and 94% of the procured vaccines).
- 26,687 farmers have benefited from improved access to inputs.
- 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. The regional offices of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport are using the equipment to respond to cold climate hazards.

The ongoing hostilities in South Lebanon have affected regions that are benefiting from road rehabilitation and routine maintenance works under the project. Works have been halted in these regions until the situation calms down. Moreover, some roads that have been rehabilitated under the project were damaged by the hostilities, particularly in the cazas of Sour/Tyre and Bent Jbeil. A preliminary list of impacted roads has been prepared. More detailed assessments will be conducted by the World Bank as part of the Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA).

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Complete all works contracts	CDR	11/29/2024
Complete the hands-on practical training of labor	CDR	11/29/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200,000,000	US\$ 166,570,000	83%

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

Year	Total by Year End
November 2024	US\$ 199 million

4.2 Lebanon Health Resilience Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Lebanon Health Resilience Project (LHRP)		
Benefitting Country: Lebanon		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Name of ISA Project Leader: Ronald Gomez Suarez; Farah Asfahani		Email of ISA Project Leader: rgomezsuares@worldbank.org ; fasfahani@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Dr. Firass Abiad; firassabiad@gmail.com
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$24.2 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$120 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$89.51 million
CFF Approval Date: 4/6/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 3/13/2020	Project Closing Date: 3/31/2025

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective (PDO): 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:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>Project progress: The project's progress towards achieving the PDO and the overall implementation progress are rated as Moderately Satisfactory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project contributed to strengthening the capacity of the Government of Lebanon (GoL) to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (Component 4) through (i) COVID-19 prevention awareness campaigns and community engagement; (ii) procurement of 3.25 million doses of Pfizer vaccine; (iii) procurement of Polymerase Chain Reaction machines and their kits, personal protective equipment, medical equipment for hospitals, and regular and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds; (iv) maintenance of COVID-19 related equipment at hospitals; (v) installation of negative pressure system; (vi) coverage of 17,660 COVID-19 hospital claims; and (vii) supporting the pharmacovigilance program at the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). - The project financed 40,651 non-COVID-19 hospitalization claims (Component 2). - The Primary Healthcare (PHC) pilot (Component 1) is planned to be launched by mid-July 2024. MoPH is expected to start sending SMS to the selected 210,000 beneficiaries selected from the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) database to start enrolling in the PHC pilot by mid-July 2024. The MoPH already completed the identification of PHC centers, their readiness assessment, trained the PHC centers personnel, developed the provider payment mechanism, and contracted with Third-Party Agent (TPA). Other preparatory steps for the launch of the pilot are underway (contracting the call center firm; conducting security test to ensure confidentiality of ESSN data; signing contracts with PHC centers; transferring readiness grants to the PHC centers; launching the communication plan). These preparatory steps are expected to be completed in the first half of July. 	
Project Operations Manual (POM): The Bank and MoPH agreed on the technical design of the PHC component. The MoPH will send the WB the revised POM by end of September 2024.	

Disbursement: US\$30.47 million is undisbursed. It is anticipated that disbursement will accelerate during the second half of 2024, focusing on PHC capitation payments and readiness grants for PHC centers. Simultaneously, additional investments for system strengthening (such as improvements in the information system, procurement of equipment, etc.) are expected to take place in the third and fourth quarters of FY25. These investments will utilize the remaining undisbursed resources.

Project closing date: The current closing date is March 31, 2025. The project will be further extended for a period (to be determined) to allow sufficient time for the MoPH to utilize project funds for the delivery of packages of essential PHC services.

Challenge: Launching of the PHC pilot has been delayed due to the limited capacity at the MoPH and the PMU, caused by civil servant absenteeism due to the financial crisis, country instability and vacancies in key PMU positions. This issue has been partially resolved as of December 2023 with the recruitment of specialists for the key PMU positions (Project Manager, Procurement Officer, PHC Technical Coordinator). Other recruitments are underway (Web Developer, Field Coordinators, Communication and Training Officer).

Another challenge is derived from the role of the project in the pandemic response. During the covid-19 vaccination plan, (2022-2023) significant resources were allocated to purchase of covid-19 vaccines, which now are not required by the country, due to reception of donations and reduced demand. Under the LHRP project, 3.25 million Pfizer vaccine doses were procured, and 2.75 million doses were delivered and received by the Government. The remainder 500,000 doses (worth US\$6 million) have not been delivered, as the MoPH requested Pfizer to hold on to the delivery due to low demand and availability of other vaccines by donation. The MoPH agreed with Pfizer to refund US\$5 million to the project, but the process is complex and requires involvement of fiduciary, technical and legal teams.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Launch the PHC pilot	MoPH	7/31/2024
Revise the POM	MoPH	9/30/2024
Restructure the project to extend the closing date	WB	11/30/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$120 million	US\$89.51 million	75%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$10.47 million
2025	US\$20 million

4.3 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	
Recipient Entity: Government of Lebanon, Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Mohamad Hindawi; MohamadH@cdr.gov.lb	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 5.90 m	Total Project Amount (US\$): 30.00 m	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 0
CFF Approval Date: 5/14/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 5/8/2019	Project Closing Date: * 12/31/2025

* 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., 5th August 2019).

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To increase access to quality healthcare services to poor Lebanese and Displaced Syrians.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: In June 2024, the IsDB has granted its 'No Objection' on signing three contracts (for Lot # 2, 6 and 7) for a cumulative contract amount of US\$ 9,510,010.00 . The remaining four Packages/Lots for medical equipment/furniture are recommended for rebidding and the corresponding bidding documents are being reviewed before launching the bidding processes. The expired first and last date of disbursement (FDD and LDD) were extended up until 31 st Dec. 2023 and 31 st Dec. 2025, respectively. The first disbursement for the project is expected to be made in Q-3, 2024 .	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
1. Conclude the signing process for the three contracts (Lot # 2, 6 & 7)	CDR	7/31/2024
2. Conclude the bidding processes for the remaining four Lots (Lot# 1,3,4 & 5)	CDR/IsDB	11/31/2024
3. Submit draft contract for Consultancy Services	CDR	8/15/2024
4. Review and provide 'No Objection' on the draft contract	IsDB	8/31/2024
5. Conclude award of contract and contract signing for consultancy services	CDR	9/31/2024
6. Make first disbursement for medical equipment/furniture supplier(s)	CDR/IsDB	9/31/2024
7. Close follow up on disbursement and corresponding delivery of medical equip./furniture as well as consultancy services	CDR/IsDB	Q1-Q4, 2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

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

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	1,500,000.00*
2025	28,500,000.00

*10%-20% advance payment for the contracts envisaged to be signed in 2024 (suppliers and consultant)

4.4 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 Reconstruction and Development
Name of ISA Project Leader: Irina Schuman and Armine Juergenliemk		Email of ISA Project Leader: ischuman@worldbank.org or ajuergenliemk@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Economy and Trade		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Minister Amin Salam; asalam@economy.gov.lb
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 15,035,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 150,000,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 150,000,000
CFF Approval Date: 4/15/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 8/19/2022	Project Closing Date: 10/31/2024

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 global commodity market disruptions, and to maintain access to affordable bread by poor and vulnerable households.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>After being declared effective as of August 19, 2022, the project met the disbursement conditions regarding Component 1 (i.e., the completion and disclosure of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), and, respectively, the signing of Framework Agreements with the eligible wheat importers) on December 12, 2022. MoET signed Framework Agreements with six eligible importers, namely: Bakalian Flour Mills, Big Mills of the South, Crown Flour Mills, Modern Mills, National Flour Mills, and Shabarek Trading.</p> <p>Overall, the project implementation has been satisfactory, and the project resources were fully disbursed, even if not fully used, before the end of the reporting period. Following a request from the Government of Lebanon received in May 2024, the project closing date was extended through October 31, 2024. The main reasons for the extension were: (i) to ensure the full use of project resources, given that the transfer of the last disbursement to the designated account was delayed because of inefficiencies in the government process; (ii) to continue monitoring the distribution and use of project-financed wheat stocks until they are fully exhausted (likely by early September 2024); and (iii) to allow the government to implement the gradual alignment of wheat and bread prices to market prices during this period.</p> <p>As the project is nearing completion, the PDO targets were already exceeded. As of June 30, 2024, the project has facilitated the import of 496,852 MT of wheat, which were delivered to Lebanon between February 2023 and May 2024. The monthly consumption is about 30,000 MT. The last wheat procurement round under the project was completed on June 12, 2024, with another 63,000 MT (+/-10%) of wheat being contracted and expected to be delivered to Lebanon in July/early August 2024. The gradual relaxation of the regional wheat prices over the project implementation period, after they reached a record high in early 2022, allowed the project resources to be used efficiently and purchase more than the original import target of 250,000 MT.</p>	

These additional imports and the extension of the project implementation beyond the initial closing date proved to be a critical safeguard during a continually challenging economic situation in the country and increased uncertainty stemming from the most recent conflict in the Middle East.

Bread access has been ensured to satisfactory levels even in the areas in Lebanon affected by conflict and displacement. There was a steady increase in bread access between October 2023 and May 2024, with vulnerable groups, overall, reporting an improvement from 93.1% in October 2023 to 98.9% in May 2024. Over the same interval, refugees reported an increase from 92.9% to 99.1%; host beneficiaries from 94.4% to 98.7%; and women from 92.9% to 98.8%.

After the initial delays, the third-party monitoring agents (TPMAs) have been recruited and are performing their activities adequately. The data gathered by the TPMAs has been important for monitoring progress in project implementation and against PDO targets.

During the remaining months until the project closing date, the government will focus on ensuring a gradual alignment of wheat and bread prices to market prices, on improving sector monitoring and governance (based on a participative approach and with equity objectives in mind) and on identifying the most efficient and effective solutions for increasing the resilience of the sector to future shocks (through an integrated value chain approach).

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Monitor the delivery and distribution of the wheat procured during the last project round (June 12, 2024)	Ministry of Economy and Trade	9/13/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
15,000,000	15,000,000	100%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	2,666,421

4.5 Lebanon’s COVID-19 Response Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Strengthening Lebanon’s COVID-19 Response Project (SLCRP)		
Benefitting Country: Lebanon	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Ronald Eduardo Gomez Suarez; Farah Asfahani	Email of ISA Project Leader: rgomezsuarez@worldbank.org ; fasfahani@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Lebanese Republic, Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Dr. Firass Abiad; firassabiad@gmail.com	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$2.05 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$29 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$5.41 million
CFF Approval Date: 5/4/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/20/2022	Project Closing Date: 9/30/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective (PDO): 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:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>Project Progress: The project’s progress towards achieving the PDO and the overall implementation progress are rated as Moderately Satisfactory. The Project Management Unit (PMU) submitted the (i) procurement plan (PP) which was cleared by the World Bank (WB) on July 3, 2024. The plan includes procurement of hospital equipment and activities related to the digital transformation program of the MoPH; and (ii) Project Procurement Strategy for Development (PPSD) which is currently being reviewed by the WB. Procurement of 60 dialysis units for public hospitals is underway and expected to be finalized by end of July 2024. Following that, other medical equipment for public hospitals will be procured, based on MoPH priorities as per the cleared PP.</p>	
Proposed Project Restructuring:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As a result of discussions during the Mid-Term Review conducted by the WB, a restructuring has been proposed by the MoPH which includes the following proposed adjustments: (a) reallocating funds across components and disbursement categories; (b) extending the project closing date by 15 months, from September 30, 2024, to December 30, 2025; and (c) revising the results framework. - The SLCRP budget originally allocated for procurement of COVID-19 vaccine supplies and financing hospitalization claims for COVID-19 and related health conditions will be reallocated to procure medical equipment and supplies and to support the digital health agenda of the MoPH. These activities are already part of the original design of the project and financing agreement. This reallocation of financing reflects the evolving needs of the health sector in Lebanon and the reduced burden of disease represented by COVID-19. - The restructuring closely aligns with Lebanon’s National Health Strategy – Vision 2030, which outlines the MoPH’s commitment to strengthening public hospitals through several initiatives. The strategy prioritizes the provision of essential medical supplies and equipment to ensure that public hospitals are well equipped to deliver quality and advanced care. The strategy also emphasizes digital health transformation, guided by the MoPH Digital Health Vision. This restructuring supports these strategic priorities by financing the procurement of medical goods for public hospitals, and financing activities 	

envisaged under the MoPH's digital transformation strategy, such as the Unique Health ID project, digital interoperability, and standardization of coding.

- The requests for restructuring for the loan and the grant have been sent by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to the WB. The restructuring proposal will be shared with the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) Coordination Unit for review and submission to its steering committee for information.
- The project will continue to benefit Syrian refugees after restructuring. This restructuring does not affect the government's capacity to use the project funds for the benefit of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese seeking healthcare at public hospitals. The focus of the project following restructuring will be on strengthening the capacity of public hospitals to improve the quality of services for all patients, including Syrian refugees, who make up a significant proportion of the patient population (around 40% of hospital visits at the Rafik Hariri University Hospital - the largest public hospital in the country - are by Syrians and Palestinians). This restructuring will support 29 public hospitals nationwide by providing essential medical equipment, supplies, and consumables, training the healthcare workforce, implementing energy-efficient solutions, and deploying digital solutions to scale-up healthcare services.
- The WB requested the PMU to revise the Project Operations Manual (POM) after restructuring.

Challenges:

- Delay in project implementation: The initiation of project activities has been delayed for the following reasons: (i) limited capacity at the MoPH and the PMU, caused by civil servant absenteeism due to the financial crisis and vacancies in key PMU positions. This issue has been partially resolved as of December 2023 with the recruitment of specialists for the key PMU positions; (ii) low demand for COVID-19 vaccines in Lebanon, leading to lack of progress on vaccine procurement (Component 1); and (iii) increase in the MoPH's budget allocation for hospitalization expenses, reducing the need for project funds in this area (Component 2).
- Delay in funds disbursement: The Loan and Grant Agreements were signed by MoF on June 29, 2022. The Project was declared effective on December 20, 2022. The first disbursement amounts to US\$5.41 million (18.65 percent of total financing) and was processed in November 2023. The delay in disbursement was caused due to the government's delay in opening the Designated Accounts (DA) at the Central Bank. The amount disbursed from IBRD and GCFF (US\$4.55 million) was transferred from the MoF to the DA of the project at the Central Bank. However, the funds related to the GPG grant (US\$0.86 million) have not been transferred yet from the MoF to the DA, due to administrative delays in processing them at the MoF. The MoPH is following up closely with MoF to transfer these funds to the DA.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Finalize the procurement of 60 dialysis units	MoPH	7/31/2024
Launch a new procurement of medical equipment for public hospitals	MoPH	8/1/2024
Finalize the project restructuring	WB	7/31/2024
Revise the POM	MoPH	9/30/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$29 million	US\$5.41	18.65%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$4.72
2025	US\$18.87

5. Moldova

5.1 Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO 2

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO2		
Benefitting Country: Moldova	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Stefano Curto	Email of ISA Project Leader: scurto@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova	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\$): \$25M	Total Project Amount (US\$): \$134.3M	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): \$134.3M
CFF Approval Date: 4/7/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 5/25/2022	Project Closing Date: 5/24/2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: (i) increase support to refugees and households, and (ii) build resilience and (iii) enhance competitiveness to reduce vulnerabilities to future shocks.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>On May 25, 2023, the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank approved a second operation totaling US\$100 million to assist the Republic of Moldova in addressing unprecedented challenges, while continuing to advance its long-term goals of enhancing resilience and competitiveness. This operation includes US\$100 million in financing from IBRD. Furthermore, it benefited from a co-financing grant of US\$9.3 million from the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Co-financing of the Moldova Development Policy Program (TF0C1303) and a non-reimbursable concessional contribution of US\$25 million under the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF).</p> <p>As of July 2024, 123297 refugees from Ukraine were recorded 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 surge of refugees poses a significant challenge for Moldova, a small country.</p> <p><i>Actions under the first pillar of the second DPO operation aimed at (i) providing a more secure legal status for and a better integration of refugees from Ukraine (ii) strengthening civil protection response and management in emergency situations, including from the influx of refugees; and (iii) strengthening the main social protection program to mitigate the socio-economic impact from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the energy crisis on households, especially those with children. The results indicator framework focused on (1) the share of female refugees that are granted the temporary protection status, and (2) share of cases solved by the civil protection as a percentage of the requests for assistance from refugees.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> During the period 01.03.2023-30.06.2024, 52079 beneficiaries of temporary protection received identity documents, of which 28262 are female. During the first half of 2024, the General Inspectorate for Migration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs assisted 7,714 foreigners through Integration Centers. They received counseling on legalizing their status in Moldova, obtaining protection forms, integration advice, citizenship processes, and their rights and obligations. In 2023, 7,500 foreigners received similar information and advice. Moreover, in the same period of 2024, the Inspectorate organized 5 sociocultural orientation sessions 	

for foreign citizens with minor children under protection or residency rights. Additionally, the Inspectorate hosted 14 events in Chisinau, Balti, and Cahul municipalities, such as Easter traditions for children, integration workshops, Europe Day celebrations, and activities like "In Dialogue with Citizens" and International Children's Day. These events aimed to foster integration and solidarity.

Access to employment opportunities

According to the available data since the beginning of the State of Emergency period in Moldova up to July 5, 2024, the National Employment Agency (ANOFM) received notifications from employers regarding the employment of 1451 citizens from Ukraine, including 986 women and 465 men. The majority of Ukrainian citizens are employed in Chişinău municipality (1126), Gagauzia (59), and Bălţi (69). Ukrainian citizens have been employed in the following professions and occupations: programmer, engineer, seamstress, salesperson, sales consultant, cook, waiter/waitress, doctor, educator, assembly line worker, nurse, production sector operator, customer service agent, manager in various fields, data entry operator, among others. Since the beginning of the current year, 146 employers have expressed their readiness to hire Ukrainian citizens, declaring 1585 vacant positions for these individuals. During the mentioned period, approximately 236 Ukrainian citizens were receiving employment support.

Access to accommodation for displaced persons from Ukraine

Since February 2022 and until now, with the support of development partners, non-governmental organizations, and local authorities, 137 Temporary Placement Centers have been established, providing approximately 11,050 accommodation places.

By Ministerial Order no. 182 dated December 20, 2023, the Regulations on the organization and functioning of Temporary Placement Centers for persons displaced from other states, expenditure and staffing norms, and the financing mechanism were approved. The mission of these centers is to provide placement, protection, and assistance to facilitate the integration and social inclusion of persons displaced from Ukraine. For the year 2023, the average monthly cost for maintaining one refugee was 12958.85 lei.

As of July 8, 2024, there were 33 active Temporary Placement Centers for persons displaced from other states, with a capacity of 2,239 places and an occupancy rate of 1,788 beneficiaries (79.86%).

Financial assistance measures provided to displaced persons from Ukraine:

Monthly financial aid of 2200 lei offered to beneficiaries of temporary protection. Families with children in precarious situations who have been displaced can benefit from social benefits available to children who are citizens of the Republic of Moldova, including the Social Assistance Service for Families with Children. This aims to prevent and/or overcome situations of risk to ensure the upbringing and education of the child within the family environment.

Assistance measures for children displaced from Ukraine

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection implements protection and specialized assistance measures for children displaced from Ukraine. For unaccompanied or unauthorized accompanied children, special procedures are applied. Children receive non-discriminatory protection, and territorial guardianship authorities ensure representation of their interests in court and other institutions. Regarding placement services, priority is given to family-type placements, such as professional foster care and family-type children's homes. As of July 1, 2024, 105 refugee children were in custody, with some benefiting from professional foster care and guardianship/curatorship services. In addition, refugee children are continuously monitored, and families with children at risk receive financial assistance to prevent child separation from the family. In 2023, 194 unaccompanied children and 601 unauthorized accompanied children were registered, while in the first half of 2024, 10 unaccompanied children and 43 unauthorized accompanied children were registered.

Assistance measures for persons with disabilities displaced from Ukraine

Moldova implements specific social protection measures for persons with disabilities displaced from Ukraine. This includes the permanent reservation of available spaces for their accommodation in Temporary Placement Centers for refugees, including in Centers for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities in Chişinău. The aforementioned centers have been prepared to prioritize accommodation spaces for refugees with disabilities or special needs. Additionally, social assistance measures for families with children and unaccompanied minors are provided through territorial social assistance agencies. To date, 25 refugee children with disabilities from Ukraine have obtained disability certificates, thus benefiting from the necessary protection and assistance.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
\$134.3M	\$134.3M	100%

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

Year	Total by Year End
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5.2 Education Quality Improvement Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Education Quality Improvement Project (P179363)		
Benefitting Country: Republic of Moldova	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
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Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance of Republic of Moldova	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Elena Matveeva, elena.matveeva@mf.gov.md	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$10.0 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$59.8 Million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$1.41 Million
CFF Approval Date: 5/2/2023	Project Implementation Start Date: 10/15/2023	Project Closing Date: 12/31/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The objectives of the Project are to: (i) improve the learning environment in participating institutions, with an emphasis on supporting disadvantaged students; and (ii) strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Education and Research for sector management and refugee response	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <i>The Project became effective on September 11, 2023.</i>	
Component 1: Improving Quality of Teaching.	
<p>Improving teaching quality is essential for Moldova. After the pandemic, according to PISA 2022 results, the share of students reaching the minimum proficiency level dropped by around 6 percentage points in each subject. A substantial number of students in Moldova fail to attain basic proficiency levels in reading, science, and math. Only 51% of students in Moldova attained it in reading (OECD average: 74%), only 44% of students in mathematics (OECD average: 69%) and only 51% of students in science (OECD average: 76%). Recovering pandemic-induced learning losses is crucial to prevent long-term damage to human capital and children's well-being and productivity. This is important both for host communities and refugee children from Ukraine.</p> <p>A growing body of research indicates teaching is the most important school-based determinant of student learning, and the difference between the impact of a weak teacher or a great teacher on student test scores is equivalent to one to two years of schooling¹⁰. Moreover, evidence suggests several consecutive years of effective teaching can offset learning shortfalls and help students reach their full potential (Bau and Das 2017; Buhl-Wiggers et al. 2017; Hanushek and Rivkin 2010; Nye, Konstantopoulos, and Hedges 2004; Snilstveit et al. 2016). Teachers require ongoing feedback, practice, and support to improve their teaching, and it is essential that all teachers around the world have access to continuous and high-quality learning opportunities to improve their practice.</p> <p>As part of the efforts to improve teaching quality in Moldova, the TEACH training of trainers (ToT) was launched by the MoER in May 2024 under support of the Bank. Currently, 114 trainers successfully completed the program. The rollout is envisaged in the new academic year 2024/2025 to help teachers with application of practices which are conducive to learning. This will be monitored and measured with TEACH classroom observations. The work on revision of professional standards for teachers and managers has been launched. School managers should act as instructional leaders, guiding and supporting teachers to achieve help students learn.</p>	

¹⁰ <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/education/brief/teach-helping-countries-track-and-improve-teaching-quality>

The teacher professional standards establish a foundation upon which all aspects of teacher development from teacher education to induction and ongoing professional development are aligned. The standards also aim to help teachers in reflecting on their teaching practice and its impact on student learning, guiding the development of teachers throughout their careers as they work to improve teaching practices. The contract for analysis of the effectiveness of the professional standards guiding the work of school principals/managers has been signed and is currently under implementation. Procurement of the consultancy for the revision of the professional standards for teachers is under finalization.

School grants program is to be launched in September-October 2024. The first School Grants (SG) Officer was hired, and the draft SG Operations Manual (OM) was developed and submitted to the Bank. However, considering the limited number of institutions with the status of an independent legal entity which are eligible to apply for the grants, the MoER suggested a centralized approach to the procurement process. This approach will streamline the implementation of the program, allowing all schools to participate in the call for proposals, including programs for refugee students from Ukraine. The suggestion was discussed during the meeting of the Local Education Group (LEG), comprised of the development partners working in Moldova, on April 18, 2024 and the following requirements to the SG program will need to be maintained, as underlined by the LEG members, the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) financing this program, and Bank team, namely: (i) freedom of innovation by the schools in designing grassroots SG initiatives for the objectives of the EQIP SG program; and (ii) capacity building of schools to develop grant proposals and manage SGs, ultimately bolstering local-level capabilities. The hiring of the second SG Officer will be completed after processing of restructuring requested by the Government, similarly to the appointment of the SG selection committee. Implementation of a wide communication campaign and capacity-building program is envisaged to ensure that schools with the large numbers of disadvantaged students, including refugee students from Ukraine, but low capacity, can successfully participate in the program.

The MoER team also presented the initial suggestions for the tutoring program with the following considerations in mind: (i) initial rapid assessment of 8th-grade students; (ii) identification of learning gaps; (iii) development and delivery of the tutoring program with impact evaluation; and (iv) ensuring that both treatment and control group of students are covered by the tutoring/learning recovery program during the same school year. The results of the impact evaluation will provide information for fine-tuning of the tutoring program prior to its wider rollout. The National Agency for Curriculum Evaluation (NACE) will be responsible for quality assurance of the relevant efforts, including rapid assessment and impact evaluation.

Component 2: Improving the Quality of the Learning Environment in Participating Institutions.

The list of the 15 schools for rehabilitation has been approved. The terms of reference (TORs) for the development of the design for the first 5 schools have been submitted. The MoER is working on the school network consolidation and the relevant vision to inform the planned construction activities. The ToR for the study was prepared and the procurement process is in progress. During the April mission, the MoER and Bank teams visited a potential site for the new high school in Chisinau. The MoER selected the list of preschools planning to expand access to vulnerable children from Moldovan families and refugee children from Ukraine, not yet covered by early childhood education and care (ECEC) services. The expected results of this activity include enhanced school readiness of children and increased opportunity for parental employment and productivity (particularly mothers). The impact evaluation of ECEC expansion on employability of mothers is also in planning stage. Selection of 200 schools for provision¹¹ of required equipment considered the number of refugee children from Ukraine in schools and in the districts/host communities.

Component 3: Strengthening the Capacity for Education Sector Management and Refugee Response.

The contracts with the PISA consultants to support analysis of PISA-2022 results and implementation of next PISA rounds were signed and the PISA 2025 preparatory work has been initiated. The MoER is also to prepare and provide to the Bank the ToR for the implementation of the project beneficiary surveys (including for establishing the baselines). Two study tours have been conducted to explore innovative approaches to education process, school curriculum, teaching practices, and infrastructure improvement (to Norway and Estonia). The discussions focused on integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills, digitalization, and education for democratic citizenship to foster creativity and critical thinking and enhance students' socio-emotional skills, and refugee education.

¹¹ school labs, IT equipment, and teaching and learning materials

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Appointment of the School Grants Selection Committee members	MoER, PMT	10/30/2024
Launch of the tutoring program	MoER, PMT	12/1/2024
Contracts signed to update designs for the first batch of schools scheduled for rehabilitation	MoER, PMT	8/31/2024
Vision for the sector to inform civil works activities	MoER, PMT	9/30/2024
ToR developed for the company to conduct survey of project beneficiaries	MoER, PMT	7/31/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$10 million	US\$ 1,410,000	2.3%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	750,000
2025	750,000
2026	1,255,000
2027	1,460,000
2028	2,537,500
2029	3,247,500

