



Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF)

PROGRESS REPORT

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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

1.1 Abbreviations and Acronyms

ARDI	Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation
DPO	Development Policy Operations
BC	Benefitting Country
DPL	Development Policy Loan
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EIB	European Investment Bank
FY	Fiscal Year
GCFF	Global Concessional Financing Facility
GoC	Government of Colombia
GoCR	Government of Costa Rica
GoJ	Government of Jordan
GoL	Government of Lebanon
GoM	Government of Moldova
IaDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ISA	Implementation Support Agency
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
JPSGF	Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility
MDBs	Multilateral Development Banks
PDO	Project Development Objective
PforR	Program for Results
WB(G)	World Bank (Group)

*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 July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, including progress in the implementation of projects supported by the Facility. This progress report completes GCFF reporting for the calendar year 2023, with the first progress report for 2023 issued in September covering the period January 1- June 30, 2023. 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 July 26, of TORs for Country Coordination Committees (CCCs) and Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to enhance GCFF governance architecture. Coordination structures to become functional in Spring 2024¹.
- Approval by Steering Committee on July 26 of new workstream to reinforce GCFF results, including proposed improvements to the results framework, activities to capture and disseminate results and lessons learned, and approaches for enhanced upstream engagement for the preparation/review of Funding Requests. Activities to begin in Spring 2024².
- Approval by the Steering Committee on July 26 of GCFF Trustee and Coordination Unit Budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year³.
- Approval by the Steering Committee on October 23, of amendments to the Fund-level indicators and corresponding revision to the Progress Report Template to ensure key aspects of GCFF's work are reflected in the results framework and to increase the quality of the results reported⁴.
- Organisation of high-level event titled "Supporting Refugees in Middle-Income Countries: Spotlight on the Global Concessional Financing Facility" in the Global Refugee Forum on December 13.
- Approval by the Steering Committee on December 11, of addition of Armenia as a GCFF Benefiting Country in response to influx of refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh⁵.
- Selection by the Steering Committee on December 11 of the Netherlands and Moldova as new co-chairs of the GCFF Steering Committee for a one-year term⁶.
- Approval by the Steering Committee on December 22, of Funding Request for financing of underlying operation supported by the European Investment Bank (EIB) for Jordan World Bank. (See table 1, below).

Table 1. Projects Approved and Financing Allocated during the reported period in FY23

ISA	Project Name	Date GCFF financing approved	Total Project Financing	Loan Financing from ISA	Funding from GCFF	Other Funding
EIB	Water Security and Climate Adaptation Project	22-Dec-23	489.29	435.00	54.36	
Total Jordan			489.29	435.00	54.36	
Grand Total			489.29	435.00	54.36	

¹ Steering Committee Meeting on July 26, 2023. Minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Steering Committee Meeting on October 23, 2023. Minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

⁵ Steering Committee Meeting on December 11, 2023. Minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

⁶ Ibid.

2. Key Steering Committee Funding Decisions (July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)

Decision Date	Decision	Full Text of Decision
Steering Committee Meeting July 26, 2023	Amendments to the Operations Manual.	<p>The Steering Committee approved the TORs for the Country Coordination Committees and the Technical Advisory Group as an addendum to the GCFF Operations Manual, complementing existing provisions relating to the GCFF governance architecture. The Steering Committee requested the Coordination Unit to prepare a revision to the relevant provisions of the Operations Manual to reference the functions and relationship of the new structures, including the flow and sequencing of inputs and decision making within the GCFF governance architecture. The Steering Committee further directed the Coordination Unit to present a plan of action on operationalizing the CCCs and TAG to the Steering Committee, and to provide regular progress updates on implementation.</p> <p>The Steering Committee endorsed the Technical Note on Proposals for the Modification of the GCFF Results Framework and Advancement of Learning, and Upstream Engagement along with the concomitant resources required for this stream of work in the Coordination Unit for an initial term of one year, to be reviewed in advance of the assignment's completion. The Steering Committee requested the Coordination Unit to prepare a revision to relevant provisions of the Operations Manual to reflect the agreed changes to the results framework and to provide regular updates on the implementation of the Technical Note in subsequent meetings.</p>
	Approval of GCFF Budget for 2024 Fiscal Year.	The Steering Committee approved the increase in the FY23 GCFF Trustee fees and the GCFF Trustee and Coordination Unit Budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year.
Steering Committee Meeting October 23, 2023	Amendments to the Operations Manual.	The Steering Committee approved the proposed amendments to the relevant provisions of the Operations Manual to reference the functions and relationship of the Country Coordination Committees and the Technical Advisory Group, including the flow and sequencing of inputs and decision making within the GCFF governance architecture. The Steering Committee further approve proposed amendments to the Fund-level indicators and corresponding revision to the Progress Report Template.
Steering Committee Meeting December 11, 2023	Decision to include Armenia as a Benefiting Country.	Acknowledging the request from the Government of the Netherlands and the consent of the Trustee to add the Republic of Armenia as a Benefiting Country of the GCFF; Taking into account the assessment of the refugee protection framework in Armenia provided by UNHCR; The Supporting Countries approve the addition of the Republic of Armenia as a Benefiting Country of the GCFF for an initial period of one year as determined by the GCFF Steering Committee in accordance with paragraph 9 of the GCFF Operations Manual
	Decision to invite Funding Request from	The GCFF Steering Committee invites the EBRD to submit a funding request related to its proposal on the Private Sector Support for Social Cohesion / Advice for Small Businesses

	EBRD for Exceptional Grant Operation	Program for Lebanon as an Exceptional Grant Operation. The Steering Committee requests the Coordination Unit to support the EBRD in further revising the proposal to reflect alignment with GCFF eligibility criteria and justification for grant financing. The Steering Committee further directs the Coordination Unit to share the revised proposal for final approval through virtual no-objection basis, following which the Trustee is authorized to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available from the Lebanon window. The allocation consists of a US\$2,000,000 Grant Amount to the EBRD as ISA.
	Decision on selection of new co-chairs of GCFF Steering Committee.	The Steering Committee selected by consensus the Netherlands and Moldova to serve as the new co-chairs of the GCFF Steering Committee for a one-year term in accordance with paragraph 50 of the GCFF Operations Manual, with immediate effect. The Netherlands will be represented by Mr. Warner ten Kate, Head of Migration and Displacement Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moldova will be represented by Mr. Ion GUMENE, Secretary of State, Ministry of Finance.
Out of Committee Decision 22 Dec 2023	Approval of Funding Request for Jordan	Allocation of US\$ 54,395,000 for the Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation Project with the EIB 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\$ 54,360,000 Concessionality Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.

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 Reports⁷ on the financial status of the GCFF every three months. Below is a snapshot of the report.

Table 2. Financial Status (as of December 31, 2023, in US\$ millions)

	Total	% of Total
<u>Supporting Country Pledges and Contributions</u>		
Contributions	939.66	98.7%
Pledges a/	12.58	1.3%
Total Pledges and Contributions	952.24	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Resources</u>		
<u>Resources received</u>		
Cash Receipts	934.66	94.4%
Investment Income earned b/	38.22	3.9%
Total Resources Received	972.88	98.2%
<u>Resources not yet received</u>		
Contributions not yet received	5.00	0.5%
Pledges outstanding	12.58	1.3%
Total Resources not yet received	17.58	1.8%
Total Potential Resources (A) (in USD millions)	990.46	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Funding Decisions</u>		
Concessionality	908.07	99.0%
ISA Costs	2.43	0.3%
Administrative Budget	6.75	0.7%
Total Funding Decisions Net of Cancellations (B)	917.26	100.0%
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions (A) - (B)	73.20	
<u>Funds Available</u>		
Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions	130.05	
Approved Amounts Pending Cash Transfers	74.43	
Total Funds Available to Support Steering Committee Decisions	55.62	

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 to due to rounding

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 December 31, 2023, contributions and pledges to the GCFF Trust Fund totaled US\$952.24 million. Of this amount, US\$ 934.66 million has been deposited as cash into the GCFF Trust Fund.

Resources not yet received amounted to US\$5 million in outstanding contributions under the signed agreements/arrangements and US\$12.58 million in pledges.

⁷ The Trustee Report is published separately and is available [here](#).

Investment Income:

As of December 31, 2023, the GCFF Trust Fund earned investment income of approximately US\$38.22 million on the liquid balances in the GCFF Trust Fund and investment income received from Implementation Support Agencies (ISA).

Funding Approvals:

As of December 31, 2023, the GCFF Steering Committee had approved funding from the GCFF Trust Fund totaling US\$917.26 million to cover Concessionality amounts and ISA Costs, as well as Administrative Budget of the GCFF Coordination Unit and Trustee.

Funds Held in Trust:

Funds Held in Trust⁸ reflect contributions paid-in from Supporting Countries, plus investment income, less cash transfers. Funds Held in Trust as of December 31, 2023, amounted to US\$130.05 million.

Funds Available for GCFF Steering Committee Funding Decisions:

Funds available to support GCFF funding decisions amounted to US\$55.62 million as of December 31, 2023.

⁸ Funds Held in Trust represents balance of cash, investments and unencashed promissory notes (if any) as of the reporting date.

4. GCFF Portfolio and Implementation Status

4.1 Portfolio of Underlying Operations

Table 3. Portfolio of GCFF supported Underlying Operations (as of Dec 2023). Amounts are in US\$ million.

GCFF Portfolio Monitoring (as of Dec 2023)								
ISA	Project Name	Date GCFF financing approved	Date ISA Board Appr.	Closing	Total Project Financing	Loan financing from ISA	Funding from GCFF	Other funding
Jordan								
WB	Economic Opportunities for Jordanians & Syrian Refugees	28-Jul-16	27-Sep-16	31-Jan-23	300.00	149.00	51.00	100.00
EBRD	Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	28-Jul-16	22-Nov-16	15-Dec-23	46.05	25.30	1.95	18.80
WB	Jordan Second Programmatic Energy and Water DPL	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	30-Jun-24	63.10	22.34	2.50	38.26
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	31-Mar-25	200.00	163.10	36.90	
WB	Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response AF	05-Jun-21	16-Jun-21	31-Jan-24	63.75	50.00	12.50	1.25
EIB	Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF)	01-Oct-21	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	
Jordan					3,373.49	2,645.94	563.81	163.81
Lebanon								
WB	Roads and Employment Project	29-Oct-16	6-Feb-17	30-Jun-23	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	30-Jun-23	150.00	135.00	15.00	
WB	Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	3-May-22	16-May-22	30-Sep-22	25.00	22.95	2.05	
WB	Greater Beirut Public Transport (CANCELLED)	17-Jan-18					2.58	
Lebanon					525.00	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	24-Jul-26	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	
Colombia					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	
Ecuador					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 DPO2	07-Apr-23	25-May-23	24-May-24	125.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
WB	Education Quality Improvement Project	01-May-23	31-May-23	31-Dec-29	69.80	40.00	10.00	19.80
Moldova					384.24	183.00	44.24	226.80
Costa Rica								
WB	Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project	16-Feb-23			370.00	350.00	20.00	
Costa Rica					370.00	350.00	20.00	
Grand Total:					8,121.12	6,879.89	908.07	405.61

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

4.2 Performance Ratings

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

During the reporting period, the performance ratings of most projects are Satisfactory or Moderately Satisfactory. In the case of the Lebanon Health Resilience Project with IsDB as the ISA no significant progress in implementation has been made since June 2022 resulting in an Unsatisfactory rating. Further details on the status of the project can be found in the progress report in Annex-1.

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	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social & Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia	IaDB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Costa Rica			
Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project*	WB	N/A	N/A
Jordan			
Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees PforR	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
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 Adaptation**	EIB	N/A	N/A
Lebanon			
Lebanon Health Resilience Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
	IsDB	Moderately Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Lebanon Roads and Employment	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory

Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Moldova			
Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO2	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Education Quality Improvement Project	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

* Project has not become effective.

** Project became effective on 31 December.

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 development objective	Rating for overall implementation progress	Date of Closure
Colombia				
Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	November 15, 2023
Ecuador				
Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	December 15, 2023
Jordan				

Jordan Emergency Health Project + Additional Financing	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	October 31, 2023
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4.4 Disbursements of Underlying Operations (concessional support)

As of December 31, 2023, disbursements of active underlying operations that received GCFF concessional support amount to 79.2% percent of the total project financing. This excludes operations closed before the reporting period and operations approved in 2023 which are still awaiting effectiveness.

Table 6. Disbursements⁹

Project name	Total Project Financing (US\$)	Disbursements (US\$)	% Disbursed
Colombia			
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	187,600,000	142,650,000	76%
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	136,700,000	27,250,000	19.9%
Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants	526,401,000	526,401,000	100%
Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social & Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia	317,590,000	317,589,000	100%
Total	1,168,291,000	1,013,890,000	87%
Ecuador			
Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing	530,000,000	530,000,000	100%
Total	530,000,000	530,000,000	100%
Jordan			
Economic Opportunities for Jordanians and Syrian Refugees PforR	400,000,000	396,000,000	99%
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	47,180,000	23,330,080	49.5%
Jordan Emergency Health Project + Additional Financing (AF) WB	250,000,000	250,000,000	100%
West Irbid Wastewater Project	63,100,000	12,164,225	19.3%
Jordan Education Reform Support PforR + AF	300,000,000	246,370,000	82.1%
Jordan Youth, Technology and Jobs	200,000,000	39,400,000	19.7%
Jordan COVID-19 Emergency Response (AF)	83,750,000	67,590,000	80.7%
Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program	125,000,000	42,900,000	34.3%
Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Program	250,000,000	500,000	0.25%
Total	1,719,030,000	1,078,254,305	62.7%
Lebanon			
Lebanon Roads and Employment	200,000,000	150,740,000	75%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project WB	120,000,000	98,510,000	74.6%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project IsDB	30,000,000	0	0%

⁹As reported in the individual project Progress Reports for the reporting period.

Emergency Wheat Supply Emergency Project	150,000,000	123,335,777	82.2%
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	25,000,000	5,410,000	18.6%
Total	525,000,000	377,995,777	72%
Moldova			
Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO2	125,000,000	125,000,000	100%
Education Quality Improvement Project	69,800,000	220,000	0.3%
Total	194,800,000	125,220,000	64%
Grand Total	3,942,321,000	3,125,360,082	79.2%

* Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation Project became effective on 31 December. For purposes of calculation not included in overall percentage.

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 GCFF financing has been committed (used) by the financial intermediary. For more details on the project please see Progress Report in Annex.

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Progress Reports for Active Underlying Operations

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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, PhD	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\$): 142,650,000
CFF Approval Date: 1/7/2020	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/1/2020	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2024

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:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
<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 on November 30, 2020.</p> <p>Regarding disbursement indicators, to date, the MSPS has achieved compliance with ten (10) of the twelve (12) disbursement indicators (DLI) and US\$ 142.6 million have been disbursed, that is, 76 percent of the total loan. This figure corresponds to the achievement of nine (9) DLI goals met and drawn up. Additionally, the MSPS has complied with another indicator (Introduction and application of new methodologies for the regulation of drug prices, the introduction of new high-cost drugs on the market (gateway), to achieve efficiency savings in the health system) which has an assigned value of US\$11.7 million; according to the MSPS, its compliance has already been verified by the DNP (independent verification agency). The MSPS has not requested the disbursement of said DLI yet. The other two (2) missing result indicators, for US\$ 33.2 million, which are part of the restructuring process, show progress.</p> <p>The Program Action Plan is being implemented as required and risks remain the same.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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Six supervision missions (two per year) have been held since the declaration of effectiveness of the Program, the latest being on November 2023. The objective of the mission focused on reviewing the progress of the three indicators pending disbursement and the intermediate indicators in progress, as well as the progress of the restructuring of the Program. Likewise, the implementation of the program action plans (PAP) was verified: environmental & social, and fiduciary. The next supervision mission is scheduled for March 2024.	World Bank Team and Ministry of Health and Social Protection	3/22/2024
<p>Regarding the indicator of early detection of breast cancer, it was confirmed that its restructuring will have two components: the adjustment of the 2019 baseline at 49.86% and the modification of the goal to 55 %, establishing that the value to be disbursed will be recognized on the progress achieved by December 2022, the result of which will be obtained in March 2024. The balance resulting from the value of this DLR will correspond to the issuance of the administrative act that will adopt the plan of cancer shock.</p> <p>In relation with the issuance indicator of the administrative act that defines the processes and criteria for EPS accreditation, the MSPS made a presentation on the objectives and scope of the proposed indicator for the restructuring, such as the resolution through which the attributes of quality for the primary provider who operate with basic health equipment (EBS), within the framework of Primary Health Care (PHC). Taking into account the Bank team's comments on the presentation, aimed at having greater clarity about the implementation of the administrative act, it was agreed that the MSPS would send the draft resolution to the World Bank for comments.</p>	World Bank Team and Ministry of Health and Social Protection	2/28/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

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

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	44,952,000

1.2 Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Resilient and Inclusive Housing		
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: Ministry of Finance and Public Credit	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Fabián Díaz; fabian.diaz@minhacienda.gov.co	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 21,700,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 136,700,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 27,250,000
CFF Approval Date: 12/7/2020	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:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The overall performance rating is moderately satisfactory. The GoC and WB have agreed on the importance of accelerating the implementation of the operation, for which the MVCT requested a second disbursement worth USD 21.5 M, corresponding to 16% of the operation's resources. This disbursement, which became effective at the end of 2023, was supported contracts according to the need for resources (Projection to December 2023). Likewise, from the progress in the execution of the project, the GoC has manifested it will require additional disbursements in May and October 2024.</p> <p>As of mid-December 2023, while the project has not yet achieved formal targets in its results framework, in the last six months, several activities have been implemented that will lead to achieving several targets: (i) 3,830 home improvements contracted, allocated or in the process of being allocated (1,865 urban home improvements & 1,965 rural home improvements) corresponding to 30% of the total households benefiting from a home improvement subsidy; (ii) validation by Bogotá (SDH) of 57 homes for the delivery of the rental subsidy to approved migrant households, and (iii) contracting of 4 Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvements (MIB) and 10 Parks to which the Bank has already given its No Objection.</p> <p>Some key issues to consider continuing advancing on the different fronts of the Operation are: (i) The arrival of new mayors in 2024 will require resuming talks on migrant rental subsidies, and specifying the execution of home improvement works that will begin during 2024, and (ii) finalizing the restructuring to make GPG donation resources more flexible (documents were reviewed by the Legal Office of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit (MHCP), and will be submitted for signing in the next few days). By releasing the GPG Grant (US \$ 15 M) from the pari-passu restrictions, it will reduce the risk of financial management by allowing the use of these resources in a more streamlined manner.</p> <p>The GoC and the Bank will continue to monthly meetings with the teams in the MVCT and the Project Implementing Unit (PIU), where the teams of the MHCP, DNP, APC Colombia, and other entities involved in the project to closely support the</p>	

project implementation. The Bank and the GoC have also started the preparation of the Mid-Term Review (MTR), to have a more broadly and strategic discussion of the project implementation, and necessary changes that might be required for closing the project in due time, such as assessing the projects fiduciary and institutional arrangements, valid of the Results Framework indicators and targets, relevance of activities yet to be implemented, and recalibrating the distribution of resources as needed.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Home Improvement		Click here to enter a date.
Contracting of 1,865 urban improvements and 1,965 rural improvements.	MVCT	1/31/2024
Review of possible new execution alternatives.	MVCT	1/31/2024
Detailed execution schedule considering the different phases for the delivery of the home improvements.	MVCT	1/31/2024
Rent subsidies for migrants		
Initiate the payment of 57 rental subsidies for migrants in Bogotá.	MVCT	1/1/2024
Initiate the corresponding management for the signing of Agreements with the other pilot municipalities.	MVCT	1/2/2024
Neighborhood Improvement		
Verification with DNP of the processes required to adjust the goals established for the associated indicator.	MVCT	1/1/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
\$136,700,000 (\$21,700,000 from GCFF)	27,250,000 (4,340,000 from GCFF)	19.9%

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

Year	Total by Year End (Total Operation)	Total by Year End (For GCFF)
2024	50,150,000	4.761.287
2025	31,375,000	5.124.569
2026	25,039,000	4.000.315
2027	2,903,615	

1.3 Colombia Social and Economic Integration of Migrants

Project Name: Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPF		
Benefitting Country: Republic of Colombia	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Paula A. Rossiasco Ana I. Aguilera	Email of ISA Project Leader: prossiasco@worldbank.org aaguileradellano@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Sandra Patricia Castiblanco sandra.castiblanco@minhacienda.gov.co	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 26, 400, 000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 526, 400,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 526, 400,000
CFF Approval Date: 9/30/2021	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/15/2021	Project Closing Date: 11/15/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Support the social and economic integration of migrants from Venezuela in host areas.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>In November 2021, the World Bank Board of Directors approved the Colombia: Social and Economic Integration of Migrants DPL, the first DPL solely focus on the inclusion of refugee-like population ever approved by the Bank. The loan became effective on November 11, 2021, and the total USD \$526.4 million was disbursed in December 2021.</p> <p>Project Implementation advances since the last reporting period:</p> <p>Pillar 1: Legal and Institutional Basis for the Protection and Long-Term Social and Economic Inclusion of Migrants in Host Areas. The inclusion of migrants in regularization schemes and registration for the provision of social services has shown outstanding results, surpassing targeted results in the first year regarding regularization and access to health social security services and registration into social security. The GoC has already reached and surpassed the goal of regularizing 1.1 million migrants, including the targeted gender balance. So far 2 million migrants have been issued their regularization documents. The same holds true for registration into the health social security system of over 1.2 million Venezuelan migrants. Registry into de SISBEN has reached over 951,000 migrants, over half of all regularized migrants.</p> <p>The legal and institutional goals of the loan were also achieved satisfactorily. The targeted institutionalization of the 6 local migration roundtables has been surpassed by 4 roundtables, and the interoperable data sharing protocol between the RUMV and key social sectors has been completed. The statistical action plans of 2022 and 2023 regarding migration have been reported to be implemented. The government produced specific norms on socioeconomic integration of migrants under CONPES 4100, which approved a new policy for the long-term integration of migrants. The needed normative has been issued for the recognition of the statelessness condition for people born abroad or in Colombia.</p> <p>Legislation regarding the National Development Plan 2022-2025 has introduced complementary articles allow territorial entities to access contingent lines of credit in the event of climate and natural disasters. Yet, it became unclear whether it is necessary to establish a new Financial Program to access said lines. The matter is under legal review.</p> <p>Pillar 2: Improved Access to and Quality of Services for Migrants. Covid-19 vaccination of migrants has advanced steadily and already reached the target goal, with over 1.5 million doses delivered to Venezuelan migrants. Implementation</p>	

of the rental subsidy program was delayed the first semester of 2023 due to the change in national government in August 2022, and there have been obstacles to make access for migrants a priority for the new Ministry of Housing, therefore there are still no reports on housing subsidies for migrants, but negotiations are ongoing, with a reduced target.

Project implementation closed in November 2023 with satisfactory results, completion of almost all objectives and some indicators exceeding expected results. The World Bank will produce a final Implementation Completion and Results Report of the DPF with the final indicators of the operation and analysis on results and lessons learned.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Implementation Completion and Results Report of the DPF	World Bank	5/31/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
526,401,000	526,400,000	100%

1.4 Program to Support Policy Reforms for the Social & Economic Inclusion of the Venezuelan Migrant Population in Colombia

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Program to support policy reforms for the social and economic inclusion of the Venezuelan migrant population in Colombia		
Benefitting Country: Colombia	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Francisco Zegarra	Email of ISA Project Leader: fzegarra@iadb.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact:	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 17,589,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 317,589,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 300,000,000
CFF Approval Date: September 30 th , 2021	Project Implementation Start Date: November 26 th , 2021	Project Closing Date: November 26 th , 2024

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Contribute to the effective socioeconomic integration of Venezuelan migrants.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

On November 3rd, 2021, the Board of Executive Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved the financing corresponding to the program to support reforms for the social and economic inclusion of the Venezuelan migrant population in Colombia (CO-L1272 and CO-J0014), to be disbursed under: (1) Loan Agreement No. 5389/OC-CO, financed with resources from the Bank's Ordinary Capital through Resolution DE-90/21 in the amount of US\$300,000,000; and (2) from the Non-Reimbursable Financing Agreement GRT/FF-18938-CO with resources from the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) through Resolution DE-91/21, up to the amount of US\$17,589,000. The corresponding Loan Agreement and Non-Refundable Financing Agreement was signed by the authorities of the Government of Colombia (GoC) and the Bank on November 26th, 2021. The present operation has been designed as a Loan in Support of Policy Reforms, under the programmatic modality, in accordance with the provisions set forth in document CS 3633-2 "Lending in Support of Policy Reforms: Guidelines on Preparation and Implementation" from the IDB.

The present operation constitutes the first of a series of two technically linked but contractually independent operations and is intended to finance the following components: (1) Institutional strengthening for the effective management of migrations towards inclusion processes; (2) Institutional articulation for access to social services and protection against human trafficking; and (3) Promoting the economic integration of the migrant population through the recognition of competencies.

Objective of the Program. The general objective of the Program is to contribute to the effective socioeconomic integration of Venezuelan migrants. The specific objectives are: (i) Expand regularization and information management of the Venezuelan migrant population; (ii) Expand access of Venezuelan migrants to social services and protection against human trafficking; and (iii) Promote the recognition of labor competencies of the Venezuelan migrant population.

Policy Progress. The Executing Agency and the Technical Coordinator of the operation, the National Planning Department, submitted to the Bank evidence of compliance with public policy conditions as follows:

1. **Institutional strengthening to facilitate the effective management of migrations towards inclusion processes:** (i) approval and regulation of the policy guidelines for the registration and characterization, and temporary regularization (10 years) of Venezuelan citizens who are regularly and irregularly in Colombia, through the Temporary Statute for the Protection of Venezuelan Migrants (ETPMV), and its regulation, in response to the migration crisis, for effective social and economic integration; (ii) approval of the guidelines of the Single Registry System for Venezuelan Migrants (RUMV), for the implementation of assisted virtual pre-registration, biometric records at the national level and issuance of identification documents to the registered Venezuelan migrant population, including the possibility of capturing a socioeconomic characterization that will contain aspects of health, education, training, integration, inclusion, among others, in order to know their conditions in the Colombian territory. Likewise, regarding the gender differential approach, the person will have the possibility of identifying himself/herself with the gender of his/her preference after a voluntary procedure before a Notary Public prior or subsequent to the granting of the Temporary Protection Permit; (iii) Implementation of institutional mechanisms between Migration Colombia and the enabling entities: the National Planning Department (DNP) and the Ministry of Health, which allow an adequate use and transfer of the information captured by the RUMV and the Temporary Permit to Stay, for purposes of planning and implementation of sectoral policies to address migration; (iv) Presentation of the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2021, which considers within its content the fiscal impact of the effects of Venezuelan migration and, in addition, the benefits of the same in the medium and long term to the fiscal balance and the economy; (v) Development of a roadmap to promote the interoperability of information among various public entities that provide social services to the migrant population; (vi) Support to the national government to improve the supply of services and the quality of care for migrants in the "Centros Intégrate" as single service windows; and (vii) Technical support to strengthen the Information System of the Migration Statistics Bureau of the National.

2. **Institutional coordination for access to social services and protection against human trafficking:** (i) Approval of the legal and sectorial framework to allow access of the migrant population to health services through the System of affiliation to the General System of Social Security in Health (SGSSS), and among other measures, the use of the Temporary Protection Permit - PPT as a valid identification document for Venezuelan migrants in the information systems of the Social Protection System, which contains the General System of Social Security in Health (SGSSS), among others; (ii) modification of Decree 1077 of 2015, which defines the conditions for the allocation of the family housing subsidy in the rental modality, expanding its scope for Venezuelan migrant population in the offer of mechanisms for access to habitability conditions; (iii) development of sectoral and territorial working groups to define regulatory and technical adjustments by the Ministry of Education, according to the application of the Temporary Statute of Protection for Venezuelan Migrants (ETPMV), in order to guarantee access to the educational system for migrant children and adolescents, based on an educational roadmap; (iv) Approval of the national strategy for the fight against human trafficking 2020-2024, which includes, among 10 approaches, the migratory border approach, which takes into account the humanitarian crisis derived from the massive migration of foreign citizens; (v) Support the process of dissemination and communication of the Ministry of Education's strategies to guarantee access to basic and secondary education for the Venezuelan migrant population; (vi) Discussions with the National Planning Department to design a budget classifier to monitor the national government's public investment in the migrant population; and (vii) Discussions with the Colombian Ministry of the Interior to support the government in strengthening the national policy against human trafficking.

3. **Promote a policy for the economic integration of the migrant population, through the recognition of their skills, knowledge, and training for young people, with childcare support for women:** (i) Bilateral agreement to facilitate the recognition and validation of higher education degrees of the Venezuelan migrant population in Colombia; and the approval of technical cooperation IDB financed to accelerate the process of validating migrant bachelor degrees; (ii) Approval of execution schemes of the program of the Ministry of Labor that articulates the offer of the SENA (National Learning Service) for the certification of labor competencies for migrants in receiving communities, and that in its content promotes support to migrant women with child care, allowing them access to the certification program; and (iii) Institutional Resolution that includes migratory status as a targeting criterion for the inclusion of vulnerable migrant children between 0 and 5 years of age in the ICBF's early childhood services.

Based on public policy, the Bank will monitor compliance with the development objectives.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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Estimation of the Multidimensional Index of Migrant Population Integration (IMI) for 2023.	National Planning Department	12/15/2024
Mission to support project completion documentation.	Ministry of Treasury and Public Credit; National Planning Department	04/10/2024
Continue supporting the Ministry of Health and Social Protection with the affiliation of migrants to the national health system (SGSSS) and their access to primary healthcare services, using complementary resources from the IDB, the European Union and other donors.	Ministry of Health	12/30/2024 (preliminary advances)
Continue supporting the Ministry of the Interior with technical cooperation resources for the update of territorial action plans against human trafficking. Also, the support to Migración Colombia to promote the dissemination and implementation of the Binational Roadmap for the Prevention, Protection, Attention, Investigation and Prosecution of Migrant smuggling.	Ministry of Interior and Migración Colombia	12/30/2024
Continue following the assignment of the housing rental subsidies for the Venezuelan migrant population in charge of the Ministry of Housing and Territorial Development.	Ministry of Housing and Territorial Development	06/30/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount (US\$)	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
317,589,000	317,589,000	100%

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: 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.	

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. Ecuador

3.1 Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing		
Benefitting Country: Republic of Ecuador	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Janina Franco, Christian Yves Gonzalez Amador, Julio Velasco	Email of ISA Project Leader: jfranco3@worldbank.org cgonzalez@worldbank.org jvelasco@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Economy and Finance	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Pablo Arosema Marriot Minister of Finance parosemena@finanzas.gob.ec	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 30.000,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): 530,000,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 530.000,000
CFF Approval Date: 12/6/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/23/2022	Project Closing Date: 12/15/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Program's Development Objective (PDO) is to assist the government of Ecuador in its agenda to tackle selected structural challenges to foster inclusive, resilient, and low-carbon development.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Second Green and Resilient Recovery Development Policy Financing closed on December 15th, 2023. The Implementation Completion and Results Report will be delivered by June 2024 with the full report of the operation. Regarding migration, the Project included a prior action aiming to support the social and economic integration of Venezuelan migrants through an extraordinary regularization process. The process, which started in over 193.000 Venezuelans registered in the Migration Registry -87% of the end target) of which over 87,500 obtained the VIRTE visa (50% of the end target). Supporting the establishment of the target helped benefit a relevant percentage of the Venezuelan migrant population in Ecuador, although the indicators failed to reach the expected targets by the closing of the operation. Since September 2022, the Government of Ecuador has been promoting the regularization campaign "Estoy Aquí", with the aim of making the Venezuelan population visible and inviting them to participate in the regularization process that began in September of that year. With technical assistance from the World Bank financed by the Government of Canada, information campaigns were developed to educate possible beneficiaries on the necessary steps to register and apply for the visa. There 	

was nonetheless limited distribution of the information by the government, and many potential beneficiaries lacked the proper documentation or the funds to apply, which may have hindered their ability to obtain the visa.

- The regularization process in its third phase began in August 2023 and will culminate on April 5, 2024. Until December 31, 2023, 20,510 VIRTE visas were issued for Venezuelans who did not enter through regular points, which represents 22.5% of the VIRTE visas issued. The regularization process has worked in its three stages, however, there have been some barriers to accessing the visa, among the main ones are: the payment of the value of the form and ID which is USD 60, the restricted access of migrants to the internet. Since the entire visa issuance process is online, there are problems in presenting documents.
- The deadline for applying for VIRTE visas ends on April 5, during which it is expected that more than 90,000 Venezuelans will have been issued visas. At the moment, a new regularization process is not planned. The government of Ecuador recognizes that this is not the end but a step towards the inclusion of the migrant population and that is why it is committed to continuing to close gaps in access to services for the population in human mobility and to participate in regional processes such as Los Angeles Declaration.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Implementation Completion and Results Report	World Bank	6/5/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

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

4. Jordan

4.1 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		
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	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 51 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 400 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 396 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:	Satisfactory					
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory					
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: The PforR is a US\$400 million project, whose development objective is 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.						
<div>Table 1: Result Areas of the Program</div> <table><tr><td>Result area 1: Improving labor market for Syrians (Parent and Additional Financing)</td></tr><tr><td>Result area 2: Improving investment climate (Parent)</td></tr><tr><td>Result area 3: Improving investment promotion (Parent)</td></tr><tr><td>Result area 4: Improving formality and working conditions (Additional Financing)</td></tr><tr><td>Result area 5: Improving entrepreneurship (Additional Financing)</td></tr></table>		Result area 1: Improving labor market for Syrians (Parent and Additional Financing)	Result area 2: Improving investment climate (Parent)	Result area 3: Improving investment promotion (Parent)	Result area 4: Improving formality and working conditions (Additional Financing)	Result area 5: Improving entrepreneurship (Additional Financing)
Result area 1: Improving labor market for Syrians (Parent and Additional Financing)						
Result area 2: Improving investment climate (Parent)						
Result area 3: Improving investment promotion (Parent)						
Result area 4: Improving formality and working conditions (Additional Financing)						
Result area 5: Improving entrepreneurship (Additional Financing)						

Result area 6: Improving digital financial inclusion (Additional Financing)
Result area 7: Improving women economic opportunities through childcare (Additional Financing)
Result area 8: Improving women economic opportunities through social norms (Additional Financing)
Result Area 9: Improving exports competitiveness

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 75 percent. Progress towards achievement of the PDO is rated Satisfactory, while overall implementation progress is rated Moderately Satisfactory due to an uneven progress across results areas. The status of the nine result areas is summarized below.

- 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
Implementation and Completion Report	Task Team	7/31/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
Overall	396 million disbursed, 4 million remaining	99%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	4

4.2 Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Ain Ghazal Wastewater 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: Sufyan Bataineh Sufyan_Bataineh@mwi.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 1,948,000 (GCFF)	Total Project Amount (US\$): 47,180,000 ¹⁰	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): USD 23,330,080 ¹¹ , including USD 881,860.89 from the GCFF
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: To upgrade Jordan's wastewater system, increase its resilience and help avoid potential serious pollution of the environment.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <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). 	

¹⁰ FX rate as of 28 December 2016

¹¹ The EPC contract is denominated in EUR. The total disbursement as of December end 2023 in EUR 21,601,926, or USD 23,330,080.05 on the FX rate of Feb 6, 2024.

- The project was declared effective on 29 March 2019.
- The environmental permit required from the Ministry of Environment was obtained in April 2019.
- The consultants (Dar Al-Omran Infrastructure and Environment) supported WAJ throughout the tender process, which was launched on 8 August 2019.
- The contract with the winning bidder, Arab Towers Contracting Company, was signed in September 2020. The winning bidder's contract price was lower than the original expected project amount by circa USD 9.1 million. These project savings would remain as committed funds to the benefit of the project, to cover future variations in the project design or price of material if justified.
- The contractor carried out the detailed design works and commencement works on site in February 2021. The contractor received an advance payment of 10% of the contract price (US\$ 3.4 million) funded from the EBRD loan. The contractor also received afterwards a total disbursement amount of USD 13.2 million, between March and November 2022, from the different funding sources on a pro-rata basis between the EBRD's loan, FCDO, GCFF and EBRD's Shareholder Special Fund. The total funds disbursed to the contract to date amount to USD 19.04 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.
- 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 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. 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. So far, USD 881,860.89 have been disbursed from the GCFF.
- The overall project completion rate stood at 68.94% as of 31-Dec-2023.
- 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 December-end 2023, around 22km 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.

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	1H 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	1H 2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
USD 47,180,000	USD 23,330,080	49.5%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	USD 15,947,208 ¹²

¹² This represents the remaining disbursement amounts of EUR 14.76 million under the EPC contract which value is EUR 36.36 million. This figure assumes an FX rate as of Feb 6, 2024.

4.3 Jordan Emergency Health Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan Emergency Health Project		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): the 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\$): 72.8 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 250 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 250 million
CFF Approval Date: 4/6/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 7/26/2017	Project Closing Date: 10/31/2023

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Project development objective (PDO) is to support the Government of Jordan in maintaining the delivery of primary and secondary health services to poor uninsured Jordanians and Syrian refugees at Ministry of Health facilities.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The Jordan Emergency Health Project (JEHP) was approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors on June 13, 2017, and declared effective on July 26, 2017, financed by a US\$50 million loan, consisting of a non-concessional portion of US\$36.1 million and a concessional portion of US\$13.9 million from the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF). In addition, the Islamic Development Bank provided US\$100 million through a parallel co-financing arrangement, of which US\$21 million is financed by the GCFF. Additional Financing of US\$200 million was approved by the World Bank's Board on June 24, 2019. The JEHP has two components: (1) Results-based financing to deliver health care services at primary and secondary care facilities of Ministry of Health (MOH) for the target population, and (2) Improving coverage and quality of the primary health care services.</p> <p>Under Component 1, the project financed eligible expenditures for primary and secondary health care services for the target population groups in the following periods: June 2018 – May 2019 and September 2019 – June 2021. The latest service utilization data, verified by the third-party utilization verification entity (UVE), shows that, from July 2021 to June 2022, the MOH provided more than 5.3 million primary health care services at more than 700 primary health care (PHC) facilities and 2.5 million secondary health care services (both outpatient and inpatient services) at 32 hospitals across Jordan.</p> <p>Under Component 2, out of six disbursement-linked indicators (DLIs), three pertains to the MOH receiving additional budget in specific fiscal year (2020 – 2022) (DLIs#1.1, 2.1, 3.1), while the remaining three DLIs are about conducting a gap analysis in human resources for health (HRH) for implementing a family health model (DLI#1.2), developing a costed action plan (DLI#2.2), and implementing the recommended actions for a full year (DLI#3.2). The project met four out of six DLIs by submitting satisfactory evidence for DLIs #1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1 to the World Bank.</p>	

The GOJ submitted an official request to the World Bank on May 29, 2023, to restructure the project. The project was restructured on September 3, 2023 to change the project component costs; reallocate between disbursement categories; change the pari-passu rate between Non-Concessional Financing and Concessional Financing for the Original Financing; and change the DLI matrix as part of the Results Framework.

On October 31, 2023, the project was successfully closed, with 100 percent disbursement.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
The Project was successfully closed on October 31, 2023. Implementation, Completion and Results Report to be provided.	World Bank	4/30/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$250 million	US\$250 million	100%

4.4 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: Eng. Yousef Ajaloudi Yousef_Ajaloudi@mwi.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 2.5 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 63.1 million ¹³	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 12,164,225.
CFF Approval Date: 4/20/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/31/2017	Project Closing Date: 12/31/2025

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:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <p>The project agreements (Loan, GCFF and EBRD SSF Grants) between EBRD, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) were signed on 20 December 2017. The EU MADAD Grant was signed on 10 May 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	

¹³ FX rate as of 21 December 2017

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.
- The Government of Jordan approached the Bank to request additional loan funds of up to USD 30 million to cover a funding gap that has arisen due to the depreciation in the EUR against the USD, price inflation, and an increase in the coverage of the wastewater networks that occurred due to population growth within the selected towns. 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 Q2-2024. 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 beyond 2025, which may require LAD extension.
- 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.
- During the year of 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%.
- 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 H2-2024.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
The remaining two lots to be retendered and awarded.	WAJ (with the support of the PIU Consultant funded by EBRD)	2H 2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
USD 63.1 million	USD 12,164,225 ¹⁴	19.27%

¹⁴ From the EU MADAD grant only as of December end 2023. Disbursement from the other funding sources is expected to start in H2-2024 on a pro-rata basis, after the EU grant is fully disbursed.

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

Year	Total by Year End ¹⁵
2024	USD 17,070,000 million
2025	USD 8, 610,191 million

¹⁵ This disbursement schedule includes expected payments under the GCFF grant for the 3 awarded lots. Once the new lots are awarded, this forecast could change.

4.5 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 ; mvargasmanecera@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\$246.37 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: The Program is 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:	Choose an item. Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The World Bank completed the restructuring process on October 4, 2023, which included the revision to several Disbursement-Linked Results (DLRs) and amendments to the technical assistance portion of the program. These changes did not affect the Project Development Objective (PDO) nor the PDO indicators but reflected lessons learned during implementation. The restructuring was cleared by the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) Steering Committee, who confirmed that the proposed restructuring did not constitute a material change to the program as defined in the GCFF Operations Manual (clearance received on July 13, 2023). The project has made progress since the last progress report, disbursing payments for the achievement of the targets on the number of Jordanian children and Syrian refugee children enrolled in KG2 (Kindergarten 2), which reached 135,232, exceeding the target of 120,000; the enrollment of 163,477 Syrian refugee boys and girls enrolled in target schools; the refurbishment of 305 KG classrooms (target of 200); and the development of the curriculum mapping to identify opportunities for embedding blended learning materials into teaching practices. In terms of implementation progress, progress remains moderately satisfactory. Under Results Area 1 (early childhood education), the KG Quality Assurance System (QAS) was adopted, a pilot was implemented, and an implementation plan is under preparation for rolling out the QAS. On expansion of public ECE services, the World Bank continues to support MOE in the formulation of an action plan to identify the most suitable areas to expand provision. To better understand the landscape of potential expansion of private provision under a Public- 	

Private Partnership (PPP) modality, a survey in Irbid and Amman was completed and two PPP models were designed for piloting.

- Under Results Area 2 (improved teaching and learning conditions), several DLRs were disbursed, including the disbursement for the 3,678 teachers were evaluated against the new National Teacher Professional Standards (NTPS) and meet the minimum performance standards. In the area of improving the physical learning environment, MOE has completed the upgrading of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Healthcare (WASH) facilities and conducted health and safety maintenance in many public schools, which will be included in the next wave of verification by the IVA.
- Under Results Area 3 (student assessment and certification system), a task team for the development of the national student assessment framework was constituted and will launch their work over the next 4 months. The Government of Jordan and MOE have also made considerable progress in reforming Tawjihi (high-stakes exam at the end of general education) to disentangle the dual function of the exam from determining both school completion and higher education entry, eliminating the results of the examination for school completion, which will be included in the next wave of verification by the IVA.
- Under Results Area 4 (education system management), the national blended learning strategy was completed and the development of learning materials and a subsequent pilot of the implementation of the model will be completed over the next 12 months.
- A new MOE Director of the Development Coordination Unit (DCU) has been appointed, and a consultant focused on supporting the implementation of the operation has strengthened the team leading to improvements in terms of speed of communication between the MOE and the World Bank team.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Kick-off meeting of student assessment task team to develop the national student assessment framework.	Ministry of Education	04/30/2024
Hiring of independent verification agent for next verification of results	Ministry of Education	4/30/2024
Implementation support mission	World Bank	05/3/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$300 million	US\$246.37 million	82.12%

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

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

4.6 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\$39.4 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:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
<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 will be reflected in all the project's future 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcomponent 1.1: Support private sector-led digital skills development. <p>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.</p> <p>Digiskills has initiated the request for interest through public newspapers and the MoDEE website. We are currently in the phase of awaiting expressions of interest from companies. The TOR document for the Digiskills</p>	

portal, a national platform for skilling and employment, has been finalized. DigiSkills sponsored the Droidcon-Amman 2024 event, set to take place from the 18th to the 20th of January 2024.

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

The financial proposal was disclosed on November 8, 2023, and the initial selection of the company was successfully concluded. The standstill period, which concluded on December 12, marked the transition into the awarding phase. We anticipate signing the agreement in mid-January.

Prior to this, the technical committee finalized the technical evaluation by the end of October, following the submission of technical and financial proposals by companies in response to the Request for Expressions of Interest announced on March 18, 2023. Companies that expressed interest undertook evaluations in July, and comprehensive bid documents were provided, with meetings held to clarify bid requirements. The submission deadline was September 21, 2023.

- 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.

The Project took a significant step by securing the location for the first Tech Hub in the Central Region. Approval from the Ministry of Youth was obtained to utilize a space exceeding 500 square meters within the Marka Youth Center for the specialized center's development. To facilitate this, we engaged surveying services for the Marka Youth Center, allowing us to create essential engineering plans for infrastructure development and procurement. The interior design has been successfully completed, and bids have been prepared and approved by the relevant authorities. Subsequently, these bids were sent to the contractors, with a submission deadline of November 30, 2023.

In response, the contractors promptly submitted their proposals, which the committee has diligently evaluated. At present, we are in the stage of awaiting approvals from the Financial Ministry. We are optimistic about finalizing this phase and anticipate signing the agreement with the selected contractor by the first of February.

- 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.

Digiskills has completed the internal evaluation of new grant applications, and we are now in the process of conducting the external evaluation. Additionally, Digiskills has drafted the agreement template and outlined a plan for the due diligence process. The Request for Applications (RFA) was open from 3rd September to 23rd October 2023, receiving a total of 22 completed applications.

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 has started at Hashemite University, and Mu'tah University, as part of our collaboration with the British Council to train 100 beneficiaries in cloud computing. The British Council is actively coordinating with universities to initiate training for selected groups from each institution. The finalization of the lists of chosen students is currently ongoing, and this program is designed to equip participants with valuable skills in the field of cloud computing.

Trainers from Knowledge Stations and Vocational Training Centers (VTC) have completed their training and received accreditation. They are now prepared to train young individuals in cloud computing, contributing to skill development in this area. Efforts are ongoing to mobilize the trainers to start training on cloud computing.

Training 5000 young individuals in digital and employability skills (Career Acceleration). The approval from the World Bank for the Terms of Reference (TOR) was granted on September 25. Currently, we are in the process of assessing the Expressions of Interest (EOI) and awaiting approval from the procurement committee.

A coding club for adolescents is set to be established, involving 2000 students from seventh to eleventh grade in public schools, along with 125 teachers from various provinces. An agreement has been signed with the implementing entities Hello World Kids and Luminous. The Training of Trainers has started, marking the official

start of our training. Subsequently, teacher training is scheduled to begin on January 28, aligning with our scheduled timeline. Anticipated next steps include the initiation of student training on February 10.

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.

With the signing of a total of 23 agreements up to the current date, comprising 18 in the Talent category and 5 in the Expansion category. Since opening applications on July 2, 2023, we've received 105 responses. Currently, 63 applications are in progress, awaiting updates from companies for evaluation. Our committees are actively reviewing 51 applications, and 8 have successfully completed due diligence and are now ready for signing.

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 2,666 jobs and income opportunities in total.

Upon the submission of the action plan to start supporting 40 start-ups through the intermediary's agreement with international leaders, a thorough selection process led to the choice of 20 businesses from a pool of 70 submissions. Through Jordan Source initiative, the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship signed a memorandum of understanding with 'Ilm,' Saudi company specializing in integrated digital services and solutions. The signing ceremony occurred during the 'GITEX Global 2023' forum and exhibition, a significant technology event held at the Dubai World Trade Center, renowned regionally and globally.

- Subcomponent 2.2 – Supporting digital transformation of service delivery to citizens and business.

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 already compiled and added to the WB system (STEP) 32 contracts managed and delivered by the e-government department at MoDEE, with a cumulative value of US\$ 9,387,134.

As of December 31, 2023, a significant portion of these contracts, amounting to US\$ 8,152,455, has already been reimbursed based on actual payments.

- Subcomponent 2.3 – Digitization of government payments:

In the final stages of development and providing frontend acquiring services. The digital government payment system, initiated by the PMU through the completion of the bidding process in October 2022, is set to provide a broader integration between the billing systems of the government entities and the various payment channels in Jordan. This will provide a unified collection management and information repository, as well as streamline the processing of the government bill payments.

Component 3: Project management and implementation support

The PMU currently has 16 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, PR & Communication Specialist, Senior Grants Officer, Training Specialist, Finance Officer, Account Manager, Stakeholders Outreach and Communications Officer, and an Environmental Specialist.

The PMU also plans to recruit a Jordan Source Account Manager, Market Research Specialist, Technology Solution Specialist, and Grants Officer.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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Launch new curricula and activity books for odd-numbered grades.	MoDEE, MoE, NCCD	9/30/2024
The launch of the first tech hub is scheduled with a secured location in the Central Region.	MoDEE	6/30/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200 M	US\$ 39.4 M	19.7%

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

4.7 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): The 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 ¹⁶	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 67.59 million
CFF Approval Date¹⁷: 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:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
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 additional financing continues to provide essential resources to enable the expansion of a sustained and comprehensive pandemic response that includes vaccination in Jordan.</p> <p>Of the total amount of US\$83.75 million, 80.7 percent 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>	

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

¹⁷ Approval date refers to the date that CFF was approved for the Additional Financing

Based on the Government of Jordan (GOJ)'s request in September 2023, the JCERP was restructured on 20th December 2023. The restructuring enabled the GOJ to utilize the project funds for the benefit of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians who sought free care at MOH facilities for COVID-19 case management. This support allowed the MOH to improve and maintain service delivery capacity to provide the needed COVID-19 services and benefited Syrian refugees who have utilized MOH services. Utilizing the remaining uncommitted funds helped address fiscal constraints faced by the GOJ while ensuring the full disbursement of Project funds to support of the Jordan's COVID-19 emergency response. The proposed reallocation of funds for goods related to COVID-19 case management does not have any adverse ramifications on Syrian refugees and does not affect the original stated objective of the project.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Submit a final withdrawal application for US\$8.3 million for reimbursement against eligible expenditures for retroactive financing	MOPIC	2/29/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
83.75 million	67.59 million	80.7

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	8.3 million

4.8 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\$): 186.30 million	GCFF Allocations (US\$): 31.2 million	GCFF Amount Committed (US\$): 31.2 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/1/2021	Program Implementation Start Date: 9/14/2022	Program Closing Date: 12/31/2032

A. 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:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory

Brief Summary of Program Implementation Status:

There has been made a substantial progress in the implementation of the JPSGF. During the reporting period Q1 2023, the EIB signed two guarantee agreements, one with Capital Bank of Jordan, amounting to USD 10m and another with Microfund for Women, amounting to USD 5m. An additional guarantee agreement was about to be finalized with Bank al Etihad, amounting to USD 8M, with the signature already falling into Q2. Further Financial Intermediaries expressed their interest in parallel thus the EIB expects the full allocation of the GCFF amount by end of the year 2023.

In the meantime, the Jordanian Government ceased to maintain the list of Covid-affected sectors that had been used by the EIB at the time of the Facility's approval. Therefore, EIB has approached MOPIC and CBJ in order to update the Covid-related criteria and replace it by a list of Special Priority Sectors, agreed specifically for the purpose of the Facility. No objections were received by the GCFF donors on the adjustments, on the basis of a confirmation by the EIB that the proposed finetuning of the eligibility requirements will not affect the focus of the project on supporting refugees.

Status Update: Actions Tak	Responsible Party	Approx. Date of Delivery
Signature of the guarantee agreement with the Capital Bank of Jordan	EIB	3/31/2023
Signature of guarantee agreement with Microfund for Women	EIB	3/31/2023
Finalisation of discussion on eligibility criteria	EIB, CBJ, MOPIC	3/31/2023
Submission of the Cash Transfer request for the full GCFF allocation	EIB, GCFF Coordination unit	3/15/2023

Action Plan: Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Signature of the guarantee agreement with Bank Al Etihad	EIB	5/15/2023

B. Implementation Status of the projects supported under the Program.

Project 1: Guarantee Agreement with the Capital Bank of Jordan		
Previous Rating: Not Applicable	Current Rating: Satisfactory	GCFF Amount (US\$): 10 m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$):	Received: USD 108.338	Retained by the ISA: USD 77.384

Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$): USD 9.9 m / Loss 0		
Status of Implementation: The guarantee program implementation is well underway. The inclusion report for Q1 was received and accepted during Q2 following an amendment of the guarantee agreement.		
Project 2: Guarantee Agreement with Microfund for Women		
Previous Rating: Not Applicable	Current Rating: Moderately Satisfactory	GCFF Amount (US\$): 5 m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$):	Received: 0	Retained by the ISA: 0
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$): 0		
Status of Implementation: The guarantee program is not yet effective due to conditions precedent to be fulfilled, such as the government approval.		

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

	Total (US\$)
Total GCFF Amount Received	USD 30 million
Total Amount Committed under Eligible Projects	USD 9.9 million
Total Amount Paid to the Beneficiary(-ies) under Eligible Projects	USD 0 million
Total Amount to be Returned to GCFF	USD 30.954 of Financial Intermediary fees + USD 39.683 of investment income

D. Aggregate PSO Fees Collected under the Program

Aggregate PSO Fees retained by the ISA (pursuant to the approved Funding Request)	Total (US\$) USD 77.384
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4.9 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: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Tobias Baedeker	Email of ISA Project Leader: tbaedeker@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\$): 42.9 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/13/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 1/1/2023	Project Closing Date: 6/28/2029

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:	Choose an item. Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The overall implementation status is very positive. The Ministry of Agriculture has effectively assumed leadership, ensuring the achievement of Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) of the year of 2023 with adept proficiency. This seamless execution underscores the effective project management.</p> <p>During an ARDI supervision mission conducted in September 2023, particular attention was given to identifying key notes and actions essential for facilitating the progress of the 2023 DLIs and to provide the necessary support needed to Ministry of Agriculture to achieve 2023 DLIs. An initial disbursement of US\$ 12.9 Million was made reflecting the achievement of a first batch of 2023 DLIs, with further disbursements expected in the near future once result verification has been completed.</p> <p>The project recruited a procurement specialist within the Ministry of Agriculture, aligning with the mission's notes to enhance MoA's procurement processes effectively. Additionally, a monitoring and evaluation specialist was brought on board to spearhead the development of monitoring tools for MoA.</p> <p>As part of our collaboration efforts with various countries to support agricultural sector development, MoA staff from Jordan undertook a field visit to Morocco. This visit facilitated the exchange of experiences in extension services provided by their respective Ministries of Agriculture to farmers as well as their veterinary services. This exchange paved the way for discussions on establishing a similar digital platform for digital extension services in Jordan, drawing upon Morocco's</p>	

expertise. Furthermore, the visit enabled knowledge sharing on Morocco's advanced veterinary services, particularly in disease prevention and outbreak management, as well as early warning mechanisms for livestock owners

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
ARDI supervision mission	World Bank and Ministry of Agriculture	3/3/2024
Expert Visit to support MoA in finalizing Extension and Veterinary Strategic Plans 2024-2030	Ministry of Agriculture	3/3/2024
Launch of Extension services and Veterinary strategic plans	Ministry of Agriculture	3/6/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 125 Million	US\$ 42.9 Million	34.32%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	3.595 million
2025	3.595 million
2026	3.595 million

4.10 Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project		
Benefitting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): GCFF - 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\$): 0.50M
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: Improve the efficiency of water services in Jordan.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <p>The project was declared effective on November 7, 2023. At the end of 2023 the Bank held fruitful discussions with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, the water companies, the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) and the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA), to review progress toward fulfilling the requirements of the financing agreement and initiate project implementation. The mission liaised closely with water sector counterparts on implementation start-up and the Government of Jordan is on-track to begin Project implementation as projected at Approval.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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	3/7/2024
Steering Committee. Establish and maintain, throughout Project implementation, a steering committee chaired by the MOWI with composition, terms of reference and roles and responsibilities acceptable to the Bank.	WAJ-PMU	2/7/2024 – Overdue, expected 3/10/2024

Procurement Plan. WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA to update the procurement plan.	WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA	3/10/2024
Initial contracts. WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA to initiate procurement of initial contracts for all project components.	WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA	3/10/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
200.00M	0.50M	0.25%

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

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

5 Lebanon

5.1 Road and Employment Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Road 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	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$ 45.4 Million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$ 200 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$ 150.74 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/29/2016	Project Implementation Start Date: 2/6/2017	Project Closing Date: 5/31/2024

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:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <p>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. Following the second project restructuring, the project closing date is now on May 31, 2024. 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 three times since its effectiveness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 January 5, 2024, the Bank received a request from the Ministry of Finance to extend the project closing date until November 30, 2024, to allow the completion of project activities and disburse the remaining amount under the project. This request is currently being assessed by the Bank.

Commitments by December 19, 2023 reached US\$171 million (86% of the loan amount). Disbursements as of January 25, 2024, reached US\$150.74 million compared to US\$120.61 million on July 20, 2023, therefore increasing the disbursement rate substantially from around 60% to 75% of the loan amount. Disbursements are expected to reach around US\$174 million (87% of the loan amount) by the current closing date of May 31, 2024.

The REP has been playing an important role amidst the current economic and financial crises in Lebanon by creating jobs for the Lebanese and Syrian, addressing food security risks, and stimulating the economy. Progress has been observed between June 2023 and December 2023. The update is as follows:

- 460 km of roads have been completely rehabilitated (up from 192 km in June 2023, and reaching 92% of the target), and an additional 4 km of roads have been substantially completed (pending signage and marking).
- The project has generated around 744,000 labor-days as of end of September 2023 (60% of the revised target). More recent data has been received and is being reviewed by the Bank.
- 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.
- 26,687 small-scale Lebanese farmers have benefited from improved access to inputs.
- The vaccination program has been completed with around 10,800 farmers benefiting from around 1.5 million animal vaccine doses administered (out of 1.6 million procured). Beyond the benefits of the vaccination, the campaign generated an updated national census of small- and medium-livestock herders (disaggregated by gender) and herd size. Some farms near the southern borders could not be reached due to the ongoing hostilities, and thus the MoA has requested to retain a small number of doses to be able to administer them when the situation allows.

The ongoing hostilities in the South of 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.

The World Bank was also informed of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport's (MPWT) request to cancel the preparation of the Road Asset Management System under the project. The mission requested an official letter documenting the above, by January 31, 2024, to further advise on the way forward.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Share a letter documenting a request to cancel the preparation of a Road Asset Management System	MPWT	31/01/2024
Share a letter documenting the request to keep vaccine doses	Ministry of Agriculture	31/01/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200,000,000	US\$ 150,740,000	75%

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

Year	Total by Year End
May 2024	US\$ 23 million

5.2 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	Email of ISA Project Leader: rgomezsuares@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Health	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\$98.51 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: The project development objective (PDO) is to increase access to quality healthcare services to poor Lebanese and displaced Syrians in Lebanon and to strengthen the Government's capacity to respond to COVID-19.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>Project Rating: The Project's progress towards achieving the Project Development Objective and the overall implementation was rated as Moderately Satisfactory in the last Implementation Status and Results Report (ISR) of August 2023.</p> <p>Disbursement Update: As of mid-January 2024, disbursements amount to US\$89.51 million (74.61 percent of total financing).</p> <p>Project Implementation Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Component 1 (Scaling up the scope and the capacity of the primary health care (PHC) universal health coverage program):</u> Activities under this component were not initiated due to the reallocation of US\$72.14 million from Component 1 to Component 4 to support activities related to the COVID-19 response and vaccination. A restructuring of the project was approved on June 7, 2023, which consisted of: (a) reallocating funds across components and disbursement categories; (b) extending the project closing date by 21 months, from June 30, 2023, to March 31, 2025; and (c) revising the results framework. The LHRP restructuring is in line with the MoPH reform plans to reorient the health sector towards primary health care. The reallocated resources will help increase the contribution of Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) to PHC by financing packages of services and thus increasing the budgetary allocation to MoPH for preventive care. Other planned activities under this component 	

include investments in system strengthening (digitization, accreditation, auditing functions, capacity building) which would bolster the oversight and regulatory role of the MoPH. MoPH is now working on the preparatory activities for launching the implementation of this component. Enrollment of beneficiaries is expected to start early March 2024.

- Component 2 (Provision of health care services in public hospitals): To date, the project financed the coverage of more than 40,600 non-COVID-19 hospital claims for uninsured Lebanese. These claims are verified by a Third-Party Agent (TPA), recruited by the MoPH under the project.
- Component 4 (Strengthen the Government's capacity to respond to COVID-19): This component helped strengthen the capacity of the Government of Lebanon to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through (a) COVID-19 prevention awareness campaigns and community engagement; (b) procurement of 3.25 million doses of Pfizer vaccine as well as supplies for vaccine deployment; (c) procurement of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machines and their kits, personal protective equipment, medical equipment for 45 hospitals, and regular and Intensive Care Unit beds; (d) maintenance of COVID-19 related equipment at hospitals; (e) installation of negative pressure system; and (f) supporting the pharmacovigilance program at the MoPH. The project has also provided coverage for 17,600 COVID-19 hospital claims for patients without health insurance.

Challenges:

- At the Project Management Unit (PMU) level, the contracts of the Project Manager and Procurement Officer closed in June 2023. Since then, the PMU consisted only of Financial Officer (acting as Interim Project Manager) and Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist, which limited the capacity of the MoPH to implement project activities. MoPH has been working on the recruitment process for the vacant PMU positions. New Project Manager, Procurement Officer, and Primary Healthcare Technical Coordinator joined the PMU in January 2024. The limited capacity of the PMU and of the MoPH in general (due to the current circumstances in the country) led to delays in launching the implementation of activities under component 1.
- PMU is not exercising proper procurement planning. The PMU needs to update the procurement plan and improve using the Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system on a timely basis.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Complete all the preparatory activities for component 1 (PHC program) and launch the enrollment of beneficiaries	MoPH	3/1/2024

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	74.6%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$10 million
2025	US\$20.47 million

5.3 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\$): 21,000,000.00	Total Project Amount (US\$): 150,000,000.00	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 0
CFF Approval Date: 5/14/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 5/8/2019	Project Closing Date: * 12/31/2024

*Planned extension to execute the contracts to be signed for consultancy and medical equipment supply. The original project's closing date was estimated at 2 years from the date of declaration of effectiveness of project's financing agreement (i.e., from 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:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Unsatisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: Minor progress in project's implementation since last report. The procurement processes for consultant and medical equipment suppliers are not yet concluded. The selection process for the medical equipment supervision consultant is at draft contract stage (waiting for signing of contract with suppliers). Out of the 7 lots for medical equipment, the bidding process for 5 lots is at contract award stage while the remaining 2 lots are recommended for rebidding. However, due to the long interval since offers were submitted, bidders are requested to confirm offers' validity. If the offers are not valid, the entire bidding processes will be relaunched. The IsDB has alerted the CDR (GOL), if the latter is the case, the project will be cancelled. The outcome of the bid validity-and the fate of the project- will be determined by March 2024, at the latest.	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
1. Send official request to bidders on validity of offers	CDR	1/31/2024

2. Inform IsDB on the status of bid validity	CDR	2/15/2024
3. Decide on fate of Project	IsDB/CDR	2/28/2024
4. If offers are valid, extend FD and LDD	CDR/IsDB	3/31/2024
5. Contract signing with consultant and suppliers	CDR/IsDB	4/30/2024
6. Make first disbursement for consultant and supplier(s)	CDR/IsDB	5/31/2024

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	11,500,000.00*

*10% advance payment for the contracts envisaged to be signed in addition to 30% of the contracts to be paid at the end of the year.

5.4 Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Wheat Supply Emergency Response Project		
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\$): 123,335,776.87
CFF Approval Date: 4/15/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 8/19/2022	Project Closing Date: 5/31/2024

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:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <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>Before the end of December 2023, 301,872 MT of Project-financed wheat were discharged in Lebanon, accounting for a monthly average of 27,443 MT since February 2023, when the first imports under the Project arrived in Lebanon. 70 percent of this wheat was of Ukrainian origin. Importers under the project continued to secure competitive market prices, and payments to suppliers were made in time as per contractual arrangements. The distribution of wheat and resulting flour to the mills and bakeries was smooth and followed the agreed amounts for each shipment.</p> <p>On May 31, 2023, the Ministry of Economy and Trade (MoET) contracted the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) as the Third-Party Monitoring Agent for the downstream of the wheat value chain (i.e., retail stores, and households). LRC conducted a first country-wide comprehensive survey about access to Arabic bread during the month of September 2023, which was</p>	

followed by rapid monthly surveys during October-December 2023 and continuing until the Project closing on May 31, 2024.

The selection of the Third-Party Monitoring Agent for the upstream of the wheat value chain (i.e., imports, milling, bakeries) has encountered some delays but is now reaching the final stages of procurement, and the contract is expected to be awarded in late January/early February 2024. In the meanwhile, the distribution of wheat and flour through the upper links of the value chain has been closely monitored by the Lebanese Food Security Committee, and through Bank supervision missions.

The project is scheduled to close on May 31, 2024. An additional 102,000 MT of wheat (+/- 10 percent) were committed in January 2024. In addition, about US\$26.3M are not yet disbursed. This outstanding funding could secure an additional 100,000 MT of wheat for Lebanon before the closing of the Project, at the current regional wheat prices. Discussions regarding the specific framework for an exit strategy with the Government of Lebanon are underway.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Finalizing the recruitment of the upstream monitoring agent	Ministry of Economy and Trade	1/31/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
150,000,000	12,333,577.77	82.2

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	2,666,422.23

5.5 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	Email of ISA Project Leader: rgomezsuarez@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Lebanese Republic, Ministry of Public Health	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: 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:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Unsatisfactory
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>Project Rating: The progress towards achievement of the Project Development Objective and overall implementation progress were rated as Moderately Satisfactory and Moderately Unsatisfactory, respectively, in the last Implementation Status and Results Report (ISR), dated October 2023.</p> <p>Disbursement Updates: After significant delays in opening the designated accounts at the Central Bank and in finalizing the authorized signatories' the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) submitted the advance withdrawal application in November 2023 (11 months after project effectiveness); a total of US\$5.41 million was disbursed from the World Bank to the project designated account (18.65% from total project budget).</p> <p>Project Implementation Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Loan and Grant Agreements were signed by the Ministry of Finance on June 29, 2022. The project was declared effective on December 20, 2022. The Project Operations Manual (POM), which is a legal covenant, has been prepared by the Project Management Unit (PMU) and cleared by the Bank on January 4, 2023. - At the Project Management Unit (PMU) level, the contracts of the Project Manager and Procurement Officer closed in June 2023. Since then, the PMU consisted of only Financial Officer (acting as Interim Project Manager) and Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist, which limited the capacity of the MoPH to implement project activities. MoPH has been working on the recruitment process for the vacant PMU positions. New Project Manager, Procurement Officer, and Primary Healthcare Technical Coordinator joined the PMU in January 2024. 	

- The MoPH is prioritizing the procurement of hospital equipment using project funds. The procurement plan is expected to be finalized by end of January 2024.
- The MoPH is discussing with the World Bank team a potential restructuring of the project to use the funds originally allocated for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines to support other activities, in line with the loan agreements. The agreed activities should be compatible with the scope of the Restructuring will also include extension of the project closing date (which currently closes in September 2024).

Challenges: Procurement rating has been downgraded to Unsatisfactory due to the significant delays in launching the procurement activities and lengthy recruitment process of the main PMU positions. Procurement planning needs to be conducted and the PMU needs to update the procurement plan developed at negotiations and improve using the Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system on a timely basis.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Submit the procurement plan and initiate procurement of medical equipment	MoPH	1/31/2024
Submit a request for restructuring to the World Bank	MoPH	3/15/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

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

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

Year	Total by Year End
2024	US\$23.59*

*The WB team expects the project closing date to be extended beyond Sep 30, 2024, which means that the disbursement of the remaining amount (US\$23.59 million) will go beyond 2024.

6. Moldova

6.1 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:	Moderately Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Moderately Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 25, 2023, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the second in a series of two operations, in the amount of US\$100 million, to support the Republic of Moldova's efforts to respond to unprecedented challenges, while maintaining momentum on the long-term agenda of building resilience and enhancing competitiveness. The second operation comprises financing from IBRD in the amount of US\$100 million. Additionally, the operation benefited from a co-financing Grant in the amount of US\$9.3 million from the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Co-financing of the Moldova Development Policy Program (TF0C1303) and a concessional contribution on a non-reimbursable basis under the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) in the amount of US\$25 million. As of February 2024, 116,195 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 influx of refugees is overwhelming for such a small country as Moldova: those refugees who have decided to apply for asylum is around 38,000 thousand, while refugees that decided to remain represent about 4 percent of the total population; the adults represent 6 percent of the active labor force; and school-age refugees represent about 9 percent of the pupils that regularly attend pre-kindergarten to secondary schools. 	
Context	

This operation is part of a package of coordinated financial assistance to Moldova from international partners prepared in response to the ongoing socio-economic emergency, including the International Monetary Fund's Extended Credit Facility and Extended Fund Facility, and the European Union's Macro Financial Assistance, together with budget support from the Directorate-General for European Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations and the Agence Française de Développement. The GCFF provides concessional contribution on a non-reimbursable basis through this operation to support the authorities' efforts to deal with the refugee crisis. Japan International Cooperation Agency is expected to provide parallel financing.

Supported Actions.

Actions under the first pillar of the operation supported refugees and households by (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. Actions under the second pillar help to build resilience and enhance competitiveness to reduce vulnerabilities to future shocks by (i) supporting measures to enhance energy efficiency; (ii) strengthening the legal framework for the deposit guarantee scheme; (iii) strengthening the legal framework of the corporate governance of State-Owned Enterprises; (iv) further supporting the railway sector reorganization; and (v) facilitating access to the digitalization of public services for business.

Prior Actions under DPO 1	Prior Actions under DPO2
Prior Action 1: The Recipient has adopted provisions to: (i) allow refugees from Ukraine to enter the territory of the Republic of Moldova with their national ID; and (ii) grant Ukrainian citizens the right to work in the Republic of Moldova without obtaining the right of temporary residence for work purposes, as evidenced by decisions of the Commission for Exceptional Situations No. 1 (1st disposition) and No. 4 (7th disposition), dated February 24, 2022, and March 1, 2022, respectively, and published on the same date by the Commission for Exceptional Situations on https://gov.md/ro/content/decizii-cse .	Prior Action 1. The Borrower has adopted a framework and associated implementation action plan to provide a more secure legal status to refugees and better integrate them into Moldovan society by: (i) harmonizing the migration and asylum legislation with EU legislation, and (ii) granting of temporary protection to access services including for housing, schooling, social assistance and employment, as evidenced by Government Decision No. 808 dated November 11, 2022, and published in the Official Gazette on January 19, 2023, and by Government Decision No. 21 dated January 18, 2023, and published in the Official Gazette on January 26, 2023.
Prior Action 2: The Recipient has adopted provisions to grant school-age refugees from Ukraine the right to access educational institutions in the Republic of Moldova, as evidenced by decision of the Commission for Exceptional Situations No. 10 (disposition No. 12.1), dated March 15, 2022, and published on https://www.gov.md/sites/default/files/document/attachments/dispozitie_cse_nr_10_din15.03.2022_modif_13.pdf , and Order No. 178 from the Recipient's Ministry of Education and Research dated March 15, 2022, and published on the same date on https://mecc.gov.md/sites/default/files/ordin_mec_178_instru_iune.pdf .	Prior Action 2: The Recipient has adopted provisions to grant school-age refugees from Ukraine the right to access educational institutions in the Republic of Moldova, as evidenced by decision of the Commission for Exceptional Situations No. 10 (disposition No. 12.1), dated March 15, 2022, and published on https://www.gov.md/sites/default/files/document/attachments/dispozitie_cse_nr_10_din15.03.2022_modif_13.pdf , and Order No. 178 from the Recipient's Ministry of Education and Research dated March 15, 2022, and published on the same date on https://mecc.gov.md/sites/default/files/ordin_mec_178_instru_iune.pdf .

Expected results.

The result indicator relates to the number of female refugees that are granted the temporary protection status. The target value of the result indicator might be influenced by the number of applicants for temporary protection, as refugees in Moldova have several options to legally remain in the country. Moreover, the socio-economic situation in Ukraine is expected to affect the number of refugees who will remain in Moldova by 2024. Beyond the timeframe for the evaluation of this DPO, these measures are expected to better integrate refugees into the economy and society, helping social cohesion and economic resilience.

Another result indicator that the operation aims to achieve relates to the share of cases resolved by the civil protection framework as a percentage of the requests for assistance from refugees. Beyond the timeframe for the evaluation of this DPO, these measures are expected to strengthen the civil protection system to better respond to future emergencies.

Policy Implementation.

The long-term management and integration of refugees from Ukraine are important, not only from a solidarity standpoint but also for social cohesion in the host communities. In this context, the operation supported the establishment of a framework for refugee management, including housing, social assistance, schooling, and employment, with the introduction of a temporary protection mechanism, and harmonization of the migration and asylum processes with the EU legislation. Additionally, the operation supported the introduction of a framework and an associated implementation action plan to strengthen the civil protection response and management in emergency situations, including from the influx of refugees.

- To aid Ukrainian refugees in integrating into Moldovan society and fostering self-sufficiency, thus alleviating strain on public finances, the Government of Moldova (GoM) has temporarily permitted them to work in Moldova without the usual procedures for foreign employment. This integration is especially crucial for women, who encounter various obstacles. Additionally, the GoM has granted temporary access to education, providing a sense of normalcy to children amidst turmoil, while supporting their psychological well-being and education, vital for future productivity. These measures were backed by the inaugural operation of this Development Policy Operation (DPO).

- Despite heightened challenges stemming from the conflict in Ukraine, Moldova continues to implement reforms amidst a more difficult operational environment. The spillover effects of the war are straining Moldova's households, economy, and public finances, despite robust governmental efforts. Soaring energy prices are burdening households and threatening social cohesion, compounded by extensive spending due to the significant influx of Ukrainian refugees who have opted to stay in Moldova.

- The increasing permanence of refugees necessitates a shift from emergency measures to long-term refugee management by the GoM. In line with Government Decision No. 808/2022, Moldova has adopted provisions from United Nations conventions regarding refugee status, stateless persons, and prevention of statelessness. This decision aligns with the priorities of the Global Pact for Safe, Regulated and Orderly Migration, and the Global Compact for Refugees. It establishes a framework for entry, stay, and exit from Moldova, with clear admission rules and documentation procedures, alongside efforts to combat illegal migration. The decision selectively transposes Council Directive 2001/55/EC and Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382, defining conditions and categories for temporary protection, including for displaced persons from Ukraine due to the war since February 24, 2022. This mechanism harmonizes Moldova's approach with the EU, regulating administrative aspects, and granting beneficiaries of temporary protection the right to remain in Moldova for the entire duration of their protection period. This includes rights to education, housing, social assistance, employment integration, and healthcare. Temporary protection lasts one year, extendable up to two years if circumstances persist.

The authorities amended numerous legislative acts to help refugees to have access to healthcare services. According to the list of medical services established by the Ministry of Health, the following measures were approved: (i) order of the National Medical Insurance Company regarding the list of medical services; (ii) order of the Ministry of Health regarding medical services granted to beneficiaries of temporary protection; (iii) joint order approving the Regulation regarding the registration with the family doctor of the beneficiaries of temporary protection; and (iv) the government decision regarding the establishment of allowances for children beneficiaries of temporary protection.

Moreover, the arrival of 750,000 refugees from Ukraine, constituting a quarter of Moldova's population, has strained civil protection and emergency management systems, particularly in smaller cities. The existing regulatory framework, largely outdated from the Soviet era, does not adequately address the evolving nature and complexity of modern emergencies.

- For this, Government Decision No. 846/2022 establishes a framework for preventing, preparing for, and responding to national and local emergencies, including the refugee crisis. It clarifies roles of national and local governments, enhancing readiness for various emergencies, including pandemics and natural disasters. Specific measures include civil protection training, improved early warning systems, and provisions for first responders' equipment and facilities. This decision marks a crucial step towards a comprehensive Disaster Risk Management system, aiming to strengthen government competencies, close regulatory gaps, and enhance emergency situation management.

Government Decisions on refugees were publicly consulted with civil society, international organizations, and development partners, including UNHCR, the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Development Program, UN Women for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the Republic of Moldova, International Committee of the Red Cross, Alliance of NGOs active in the field of Child and Family Social Protection, Policy and Reform Centre, and Law Centre. Comments were also received on the governmental platform "particip.gov.md."

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%

6.2 Education Quality Improvement Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Education Quality Improvement Project		
Benefitting Country: Republic of Moldova	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Spyros Demetriou	Email of ISA Project Leader: sdemetriou@worldbank.org	
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\$69.8 Million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$0.22 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:	Satisfactory
Rating for overall implementation progress:	Satisfactory
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: <p>The Project was approved by the Board of Executive Directors on May 31, 2023. Loan and grant agreements have been signed and the project was ratified by the Parliament of Moldova in summer 2023. Following the submission of the legal opinion by the Ministry of Justice of Moldova, the project was declared effective on September 11, 2023. Currently, the work is in progress on setting the stage for the successful implementation of EQIP. The key positions within the MoER project management team (PMT) have been filled. Meanwhile, the evaluation committee for the NORLD was established and is to complete the selection of specialists for EQIP by January 31, 2024.</p> <p>The Government of Moldova (GoM) acted promptly in declaring a state of emergency and providing shelter, food, medical and educational services, and other support to the refugees. The GoM also approved measures: (a) facilitating entry of Ukrainian citizens and third-country nationals in Ukraine fleeing the war, (b) facilitating integration into the labor market for those who opt to stay in Moldova, and (c) granting access to educational services to school-age refugees (at all levels of education – from preschool to higher education). The education system, however, lacks the capacity to integrate the refugee students promptly and properly to schools and preschools. The project aims to improve the quality of education service delivery of the country, with a particular focus on disadvantaged students, including refugees from Ukraine who are enrolled in educational institutions, through a holistic approach.</p> <p>Component 1: Improving Quality of Teaching.</p>	

The MoER and the Bank teams had extensive discussions during the first implementation support and supervision mission on October 30 – November 8, 2023 (in Chisinau, Moldova) on the teaching quality assurance in Moldova, including rollout of TEACH instrument which measures to what extent teachers in their classrooms create a culture that is conducive to learning and use inclusive teaching practices that help all students to learn. The first Project Development Objectives (PDO) indicator focuses on the proportion of teachers with improved quality of teaching practices as measured by the in-class teacher observation tool (TEACH). The MoER recently established a working group for strengthening the system of external evaluations and the plan for the roll-out of TEACH training and observations in Moldova will be prepared and shared with the Bank team by April 30, 2024. In addition, by February 28, 2024, the MoER plans to complete procurement and sign contract with the selected firm for updating the standards for teachers and managers to reflect the newly approved DigComp Framework. Implementation of the school grants program is to be launched in mid-September 2024. Two school grants officers are being hired by the MoER PMT to develop a school grants operations manual, together with the program guidelines and application package featuring call-for-proposals documentation (including application template) and the assessment grid for evaluation of submitted proposals. Recovering learning losses is crucial to prevent long-term damage to human capital and children's well-being and productivity. The Bank team shared insights on the Tech-Based Tutoring Program in Ukraine and other countries. MoER and Bank teams also discussed various options and considerations for the relevant learning recovery program. It was agreed that the MoER will submit the proposed plan for the tutoring program by April 30, 2024.

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

Following the approval of the Project Operations Manual (POM), the MoER selected the schools for rehabilitation in line with the EQIP selection criteria. The list is currently under review by the Bank team. Given the potential availability of existing designs for the institutions to be rehabilitated, the first contracts for updating these designs are expected to be signed by February 29, 2024. The rehabilitation works in these schools can start in April-May 2024. For schools without school infrastructure rehabilitation designs, contracts for developing relevant design are expected to be signed by April 30, 2024. The MoER is also to develop and submit to the Bank a comprehensive ten-year sector plan/vision for the school network considering the demographic, integration of refugee students and other trends which will inform the construction activities. Furthermore, by April 30, 2024, the MoER will also submit the list of preschools to be rehabilitated in accordance with the EQIP selection criteria. Contracts for preparation of preschool designs are expected to be signed by June 30, 2024. The MoER will also provide to the Bank the plan for appraising school equipment needs by April 30, 2024.

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

To support the ongoing reforms, the MoER has initiated the procurement of consulting services of the part-time Education Consultant and part-time Early Childhood Education Specialist. The contracts with the PISA consultants to support analysis of PISA-2022 results and implementation of next PISA rounds have been signed. The newly hired Communications Specialist is working on finalization of the communication plan for EQIP. By July 31, 2024, the MoER is to provide to the Bank the ToR for the implementation of project beneficiary surveys (including for establishing the baselines). The mission discussed and agreed a draft Project Implementation Plan (PIP) for the first twelve months of EQIP.

Actions to be Taken.	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Finalization of the procurement process for the remaining positions for the Project	NORLD	1/31/2024
Contracts signed with the companies to update the teachers/educators and managers standards	MoER PMT	2/29/2024
The list of schools for rehabilitation (including those with available designs) finalized in line with the EQIP selection criteria (focusing on support of the disadvantaged students including refugee students)	MoER and NORLD PMT	2/15/2024
Submission to the Bank of the plan for the tutoring program	MoER	4/30/2024

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$10 million	US\$0.22 million	0.3%

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