



Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCOFF)

PROGRESS REPORT

January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

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

Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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

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1. Introduction

This report provides an overview of key developments in the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) between January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, including progress in the implementation of projects supported by the Facility. This progress report is the first in a series of two reports that will be issued on a biannual basis. The second report will cover the period July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The report provides a shortened and concise update on the project portfolio.

During the reporting period the GCFF continued to serve as a valuable instrument for countries hosting large numbers of refugees. Effective and timely support was provided to Benefiting Countries, through sustained contributions from Supporting Countries. During the reporting period contributions to the GCFF crossed the \$1 billion mark. Looking beyond June 2026, and the future direction of the Facility, the Second Independent Evaluation of the GCFF was also initiated.

Key developments during the reporting period include:

- Selection by the Steering Committee on January 27 of Japan and Jordan as new co-chairs of the GCFF Steering Committee for a one-year term.
- During the reporting period, receipts to the GCFF amounted to US\$ 29.23¹ million, with contributions received from Canada (US\$7.6 million), Japan (US\$10 million), Netherlands (US\$ 6.5 million), and the United Kingdom (US\$ 5 million).
- Approval by the Steering Committee on March 26 of a Funding Request for financing of the IBRD supported Moldova Higher Education Project AF underlying operation². (See table 1, below).
- Approval by the Steering Committee on April 4 of a Funding Request for financing of the IBRD supported Supporting Economic Opportunities and Climate Transition underlying operation for Moldova. (See table 1, below).
- Approval by the Steering Committee to organize the annual in-person GCFF Steering Committee meeting in Yerevan, Armenia, on October 30-31 2025³.
- GCFF Second Independent Evaluation launched in June with the final findings to be presented to the Steering Committee in February 2026.

Table 1. Projects Approved and Financing Allocated between January – June 2025

Benefiting Country	ISA	Project Name	Date GCFF financing approved	Total Project Financing	Loan Financing from ISA	Funding from GCFF	Other Funding
Moldova	WB	Moldova Higher Education Project AF	26-Mar-25	42.38	33.90	8.48	
Moldova	WB	Supporting Economic Opportunities and Climate Transition	4-Apr-25	105.70	40.00	8.00	57.70
Total				148.08	73.90	16.48	
Grand Total				148.08	73.90	16.48	57.70

¹ Sub-totals may not add up due to rounding.

² Steering Committee Meeting on March 26, 2025. Minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

³ Steering Committee Meeting on June 30, 2025. Minutes of the meeting are available [here](#).

2. Key Steering Committee Decisions (January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025)

Decision Date	Decision	Full Text of Decision
Out of Committee Decision January 27, 2025	Decision on selection of new co-chairs of GCFE Steering Committee.	The Steering Committee selected by consensus Japan and Jordan to serve as the new co-chairs of the GCFE Steering Committee for a one-year term in accordance with paragraph 50 of the GCFE Operations Manual, with immediate effect. Japan will be represented by Mr. Takahiro Tsuda, Director, Multilateral Development Banks Division, Ministry of Finance. Jordan will be represented by Mr. Emad Shanaah, Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.
Steering Committee Meeting March 26, 2025	Approval of Funding Request for Moldova	Allocation of US\$ 2,035,000* for the Higher Education Project Additional Financing, with the IBRD as ISA, noting the abstention of the United States, and authorizes the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available from the ECA Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 2,000,000 Concessional Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Out of Committee Decision April 4, 2025	Approval of Funding Request for Moldova	Allocation of US\$ 8,035,000 for the Moldova Supporting Economic Opportunities and Climate Transition DPO, with the IBRD as ISA, noting the abstention of the United States, and authorization for the Trustee to set aside, commit, and transfer such funds as available in the ECA Window. The allocation consists of a US\$ 8,000,000 Concessional Amount and ISA Costs of US\$ 35,000.
Steering Committee Meeting June 30, 2025	Decision on organization of in-person GCFE Steering Committee meeting	The Steering Committee agreed to hold the next in-person meeting in Yerevan, Armenia from October 30-31. The Steering Committee directed the Coordination Unit to organise the meeting including agenda, providing regular updates to the Steering Committee members for timely planning and coordination

**Additional funding of \$6,475,000 million was approved by the Steering Committee on a virtual no-objection basis on April 23, 2025 providing the project with total concessional support of \$8.51 million.*

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

The World Bank acts as a Trustee to the GCFE and publishes the Trustee Reports⁴ on the financial status of the GCFE every three months. Below is a snapshot of the report as of June 30, 2025.

Table 2. Financial Status (as of June 30, 2025, in US\$ millions)

	Total	% of Total
<u>Supporting Country Pledges and Contributions</u>		
Contributions	1,018.83	98.8%
Pledges <i>a/</i>	12.57	1.2%
Total Pledges and Contributions	1,031.40	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Resources</u>		
<u>Resources received</u>		
Cash Receipts	1,015.88	92.8%
Investment Income earned <i>b/ c/</i>	62.95	5.8%
Total Resources Received	1,078.84	98.6%
<u>Resources not yet received</u>		
Contributions not yet received	2.95	0.3%
Pledges outstanding	12.57	1.1%
Total Resources not yet received	15.52	1.4%
Total Potential Resources (A) (in USD millions)	1,094.36	100.0%
<u>Cumulative Funding Decisions</u>		
Concessionality	993.05	98.9%
ISA Costs	2.68	0.3%
Administrative Budget	8.28	0.8%
Total Funding Decisions Net of Cancellations (B)	1,004.00	100.0%
Total Potential Resources Net of Funding Decisions (A) - (B)	90.36	
<u>Funds Available</u>		
Funds Held in Trust with no restrictions <i>c/</i>	74.84	
Approved Amounts Pending Cash Transfers	-	
Total Funds Available to Support Steering Committee Decisions	74.84	

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 GCFE

b/ Represents investment income earned on the liquid balances of the GCFE Trust Fund and investment income received from ISAs as of April 30, 2025

c/ Excludes USD 6.5 million of investment income earned by IBRD as ISA pending distribution to the respective windows on a semi-annual basis

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

⁴ The Trustee Report is published separately and is available [here](#)

Pledges and Contributions:

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

As of June 30, 2025, contributions and outstanding pledges to the GCFE Trust Fund totaled USDeq. 1,031.40 million, comprising USD 1,015.88 million which has been deposited as cash into the GCFE Trust Fund and USD 12.57 million in outstanding pledges.

Resources not yet received total USDeq 15.52 million, comprising USDeq. 12.57 million in pledges and USDeq. 2.95 million in contributions receivable.

Investment Income:

As of June 30, 2025, the GCFE Trust Fund earned investment income of approximately USD 62.95 million⁵ on the liquid balances in the GCFE Trust Fund and investment income received from Implementation Support Agencies (ISA).

Funding Approvals:

As of June 30, 2025, the GCFE Steering Committee had approved funding from the GCFE Trust Fund totaling USD 1,004.00 million to cover Concessionality amounts and ISA Costs, as well as Administrative Budget of the GCFE Coordination Unit and Trustee.

Funds Held in Trust:

Funds Held in Trust⁶ reflect contributions paid in from Supporting Countries, plus investment income, less cash transfers. Funds Held in Trust as of June 30, 2025 amounted to USD 74.84 million.

Funds Available for GCFE Steering Committee Funding Decisions:

Funds available to support GCFE funding decisions amounted to USD 74.84 million as of June 30, 2025.

⁵ Represents investment income earned on the liquid balances of the GCFE Trust Fund and investment income received from ISAs as of April 30, 2025.

⁶ Funds Held in Trust represent 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 June 2025). Amounts are in US\$ million.

GCFF Portfolio Monitoring (as of June 2025)								
ISA	Project Name	Date GCFF financing approved	Date ISA Board Appr.	Closing	Total Project Financing	Loan financing from ISA	Funding from GCFF	Other funding
Armenia								
WB	Second Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Development Policy Operation	19-Feb-24	26-Apr-24	31-Mar-25	116.00	100.00	16.00	
Armenia					116.00	100.00	16.00	0.00
Jordan								
WB	Economic Opportunities for Jordanians & Syrian Refugees	28-Jul-16	27-Sep-16	31-Jan-23	400.00	149.00	51.00	200.00
EBRD	Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	28-Jul-16	22-Nov-16	15-Dec-23	46.05	25.30	1.95	18.80
WB	Jordan Second Programmatic Energy and Water DPL	3-Nov-16	1-Dec-16	12-Dec-17	500.00	475.00	25.00	
WB	Jordan Emergency Health Project	20-Apr-17	13-Jun-17	31-Oct-23	50.00	36.10	13.90	
IsDB	Jordan Emergency Health Project	20-Apr-17	14-May-17	16-Oct-20	100.00	79.00	21.00	
WB	Jordan Emergency Health AF	23-May-19	24-Jun-19	31-Oct-23	200.00	141.10	58.90	
EBRD	Jordan West Irbid Wastewater Project	20-Apr-17	31-Oct-17	30-Jun-24	91.70	59.30	2.50	29.89
WB	Jordan Education Reform Support Program	29-Oct-17	5-Dec-17	31-May-25	200.00	147.70	52.30	
WB	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	5-Jun-21	16-Jun-21	31-Jan-24	63.75	50.00	12.50	125
EIB	Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF)	1-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	489.36	435.00	54.36	
WB	Jordan People-Centric Digital Government Program for Results	29-Feb-24	28-Mar-24	31-June-28	404.34	321.00	29.00	54.34
WB	Modernizing Education, Skills and Administrative Reforms (MASAR) Program	6-Jun-24	27-Jun-24	30-Jun-29	400.00	393.00	7.00	
Jordan					4,306.50	3,396.90	599.81	309.78
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	Health Resilience Project	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	29.00	22.95	2.05	4.00
WB	Greater Beirut Public Transport (CANCELLED)	17-Jan-18					2.58	
Lebanon					529.00	432.45	95.13	4.00
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	7-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	6-Dec-22	15-Dec-23	530.00	500.00	30.00	
WB	Social Safety Net Project Additional Financing	5-Dec-24	20-Jan-25	30-Jun-27	110.00	100.00	10.00	
Ecuador					1,660.10	1,600.00	60.10	
Moldova								
WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO	9-May-22	2-Jun-22	10-Aug-22	159.24	43.00	9.24	107.00
WB	Emergency Response, Resilience and Competitiveness DPO 2	7-Apr-23	25-May-23	24-May-24	134.30	100.00	25.00	9.30
WB	Education Quality Improvement Project	1-May-23	31-May-23	31-Dec-29	59.80	40.00	10.00	9.80
WB	Supporting Growth and Resilience DPO	17-May-24	14-Jun-24	29-May-25	55.00	40.00	5.00	10.00
WB	Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance	10-Jun-24	17-May-24	30-Jun-26	1.50		1.50	
WB	Moldova Higher Education Project AF	26-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Dec-29	42.38	33.90	8.48	
WB	Supporting Economic Opportunities and Climate Transition DPO	4-Apr-25	8-May-25	30-Jun-26	105.70	40.00	8.00	57.70
Moldova					557.92	296.90	67.22	193.80
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:					9,457.81	7,944.75	993.05	522.58

4.2 Portfolio of Underlying Operations (Active Projects)

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

During the reporting period, most projects received performance ratings of Satisfactory or Moderately Satisfactory. In the case of the Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Project (WB as ISA), implementation has progressed slowly, resulting in the project being downgraded to a Moderately Unsatisfactory rating. Project activities are expected to accelerate in the second half of 2025, with a mid-term review scheduled for September. Similarly, the Lebanon Health Resilience Project and Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project (WB as ISA) have made no significant progress in implementation leading to a Moderately Unsatisfactory rating. Restructurings for both projects are planned within the current fiscal year. For more details on these projects please refer to Annex-1.

Table 4. Performance ratings

Project name	ISA	Rating for progress towards achievement of project development objective	Rating for overall implementation progress
Colombia			
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Costa Rica			
Climate Resilient Recovery and Territorial Development Project*	WB	N/A	N/A
Ecuador			
Social Safety Net AF*	WB	N/A	N/A
Jordan			
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	EBRD	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
West Irbid Wastewater Project	EBRD	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Education Reform Support PforR	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan Youth, Technology and Jobs	WB	Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Jordan 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	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation	EIB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
People-Centric Digital Government Program for Results	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms (MASAR) Operation	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Lebanon			
Lebanon Health Resilience Project	WB	Moderately Unsatisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
	IsDB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory
Lebanon Roads and Employment	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response Project	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Unsatisfactory
Moldova			
Education Quality Improvement Project	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Growth and Resilience Development Policy Operation DPO	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Moldova Higher Education Project AF*	WB	N/A	N/A
Supporting Economic Opportunities and Climate Transition*	WB	N/A	N/A

*Projects not effective

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

Please note that while the Improving Quality of Health Care Services and Efficiency in Colombia Program closed in December 2024, the remaining funds were disbursed during the six-month grace period (January-June 2025). For more details, please refer to the report in Annex-1.

Table 5. Closed projects

Project	ISA	Rating for progress towards achievement of project development objective	Rating for overall implementation progress	Date of Closure
Armenia				
Second Green, Inclusive and Sustainable Development Policy Operation	WB	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	24-April- 2025
Colombia				
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	WB	Moderately Satisfactory	Moderately Satisfactory	31-Dec-2024

4.4 Disbursements of Underlying Operations (concessional support)

As of June 30, 2025, disbursements of active underlying operations that received GCFE concessional support amount to 45.2% percent of the total project financing. This excludes operations closed before the reporting period and operations approved which are still awaiting effectiveness.

Table 6. Disbursements⁷

Project name	Total Project Financing (US\$)	Disbursements (US\$)	% Disbursed
Colombia			
Improving Quality of Healthcare Services and Efficiency in Colombia	187,600,000	187,600,000	100.0%
Colombia Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project	136,700,000	43,670,000	31.9%
Total	324,300,000	231,270,000	71.3%
Jordan			
Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project	47,180,000	29,721,024	63.2%
West Irbid Wastewater Project*	91,708,725	22,401,594	24.4%
Jordan Education Reform Support PforR + AF	300,000,000	248,840,000	82.9%
Jordan Youth, Technology and Jobs	200,000,000	60,800,000	30.4%
Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation (ARDI) Program	125,000,000	67,870,000	54.0%
Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Program	250,000,000	9,510,000	4.0%
Water Security and Climate Adaptation Project**	489,260,000	146,700,000	30.0%
Jordan People-Centric Digital Government Program for Results***	350,000,000	119,010,000	34.0%
Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms (MASAR) Operation	400,000,000	100,820,000	25.2%
Total	2,253,148,725	805,672,618	36%
Lebanon			
Lebanon Roads and Employment	200,000,000	196,100,000	98.0%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project WB	120,000,000	89,510,000	74.6%
Lebanon Health Resilience Project IsDB	30,000,000	1,550,844	5.2%
Strengthening Lebanon's COVID-19 Response	29,000,000	5,410,000	18.6%
Total	379,000,000	292,570,844	77.2%
Moldova			
Education Quality Improvement Project	59,800,000	5,270,000	8.8%
Growth and Resilience Development Policy Operation DPO	55,500,000	55,500,000	100.0%
Total	115,300,000	60,770,000	52.7%
Grand Total	3,071,748,725	1,390,283,462	45.2%

* US\$ 30 million additional finance approved by EBRD on 23rd December 2024.

**Original total project was \$489.36 million, current total project is based on existing Euro-US dollar exchange rate.

*** Original total project was \$400.34 million, however Euro 50 million from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) has not become effective hence no disbursements. When the AICS co-financing becomes effective total project cost will be updated accordingly.

⁷As reported in the individual project Progress Reports for the reporting period.

4.5 Disbursements of Private Sector Operation(s)

Due to the exceptional nature of the Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility Project, a separate table has been added to distinguish it from Underlying Operations that follow a standard disbursement model. Disbursements related to Partial Portfolio Guarantees (PPG) are only made in case of default on the guarantees by the financial intermediary. With no loans in default so far, there have 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 the Progress Report in Annex.

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

4.6 Disbursements of Exceptional Grant Operation(s)

On an exceptional basis, with an understanding that the purpose of the GCFF is to provide concessionality to financing from ISAs, a Benefitting Country, with the support of a designated ISA, may request funding to be directed to such ISA, under the ISA's applicable policies and procedures, in connection with an operation that does not involve a loan to the Benefitting Country (a Grant Operation). For more details on the project please see the Progress Report in Annex.

Project name	Total Project Financing (US\$)	Disbursements (US\$)	% Disbursed
Moldova			
Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance	1,500,000	372,000	24.8%
Total	1,500,000	372,000	24.8%

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1. Colombia

1.1 Improving Quality of Health Care Services and Efficiency in Colombia Program

Underlying Operation Information

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

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Development Objective of the Program is to support improvements in the quality of health care services and in the efficiency of the health system	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>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, and became effective on December 1, 2020, following approval by the Congress of Colombia. In October 2024, the Government of Colombia requested a restructuring, which was approved by the World Bank on November 4, 2024, and countersigned by the Minister of Finance on December 20, 2024. The Program closed on December 31, 2024. By July 25, 2025, both the loan and grant components were fully disbursed (100%). All disbursement-linked results and PDO have been achieved, and ten out of twelve result indicators have been accomplished.</p> <p>The Program has delivered substantial improvements in both the quality and efficiency of Colombia's health system. Key quality achievements include updated certification standards for health providers, new quality standards for primary care, simplified accreditation for low-complexity hospitals, and regulations for telemedicine and electronic health records. On the efficiency front, the Program attained substantial efficiency gains, especially in pharmaceutical spending, resulting from the introduction of new regulations in the pharmaceutical market that has led to efficiency gains of COP 946 billion (around US\$216 million).</p> <p>The Program was instrumental in expanding access to health care for vulnerable populations, notably by facilitating the enrollment of almost 1.6 million eligible migrants (mainly Venezuelans) into the national health system, reducing pressure on emergency services. In terms of health outcomes, the percentage of new breast cancer cases detected early increased from 49.86 percent in 2019 to 55.95 percent in 2023. These improvements are particularly notable in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which negatively affected the delivery of routine health care services worldwide, including breast cancer diagnosis.</p>	

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
GCFF: 37,600,000 Loan: 150,000,000 Total: 187,600,000	GCFF: 37,600,000 Loan: 150,000,000 Total: 187,600,000	100%

1.2 Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Resilient and Inclusive Housing Project		
Benefitting Country: Colombia		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): IBRD
Name of ISA Project Leader: Andre Herzog		Email of ISA Project Leader: aherzog@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Republic of Colombia, Ministry of Housing, City and Territory.		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Germán Ávila Plazas, Minister of Finance and Public Credit, german.avila@minhacienda.gov.co Helga Rivas, Minister of Housing, City and Territory, hriivas@minvivienda.gov.co
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 36.7 M (GFCC: 21.70 M, GPG: 15.00 M)	Total Project Amount (US\$): 136.7 M (IBRD: 100.00 M, TF: 36.7 M)	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 43.67 M (IBRD: 33.47 M, GCFE: 7.27 M, GPG: 2.93 M)
CFF Approval Date: 5/27/2021	Project Implementation Start Date: 10/5/2021	Project Closing Date: 7/24/2026

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Development Objective of the Program is to support improvements in the quality of health care services and in the efficiency of the health system	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The Project implementation continues to increase pace, reflecting significant efforts to overcome operational challenges. As of July 2025, the Project showed progress towards achieving the PDO indicators. Specifically, 2,276 urban households have benefited from home improvement subsidies, representing 27.5% of the overall target. Progress under rural improvements and migrant-focused rent subsidies remains limited, with 223 rural households (4.9%) and 344 migrant households (3.34%) reached. The Ministry is taking steps to strengthen rural subsidy implementation and accelerate rental support for migrant households, including recent agreements with 13 municipalities to benefit approx. 2,000 families, and the engagement of real estate agents as implementing partners. As part of this effort, the Ministry is working with around 20 real estate firms to help allocate up to 500 additional subsidies. Procurement processes for neighborhood improvement (MIB) and public space interventions have advanced, with execution expected to pick up in the second half of 2025.</p> <p>Cumulative disbursements have reached USD 43.7 M (32% of the total loan), and total commitments increased to USD 34.58 M (25%), of which USD 10.36 M has been paid (equivalent to 30% of the committed amount). Project execution accelerated through the resolution of bottlenecks in procurement and contract finalization, particularly in the home improvement and MIB components. Notably, the Ministry successfully incorporated USD 3.52 M in GCFE grant funds into the 2025 national budget. This incorporation was completed in April 2025, streamlining the budget process and enabling earlier access to grant resources compared to 2024, when the funds were incorporated in October. The improved timing is expected to enhance financial execution and support better compliance with the <i>pari-passu</i> condition. In parallel, key activities financed by the GCFE (such as rental subsidies) were expanded to five additional municipalities.</p> <p>In parallel, the Project is advancing in the approval process of the second restructuring, which is currently at the signing stage. This restructuring includes adjustments to the Results Framework, reallocation of funds between components, and the expansion of eligible implementation modalities aimed at accelerating execution and increasing the Project's overall impact.</p> <p>While implementation is advancing, several fiduciary and operational aspects continue to require close attention. The Project is actively working to improve the rhythm of execution and enhance planning processes across components. To support these efforts, the Ministry has reinforced the financial team by hiring two additional consultants and is adopting measures to streamline disbursement flows and strengthen coordination with fiduciary institutions. These actions are expected to help sustain the current pace of implementation and ensure more agile execution in the second half of 2025.</p> <p>Next steps will focus on maintaining the current pace of execution, resolving fiduciary constraints, and ensuring strategic alignment with Project targets. The Ministry has committed to preparing technical, financial, and operational scenarios to justify a possible Project extension beyond July 2026. The team remains committed to sustaining progress across all components and ensuring the effective use of both loan and grant resources.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
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Prepare a detailed technical, financial, and operational plan to support a potential project extension beyond July 2026.	Ministry of Housing, City and Territory	8/31/2025
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B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
136.7 M (IBRD: 100.00 M, TF: 36.7 M)	43.67 M (IBRD: 33.47 M, TF: 10.2 M)	31.9%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	93.03 M
2026	(*) 136.70 M

(*) The project team is currently in discussions with the Ministry regarding a potential extension of the project beyond its original closing date. As part of this process, cumulative disbursement targets and projections will be reviewed to align with the revised implementation timeline and strategic priorities.

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: Anna-Maria Bogdanova		Email of ISA Project Leader: ambogdanova@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:	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Not Applicable</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>Project negotiations with the Government of Costa Rica took place on February 16 and 17, 2023. The project was approved by the World Bank Board of Directors on March 8, 2024, and signed by the Borrower on August 16, 2024. The Financing Agreement was submitted to the Legislative Assembly on January 6, 2025, by the Ministry of Presidency and to the Legislative Finance Commission on Jan 20, 2025. The reason for the five-month gap between the signing of the Agreement and submission to Assembly was not related to the project but was mainly due to political dynamics and competing priorities on the Government and Congressional agenda.</p> <p>Since its submission to the Legislative Assembly, the approval process has been progressing steadily, with strong endorsements from key institutions. The President of the National Emergency Commission (CNE), the project implementing agency, has been summoned to give technical testimony before the National Assembly on Aug 6, 2025, marking the final stage of the consultation process in Congress. The next milestone is obtaining endorsement from the Legislative Finance Commission, expected by early September 2025, after which the project will be placed on the Legislative's Plenary agenda. To be approved, the project will require two rounds of debate and a majority vote from the deputies (29 out of 56 votes). It is expected that the plenary vote will be prioritized during the Assembly's extraordinary sessions from November 1st, 2025, until January 31, 2026.</p> <p>The Costa Rican Ministry of Finance has requested a nine-month extension to the project's effectiveness deadline. This extension aims to enable the completion of necessary procedures for the project's approval by the Legislative Assembly. This would be the second extension of the project's effectiveness date, requiring approval from the World Bank's Regional Vice President (RVP). The first extension, from February 12, 2025, to August 31, 2025, was approved on February 12, 2025.</p> <p>The project remains highly relevant for Costa Rica and a top priority for national authorities. The CNE has been actively advocating for the project's approval in the Assembly, providing presentations and clarifications as needed. The CNE team continues to ensure readiness for implementation, with full ownership of the project. Other key endorsements at the Legislative Finance Commission</p>	

have been received from the Vice minister of Finance and Director of Debt Management at MEF, Ministry of Planning and Development (MIDEPLAN), Congress Technical Services, and the Central Bank.

Key Dates:

- World Bank Board Approval: March 8, 2024.
- Project Signing Date: August 16, 2024.
- Submission to Legislative Assembly: January 6, 2025.
- Original Effectiveness Date: February 12, 2025.
- First extension of Effectiveness Date to: August 1, 2025.
- Proposed second extension of Effectiveness Date to: May 29, 2026.
- Project Closing Date: April 30, 2029.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Government gets positive clearance to conduct project negotiations	CNE	1/21/2024
Project introduced to Legislative Assembly for discussion	Ministry of Finance	1/6/2025
Project introduced to the Legislative Finance Commission for approval	Ministry of Finance	1/20/2025

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
2026	194.25 million
2027	277.50 million
2028	342.25 million
2029	370.00 million

3. Jordan

3.1 Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Ain Ghazal Wastewater Project (Ain Ghazal Conveyor)		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): EBRD	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Kaori Kume	Email of ISA Project Leader: Kaori Kume	
Recipient Entity: Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Eng. Rami Maqableh rami_maqableh@mwi.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 1,948,000 (GCFE)	Total Project Amount (US\$): 47,180,000 ⁸	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): USD 29,721,024.41 ⁹ , including USD 1,194,789 from the GCFE Loan EUR 13,122,036
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: 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:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project agreements (Loan and Grant) between EBRD, FCDO and Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) were signed in December 2016. The EBRD-mobilized 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, to expedite the project's implementation, it was instead agreed that the project would be tendered as a Design-Build contract and therefore that there was no need for a Design consultancy to be launched. 	

⁸ FX rate as of 28 December 2016

⁹ The EPC contract is denominated in EUR. The total disbursement as of June-end 2025 is EUR 25,664,162.09. The FX rate is as of 17 July 2025.

- WAJ completed the procurement for the Tender and Implementation support consultants, utilizing the remaining funding from the EBRD's SEMED Multi-Donor Account and the internal Shareholder Special Fund Community Resilience Window, on 27 March 2019 (the final CP for effectiveness).
- The project was declared effective on 29 March 2019.
- The environmental permit required from the Ministry of Environment was obtained in April 2019.
- The consultants (Dar Al-Omran Infrastructure and Environment) supported WAJ throughout the tender process, which was launched on 8 August 2019.
- The contract with the winning bidder, Arab Towers Contracting Company, was signed in September 2020. The winning bidder's contract price was lower than the original expected project amount by circa USD 9.1 million. These project savings would remain as committed funds to the benefit of the project, to cover future variations in the project design or price of material if justified.
- The contractor carried out the detailed design work 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 29.7 million (equivalent to EUR 25.7 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 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 have 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. After long silence, the issue has been moved in 2025. In January 2025, the contractor submitted a letter to the Client outlining a revised claim amount. The Client has since formed a committee to assess the claim, and the issue is expected to be resolved within the year.
- 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 to propose a design. Then the Ministry assessed the design 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 by the existing funding sources on a pro-rata basis, after conducting 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. As of June- 2025, USD 1,194,335.50 has been disbursed from the GCFF.
- The overall project completion rate stood at c.83.78% as of 30 June 2025. The project has faced multiple issues, including farms and trees located on the original route of the project pipeline around the area blocking implementation. WAJ issued letters and followed with the related authorities to solve the issue of encroachments. They advised that they wait until the olive

harvest season is over and will resume the implementation work. WAJ have been dealing with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing (MoPWH) to obtain permission to the implementation work that would affect the Bus Rapid Transit routes. The MoPWH appointed a third-party consultant to assess the work, which is a regular practice for the Jordanian government in similar cases. They are currently waiting for an update on this. The FCDO and the EBRD have been closely following up with the client through weekly meetings. In March 2025, they sent a joint letter to MOPIC requesting support to advance the project.

- 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 still ongoing, with around c 77.5% of open areas works, Hydro testing for portion of work is ongoing. As of June 2025, around 26.3km(vs 24.5km 2024YE) of pipes out of the 31.5km have been installed. Subsequently, progress of only 2km has been made in 2024 and less than 2km during 1H2025 due to the challenges faced by the project.
- The pipes work inside existing tunnel area preparation such as guides and supports installation are completed, including the installation of guides, supports, full pipeline installation, welding, and insulation. Backfilling of the installed pipelines is currently in progress.
- At Ain Ghazal Treatment Plant, the main structural works have been completed, and the associated mechanical works are nearly finalized. At As-Samra Treatment plant, the main structural works are also completed, while the related mechanical works are ongoing due to the addition of a supplementary scope of work.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
A pending claim has been presented by the contractor to the Ministry in July 2021. This claim has not yet been resolved. Some positive discussions occurred in September 2023, and then in December 2023. The team has been following up with WAJ to underline the priority of resolving the claim.	WAJ/The Contractor	2H 2025
WAJ will submit an official Variation Order request through the Bank’s platform, seeking the Bank’s No Objection. This will include a financial extension that can be accommodated within the provisional sums already included in the contractor’s contracted amount.	WAJ	2H 2025
WAJ will obtain necessary permissions to implement the project from respective institutions.	WAJ	2H 2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	USD 29.7 million	63.2%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	USD 12,401,452.93 (equivalent to EUR 10,703,694)

3.2 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: Kaori Kume	Email of ISA Project Leader: kumek@ebrd.com	
Recipient Entity: Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Eng. Rami Maqableh rami_maqableh@mwi.gov.jo	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 2.5 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 91,708,725 ¹⁰ million 63.1 million ¹¹ (original Project amount)	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 22,401,594.16 million
CFF Approval Date: 4/20/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/31/2017	Project Closing Date: 11/30/2027

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Project aims at developing and implementing a comprehensive wastewater investment programme to resolve current issues in the sector, caused by the rapid population growth, and the Syrian refugee influx, which has placed an unprecedented strain on the wastewater system.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>

¹⁰ EBRD loan US\$59,311,250 million (US\$ 30 million additional finance approved on 23rd December 2024), GCFE grant US\$ 2.5 million, EU MADAD \$22.98 million and SSF US\$ 6.9 million

¹¹ FX rate as of 21 December 2017.

Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:

- The project agreements (Loan, GCFF and EBRD SSF Grants) between EBRD, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) and Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) were signed on 20 December 2017. The EU MADAD Grant was signed on 10 May 2018.
- EBRD-mobilised consultants completed a review of the Water Authority Jordan's (WAJ) technical studies for the project in mid-2017 and carried out environmental and social due diligence.
- The review concluded by proposing a revised technical solution to WAJ, which was accepted, and consequently the project cost increased to c.EUR 56.1 million. The financing of the project is now as follows: EBRD loan EUR 25 million; GCFF USD 2.5 million; EU MADAD grant EUR 19.6 million; and EBRD SSF EUR 5.9 million.
- The project was declared effective on 30 April 2019, following the achievement of a number of critical Conditions Precedent, including the mobilisation of the technical assistance to support WAJ through the procurement process.
- The consultants (Engicon) supporting WAJ to tender and implement the project were contracted on 10 February 2019.
- The results of the procurement were concluded in June 2020, with 3 out of the 5 lots awarded to Hassan Allam Construction (the contractor), and the decision was taken to retender the remaining two. It was found that the total original budgeted amount (EUR 56.1 million), is not sufficient for the 5 lots due to: i) USD/EUR exchange rate depreciation from 0.85 in October 2017 to 1.01 as of 6 October 2022; ii) the price of corrugated high-density polyethylene pipes increased and the price of manholes is also estimated to have increased by 35 per cent; and iii) coverage of the wastewater networks was increased to cover an increased number of households in the selected towns compared to the original plan.
- In addition, the MWI is currently envisaging a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), to be connected to the wastewater networks financed by this Project, which would serve the area of West Irbid. However, it was later decided to consider the new WWTP as a separate project and consider its financing separately from the financing available for this project.
- To fill the funding gap on this project, the Government of Jordan has approached EBRD to request additional loan financing of circa USD 30 million, in order ensure all the envisaged networks serving the 15 villages of the catchment area would be constructed and the households connected. The Government's Debt Committee provided its approval for an additional USD 30 million loan in November 2023.
- In September 2024, the EBRD obtained internal approvals of the additional loan of USD 30 million in coordination with MoPIC and MWI, with the aim of signing the additional loan. The legal document for this additional loan was signed on 23rd December 2024. 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.
- The implementation timeline for the overall project was extended to the end of 2027 based on approval from the GCFF committee.
- The Bank's consultant (Engicon), supporting the inclusive procurement process, has started to design the structure of the process in Jordan through several 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 contractual conditions, the EU MADAD grant was disbursed in full in May 2025. The other grants (GCFE and SSF) and the EBRD loan will be disbursed on a pro-rata basis. During the year of 2024, the implementation of the project and the disbursements had been made steadily, which brought the project completion rate (for the three tendered packages) to c.68.6% as of December end 2024, The Water Authority Jordan made a good progress in the remaining packages. For Package one, the first stage tendering was issued on 27th August 2024 with a closing date of 4th February 2025. For Package 2, the first stage tender was issued on 27th August 2024 and closed on 21st January 2025. As at the end of June, WAJ has finalized the evaluation reports for Package 1 and Package 2 tendering as well as finalizing the second tender of Package 5.

- During the first half of 2025, implementation progress has slowed down. As of 31st May 2025 data, the completion rates of package 3 is 72.43%, package 4 is 73.18%, and package 5 is 67.17% respectively. The consultant provided an explanation for the slowdown in progress, citing several contributing factors. These included the Minister of Public Works and Housing's reinstatement requirements for roads in Packages 4 and 6, delays in material procurement, permit approvals from local municipalities, and the discovery of unexpected soil types in project areas, all of which posed challenges to progressing as originally planned.
- In March 2025, a new contractor's project manager has been assigned and in May 2025, a new project manager of the supervision consultant has been assigned.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Completing the tendering of the remaining Packages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package 2: Construction of Collection Systems and Relted Gravity Trunk Lines for the Towns of Kufr Asad and Qumm • Package 5 Construction of Collection Systems and Related Gravity Trunk Lines for the Towns of Soum and Kufr Youba 	WAJ	10/31/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	USD 22,401,594.16	24.4%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	USD 10.3 million ¹²
2026	USD 12.9 million ¹³
2027	TBC

¹² Disbursements for tendered packages.

¹³ Disbursements for tendered packages.

3.3 Jordan Education Reform Support Program-for-Results

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan Education Reform Support Program-for-Results		
Benefiting Country: Jordan		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank
Name of ISA Project Leader: Zaina Dawani, Maria Jose Vargas		Email of ISA Project Leader: zdawani@worldbank.org ; mvargasmancera@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC)		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahim; maher.abdelrahim@mop.gov.jo
Concessional Amount Approved (US\$): 70.9 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 300 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 248.84 million
CFF Approval Date: 6/12/2020	Project Implementation Start Date: 12/14/2017	Project Closing Date: 5/31/2026

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To expand access to early childhood education, and to improve student assessment and teaching and learning conditions for Jordanian children and Syrian refugee children	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The Program is on track to meet its objective of expanding access to early childhood education and improving student assessment and teaching and learning conditions for Jordanian children and Syrian refugee children. Three of the four PDO indicators have been achieved, including: 135,187 Jordanian children and Syrian refugees enrolled in KG2 (Target: 120,000); over 11,000 teachers evaluated against the National Teacher Professional Standards meeting the minimum performance standards (Target: 6,400); and an adopted regulation separating the dual purpose of the Tawjihi. The number of Syrian refugees benefitting from the program interventions has been progressing behind its yearly targets as it has been highly impacted by drop-out effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing return of Syrian refugees to their home country.</p> <p>The Program underwent a restructuring, which was approved on April 4, 2025, and the loan amendment was countersigned on May 30, 2025. The restructuring was approved by the co-financier, the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) Steering Committee, on March 13, 2025. The restructuring aims to enhance the Program's impact by aligning Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs) with current Government priorities, reallocating funds to key high impact results, and extending the closing date by 12 months to May 31, 2026. This extension aligns the Program with the Education Sector Plan (ESP) and ensures the completion and verification of critical ongoing reforms delayed by COVID-19. The restructuring simplifies implementation while building on the Program's achievements, focusing on priority reforms for maximum impact, such as school maintenance, development of an EdTech AI hub, and the consolidation of in-service teacher training programs.</p> <p>Since the last progress report, the following key results have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 147 additional public KG2 classrooms have been constructed (as extensions to existing schools) and are operational (target: 280). • MOE completed the implementation of the first round of the Quality Assurance System (QAS) across 499 public and private KGs (961 classrooms), which showed that around 15% of KG classrooms have areas for improvement - predominantly under private education supervision-, highlighting the need for ongoing assessment and support to enhance early learning. • 11,861 teachers have been evaluated against the new National Teacher Professional Standards (NTPS) and meet the minimum performance standards. • The MOE has approved the National Student Assessment Framework. • The 9-month in-service Diploma for grades 1-3 teachers was launched, reaching 500 teachers nationwide. The content of the training program was revised to align with the World Bank Foundational Learning Policy Academy, providing teachers with evidence-based practices on the science of reading. A representative sample of the participating teachers engaged in TEACH class observations to assess the training's effectiveness in enhancing instructional practices and improving students' literacy skills, while also providing feedback for further improvement of the in-service diploma. This initiative marks a significant step in strengthening early-grade literacy outcomes nationwide. 	

The hiring of the Independent Verification Agency (IVA) for the verification of the last tranche of results has been completed and the verification process for achieved DLRs has begun. Seven DLRs for US\$48.6 million have been achieved and verified (pending disbursement request). The IVA is advancing with the verification of an additional 7 DLRs.

Disbursements have reached US\$248.8 million, representing 83 percent of the total operation amount of US\$300 million, including US\$116.8 million in advances, out of which US\$84 million are pending for advance recovery. The team expects the upcoming disbursement request for US\$48.6 million will be processed fully for advance recovery. The remaining US\$35.6 million are expected to be recovered before the loan closing date.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Supervision mission	WB - MOE	11/30/2025
Carry out verification of second tranche of DLRs	MOE	10/31/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$300 million	US\$248.84 million	82.9%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	US\$266.8 million
2026	US\$300 million

3.4 Youth Technology and Jobs Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Youth, Technology and Jobs Project		
Benefiting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Mohamed Abdulkader	Email of ISA Project Leader: Mabdulkader@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahin Maher.Abdelrahim@MOP.GOV.JO	
Concessional Amount Approved (US\$): US\$36.9 M	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$200.00 M	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$60.8 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: To improve digitally enabled income opportunities and expand digitized government services in Jordan.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status: The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship (MoDEE) made further progress during the first half of 2025, building on the momentum established during the Mid-Term Review. The project continued to deliver tangible results across components, though budget constraints and procurement timelines remain critical challenges.</p> <p>Component 1: Supporting the supply of digital skills in Jordan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcomponent 1.1 (Private sector-led digital skills development): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Following the tendering process, 14 Training Service Providers (TSPs) advanced implementation. ○ Activities under the DigiSkills platform continued, with more than 4,900 youth and jobseekers trained cumulatively (2,618 women). ○ A structured monitoring approach was introduced, including an M&E Guideline now in use. ○ The interim DigiSkills portal remains operational and fully utilized by all TSPs. ○ The national platform tender proceeded to the evaluation of technical proposals. • Subcomponent 1.2 (Digital skills for public school students): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new curriculum for odd-numbered grades was fully rolled out; development for grades 1–6 was completed and approved. ○ Training for 100 supervisors was completed. ○ Technical evaluation reports for both the Digital Skills and Pedagogical Training tenders were finalized and uploaded to STEP, pending financial proposal openings. • Subcomponent 1.3 (Tech Hubs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marka Tech Hub ("The Platform") continued outreach and engaged four schools. ○ South Tech Hub site preparation advanced; Injaz was selected as operator. ○ North Tech Hub site selection remained in progress. ○ Accessibility improvements and MOUs for collaboration were prepared. • Subcomponent 1.4 (Digital skills for youth): 	

- **Career Acceleration Program:** Over 4,000 students enrolled, with 624 verified completions.
- **Cloud Computing Training:** 595 participants completed training; the 6th AWS cohort launches in July 2025.
- **Functional Skills Training:** 1,012 youth completed training; over 200 reported generating sustainable income.
- **E-Game Design Program:** Technical evaluations concluded; RFP preparation underway.
- **English Language Program (Speexx):** 270 licenses completed; POC under review.

Component 2: Expanding the digital sector and government services

- **Subcomponent 2.1 (Market access):**

- **Grow.jo:** 182 agreements signed, including 109 for talent support and 57 for expansion.
- The initiative supported 102 startups/SMEs through events and intermediaries.
- Two intermediaries onboarded; further applications under evaluation.
- **Jordan Source:** Four new network partners added (e.g., Denamica, TechAlAmal).
- A promotional mission in Germany and high-level delegation visits showcased Jordan's ICT capabilities.
- Production of promotional videos advanced, supporting webinars linked to Expo Japan.

- **Subcomponent 2.2 (Digital transformation):**

- 178 new e-services digitized; 20 existing services enhanced, surpassing targets.
- 52.9 million transactions recorded.
- 59 contracts valued at ~\$24 million were documented and uploaded to STEP, with reimbursement processes underway.

- **Subcomponent 2.3 (Digitization of payments):**

- Backend payment platform completed, pending operational staff onboarding.
- Card and CliQ acquiring services were awarded to Arab Bank, with implementation beginning in June 2025.

Component 3: Project management and implementation support

- The PMU is fully staffed (23 members).
- A key risk remains the 2025 budget gap, with financial commitments nearly double the allocated budget.

Action	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Open financial proposals and award contracts for Digital Skills and Pedagogical Training tenders	MoDEE, World Bank	Q3 2025
Launch E-Game Design training program	MoDEE	Q3–Q4 2025
Start Round 1 and Round 2 On-the-Job Training grants	MoDEE	July–September 2025
Finalize onboarding of payment system staff and start operation of backend payment platform	MoDEE	Q3 2025
Implement Jordan Source Expo Japan campaigns	MoDEE, Jordan Source	Q3–Q4 2025
Secure additional budget or realign priorities to address funding gap	MoDEE, MoF	Q3 2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200 M	US\$60.8 M	30.4%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	US\$ 55.00 M
2026	US\$ 70.00 M
2027	US\$ 14.2 M

3.5 Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility

Program Information

Program Name: GCFF Jordan Private Sector guarantee facility (JPSGF)		
Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): European Investment Bank (EIB)		
Name of ISA Program Leader: Andreas Berkhoff		
Email of ISA Program Leader: a.berkhoff@eib.org		
Total Program Budget (US\$): USD 31.2 million	GCCF Allocations (US\$): USD 31.2 million	GCCF Amount Committed (US\$) : USD 31.2 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/1/2021	Program Implementation Start Date: 9/14/2022	Program Closing Date: 12/31/2032

Summary of Program Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Program Development Objective:	
The Jordan Private Sector Guarantee Facility (JPSGF) provides partial credit risk protection in the form of guarantees on underlying debt-financing granted to micro-, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on a portfolio basis by each Private Sector Financial Institution (PSFI), either a bank or a microfinance institution (MFI).	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Program Implementation Status:	
<p>During the reporting period Q1-Q2 2025, a further progress in the implementation of the program was made. The Capital Bank of Jordan has fully built up its portfolio and maturing loans are being replaced by new loans. Several loans were subject to defaults and restructurings. Also, other two Financial Intermediaries (Microfund for Women and Bank Al Etihad) have started building up the loan portfolios in the course of 2024-2025, although their portfolio ramp up was slightly below the expected level. In case of BAE, this had to do with internal processes and systems that had to be adjusted (BAE aims to fully digitalize the inclusion process), while in case of MFW, concerns over the portfolio quality slowed down new lending during the reporting period. However, in the next reporting period the portfolio origination should accelerate, also as a result of technical assistance supported from the Economic Resilience Initiative Technical Assistance envelope financed from EIB's own resources, supporting a roll-out strategy and training of staff.</p> <p>Due to the ongoing review of Q2, for BAE the current report includes only Q1 figures.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the counterparty selected for the remaining USD 7m budget decided to pull out of the process at the last minute. The EIB is continuing engaging with the existing and new counterparties to explore the ways to best utilize the remaining guarantee.</p>	

Action Plan: Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Discussions led with the existing and new counterparties on the use of the remaining GCCF guarantee	EIB	2025-2026

Implementation Status of the projects supported under the Program

Project 1: Guarantee Agreement with the Capital Bank of Jordan		
Previous Rating: <i>Satisfactory</i>	Current Rating: <i>Satisfactory</i>	GCFE Amount (US\$): 10m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$) for Q1-Q2 2025	Charged: USD 175,156 (out of which received as at 31/07/2025: USD 88,392)	Retained by the ISA: USD 63,137.10
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$): USD 10m/Loss 0.45m		
<p>Status of Implementation:</p> <p>The guarantee implementation is well underway. So far, we have received one Payment Demand for two transactions and a payment of USD 0.45m occurred in January 2025. Currently 5 transactions are reported as being in default, out of which two defaults, amounting to approximately 1m USD, were recorded over the reporting period.</p>		

Project 2: Guarantee Agreement with Microfund for Women

Previous Rating: <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>	Current Rating: <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>	GCFE Amount (US\$): 5m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$) for Q1-Q2 2025:	Charged: 431 USD (fees not yet received due to delayed reporting closure and invoicing)	Retained by the ISA: USD 0
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$) as at 30/06/2025: USD 31,842 /Loss 0 (Payment Demand, received for two transactions in Q2 2025, is under review; payment is expected in Q3 2025).		
<p>Status of Implementation: The guarantee implementation is underway. 78 new transactions were added in the first half of 2025, the size of the portfolio nevertheless remains below expectations. The increase of the portfolio is expected to accelerate as more branches are being involved and trained. Two defaults, for a total of approximately USD 1,370, were reported in the reporting period; Payment Demand was submitted and is currently under review.</p>		
Project 3: Guarantee Agreement with the Bank Al Etihad		
Previous Rating: <i>Satisfactory</i>	Current Rating: <i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>	GCFE Amount (US\$): 8m
PSO fees (received from the PSO beneficiary and retained by the ISA) (US\$) for Q1 2025 (Q2 2025 not closed yet):	Charged: USD 16,780 (fees not yet received due to delayed reporting closure and invoicing)	Retained by the ISA: USD 0
Used (committed) Amount vs. Loss (paid to beneficiaries) Amount (US\$) as at 31/03/2025: USD 1.88m/Loss 0		

Status of Implementation: The guarantee implementation is underway. Full automatization of reporting and monitoring currently represents some challenges which causes delays in reporting closure (Q2 2025 is still under discussion).

Aggregate Use of Private Sector Funds for Direct Program Activities

	Total (US\$)
Total GCFF Amount Received	USD 30m
Total Amount Committed under Eligible Projects	USD 11.91m (out of which 11.46m remain available for payment to Beneficiaries, including for Payment Demands submitted in Q1 and Q2 2025, currently under review)
Total Amount Paid to the Beneficiary(-ies) under Eligible Projects	USD 0.45m
Total Amount to be Returned to GCFF (for Q1-Q2 2025)	USD 25,254.84 Financial Intermediary fees + USD 712,421.64 from investment income

Aggregate PSO Fees Collected under the Program

Aggregate PSO Fees retained by the ISA (pursuant to the approved Funding Request) for Q1-Q2 2025	Total (US\$) 63,137.10
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Commitment Forecast of GCFF Funds for Direct Program Activities by Calendar Year (US\$)

Year	Jan-June	Jul-Dec	Total by Year End
2025-2026		USD 7m	USD 30m

3.6 Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development and Innovation (ARDI) Program for Results (PforR) (P167946)		
Benefitting Country: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Armine Juergenliemk and Emma Modamba	Email of ISA Project Leader: ajuergenliemk@worldbank.org and eisinika@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\$): 67.87 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/13/2022	Project Implementation Start Date: 1/1/2023	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: Strengthen the climate resilience and enabling environment for agriculture development in selected value chains in Jordan	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The World Bank team conducted a supervision mission from June 2 to 5, 2025, to review the implementation progress of the Agriculture Resilience, Value Chain Development, and Innovation (ARDI) Program for Results (PforR). The mission acknowledges the overall progress made in implementing the various Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) and commends the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) for its sustained efforts toward achieving the Program Development Objectives.</p> <p>During the reporting period, over 1,000 farmers were trained in Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices to enhance productivity and resource efficiency. In parallel, an additional 2,000 agricultural laborers received training and official certification through Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centers in Jordan across a range of agricultural value chain topics. The program also supported the construction of water harvesting structures with a total estimated capacity exceeding 2,200,000 cubic meters, all developed in alignment with the newly formulated Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) guidelines and strategy under the Program.</p> <p>Moreover, through the Agriculture Credit Corporation (ACC), the MoA provided over 84 farmers with zero-interest loans to adopt water-use efficiency technologies, promoting a more sustainable approach in the agriculture sector. Additionally, more than 45,000 farmers have now registered on the national Farmers' Registry platform operated by MoA.</p> <p>Following the Government of Jordan's request to proceed with additional financing for the ARDI Program, the World Bank team held discussions with the MoA to identify potential areas for expansion and new areas for support. The tentative approval date is planned for September 2026.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Approval of the Additional Financing/restructuring in FY 2026.	MoA, MoPIC, and WB	9/30/2025
Design a formal M&E plan that further details definitions and the method for collecting, aggregating and reporting data on all program aspects	MoA	8/31/2025
Coordinate with the Government Procurement Department (GPD) to define and integrate detailed descriptions and coding for agricultural requirements within JONEPS.	MoA	8/31/2025
Ensure all Program committees (e.g the National RWH Committee, the Steering committee) convene per their designated schedules in FY 26 to facilitate effective program delivery and oversight	MoA	11/30/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 125 Million	67.87 million	54 percent

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	US\$ 73.64 million
2026	US\$ 90.14 million
2027	US\$ 105.18 million
2028	US\$ 117.22 million
2029	US\$ 125 million

3.7 Jordan Water Sector Efficiency Program

Underlying Operation Information

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

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To improve the efficiency of water services in Jordan	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Unsatisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The pace of implementation progress remains slow, and the Bank recently downgraded the implementation progress rating to Moderately Unsatisfactory, and the Procurement rating is Moderately Unsatisfactory. The Bank recently mobilized Hands-On Extended Implementation Support for procurement and has mobilized focused capacity building efforts. The client made moderate progress on project procurement during the reporting period and award for the majority of design and supervision contracts are anticipated by September. The government has also made a concerted effort to improve project management, including the nomination of a Project Manager, providing additional staff to the PMU and key PIUs. Project implementation is projected to proceed at a faster pace in the next reporting period as contracts are awarded and work on designs and construction commences.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Procurement of prioritized sub-projects. WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA to evaluate and award contracts for design and works, project management, and studies.	WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA	9/30/2025
Independent Verification Agency. WAJ to finalize selection of the IVA to authenticate results on performance-based contracts.	WAJ	9/12/2025
Activities to expedite PBC and prepare for the first tranche of verification. All implementing agencies have initiated procurement to continue completion of tasks related to PBCs.	WAJ-PMU, WC, MWI, WAJ, JVA	9/12/2025
Mid-term Review.	World Bank with cooperation from all implementors	9/30/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
GCFE: 50.00M IBRD: 200.00M AFD: 50M (eq in Euro)* Total: 300.00M	GCFE: 1.81M IBRD: 7.71M AFD: 1.81M Total: 9.51M	4.0%

**Will be included in the total project amount upon signing of funds.*

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	6,000,000
2026	34,000,000
2027	80,000,000
2028	69,990,000

3.8 Water Security and Climate Adaptation Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation		
Benefitting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): EIB	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Michal Nosek	Email of ISA Project Leader: m.nosek@eib.org	
Recipient Entity: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: H.E. Minister Zeina Toukan < Zeina.Toukan@MOP.GOV.JO >	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): 54.36m	Total Project Amount (US\$): 489.26m	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 146.7m (out of which USD 16.3M grant)
CFF Approval Date: 12/22/2023	Project Implementation Start Date: 7/1/2024	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective:	
The Jordan Water Security and Climate Adaptation project will finance small scale investments aiming to reduce Non-Revenue Water (NRW), increase water supply as well as improve sanitation services throughout Jordan. It will improve water security and contribute to climate adaptation actions in line with EU cooperation objectives and the Government of Jordan's National Water Strategy, Non-Revenue Water Strategy and Financial Sustainability Roadmap.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>

Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
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Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:
The main objective of the project is to finance investments aiming to reduce the non-revenue water, increase water supply as well as improve sanitation services throughout Jordan. A first upfront disbursement of USD 16.3m under the grant and EUR 120m under the EIB loan was completed in November 2024. The Ministry of Water and the EIB were developing the implementation structure with the assistance of a consultant supported from the Economic Resilience Initiative Technical Assistance envelope financed by EIB's own resources. All required documents, including those relating to Environmental and Social compliance have been finalized in H1 2025.
Subsequent disbursements are scheduled to take place annually, subject to (1) achievement of the Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI) and (2) allocation of at least 70% of the precedent disbursement to eligible expenditures, both to be confirmed by an independent auditor (Jordan Audit Bureau). First review of allocations and compliance with the DLI is scheduled for H2 of 2025.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Second disbursement	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and EIB	11/28/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
489.26m	146.7m	30%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	122.3m
2026	122.3m
2027	48.9m
2028	48.9m

3.9 Jordan People-Centric Digital Government Program for Results

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Jordan People Centric Digital Government PforR		
Benefitting Country: Jordan		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): IBRD
Name of ISA Project Leader: Roland Lomme		Email of ISA Project Leader: rlomme@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: MOPIC		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Maher Abdelrahim Maher.Abdelrahim@MOP.GOV.JO
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): USD 29,000,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): USD 350,000,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): USD 119,010,000
CFE Approval Date: 3/26/2024	Project Implementation Start Date: 6/27/2024	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2028

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To improve people-centric service delivery, government effectiveness, and transparency and accountability through digitalization	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
<p>Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:</p> <p>The Program has performed well in the past six months and already achieved 17 percent of the value of targeted results USD 61,000,000). It is expected to perform further by the end of 2025.</p> <p>In addition to prior results (enactment of the statistics law, amendments to the Access to Information Law and the enactment of the new civil service reform governance framework), the Program has achieved two main targeted results in FY25: 1) the operationalization of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system to 55 percent of health facility sites (from a baseline of 37 percent and against a target of 100 percent by Program closure); and 2) 69 percent of recruitments in the civil service has been competitive (against a baseline of 0 percent and towards a target of 72 percent by Program closure.</p> <p>Progress is already achieved regarding one PDO indicator (on e-participation and four intermediate results indicators (on access to patient centric digital services with the number of patients making use of the health e-service platform MyHakim more than doubling; on digital transformation of public health facilities with an additional 18 percent making use of the Electronic Medical Record system; on access to information with Jordan rating under the Right to Information index expected to significantly improve thanks to amendments to the Access to Information law, and on Jordan rating under the ODIN open data sub-index). A range of other PDO level indicators and IRIs are expected to improve significantly by the end of 2025 (on access to e-services and uptake of e-identification).</p> <p>Regarding refugees, the mainstreaming of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system to 55 percent of public health facilities has already benefitted 1250 refugees. Also, the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship (MODEE) has organized the onboarding of refugees to the e-government portal (dubbed SANAD) which will allow them to avail of eligible government e-services: to date 8000 Syrian refugees have already registered on SANAD.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Signing of the co-financing loan agreement between the Italian Agency for International Cooperation and the Government of Jordan	MOPIC after endorsement by Parliament	12/31/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
	USD 119,010,000	34%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	150,000,000
2026	250,000,000
2027	300,000,000
2028	350,000,000

3.10 Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms Operation

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Modernizing Education, Skills, and Administrative Reforms (MASAR) Operation		
Benefitting Country: Jordan	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Zaina Dawani, Carole Chartouni	Email of ISA Project Leader: zdawani@worldbank.org ; cchartouni@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	
Concessional Amount Approved (US\$): US\$7 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$400 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$100.82
CFF Approval Date: 6/5/2024	Project Implementation Start Date: 9/17/2024	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To improve access to foundational learning and labor-market relevant Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and enhance the efficiency of the education sector management.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total disbursement stands at 25.2% (US\$100.82 million), of which US\$94.3 million was disbursed as DLI advances. MASAR's Project Operations Manual was adopted in April 2025 following extensive consultation and Bank endorsement. MOE formed the Steering Committee (SC) and established dedicated technical teams per Results Area (RA) to guide and report on DLR progress. The staffing of the Development Coordination Unit (DCU) is underway, with most core roles filled. Recruitment of social, environmental, M&E, and procurement specialists is expected to be completed by July 2025. The Independent Verification Agency (IVA) selection process is ongoing. A draft implementation plan for the National Literacy Strategy (DLR 3.1) was completed and is pending final endorsement. DLR 2.2 (KG classrooms meeting climate-adapted quality standards) achieved 802 classrooms pending verification (US\$3.5 million disbursement expected). Four new BTEC specialisations were launched in the 2024/2025 school year. The BTEC achievement rate is 84.6% (15,500 students achieving Level 2 diploma). An Additional Financing package of US\$5.0 million (from PROSPECTS and ELP Trust Funds) is pending final approval. It aims to expand school feeding for refugee students and support foundational teacher training. 	

- Challenges include delays in fund transfer from MOPIC to MOE’s special account and concerns over the impact of USAID funding cuts on DLII and DLI3 targets.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Finalise DCU staffing (E&S, M&E, procurement)	MOE	July 2025
Approve and initiate Additional Financing disbursement	World Bank	August 2025
Complete IVA selection and begin verification	MOE	August 2025
Launch graduate tracking system workshop (DLR 4.5)	MOE	October 2025
Develop school dropout intervention plan (TVET/BTEC)	MOE	October 2025
Carry out procurement and E&S training to the new staff of the DCU	MOE	October 2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$400 million	US\$100.82	25.2%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	200
2026	300
2027	350
2028	375
2029	400

4. Lebanon

4.1 Lebanon Road and Employment Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Roads and Employment Project		
Benefitting Country: Lebanon	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Mira Morad	Email of ISA Project Leader: mmorad@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Works and Transport	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Minister Fayez Rasamny; Fayez.rasamny@icloud.com	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$ 45.4 Million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$ 200 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$ 196.1 million
CFF Approval Date: 10/29/2016	Project Implementation Start Date: 2/6/2017	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2025

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The Project Development Objectives (PDOs) are to: (i) improve transport connectivity along select paved road sections; (ii) create short term jobs for the Lebanese and Syrian; and (iii) to support eligible farmers engaged in crop and livestock production to spur COVID 19 emergency recovery	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<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. 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 was restructured five times since its effectiveness and closed on June 30, 2025. The Grace Period ends on October 31, 2025. Disbursements as of July 21, 2025 amount to US\$196.1 million (98% of the loan amount), including around US\$10 million that remain in the Designated Account (DA) at the Central Bank of Lebanon and should be refunded or documented by October 31, 2025.</p> <p>The project reached all its targets, and all indicators in the results framework were more or less achieved or over-achieved. The results listed below were achieved as of end of March 2025 (the report showcasing the results by June 30, 2025 is expected mid-August 2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project rehabilitated around 535 km of roads (overachieving the initial target of 500 km) and maintained more than 900 km. This includes around 241 km of roads with improved climate resilience through improved drainage and slope stabilization. • The project also generated around 1.33 million labor-days (overachieving the target of 1.25 million labor-days). • The project reduced average travel time on five priority road sections by around 16% (overachieving the target of 15%), and reduced road crash fatalities on the same five sections by around 21% (overachieving the target of 15%). 	

- 882 labor-days of hands-on practical training were delivered, in addition to 9,420 labor-days of training on social and environmental safeguards, and occupational health and safety, among other subjects.
- Around 1.5 million animal vaccine doses were administered (150% of the target and 94% of the procured vaccines) and 26,687 farmers benefited from improved access to inputs.
- More than 90% of beneficiaries surveyed were satisfied with the project results under Component 1, and around 99% of beneficiaries were satisfied with the support received under Component 4.
- 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.

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 200,000,000	US\$ 196,100,000	98%

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

Year	Total by Year End
October 2025	US\$ 2,300,000

4.2 Lebanon Health Resilience Project (World Bank)

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: Marvin Ploetz; Farah Asfahani		Email of ISA Project Leader: mploetz@worldbank.org ; fasfahani@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Dr. Rakan Nasreddine; minister.office@moph.gov.lb
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$24.2 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$120 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$89.51 million
CFF Approval Date: 4/6/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 3/13/2020	Project Closing Date: 3/31/2026

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective (PDO): increase access to quality healthcare services to poor Lebanese and displaced Syrians in Lebanon and to strengthen the Government's capacity to respond to COVID-19.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Unsatisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Unsatisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>Project ratings: The rating of the progress towards achievement of the PDO was downgraded from Moderately Satisfactory to Moderately Unsatisfactory. Based on what is currently reported by the MoPH, the likelihood of some PDO indicators to meet their targets is low. For example, the number of vulnerable Lebanese with access to Primary Healthcare (PHC) essential care package is 39,000 (target is 210,000). The progress towards achievement of the PDO rating will be upgraded once (i) substantive progress is achieved; (ii) MoPH provides updates on the actual/ current value for each indicator by mid-July 2025; and (iii) the targets of the indicators are revised/ reduced under the proposed restructuring. The overall implementation progress (IP) rating was maintained as Moderately Unsatisfactory. There has been progress in project implementation during the last period. However, the IP rating will be upgraded once (i) MoPH awards at least one procurement package; and (ii) MoPH submits a withdrawal application of at least US\$10 million by end of September 2025.</p>	
<p>Proposed restructuring: The MoPH plans to procure additional medical equipment for public hospitals using funds under component 4 of the project (Strengthen the Government's capacity to respond to COVID-19). This requires reallocation of funds between components and expense categories. The Government of Lebanon (GOL) sent the WB an official restructuring request on July 3, 2025. This restructuring request will be discussed with WB senior management and the WB will respond to the GOL in August 2025.</p>	
Progress by component:	
<i>Component 1: Scaling up the scope and the capacity of the primary health care (PHC) Universal Health Coverage program</i>	
<p>There has been progress in the implementation of REAYA (PHC pilot) since the last reporting period. The MoPH targeted an additional 160,000 beneficiaries selected from the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) database and 50,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) to increase enrollment, bringing the total number of targeted beneficiaries to 410,000. To date, 170,000 beneficiaries</p>	

have been enrolled and 39,000 completed the first visit. 63 PHC centers (PHCCs) have been contracted under this pilot. These centers received a readiness grant (up to US\$10,000 per center) to procure the required equipment (such as EKG, ultrasound, IT equipment) and recruit the needed staff (nurse, HIS officer, etc.) to be able to implement the PHC packages. Training activities have been provided to personnel at these centers as well. Training activities covered the design of the packages and the provider payment method, financial management procedures, procurement arrangements, environmental and social risks and mitigation measures, as well as using the electronic system for data entry. This has improved the technical and managerial capacities of these centers, improving their capacity to deliver quality PHC services and benefiting both Lebanese and displaced persons. An evaluation of the REAYA pilot project will be conducted to assess the planning, implementation, sustainability, and scalability of this project. The evaluation is expected to be launched by August 2025 and will be concluded by February 2026.

Component 2: Provision of health care services in public hospitals

The project financed 127,000 non-COVID-19 hospitalization claims, with the last payment processed in August 2024. The WB approved the MoPH request to recruit 3 consultants to work on (1) drafting the pathways for secondary-level services; (2) setting their protocols; and (3) costing them. The recruitment process for the first consultant is underway.

Component 3: Strengthening project management and monitoring

The MoPH submitted to the WB the revised Project Operations Manual (POM) as well as the bi-annual progress report on June 30, 2025, which are under WB review. This component is used also to finance staffing, third-party agent (TPA) and PHC pilot evaluation. The Project Management Unit (PMU) is now staffed with (i) procurement officer who is acting as interim project coordinator; (ii) financial officer; (iii) financial assistant; (iv) interim financial assistant; (v) monitoring and evaluation officer; (vi) PHC technical coordinator; (vii) two administrative assistants; and (viii) E&S officer. Two biomedical engineers have been recruited to assist the PMU in developing technical specifications for medical equipment and evaluating proposals. There are two ongoing recruitments under the PMU. For the project manager, the revised evaluation report is expected to be submitted by July 18. As for the procurement assistant, the evaluation report is expected to be submitted by end of July 2025.

Component 4: Strengthen the Government's capacity to respond to COVID-19

The below five procurement packages of medical equipment are planned under this component. The requests for bids for these packages have been launched. The installation of all equipment is scheduled to take place at the designated public hospitals between January and February 2026. The medical equipment will strengthen the operational capacity of public hospitals and improve access to quality care for vulnerable populations, including Lebanese and Syrian refugees.

1. Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) equipment
2. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
3. Radiology Equipment (including X-ray units and Digital fluoroscopy)
4. Hospital Furniture
5. Computed Tomography Scan (CT-scan)

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Submit the revised evaluation report for the project manager	MoPH	7/18/2025
Submit the evaluation report for the procurement assistant	MoPH	7/31/2025
Submit the updated results framework	MoPH	7/16/2025

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
2025	US\$27.4 million
2026	US\$ 3 million

4.3 Lebanon Health Resilience Project (Islamic Development Bank)

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
Concessionally Amount Approved (US\$): 5.90 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): 30.00	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): 1.60 million
CFF Approval Date: 5/14/2017	Project Implementation Start Date: 5/8/2019	Project Closing Date:* 12/31/2025

* The original project's closing date was estimated at 2 years from the date of declaration of effectiveness of project's financing agreement (i.e., 5th August 2019).

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To increase access to quality healthcare services to poor Lebanese and Displaced Syrians	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The project has registered significant progress, both in terms of procurement and disbursement, in the review period. Procurement wise, six (6) contracts in favour of a supervision consultant and five medical equipment suppliers have been concluded and signed for a total contracts amount of US\$ 19,247,631.90. A total of US\$ 1,550,844.00 has also been disbursed for two contracts which have submitted the required advance payment guarantees. Accordingly, the project has been upgraded from 'Dormant and non-disbursing' to 'Active and Disbursing' category as per the Bank's portfolio classification.</p> <p>Two of the remaining lots (Lot 4 and 5) were recommended for rebidding. However, during the recent IsDB visit to the Project in July 2025, the Executing Agency for the project-the CDR has stressed that the supervision consultant has identified critical pre-installation works which were overlooked at initial stage for 16 hospitals (out of the total 28 hospitals under the project). According to the consultant and the Ministry of Health, without these pre-installation works, the highly sensitive and expensive equipment will be liable to damage due to unsuitable storage/operating conditions. The CDR proposed to accommodate these pre-installation works within the remaining available uncommitted /non-contracted budget. The Bank is waiting for the CDR's proposal, along with technical studies and corresponding specifications & costing, for reviewing and providing the required feedback 'No-Objection.' The GCFF will be consulted in the process once the official proposal is received from the CDR.</p> <p>In light of project's implementation progress and prevailing country situations, it is highly unlikely to complete the project in 2025. The execution of all the remaining activities under the project's scope (including the proposed pre-installation works for 16 public hospitals) entails extending the LDD for the project for 6-12 months. The Bank, in consultation with the GCFF, will evaluate the situation and decide on the extension when the official request is submitted by the CDR.</p>	

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
1. Conclude Review of CDR's proposal on pre-installation works	CDR/IsDB	10/31/2025
2. Conclude the issuance of advance payment and performance guarantees for signed contracts	CDR/IsDB	9/30/2025
3. First disbursement for Supervision consultant and three suppliers	CDR/IsDB	9/30/2025
4. Close follow up on disbursement and corresponding delivery of medical equip./furniture as well as consultancy services	CDR/IsDB	Q3-Q4, 2025
5. LDD extension for 6-12 months	CDR/IsDB	12/31/2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 30 million (IsDB financing)	1,550,844.00	5.2

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	3.9 million*
2026	26.1 million

*20% advance payment for the remaining four contracts (a total of US\$ 2,298,682.00) plus the already disbursed US\$ 1,550,844.00

4.4 Strengthening 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: Marvin Ploetz; Farah Asfahani	Email of ISA Project Leader: mploetz@worldbank.org ; fasfahani@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Lebanese Republic, Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Dr. Rakan Nasreddine; minister.office@moph.gov.lb	
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: 12/31/2025

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 the national system for public health preparedness in Lebanon.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Moderately Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Moderately Unsatisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>Project rating: The progress towards achievement of the PDO remains Moderately Satisfactory. The Project's overall implementation progress was downgraded to Moderately Unsatisfactory in the Implementation Status and Results Report (ISR) of April 2025 due to delays in implementation and disbursement. The delays in initiating Project activities were primarily due to reduced demand for COVID-19 vaccines globally and in Lebanon. Additionally, the MoPH's increased budget allocation for hospitalization costs in 2024, which prompted the decision not to use Project funds for COVID-19-related hospitalizations. This is also added to staffing shortages caused by civil servant absenteeism amidst a financial crisis. The Project Management Unit (PMU) also had vacancies in crucial positions, which were filled in December 2023. In addition, the recent conflict that escalated in September 2024 and caused significant damage to the health sector, impacted the progress of most operations in the country including this project.</p> <p>Cancellation of funds: The MoPH is planning to cancel uncommitted funds under the loan portion of the project. The MoPH should formalize this request with an official letter to the WB by end of July 2025.</p> <p>Progress by component:</p> <p><i>Component 1 – Procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and deployment</i></p> <p>No activities were launched under this component.</p> <p><i>Component 2- COVID-19 prevention, detection and case management</i></p> <p>There are two procurement packages of medical equipment planned under this component as outlined below.</p>	

1. Computed Tomography Scan (CT-scan).
2. Radiology Equipment (including Digital Mammography and C-Arm Machines), Ophthalmic Equipment (including Phaco Machines and ophthalmic microscopes), and Operating Rooms Equipment.

The requests for bids for these packages have been launched. Installation of all equipment is scheduled to take place at designated public hospitals between October and November 2025. The medical equipment will strengthen the operational capacity of public hospitals and improve access to quality care for vulnerable populations, including Lebanese and Syrian refugees.

This component also financed the procurement of 138 dialysis machines (which were delivered) and 19 reverse osmosis (RO) systems (which will be delivered and installed by November 2025).

Component 3 – System Strengthening, Monitoring and Management

Subcomponent 3.1: The MoPH submitted the revised Project Operations Manual (POM) on July 3, 2025. The bi-annual progress report will be submitted by end of July 2025. The PMU is now staffed with (i) procurement officer who is acting as interim project coordinator; (ii) financial officer; (iii) financial assistant; (iv) interim financial assistant; (v) monitoring and evaluation officer; (vi) PHC technical coordinator; (vii) two administrative assistants; and (viii) E&S officer. Two biomedical engineers have been recruited to assist the PMU in developing technical specifications for medical equipment and evaluating proposals. There are two ongoing recruitments under the PMU. For the project manager, the revised evaluation report is expected to be submitted by July 18. As for the procurement assistant, the evaluation report is expected to be submitted by August 5, 2025.

Subcomponent 3.2: This subcomponent is financed by the Global Public Goods (GPG) grant. There is one procurement package of laboratory equipment planned under this component. WB is currently discussing MoPH's proposal for the utilization plan for this grant which consists of (1) using the funds to procure equipment for the Central Public Health Laboratory to strengthen its capacity in pharmaceutical quality control and (2) conducting assessments and procuring IT equipment to support MoPH's digital transformation strategy.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Submit the progress report	MoPH	7/31/2025
Submit the revised budget and procurement plans	MoPH	7/11/2025
Submit the partial cancellation request	MoPH	7/31/2025

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	18.6%

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	US\$22.6 million

5. Moldova

5.1 Education Quality Improvement Project

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Education Quality Improvement Project (P179363)		
Benefitting Country: Republic of Moldova	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Anna Olefir	Email of ISA Project Leader: aolefir@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance of Republic of Moldova	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Alexandru Rodideal, alexandru.rodideal@mf.gov.md	
Concessional Amount Approved (US\$): US\$10.0 million	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$59.8 Million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$5.27 Million
CFF Approval Date: 5/2/2023	Project Implementation Start Date: 9/11/2023	Project Closing Date: 12/31/2029

A. Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The objectives of the Project are to: (i) improve the learning environment in participating institutions, with an emphasis on supporting disadvantaged students; and (ii) strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Education and Research for sector management and refugee response	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The Project became effective on September 11, 2023.</p> <p>Improving the quality of education is crucial for Moldova. The PISA 2022 results indicate that, following the pandemic, the proportion of students achieving the minimum proficiency level decreased by approximately 6 percentage points across all subjects. A significant number of students in Moldova are unable to reach basic proficiency levels in reading, science, and mathematics. Specifically, only 51% of students in Moldova achieved basic proficiency in reading (compared to the OECD average of 74%), 44% in mathematics (OECD average: 69%), and 51% in science (OECD average: 76%).</p> <p>Moldovan students are more than two years behind their OECD counterparts, and this gap has widened since 2018, with the average PISA score in Moldova dropping by over 10 points. This decline poses a threat to the future living standards of Moldovan citizens, and it remains uncertain whether this sharp decrease is a temporary consequence of the pandemic or if educational quality will improve in the coming years.</p> <p>Addressing the learning losses caused by the pandemic is essential to prevent long-term harm to human capital, as well as to the well-being and productivity of children. This is vital not only for the local communities but also for the refugee children from Ukraine.</p> <p>In May 2025, a total of 2,526 refugee students from Ukraine were enrolled in 267 educational institutions. This group comprised 1,192 students in primary school (grades 1–4), 1,229 students in middle school (grades 5–9), and 105 students in high school (grades 10–12). In addition, 980 Ukrainian refugee children attended early childhood education programs across 237 kindergartens.</p> <p>To facilitate the integration and support of these students, the Ministry of Education and Research (MoER) issued Order No. 1109/2023. This order approved an Instruction designed to ensure equal access to education for refugee students. The Instruction addresses the recognition of previous studies and provides for necessary adaptations, including the management of student files, medical records, and access to counseling services.</p>	

In addition, the MoER approved a range of resources to further support both students and teachers. These include guides for teachers, pedagogical support tools, and practical counseling activities. Training sessions were also organized for teachers and school psychologists, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to provide effective educational and psychosocial support to refugee students.

Component 1: Improving Quality of Teaching.

Under this component the project aims to equip teachers with the skills required to succeed in the classroom, including raising the awareness and knowledge of teacher professional standards and improving teachers' digital skills and classroom management skills. A growing body of research indicates teaching is the most important school-based determinant of student learning, and the difference between the impact of a weak teacher or a great teacher on student test scores is equivalent to one to two years of schooling¹⁴. Moreover, evidence suggests several consecutive years of effective teaching can offset learning shortfalls and help students reach their full potential (Bau and Das 2017; Buhl-Wiggers et al. 2017; Hanushek and Rivkin 2010; Nye, Konstantopoulos, and Hedges 2004; Snilstveit et al. 2016). Teachers require ongoing feedback, practice, and support to improve their teaching, and it is essential that all teachers around the world have access to continuous and high-quality learning opportunities to improve their practice. Teachers' qualifications are essential not only to ensure quality of learning process, but also students wellbeing, and integration in the society, including for the refugee children from Ukraine.

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen teaching quality in Moldova, significant progress has been made in the professional development of teachers and school managers. Between March and May 2025, 94 out of 114 TEACH trainers of trainers (ToTs) - who were previously certified as TEACH observers for early childhood education (ECE) and primary levels—successfully completed additional training to extend their expertise to the gymnasium and lyceum levels. This expansion ensures that a broader range of educational stages will benefit from the TEACH methodology.

In a parallel initiative, 48 participants were certified between December 2024 and January 2025 through the “Training of Trainers on the Implementation of the Standards of Professional Competence of Teachers.” This program aims to build a cadre of trainers equipped to support the adoption and implementation of professional standards across Moldova's education system.

Looking ahead, a comprehensive rollout of teacher training is scheduled for July to November 2025. The planned activities include:

- **Early Childhood Educators:** Training sessions targeting 500 participants are tentatively scheduled for July–August 2025.
- **Young Teachers:** Sessions for 400 young teachers are planned for August and November 2025.
- **Management Staff:** A large-scale training initiative will target approximately 2,370 school management staff, with sessions planned for July, August, and November 2025. These sessions will focus on the application of professional standards and the TEACH methodology.

The MoER is committed to extending training beyond school directors to include a wider range of school management personnel. As a result, the MoER anticipates surpassing its initial target of training 20% of early childhood education and care (ECEC) managers in the standards for managers.

In parallel with these activities, the MoER, through the National Agency for Curriculum Evaluation (NACE), administered the national mathematics assessment for 9th-grade students in February 2025. A total of 29,894 students participated in this assessment, and the results were made publicly available to ensure transparency and inform policy decisions.

Based on the assessment outcomes, 6,000 students including the refugee children from Ukraine - comprising 2,293 girls (38%) and 3,707 boys (62%) - were identified as needing additional support to address learning gaps. These students have been enrolled in state-funded tutoring programs, which was supported by technical assistance provided under the Project. The current financial arrangements, which combine state budget allocations with technical assistance from the EQIP Project, are expected to continue in the coming years.

Considering these developments, the MoER has requested a restructuring of the EQIP Project to reflect the evolving needs, including the requirement for additional funds to cover increased school rehabilitation costs.

In subsequent years, the supporting activities will expand to include learning recovery programs in both Mathematics and Romanian. Over the course of three years, the recovery program aims to reach a total of 18,000 students. The tutoring program was designed with the following considerations in mind: (i) conducting an initial rapid assessment of 9th-grade students; (ii) identifying learning gaps; (iii) developing and delivering the tutoring program with an impact evaluation; and (iv) ensuring that both the treatment and control groups of students are covered by the tutoring/learning recovery program during the same school year. The

¹⁴ <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/education/brief/teach-helping-countries-track-and-improve-teaching-quality>

results of the impact evaluation will provide information for fine-tuning the tutoring program prior to its wider rollout. The National Agency for Curriculum Evaluation (NACE) will be responsible for quality assurance of the relevant efforts, including the rapid assessment and impact evaluation.

A School In-Kind Grants (SIG) Program under the Project is a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing teaching practices and inspiring innovation and collaboration to support the learning of disadvantaged students, including the refugee children from Ukraine. The SIG Program was launched in December 2024. Both SIG Officers are on board. On April 1, 2025, by Ministerial Order No. 489, the composition of the School Subproject Selection Committee was approved. In May 2025 the revised SIGOM was submitted by the MoER PMT and cleared by the Bank team.

On May 20, 2025, 180 qualified schools participated in an information session organized by the Project Management Team (PMT). The session provided detailed guidance on the remaining steps of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) application process and addressed key environmental and social (E&S) considerations associated with the SIG Program. Following this, a series of training sessions on Project Management and Fundraising commenced on May 27, 2025. These sessions are being delivered by experts contracted by the Ministry of Education and Research (MoER) who offer both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (self-paced) support to applicant schools, focusing on subproject proposal development and project management. The training activities are scheduled to run from May 27 to June 27, 2025. Looking ahead, these experts will continue to provide individualized, on-demand consultations to schools, offering tailored advice, recommendations, and guidance throughout the subproject proposal development process.

In addition, to further support the development of technical specifications for grant-funded activities, the MoER is in the process of contracting four specialists in digital technologies in education and related procurement. The procurement process for these experts is currently underway. These coordinated efforts are designed to strengthen the capacity of schools to successfully apply for and implement SIG-funded projects, while ensuring that environmental, social, and technical standards are met throughout the process.

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

This component is to improve the quality physical and digital learning environments in targeted schools (grades 1–12) and preschools aligned to the quality standards for infrastructure and equipment. These activities will ensure that selection of institutions to benefit from rehabilitation is done prioritizing the one with a greater number of children from vulnerable categories, including the refugee students from Ukraine. It would also focus on providing equipment, furniture, and learning materials that address the needs of all students.

The design phase for the rehabilitation of 15 selected schools - each serving a significant number of children from vulnerable groups, including refugee students from Ukraine - is expected to be completed by November 2025 latest with exception of Sports Lyceum that will be completed in February 2026. The procurement of civil works will be organized in batches of five schools, with construction on the first group of schools anticipated to begin in October 2025. Through implementation, student safety will be a top priority, with continuous supervision to ensure a secure learning environment.

In response to increased rehabilitation costs and in alignment with the MoER's vision for Model Schools, the Ministry has requested a reallocation of funds from the construction of new high schools to the rehabilitation of existing ones. This strategic shift is supported by recent analyses of student population projections and school consolidation needs. To further strengthen the quality of school rehabilitation, the MoER has also requested the engagement of an international engineer to introduce the best global practices in designing modern learning environments. The official restructuring request letter was submitted by the Ministry of Finance by July 17, 2025, and a corresponding restructuring paper has been prepared.

The selected 15 preschools targeted for expanding access to vulnerable Moldovan children and refugee children from Ukraine - who are not yet benefiting from early childhood education and care (ECEC) services - have signed contracts for rehabilitation design. Urban planning certificates authorizing the start of the design process have been issued for all institutions, and design work is currently underway. The selection process for 200 schools and 200 kindergartens to receive essential equipment - prioritizing those with higher numbers of vulnerable and refugee children - has been finalized, and procurement activities have commenced. The contract for school furniture is in the finalization stage, the contract for sports equipment has been signed, and procurement of IT equipment is ongoing.

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

This component finances activities aimed to strengthen capacity of the MoER for education sector management and refugee response in Moldova. The main PISA 2025 test was conducted, involving about 7,000 students from 275 educational institutions across all districts and municipalities. Project beneficiary surveys are underway, with baseline results expected in August 2025. The

MoER is exploring with support of the Project introduction of innovative approaches to education process, teaching practices, infrastructure improvement and refugee response activities using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Deliver TEACH ECE educators' training	MoER, PMT	July 2025
Complete SIG selection	MoER SIG Selection Committee	August 2025
Sign 120 SIG Agreements	MoER	September 2025
Prepare the TOR for EMIS functional expansion and impact assessment of ECEC facilities	MoER, PMT	August 2025
Prepare the plan for the 2026-2027 tutoring program	MoER	July 2025
Beneficiary survey baseline results	MoER	October 2025
Refurbishment of kindergartens	MoER, PMT	December 31, 2025
Contracts signed for refurbishment of first 5 schools	MoER, PMT	September 30, 2025

B. Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$10 million	US\$ 5.27 million	8.8% (with further increase planned by the end of FY25)

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	\$10 million
2026	\$8.19 million
2027	\$13.25 million
2028	\$14.49 million
2029	\$12.45 million

5.2 Moldova Supporting Growth and Resilience DPO

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Moldova Supporting Growth and Resilience DPO		
Benefitting Country: Moldova		Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank
Name of ISA Project Leader: Melanie Trost, Marcel Chistruga		Email of ISA Project Leader: mtrost@worldbank.org ; mchistruga@worldbank.org
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Moldova		Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Rodideal Alexandru; Head of the Public Debt Department; alexandru.rodideal@mf.gov.md
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): US\$ 5,000,000	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$ 55,500,000	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$ 55,500,000
CFF Approval Date: Click here to enter a date.	Project Implementation Start Date: 9/11/2024	Project Closing Date: 6/30/2026

A Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: The DPO aims to (i) strengthen resilience of refugees and households, (ii) foster sustainable growth through enhanced competition and private sector-led growth, and (iii) support climate resilience	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<p>The standalone Moldova Supporting Growth and Resilience Development Policy Operation (DPO) was approved by the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank on June 14, 2024, and became effective on September 11, 2024. The DPO was disbursed fully in October 2024. The operation consists of a loan in the amount of US\$40 million, US\$5 million in concessional support from the Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCFF) to support authorities' efforts to deal with the refugee crisis, and US\$10.5 million in grants from the Moldova – Growth, Resilience and Opportunities for Well-being (M-GROW) program (TF0C4995). The DPO and the results framework will be evaluated during the preparation of the Implementation Completion and Results (ICR) report after the operation closes in June 2026.</p> <p>The DPO supports the Government of Moldova's efforts to assist refugees and households in the face of the fallout from Russia's invasion of Ukraine while keeping the momentum on the long-term agenda of economic convergence to the European Union (EU) and of climate resilience. The DPO comprises three pillars: strengthening resilience of refugees and households (Pillar 1); fostering sustainable growth through enhanced competition and private sector-led growth (Pillar 2); and supporting climate resilience (Pillar 3).</p> <p>Measures in Pillar 1 aimed to strengthen the resilience of refugees and households, including those hosting refugees. The operation supported short-term priorities, which revolve around maintaining support to the most vulnerable to mitigate the impact of the multiple crisis, including strengthening the last-resort social assistance initiative 'Ajutor Social program' through the introduction of a case management approach to increase its impact and facilitate the graduation of beneficiaries.</p> <p>Given low labor force participation in Moldova, particularly among refugees and women, Pillar 1 further supported amendments to the Labor Code (Prior Action #2) to increase flexibility in hiring refugees and women, thereby creating more employment opportunities, and fostering a more diverse and inclusive workforce. This aligns with the UNHCR's 2023 findings that employment is a critical need for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, who constitute about 5 percent of the total population. The reforms, which introduce more flexible work arrangements like fixed-term contracts, aim to empower female refugees who juggle caregiving with</p>	

the need to earn an income, particularly those lacking skills for permanent roles or unable to work full-time. This shift from lower-paid roles to more secure employment is expected to significantly increase Ukrainian refugee employment, thereby enhancing their income and facilitating economic integration.

Prior Action #2. The Borrower has amended the Labor Code to (i) increase flexibility on hiring (a) youth workers for light tasks and (b) refugees to perform temporary or permanent tasks; and (ii) remove restrictions on the employment of pregnant women including for the offering of work during non-working holidays, weekends, or night shifts by allowing such employment at the request of women who meet the requirements, as evidenced by Art. I of Law No. LP46/2024 dated March 14, 2024, and published in the Official Gazette on March 18, 2024.

Moreover, Pillar 1 supported **measures to protect vulnerable groups, especially low-income and refugee-hosting households, from rising energy costs (Prior Action #3)**. Energy affordability has been a long-standing challenge in Moldova, particularly affecting poorer and rural households. The government's cold season benefit APRA and the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund (EVRF) have mitigated the impact of rising energy prices through on-bill reductions. This DPO supports amendments to the EVRF to improve its targeting and the introduction of monetized benefits (in lieu of on-bill reductions or subsidies), supporting low-income households and those hosting refugees. This initiative not only lessen the financial burden on hosts but also make hosting more attractive, encouraging greater community involvement in supporting refugees.

Prior Action #3. The Borrower has enacted amendments to the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund legislation to (i) improve the targeting through the introduction of two additional energy vulnerability categories, as evidenced by Law No. 261/2023, dated August 17, 2023, and published in the Official Gazette on September 15, 2023, and (ii) introduce a monetized benefit for households categorized with very high or extreme energy vulnerability, as evidenced by Government Decision No. HG920/2023, dated November 22, 2023, and published in the Official Gazette on November 24, 2023.

The results framework concentrated on the following metrics: the percentage of refugees with fixed and open-ended work contracts, including the proportion of women among them; and the percentage of recipients of the Emergency Vulnerable Refugee Fund (EVRF) who receive a monetized benefit, including the proportion of refugee host families.

General update on refugee population and regulatory framework:

As of June 2025, Moldova hosted about 132,852 refugees from Ukraine (compared to 118,468 in May 2024 during the preparation of the “Moldova Supporting Growth and Resilience” DPO).¹⁵ Of this, about 89 percent of these refugees are women, and girls and boys under 18.¹⁶ About 76,380 or 57 percent of total refugees from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection as of July 2025 (compared to 44,786 or 34 percent in May 2024).

With the shift from emergency influx to protracted displacement, the Government of Moldova is committed to long-term policy reforms and socio-economic integration of displaced people. The government has amended the Law on Asylum to improve the regulatory framework for displaced people in Moldova, both for temporary protection holders (Ukrainians) and asylum seekers, by transposing the relevant EU standards into the national framework, to lay the foundation for displaced persons to achieve self-reliance and socioeconomic integration, including the following changes:

1. Removing the two-year legal limitation on temporary protection.
2. Extending the duration of stay for those under temporary protection, reducing uncertainty regarding continued access to essential services, such as social services including employment support, healthcare, education, and housing.
3. Establishing material reception conditions for asylum-seekers, with the amounts necessary for granting such conditions provided from the annual state budget, including accommodation, food, clothing, hygiene materials, transport, and financial allowances, to ensure stable living conditions. Further, the law introduces emergency medical care, urgent assistance for those with special needs, and voluntary health insurance options for asylum seekers.
4. Improving procedural reforms to expedite asylum processing, requiring interviews within 10 days (down from 21), fast-tracking appeals within five working days, and ensuring final decisions within 30 calendar days, reducing uncertainty for applicants.

¹⁵ <https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/MDA>

¹⁶ The share is based on the Ukrainian individuals arriving from Ukraine.

5. Expanding the list of vulnerable categories requiring specialized support services (for both temporary protection holders or asylum seekers), including children, unaccompanied minors, single-parent families, pregnant women, persons with disabilities, and survivors of trafficking, GBV, or torture

This transition means Ukrainian temporary protection holders will now have their legal status governed by the Law on Asylum, rather than temporary executive decisions. This represents a significant improvement in the legal framework for refugees. By reducing uncertainty through clear, long-term legal status and opportunities, ensuring stable living conditions, and providing continuous access to resources and support services, displaced individuals will be empowered to secure long-term employment or start their own businesses. The Law on Asylum was supported in the standalone Moldova Supporting Economic Opportunities and Climate Transition Development Policy Operation (P507576), approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors on May 8, 2025.¹⁷

Updates on employment opportunities (Prior Action #2):

The results indicator measures the percentage of refugees with fixed and open-ended work contracts after registering with the National Agency for Employment of Moldova (ANOFM), of which women (percent).

In 2023, the baseline figure was 28 percent (844 refugees registered with ANOFM, of which 239 were employed), with 23 percent for women. The objective was to reach 40 percent overall employment by 2025, with 38 percent for women.

In 2024, according to data from ANOFM, the share increased to 50 percent (539 registered with ANOFM, of which 272 were employed), with 47 percent for women and 56 percent for men, **surpassing the 2025 target value**. Although the total number of registered refugees with ANOFM declined, their probability of employment increased.

The number of registered and employed women rose by almost 50 percent in 2024 (from 96 in 2023 to 142 in 2024), while the number for men decreased by 13 percent (from 143 in 2023 to 130 in 2024). Consequently, the gender gap between 2023 and 2024 narrowed.

As highlighted in the general updates, the approval of the Law on Asylum is anticipated to enhance and secure long-term employment opportunities for displaced persons. This will be achieved through formalized employment support and services, as well as improved reception conditions that align with EU standards.

Updates on heating support (Prior Action #3):

The results indicator measures the percentage of recipients of the EVRF that receive a monetized benefit, including refugee host families. In 2023, the baseline figure was 36 percent (out of approximately 1,080,000 households, 775,414 received EVRF, and 277,269 received monetized benefits), with 29 percent for refugee host families (out of about 11,000 host families, 5,914 received EVRF, and 1,707 received monetized benefits). The objective was to reach 100 percent for all eligible beneficiaries, including refugee host families, by 2025.

The EVRF has been extended into the 2024/25 heating season, providing targeted cash transfers (monetized benefits) to households (in lieu of on-bill reductions or subsidies), in line with the prior action in the “Moldova Supporting Growth and Resilience” DPO and the IMF Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF) program conditions. This heating support has been critical for local families and those hosting refugees, especially given the new energy crisis, which resulted in significant increases in gas and electricity tariffs in December 2024 and January 2025.¹⁸

Of the approximately 703,000 submitted requests, about 634,000 households have received compensation from the EVRF from November 2024. The number of households receiving compensation has increased further during the heating season, estimated at 680,000 in December 2024. All of these households received monetized benefits, including refugee host families, **achieving the 2025 target value**. Currently, specific information on the total number of host families is not available, which will be reported to GCFF upon the close of the project.

¹⁷ <https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099052025154021615/pdf/P507576-486a54b1-94a0-423b-89e1-6501baa1e52d.pdf>

¹⁸ As of January 1, 2025, Gazprom has halted gas deliveries to Moldova due to the non-renewal of the gas transit contract through Ukraine, which has resulted in a significant increase in energy prices. With the contract's non-renewal, Moldova now needs to purchase gas and electricity at much higher European prices, leading to a 28 percent increase in gas tariffs in November 2024 and an 83 percent rise in electricity tariffs in January 2025.

The EVRF was running through the 2024/25 heating season, from November 2024 to March 2025.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Since this is a DPO that has been fully disbursed, there are no specific actions required over the next six months to advance project implementation. The main focus moving forward will be on the preparation of the ICR report, which will be undertaken after the operation closes in June 2026.		Click here to enter a date.

B Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$ 55,500,000	US\$ 55,500,000	100%

5.3 Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance

Underlying Operation Information

Project Name: Moldova Refugee and Community Support Technical Assistance		
Benefitting Country: Republic of Moldova	Name of Implementation Support Agency (ISA): World Bank	
Name of ISA Project Leader: Erik Johnson	Email of ISA Project Leader: ejohnson1@worldbank.org	
Recipient Entity: Ministry of Internal Affairs of Moldova	Name and Email of Recipient Entity Contact: Ina Bogatii, ina.bogatii@mai.gov.md	
Concessionality Amount Approved (US\$): n/a	Total Project Amount (US\$): US\$1.5 million	Total Amount Disbursed (US\$): US\$.372 million
CFF Approval Date: 6/11/2024	Project Implementation Start Date: 7/1/2024	Project Closing Date: 6/1/2026

A Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Progress and Key Issues

Project Development Objective: To improve national and local government policy, systems and technical competence to effectively facilitate the socio-economic integration of refugees from Ukraine, and other foreigners entering Moldova, and to enhance social cohesion within host communities.	
Rating for progress towards achievement of objective:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Rating for overall implementation progress:	<i>Satisfactory</i>
Brief Summary of Underlying Project Implementation Status:	
<u>Program summary status:</u>	
<p>Since this Bank-executed grant was activated in June 2024, progress has been made on each of the three program components: (i) access to information for informed decision making, (ii) local integration and social-economic inclusion and cohesion, as well as (iii) policy analysis and capacity building for improved refugee and foreigner support.</p> <p>Recent changes in the country context affecting the program include a reduction in UNHCR funding and closing/ reduction of funds of many other local donor programs for refugees in Moldova and the region; upcoming parliamentary elections in end September 2025 and the need to consider the transition of Ukrainian refugees from the legal temporary protection status and related rights and obligations – to either future voluntary return to Ukraine or choice of local foreigners permits of various types.</p> <p>Component 1 – Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) established interministerial working group to provide displaced populations and other foreigners with up-to-date, and disability-inclusive, communication information material and practical guidance on the different legal statuses, rights, and services in social/ economic/ educational and other areas. The various ministries participating in the working group have compiled a set of 15 thematic information packages which the Bank has subsequently reviewed and readied for use in public communications. Assessments have been undertaken as to the options for print and digital dissemination and terms of reference have been prepared and agreed with MIA for public advertisement. The contract for this work is expected to be signed in early September 2025 with up to 18 thematic information packages available in multiple languages and disseminated through multiple communications channels over the course of November 2025 – February 2026. This will be a particularly critical period of time as the policy directions of a new administration will begin to move forward and the current government decision on temporary protection status will come to an end in March 2026 and future directions will need to be set.</p> <p>Another area where analytical support has been provided to MIA is on language integration. Based on an analysis of existing language courses made publicly available in Moldova and an assessment of the practices of other countries in the region, various</p>	

options for language integration for refugees/ foreigners have been drafted and informally shared with MIA counterparts. Based on the options provided, discussions are ongoing with MIA as to whether an additional investment is needed to fill gaps in the current public offerings or if MIA will play a more active role in connecting foreigners to the available resources that would best meet their needs.

Component 2 – Bank staff and specialized consulting support is being provided to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MLSP) to develop an integrated case-management system for the provision of social services for displaced populations and other foreigners, as well as the entire Moldova population/host community. Its importance lies in that it will ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of referrals and the direct provision of social services to those in need. It will also improve systematic collection and analysis of data on displaced populations and other foreigners which are currently not adequately disaggregated by legal status.

Based on consultations with MIA’s regional integration centers and local stakeholders supporting the centers, a terms of reference has been prepared and advertised for an organization to be contracted to improve the socioeconomic integration of displaced persons and host communities, with a focus on vulnerable groups like children, youth and families, through strengthened partnerships between the General Inspectorate of Migration’s (GIM) regional integration centers, civil society, and public service providers. A contract is expected to be signed in the first half of August 2025 with activities commencing in September 2025, starting with a needs and gaps analysis of ongoing relevant activities, followed by the initiation of community activities in partnership with regional integration centers and other public service providers, and concluding with the development and delivery of training and capacity building materials for MIA and other government stakeholders to strengthen overall institutional capacity and ensure access to essential services for migrants, refugees, including displaced persons.

Component 3 - The Government amended, as of January 2025, its national asylum legislation (Law No 270/2008). Two critical changes were introduced: a) the possibility to extend the Temporary Protection status, on an annual basis, for an unlimited period; and b) the provision of material reception conditions (housing, means of subsistence, and daily expenses allowance) to all asylum seekers for the first time, with additional standards for those with special reception needs. Support is being provided to MIA in properly planning and budgeting for the provision of material reception conditions in line with international standards. Although the number of asylum-seekers is currently low, it sets the necessary systems in place for a potentially significant increase when temporary protection is discontinued. In addition, it contributes to Moldova’s advancement in its European Integration, as the establishment of a sustainable asylum reception system is one of the requirements for Moldova’s accession to the EU.

The Bank has also been providing analytical and capacity building support to MIA in establishing a new legal and policy framework regulating the stay and access to services for foreigners, in line with international standards, and as part of Moldova’s requirements for its accession to the EU. This activity is a strategic component of Moldova’s National Plan of Phased Integration of Foreigners during 2025-2027, approved in May 2025. Furthermore, it supports the long-term integration of both foreigners and displaced populations, as it provides them with legal channels to change their residence status and pursue long-term stay in Moldova.

Terms of Reference have also been agreed and work started on the development online training/ E learning to build the knowledge, skills and attitudes of frontline officers and operational staff in MIA and other government agencies who come in daily contact with displaced populations and other foreigners. The recent changes in the asylum law, and the forthcoming changes in the law on foreigners, have added a new urgency to the implementation of this activity. Three online training courses will be developed focusing on: (a) asylum/migration, (b) cultural orientation/conflict resolution, and (c) discrimination/xenophobia/local integration.

Implementation challenges/ lessons learned identified during Year 1 of implementation:

- The program thematic area continues to require very significant local donor coordination of technical assistance related to refugees; mix of humanitarian and development approaches, multiple stakeholders, multiple specialized local donor working groups, and significant inter-ministerial coordination on social-economic policies;
- The Ministry of Internal Affairs has multiple parallel humanitarian refugee projects to coordinate (over 200), and have limited capacity to review and approve specific deliverables fast, sometimes requiring longer consultation/ approval times. As a result, some activities from Year 1 are planned for procurement more targeted during Year 2
- All projects on migration in EU Candidate countries require close communication between the WB and the EU delegation, also Council of Europe, as well as UNHCR and other donors/ stakeholders.

- As the EU is beginning to discuss strategies for phasing out temporary protection measures over the course of 2026 and a transition in 2027, an additional year of program support should be considered in order to support Moldova in this critical period.

Actions to be Taken	Responsible Party	Expected Date of Delivery
Sign contract on Capacity Building for Local Integration	Early August 2025	WB
Confirm platform for hosting 3 digital courses for MIA/GIM staff	End August 2025	MIA
Sign contract on risk/data analysis expert	End August 2025	WB
Sign contract on Awareness Building on Migration and Displacement	Early September 2025	WB
Request and share disaggregated data from the National Bureau of Statistics (if available)	End September 2025	MIA
Agree on next steps for Romanian language support for foreigners by MIA	End September 2025	MIA, WB
Finalize methodology for calculating cost of material reception conditions	End September 2025	WB, MIA, Ministry of Finance
Sign contract for eLearning company	End October 2025	WB
Finalize first drafts of 3 e-learning modules	End October 2025	WB

B Disbursements for Underlying Operation

Underlying Operation Amount	Total (US\$) Disbursed to Benefitting Country*	% Disbursed to Benefitting Country
US\$1,5 million	US\$.372 million	24.8%

* As funds are managed by the World Bank, they are not disbursed by the government but rather spent by the World Bank in cooperation with the government.

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

Year	Total by Year End
2025	800,000
2026	1,500,000

