



South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project (P176480)

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Implementing Agencies: International Committee of the Red Cross, International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, UNICEF, World Health Organization, World Health Organization

Key Dates**Key Project Dates**

Bank Approval Date: 28-Jun-2021

Effectiveness Date: 01-Jul-2021

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 15-Feb-2023

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 19-Sep-2022

Original Closing Date: 31-Jul-2023

Revised Closing Date: 31-Jul-2025

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The objective of the project is to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 in South Sudan, increase access to an essential package of health services in the states of Upper Nile and Jonglei, and develop South Sudan government health sector stewardship and system preparedness capacity.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

Yes

Board Approved Revised Project Development Objective (If project is formally restructured)

To prevent, detect, and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19, increase access to an essential package of health and nutrition services for the target population, develop health sector stewardship and preparedness capacity, and provide an immediate and effective response to an eligible crisis or emergency.

Components Table

Name

Vaccine Acquisition, Deployment, Cold Chain Equipment, and Community Engagement:(Cost \$66.50 M)
Provision of Essential Health and Nutrition Services in Selected States:(Cost \$252.50 M)
Building Institutional Capacity and Strengthening Health System Emergency Preparedness:(Cost \$7.93 M)
Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning:(Cost \$7.00 M)
Contingent Emergency Response

Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High

Implementation Status and Key Decisions



The project is on track to achieve its development objective. The four PDO indicators are on track to be met by the end of the project period. Notably, the percentage of the population to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is 66 percent, surpassing the 65 percent target. A restructuring and Second Additional Financing (AF2) of US\$70 million to the South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project (CERHSP- P176480) were approved on March 16, 2023, and declared effective on March 31, 2023. The purpose of the AF2 is to fill a financing gap that emerged due to the activation of the project's CERC and to expand the delivery of essential health and nutrition services for the host community and refugees in the Greater Upper Nile Region for an additional five months from July 31, 2024, until December 31, 2024.

MPA Program Development Objective

The Program Development Objective is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness

Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) Status

Sustained efforts continue to be made to advance the implementation of the 87 MPA operations. A great deal of activity (restructurings and disbursements) was registered at the end of FY23. Several operations were restructured just before or on June 30, 2023. The restructurings reflected: (i) extension of closing dates, (ii) partial cancellation of funds, (iii) reallocations of funds among components, and (iv) expansion/scale down of activities within components.

As of August 15, 2023, 88 MPA-projects had been approved with a total commitment of US\$4.3 billion. One operation (Guatemala) was cancelled in mid-September 2021, at the request of the Government. **Total disbursements as of August 15, 2023, amount to US\$3.94 billion or 92% of overall commitments.** This amount does not include disbursements under MPA-V operations which are reported together with AF-V operations. A large refund from the UN to the project account of the Myanmar operation was processed in late March due to the inability to implement the project. This transaction affected total disbursements. Also, (i) Loans and Credits denominated in SDRs and Euros are being affected because of fluctuations between the SDRs and Euros against the US dollar, and (ii) at this late stage of project implementation, several operations are processing refunds to the project accounts, which have an impact on total disbursements. Ten operations closed by the end of CY22 and nine operations closed on June 30, 2023. While there are seventeen (17) operations with closing dates by the end of CY23, there are plans for several projects to process extensions so this number will change.

As with the Mid Term Review (MTR) issued on March 25, 2023, no individual COVID-19 MPA operation will need an ICR. Instead, one ICR will be prepared after the closing date of the SPRP COVID-19 MPA Program, which closes on December 31, 2025. The Global ICR will be based on final ISRs packages prepared by country operations' teams. A template for the final ISR was issued by OPCS on March 25, 2023. Several operations have/are preparing final ISR packages. **The overall conclusion of the MTR was that the COVID-19 MPA Program embodied a rapid, innovative approach to new lending for human health response. Further, the MTR concluded that the COVID-19 MPA has been successful, notwithstanding considerable uncertainty and multiple constraints in the early stages of the pandemic. The Bank's emergency response was remarkably swift in the most vulnerable countries facing human capital losses and development setbacks. The MTR also concluded that notwithstanding the challenges, the MPA is on track to achieve its PrDO, "prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness."**

Seventy two (72) country projects or 84 percent of projects approved have reached 70-100+ percent disbursement (reasons for >100% disbursements relate to fluctuations between the Euro and the SDR against the US\$). Out of the 72 operations, 62 operations or 86 percent have disbursed 90+ percent of commitments. Out of the 72 operations, 41 operations or 57 percent are fully disbursed and sixteen (16) operations have disbursed 95-99 percent of commitments. There are four operations with disbursements of 50 percent or less. Out of these four operations, one operation has disbursed 30 percent (AFW), two operations in EAP have disbursed 44-48 percent and one operation in AFE has disbursed 50 percent. **The projects are benefitting around 3.7 billion people or 50% of the global population. When countries with AF-V operations are**



counted, the projects are benefitting 4.1 billion of 51 percent of the global population. This is because some countries that do not have a parent project have AF-V operations. All projects approved are disbursing. ECA has the highest percentage of disbursements at 100 percent, followed by MNA with 99 percent, SAR with 94 percent, LAC with 93 percent, EAP with 86 percent, AFW with 84 percent and AFE with 78 percent. Disbursements for EAP operations are being affected by low disbursements in four countries. AFE lower disbursements compared to other regions are a result of low disbursements under two operations. In the case of AFW low overall disbursements are a result of low disbursements under one operation. Retroactive Financing (RF) continues to represent 20 percent of commitments. SAR has the highest percentage of RF at 37 percent, followed by ECA at 18 percent. IDA continues to represent 40 percent and IBRD 60 percent of disbursements.

Streamlined procedures, delegated approvals, coupled with flexible project design and intensified efforts across the Bank have contributed to the progress. Implementation is being guided by Bank teams working in parallel with other health related projects, including Additional Financing operations supporting vaccine procurement and deployment efforts.

COVID-19 MPA AF-V - ISR Write-up – August 15, 2023

As of August 15, 2023, the Bank has approved 116 operations (including MPA-V operations) to support vaccine procurement and rollout in 78 countries amounting to \$9.25 billion. The Senegal AF2 operation for \$15 million financed by a Grant from The Global Finance Facility was approved on June 30, 2023. One hundred and eighteen (118) operations had been approved amounting to \$10 billion, but the: (i) Costa Rica operation (\$120 million), and (ii) Peru operation (\$500 million) were cancelled at the request of both governments. Also, the Gabon (\$12 million) reported last month as closed is in fact in the process of being closed. The Afghanistan operation commitment of \$113 million was reduced to \$60 million. Partial cancellations have been processed under other operations, thereby the overall commitment has decreased in the past months. Of the 116 approved operations: (i) 66 are in Africa – 30 in AFE and 36 in AFW; (ii) 10 in East Asia and the Pacific; (iii) 11 in Europe and Central Asia; (iv) 11 in Latin America and the Caribbean; (v) 9 in Middle East and North Africa; and (vi) 9 in South Asia. The 116 operations approved, include 6 operations that involved restructuring of parent projects (Bhutan, Cameroon, North Macedonia, Philippines, and Pakistan) and in the case of Lebanon, restructuring of the Health Resilience Project.

Thirty-two (32) operations are being implemented in Fragile and Conflict-affected situations. IDA represents 45 percent and IBRD 55 percent of disbursements. **Total disbursements under these projects as of August 15, 2023, amount to US\$6.11 billion or 66 percent of overall commitments.** Disbursements under MPA-V operations are included in this total while disbursements under the six restructured projects are counted under parent projects. With less than planned demand for IDA/IBRD funds for vaccine procurement because, *inter alia*, over supply of vaccines from donations from various sources, several projects have been/are being restructured and more will need to be restructured to reallocate funds allocated for procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and deployment. **Guidance was issued under an EM from Juan Pablo Uribe of July 7, 2023 to provide direction for the use of undisbursed funds under COVID-19 operations. The EM provides guidance on eligibility for the use of funds under the SPRP MPA, and specifically on financing under vaccine projects.** HNP is monitoring progress with the implementation of the guidelines and presented an update on progress on the compliance with the guidelines on August 3, 2023. A second update will be presented on September 6, 2023.

Forty-one (41) AF-V/MPA-V operations or 36 percent of operations approved have disbursed over 70 percent of their commitments. Out of the 41, seventeen (17) operations or 41 percent have disbursed 90+. Out of the 17, four operations are fully disbursed (Argentina, Indonesia, Sri Lanka AF-V 1, and Ukraine AF-V 3). Five operations have disbursed 97-99 percent of commitments (Ecuador AF-V 1, Gambia, Iraq, Sierra Leone AF-V 1, and Yemen). Eight operations have disbursed 95-99 percent. Ninety-three (93) operations or 82 percent of total operations approved are disbursing. ECA has the highest percentage of disbursements at 86 percent, followed by SAR at 77 percent, MNA at 75 percent, EAP and LAC at 73 percent, AFW at 56 percent, and AFE at 55 percent. **As of August 1, 2023, the World Bank had purchased 635.4 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine of which 506.8 million had been delivered to client countries and 500.7 million administered.**

Retroactive Financing (RF) represents 37 percent of overall commitments. High levels of RF have been authorized under different operations - Ukraine (100%), Panama and Turkey (90%), Argentina and Guyana (80%), and Belize, and Sri Lanka (70%). One hundred and fifteen (115) loan/financing agreements or 99 percent of projects approved have been signed and 114 or 99 percent have become effective.

As with the COVID-19 MPA operations, streamlined procedures, delegated approval, wide use of Bank Facilitated Procurement, coupled with flexible project design, and intensified efforts across the Bank have contributed to the rapid design, processing, and implementation of the AF-V operations.

Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	High	High	High
Macroeconomic	High	High	High
Sector Strategies and Policies	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Technical Design of Project or Program	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	High	High	High
Fiduciary	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Environment and Social	High	High	High
Stakeholders	High	High	High
Other	Substantial	Substantial	Substantial
Overall	High	High	High

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

To support COVID-19 vaccine deployment, provision of services, and build institutional capacity				
▶ Percentage of eligible population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, based on the targets defined in national plan (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	7.20	66.01	65.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:				
□ Female (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				



	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.90	66.70	65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee population (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	32.40	65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Host communities population (Percentage, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	150.00	65.00
► People who have received essential health, nutrition, and population (HNP) services (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1,295,991.00	1,878,674.00	3,000,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:	The indicator measures the actual utilization of the services. This would be reflected through the number of the project beneficiaries, who have received services supported by the project, i.e. number of direct project beneficiaries.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Host communities population (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	92,593.00	100,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Female (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	744,504.00	1,005,035.00	1,500,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee population (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	24,110.00	270,000.00
► Completed tailored training/coaching for MOH staff on identified project management aspects (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	No	Yes
Date	15-Feb-2022	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025



To provide an immediate and effective response to an eligible crisis or emergency				
▶ Number of people affected by the food insecurity crisis in the targeted areas who received nutrition services (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	19,928.00	1,500,000.00
Date	10-Oct-2022	07-Feb-2023	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
□ Female (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	16,230.00	750,000.00
Date	10-Oct-2022	07-Feb-2023	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Vaccine Acquisition, Deployment, Cold Chain Equipment, and Community Engagement				
▶ Climate-friendly and energy-efficient cold chain is adopted by the client (Number) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	56.00	71.00	126.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:	targeted sites have functional climate-friendly cold chain equipment, which are used for COVID-19 vaccinations, routine vaccinations, and / or other health products needing refrigeration.			
▶ Standard operating procedures (SOPs) or guidelines updated for collection and disposal of medical waste for COVID-19 (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
▶ Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care centers (CEmONC) have adequate solar power (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	4.00	12.00



Date	26-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Provision of Essential Health and Nutrition Services in Selected states				
▶ Number of health facilities providing at least 75 percent of the essential package of health services (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	132.00	179.00	190.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
▶ Number of deliveries attended by skilled health personnel (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	6,274.00	31,657.00	42,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:	Number of deliveries attended by skilled health personnel in targeted sites.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Host communities population (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	1,660.00	1,500.00
Date	02-May-2022	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee population (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	5,944.00	1,500.00
▶ Proportion of disease outbreaks detected and responded to within 72 hours of confirmation (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	40.00	100.00	100.00	60.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
▶ Number of pregnant women receiving ANC four visits (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	11,691.00	60,033.00	90,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025



Number of pregnant women receiving ANC four visits in targeted sites.				
Comments:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Refugee population (Number, Custom Breakdown)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	20,089.00	2,500.00
Date	02-May-2022	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
<input type="checkbox"/> Host communities population (Number, Custom Supplement)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	2,286.00	2,500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of health care workers trained in-service (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	257.00	6,374.00	5,000.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of CERHSPP flood affected facilities rehabilitated. (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Date	15-Apr-2022	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Building Institutional Capacity and Strengthening Health System Emergency Preparedness				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development of integrated human health and animal health policies (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:	Developing integrated human health and animal health policies to prevent health emergencies through development of One Health Plan that addresses preparedness and response to priority zoonotic diseases identified.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Number of people trained in Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target



Value	0.00	214.00	621.00	1,000.00
Date	20-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:				
► Development of disease surveillance data reporting and management system at the national and state level (Yes/No, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	No	No	Yes	Yes
Date	26-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
Comments:	Data reporting and management system on disease surveillance data are in place at the national and state levels.			

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning				
► Number of monitoring reports submitted (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	8.00	12.00
Date	01-Jul-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025
► Percentage of complaints to Grievance Redress Mechanisms satisfactorily addressed in a timely manner (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	30.00	46.00	46.80	70.00
Date	30-Apr-2021	18-Aug-2022	07-Aug-2023	31-Jul-2025

Performance-Based Conditions

Data on Financial Performance

Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
P176480	IDA-D8830	Effective	USD	8.00	8.00	0.00	7.79	0.00	100%
P176480	IDA-D8840	Closed	USD	51.50	51.50	0.00	49.48	0.08	100%

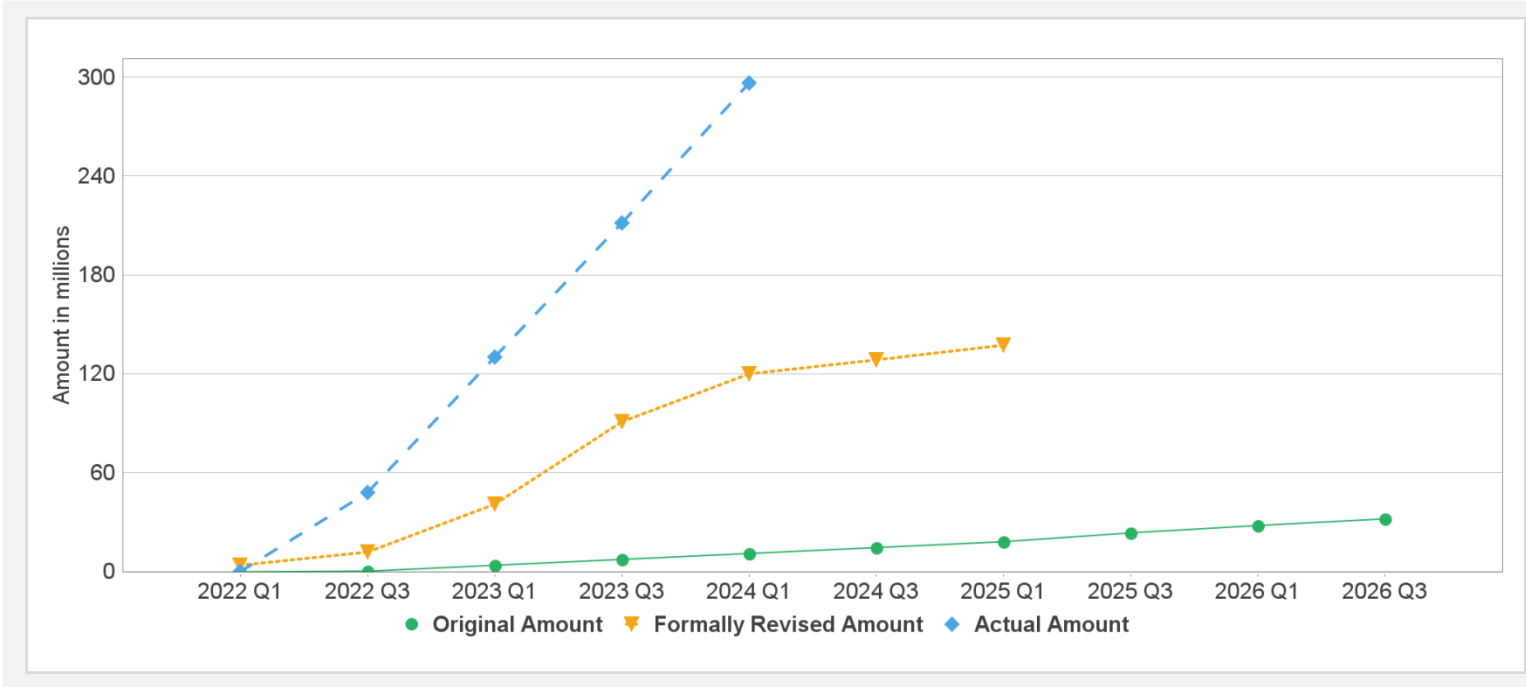


P176480	IDA-D8850	Effective	USD	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.54	0.01	<div style="width: 99%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	99%
P176480	IDA-E0040	Effective	USD	5.00	5.00	0.00	2.52	2.28	<div style="width: 52%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	52%
P176480	IDA-E0050	Effective	USD	13.50	13.50	0.00	7.31	5.60	<div style="width: 57%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	57%
P176480	IDA-E0110	Effective	USD	181.50	181.50	0.00	170.07	0.04	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	100%
P176480	IDA-E1610	Effective	USD	70.00	70.00	0.00	55.00	14.72	<div style="width: 79%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	79%
P176480	TF-B6004	Effective	USD	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	100%
P176480	TF-B6005	Effective	USD	1.93	1.93	0.00	1.93	0.00	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	100%

Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P176480	IDA-D8830	Effective	28-Jun-2021	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	31-Jul-2023	31-Jul-2025
P176480	IDA-D8840	Closed	28-Jun-2021	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	31-Jul-2023	31-Jul-2023
P176480	IDA-D8850	Effective	28-Jun-2021	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	31-Jul-2023	31-Jul-2025
P176480	IDA-E0040	Effective	31-Mar-2022	27-Apr-2022	27-Apr-2022	31-Jul-2025	31-Jul-2025
P176480	IDA-E0050	Effective	31-Mar-2022	25-Apr-2022	25-Apr-2022	31-Jul-2025	31-Jul-2025
P176480	IDA-E0110	Effective	31-Mar-2022	10-May-2022	10-May-2022	31-Jul-2025	31-Jul-2025
P176480	IDA-E1610	Effective	27-Mar-2023	29-Mar-2023	31-Mar-2023	31-Jul-2025	31-Jul-2025
P176480	TF-B6004	Effective	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	30-Jun-2023	31-Oct-2023
P176480	TF-B6005	Effective	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	01-Jul-2021	30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2024

Cumulative Disbursements



Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

Related Project(s)

P178102-South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Additional Financing ,P180277-South Sudan COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project Second Additional Financing