



RESTRUCTURING PAPER
ON A
PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING
OF THE
HORN OF AFRICA - GROUNDWATER INITIATIVE
APPROVED ON MAY 17, 2019
TO THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

WATER GLOBAL PRACTICE

AFRICA EAST REGION

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ESF	Environmental and Social Framework
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development



BASIC DATA

Product Information

Project ID P169078	Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing
Original EA Category	Current EA Category
Approval Date 17-May-2019	Current Closing Date 30-Nov-2021

Organizations

Borrower Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	Responsible Agency IGAD
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Financing (in USD Million)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	0
Total Financing	0
Financing Gap	0

DETAILS

Project Development Objective (PDO)

Original PDO

To support selected IGAD countries prepare for the development and management of groundwater through strengthening knowledge systems, building their capacity and assessing the feasibility of specific investments.



Summary Status of Financing (US\$, Millions)

TF	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net		
					Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
TF-B0514	11-Jul-2019	11-Jul-2019	11-Jul-2019	30-Nov-2021	2.70	1.16	1.54

Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No

I. PROJECT STATUS AND RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING

- This project paper proposes a closing date extension for The Horn of Africa – Ground Water Initiative (P169078).** The project was approved as a small recipient executed trust fund (RETF) on May 17, 2019 for US\$2.7 million to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). The project development objective (PDO) is “to support selected IGAD countries prepare for the development and management of groundwater through strengthening knowledge systems, building their capacity and assessing the feasibility of specific investments.” The PDO is expected to be achieved through the financing of the following: Component 1: Expand the knowledge base on regional groundwater resources (US\$500,000); Component 2: Strengthen capacities in groundwater development and management in IGAD member countries (US\$500,000); Component 3: Maximize the benefits of groundwater to strengthen resilience to drought and economic development in the region (US\$1,500,000); and Component 4: Project management, monitoring, and evaluation (US\$200,000).
- The project is accelerating major activities under Components 1 and 2.** These include the finalization of knowledge management, capacity building, and need assessments in each member states, followed by national validation workshops and national trainings on groundwater management. The Juba-Shebele river basin model has been calibrated to reflect collected groundwater data. In addition, the 2nd and 3rd Steering Committee met to report and discuss project progress. The 2nd IGAD Water Forum is being prepared, although it was postponed from its original date in October 2021, to January 2022 in Entebbe, Uganda.
- On Component 3, the main activity is the Feasibility Study of the Merti transboundary aquifer between Somalia and Kenya.** The consulting firm assessing the Merti aquifer signed the contract on February 2021 and the work is currently ongoing. The Consultant has reported a delay in the progress of the work due to the security situation in the area and the time need to get clearances for fieldwork campaigns, and therefore has requested a contract extension of three months. IGAD has also recruited an environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) consultant for the Merti study and is in the process of hiring an environmental and social safeguards specialist to be part of the IGAD team to help prepare the key ESF instruments for the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Program currently under preparation.



4. **IGAD requested an extension of the project closing date from November 30, 2021, to May 31, 2022, with no additional costs.** For activities related to PDO indicator 1, on the regional groundwater assessment, delays occurred due to extra time needed to hire the hydrologist to run the database and the modelling exercise. For activities under PDO indicator 2, on the capacity needs assessment, the IGAD conference on groundwater and the study tour had to be postponed due to the high incidence of the COVID-19 in some of the member states. Finally, the Feasibility study on the Merti aquifer went through a long procurement process and the mobilization of the consultant in the field took considerable time due to the security situation in the area and need to get all the necessary clearances at regional and local levels. It is expected that all these activities can be completed by May 31st 2022.

5. **Despite the delays, the project has performed well, with both IP and DO consistently rated MS or above. Overall risk to achieving the PDO remains Low.**

6. **In addition, the Bank agreed to the extension, provided that IGAD commit to preparing a concept note for the Horn of Africa Groundwater Information Center, and to have this proposal endorsed by IGAD member states so it can be implemented under the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Program. IGAD responded positively to this recommendation.** The Concept Note, endorsed by the member states has been submitted to the Bank on November 15, and was found satisfactory.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

7. The proposed change consists of an extension of the project closing date from November 30, 2021, to May 31, 2022. This extension will allow IGAD to complete all project activities at no extra cost. Consequently, the end dates for the achievement of project objectives in the Results Framework have been moved from November 30, 2021 to May 30, 2022, together with the corresponding adjustments disbursement estimates.

III. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

	Changed	Not Changed
Results Framework	✓	
Loan Closing Date(s)	✓	
Disbursement Estimates	✓	
Implementation Schedule	✓	
Implementing Agency		✓
Project's Development Objectives		✓



Components and Cost		✓
Cancellations Proposed		✓
Additional Financing Proposed		✓
Reallocation between Disbursement Categories		✓
Disbursements Arrangements		✓
Change in Overall Risk Rating		✓
Safeguard Policies Triggered		✓
EA category		✓
Legal Covenants		✓
Institutional Arrangements		✓
Financial Management		✓
Procurement		✓
Other Change(s)		✓
Economic and Financial Analysis		✓
Technical Analysis		✓
Social Analysis		✓
Environmental Analysis		✓

IV. DETAILED CHANGE(S)

RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Project Development Objective Indicators

Ground water assessment for selected parts of the region prepared				
Unit of Measure: Number				
Indicator Type: Custom				
	Baseline	Actual (Current)	End Target	Action
Value	0.00	0.00	1.00	Revised
Date	14-Aug-2019	07-Feb-2021	31-May-2022	
Capacity development needs assessment to develop and manage groundwater in the region prepared				
Unit of Measure: Number				
Indicator Type: Custom				



	Baseline	Actual (Current)	End Target	Action
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	Revised
Date	14-Aug-2019	07-Feb-2021	31-May-2022	
Feasibility study on ground water potential aquifers prepared Unit of Measure: Number Indicator Type: Custom				
	Baseline	Actual (Current)	End Target	Action
Value	0.00	0.00	1.00	Revised
Date	14-Aug-2019	07-Feb-2021	31-May-2022	

Intermediate Indicators

Capacity development action plan to develop and manage ground water in the region prepared Unit of Measure: Number Indicator Type: Custom				
	Baseline	Actual (Current)	End Target	Action
Value	0.00	1.00	1.00	Revised
Date	14-Aug-2019	07-Feb-2021	31-May-2022	

LOAN CLOSING DATE(S)

TF	Status	Original Closing	Revised Closing(s)	Proposed Closing	Proposed Deadline for Withdrawal Applications
TF-B0514	Effective	30-Nov-2021		31-May-2022	30-Sep-2022

DISBURSEMENT ESTIMATES

Change in Disbursement Estimates

Yes

Expected Disbursements (In US\$)

Fiscal Year	Annual	Cumulative
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The World Bank

Horn of Africa - Groundwater Initiative (P169078)

2019	0.00	0.00
2020	0.00	0.00
2021	0.00	0.00
2022	0.00	0.00

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