



Project Information Document/ Identification/Concept Stage (PID)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)	Environmental and Social Risk Classification	Project Name
P178159		Low	Horn of Africa Coordination Support Team Fiduciary Institution
Region	Country	Date PID Prepared	Estimated Date of Approval
AFRICA	Africa	09-Dec-2021	
Financing Instrument	Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency	
Investment Project Financing	Inter University Council of East Africa	Inter University Council of East Africa	

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PROJECT FINANCING DATA (US\$, Millions)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	1.00
Total Financing	1.00
Financing Gap	0.00

DETAILS

Non-World Bank Group Financing

Trust Funds	1.00
Horn of Africa Initiative Umbrella Trust Fund	1.00

B. Introduction and Context

Country Context

A. Country Context
The Horn of Africa Initiative (HoAI) is a country-led regional initiative launched in October 2019. Six countries (Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya, Eritrea, Somalia and Sudan) have joined the initiative, with support from African Development Bank (AfDB), European Union (EU) and the World Bank Group (WBG). The HoAI aims at backstopping the political gains with investment financing and policy dialogue to deepen economic integration – thus creating a virtuous cycle between political commitment on regional cooperation and



development gains. The four priority pillars of the HoAI are improving regional infrastructure connectivity, trade and market integration, building resilience to shocks and developing human capital. The HoAI Chair is intended to rotate annually among the Finance Ministers of the member countries. Currently, the HoAI Chair and a small support team is hosted at the Ministry of Finance of Djibouti and the MoF of Kenya is planned to be the next HoAI chair. The overall objective of the Horn of Africa Initiative (HoAI) is to support activities that deepen the Regional Integration (RI) in the countries of the Horn and ensure close alignment of support from World Bank (WB) and other development partners with the HoA Initiative's goals. The HoAI is supported by the Horn of Africa Umbrella Trust Fund (HOAUTF) managed by the World Bank. This is expected to be achieved through the development of preparatory and design studies for the identified priority investments, provision of technical and advisory assistance to support evidence-based knowledge and learning (including policy options), delivery of institutional capacity building, and supporting coordination activities among partner countries. Apart from program management, the HoAUTF will finance three types of activities consistent with its objectives and overall scope to directly promote economic integration and regional cooperation amongst HoA countries. The activities will be reviewed and updated in each Annual Work Plan cycle, adjusting with demand and experiences.

Sectoral and Institutional Context

B. Sectoral and Institutional Context

The four priority pillars of the HoAI (improving regional infrastructure connectivity, trade and market integration, building resilience to shocks and developing human capital) cover a broad range of sectors, and will support WB engagement through IDA financing in key sectors such as transportation, digital infrastructure and connectivity, energy supply and access to markets. The HoAI is also fully aligned with the WB Strategy for FCV Situations in that it will strengthen the Institutions that are at the core of government, also in the FCV countries that are included in the HoAI. In addition, the HoAI addresses the spill-over effects of FCV situations, through cross border projects that will enhance collaboration and regional stability.

Relationship to CPF

C. Relationship to CPF

The Horn of Africa Initiative is strongly supported by the World Bank, together with the African Development Bank and the European Commission. The region does not have a single CPF but the HoAI supports the CPFs and CENs of each of the six countries included in the Initiative.



C. Project Development Objective(s)

Proposed Development Objective(s)

The Development Objective of this activity is to successfully manage the resources necessary to maintain the Coordination Support Team to provide support to the Horn of Africa Initiative Secretariat to achieve the objectives of the Initiative.

Key Results

Results will be the successful implementation of fiduciary responsibilities for managing the financial resources for running the Coordination Support Team of the Horn of Africa Secretariat and associated logistics.

D. Preliminary Description

Activities/Components

1. Activities/Components

The Duties and Responsibilities of IUCEA as the Fiduciary Institution in support of the CST will include the following activities and responsibilities:

1. The CST Fiduciary Institution will work in close coordination with the HoA Chair.
2. The CST Fiduciary Institution will work be subject to World Bank supervision based on its normal practice of the World Bank, including for the quarterly financial reports and other fiduciary reports.
3. The financing arrangements for the above services would be as agreed between the fiduciary institution and the World Bank, recorded in the Grant Agreement.
4. Contracting, managing, and remunerating members of the CST, as agreed with the World Bank
5. Providing travel arrangements for HoAI and CST members (including flights, per diems etc.)
6. Providing logistics arrangements for policy and technical level HoAI meetings (including travel, per diems, conference services, translation, and interpretation etc.)
7. Contracting, and managing payment for CST office space and expenses, if necessary
8. The fiduciary institution will be funded through a World Bank Recipient Executed Grant that will be set up for three years and will remain extendable at mutual consent.
9. Any other tasks agreed by the Bank as set forth in the Grant Agreement.



Environmental and Social Standards Relevance

E. Relevant Standards

ESS Standards

Relevance

ESS 1	Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts	Relevant
ESS 10	Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure	Relevant
ESS 2	Labor and Working Conditions	Relevant
ESS 3	Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 4	Community Health and Safety	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 5	Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 6	Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 7	Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 8	Cultural Heritage	Not Currently Relevant
ESS 9	Financial Intermediaries	Not Currently Relevant

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Legal Operational Policies

Safeguard Policies

Triggered

Explanation (Optional)

Projects on International Waterways OP 7.50

No

Projects in Disputed Areas OP 7.60

No

Summary of Screening of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

The project has been rated as having low risks and impacts from both an environmental and social perspective. In terms of environmental risks and impacts, the activities to be financed by the project are technical assistance coordination support activities without any on-the-ground activity with potential negative environmental risks or impacts. Furthermore, no health and safety concerns are anticipated as a result of the project activities. Under the World Bank’s ESF the environmental risk of the project is low. Given that the environmental risk of the project is low, the client is not expected to develop any environmental risk management instruments. The social risk classification for the project is also low based on the nature of the coordination support activities which mainly involves fiduciary and logistical technical assistance to the Horn of Africa Initiative Secretariat. The Project will not include any civil works and any direct interaction with communities is also not expected. Requirements for engagement will also be limited and significant grievances are not expected as the main beneficiary is the Secretariat. Due to the likely nature



and scale of the workforce issues related to labor and working conditions are anticipated to be negligible but will be addressed through the requirement for national law and requirements for ESS2 to be met as part of the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP). SEA/SH risks are also considered to be low as there are no civil works proposed and there will be no labor influx associated with the project nor interaction with communities or vulnerable groups which can lead to increased risks of SEA/SH. While SEA/SH risks can be present in all workplaces, especially for women, the project activities are unlikely to lead to increased risk.

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