



Project Summary Information

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Project Name	Rwanda Digital Acceleration Project (Digitalization for Resilience, Recovery and Connectivity)
Document Code	P000462
Country	Rwanda
Sector/Subsector	Economic Resilience/PBF
Status of Financing	Approved
Project Description	<p>The Project is a major national, multi-sector, whole-of-government digital-acceleration initiative centered on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expanding digital adoption and access, by promoting digital access opportunities through last-mile connectivity, affordable smart devices, and broad-based digital skills acquisition; • enhancing digital public service capabilities (particularly in health and education sector) and productivity, by strengthening the national ID system, equipping the government with the ability to deliver securely more quality data-driven solutions, and enabling transactional e-services in key sectors; and • increasing Rwanda's capacity to support digitally enabled innovation and productivity-gains, by strengthening the local digital innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, supporting tech firms to move from startups to growth and by developing Rwanda's digital human capital. <p>The Project will finance the following components:</p> <p>Component 1: Digital Access and Inclusion (USD60.5 million)</p> <p>Component 2: Digital Public Service Delivery (USD100.0 million)</p> <p>Component 3: Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship (USD29.5 million)</p> <p>Component 4: Project Management (USD10.0 million)</p>
Objective	To support Rwanda's short and long-term recovery from the pandemic, and resilience to future

	<p>pandemics by increasing access to broadband and selected digital public services, and strengthening the digital innovation ecosystem.</p>
Expected Results	<p>The Project will increase the fixed and mobile internet penetration rate; increase access to selected digital public services; accelerate and strengthen the digital innovation ecosystem. The Project will benefit a wide range of beneficiaries, including citizens, the private sector, and public agencies.</p>
Environmental & Social Category	<p>World Bank Category “Moderate” (which is equivalent to Category B if AIIB’s ESP were applicable).</p>
Environmental and Social Information	<p>The loan will be co-financed with the World Bank (WB), which is the lead co-financier. The project’s environmental and social (ES) risks and impacts will be assessed in accordance with the WB’s Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). To ensure a harmonized approach in addressing the ES risks and impacts of the Project, and as permitted under AIIB’s Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), AIIB agrees that the WB’s ESF will apply to the Project in lieu of AIIB’s ESP. AIIB has reviewed the World Bank ESF and is satisfied that: (a) it is consistent with AIIB’s Articles of Agreement and materially consistent with the provisions of AIIB’s ESP and the relevant ES Standards (ESSs); and (b) the monitoring procedures that are in place are appropriate for the Project.</p> <p>The WB has categorized the ES risks of the Project as “Moderate” (which is equivalent to Category B if AIIB’s ESP were applicable). Nine of WB’s Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) have been applied to the Project, namely: WB’s ESS on Assessment and Management of ES Risks and Impacts (ESS1); Labor and Working Conditions (ESS2); Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management (ESS3); Community Health and Safety (ESS4); Land Acquisition, Restriction on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement (ESS5); Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resource (ESS6); Cultural Heritage (ESS8); and, Financial Intermediaries (ESS9). Some of the standards have been considered as relevant for precautionary reasons. The Project is expected to bring positive social outcomes to the community and will not have any large-scale, significant, and/or irreversible environmental and social impacts.</p> <p>An Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) have been developed and will guide the screening and preparation of site specific environmental and social assessment (ESA). These frameworks and assessments include the preparation of ESAs, Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs), Resettlement Action</p>

	<p>Plans (RAPs), as needed. The ESMF also includes provisions on pollution management, habitat protection, labor and working conditions, community health and safety, and chance find procedures. A Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) has been prepared for the Project with the specific provisions for different project components.</p> <p>The Project will also set up a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) for people to report concerns if they feel unfairly treated or affected by the Project. The ES instruments (ESMF, RPF, and Labor Management Procedures) have been disclosed by the Client and World Bank. Links to the respective websites have also been published on the AIIB website.</p>
Cost and Financing Plan	<p>The total project cost is up to USD 200 million equivalent, joint co-financed by the World Bank and AIIB.</p> <p>World Bank IDA Credit: EUR86.5 million (USD100 million equivalent)</p> <p>AIIB Loan: EUR86.5 million (USD100 million equivalent)</p>
Borrowers	Republic of Rwanda
Implementing Entity	Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA) Development Bank of Rwanda (BRD)
Estimated date of loan closing	Q4 2026

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Independent Accountability Mechanism	<p>Pursuant to AIIB's agreement with WB, the WB's ESF will apply to this Project instead of AIIB's ESP. The WB's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS) and its Independent Accountability Mechanism, the Inspection Panel, which reviews the WB's compliance with its policies and procedures, will handle complaints relating to ES issues that may arise under the Project. In accordance with AIIB's Policy on the Project affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions to the PPM under this Project will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. Information on WB's corporate GRS is available at http://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/grievance-redress-service. Information on WB's Inspection Panel is available at http://www.inspectionpanel.org.</p>
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