

Project Implementation Monitoring Report (#1)

Reporting Period From 2023/08 To 2023/12

Côte d'Ivoire : Inclusive Connectivity and Rural Infrastructure Project

1. Project Information

Project ID:	P000736	Instrument ID:	L0736A
Member:	Côte d'Ivoire	Region:	Western Africa
Sector:	Transport	Sub-sector:	Roads
Instrument type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan:187.40 Euro million <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantee	Lead Co-financier (s):	World Bank
ES category:	B	Borrowing Entity:	Ministry of Economy and Finance, Côte d'Ivoire
Implementing Entity:	Ministry of Infrastructure and Road Maintenance (MEER), Côte d'Ivoire		
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Responsible Department:	INF2		
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Completed Site Visits by AIIB:			
Planned Site Visits by AIIB:	Jun, 2024 A joint WB/AIIB implementation support mission is foreseen for June 2024. The mission will be led by WB, as lead cofinancier, with AIIB participation		
Current Red Flags Assigned:	0		
Current Monitoring Regime:	Regular Monitoring		
Previous Red Flags Assigned:	N/A		
Previous Red Flags Assigned Date:	N/A		

2. Project Summary and Objectives

The Project objective is to provide inclusive and climate resilient rural road connectivity in selected underserved regions in Côte d'Ivoire. The Project will involve upgrading and climate proofing of strategic and non-strategic roads in eleven regions of northern Côte d'Ivoire. It will provide climate resilient transport connectivity and improve access to schools, health services, and centers of economic activity in northern Côte d'Ivoire. The Project will also support the development of climate resilient rural socio-economic infrastructure including key infrastructure in the agricultural logistics chain which, together with the enhanced connectivity, will facilitate trade notably with Asia.

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Finally, the Project will build institutional capacity to foster the sustainability of the road sector, in areas such as road safety, road asset management, and road maintenance planning and execution. The Project will be co-financed with the World Bank (WB), through the International Development Association (IDA). The Project will comprise 5 components:

1. Inclusive and resilient rural connectivity infrastructure. This is the largest component of the Project. It will involve the construction and rehabilitation of climate resilient strategic roads, periodic and routine climate-resilient maintenance, and climate-resilience improvement of the non-strategic network.
2. Rural socio-economic infrastructure, which will include consolidation of the agricultural logistics chain.
3. Capacity building and support to the institutional framework and sector strategies, to enhance institutional and sector frameworks for sustainability of the development objectives.
4. Support to project management.
5. Contingency emergency response component.

AIIB will jointly co-finance the Project with the World Bank (IDA). The AIIB financing will be allocated to component 1, component 2.1, and all of component 3.

The project is implemented by the existing PCU for WB-funded transport projects, known as the CC-PRICI which reports to the Ministry of Equipment and Road Maintenance.

3. Key Dates

Approval:	Jul. 14, 2023	Signing:	Aug. 01, 2023
Effective:	Dec. 20, 2023	Restructured (if any):	
Orig. Closing:	Jun. 30, 2029	Rev. Closing (if any):	

4. Disbursement Summary (EUR million)

Contract Awarded:		Cancellation (if any):	0.00
Disbursed:	0.47	Latest disbursement (amount/date):	0.00/Dec. 20, 2023
Undisbursed:	186.93	Disbursement Ratio (%) ¹ :	0.25

5. Project Implementation Update

The Project is at an early implementation stage. No works have yet commenced on the project. Several procurement packages have been initiated and are at various stages of execution (pre-qualification, tendering stage, evaluation stage, contract signing process). Up to the current reporting period, no AIIB financing has been involved (the amount of EURO.47 million reflected as being disbursed from the loan represents the capitalization of the front-end fee).

Components	Physical Progress	Environmental & Social Compliance	Procurement
1. Inclusive and	The delegated project	The main activities carried out	Procurement preparation is

¹ Disbursement Ratio is defined as the volume (e.g. the dollar amount) of total disbursed amount as a percentage of the net committed volume.

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resilient rural connectivity infrastructure	management agreement between the Ministry of Equipment and Road Maintenance and AGEROUTE (for the implementation of activities related to strategic roads) has been approved by WB/AIIB. Physical progress on this component is somewhat behind schedule due to some delays in procurement preparation. This is being closely monitored by WB/AIIB.	during this quarter include: - the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA, or "l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental et Social (EIES)") of the asphaltting works on the Dianra-Bouandougou road; - the development of the GBV (Gender-Based Violence) Prevention and Action Plan ("VBG", Violences Basées sur le Genre"); - the development of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP or "Plan d'engagement Citoyen"); - the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM, or "Mécanisme de Gestion des Plaintes (MGP)"); - The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP, or "Plan d'Action de Réinstallation (PAR)") for the asphaltting works on the Dianra-Bouandougou road. -The screening of the work on installing the meteorological stations is underway. The screening report will be available at the end of January 2024. -The latest revised version of the ESIA ("EIES") for the Dianra-Bouandougou asphaltting works was submitted to the Bank on December 13, 2023. -Environmental and social clauses have been incorporated into the tender documents for: a. asphaltting works on the Dianra-Bouandougou road; b. rehabilitation of unpaved rural roads in the Bounkani region.	underway for a technical study on the reinforcement of the Bouke-Bouandougou-Teiningboue road - this study will inform the extent of works required for this stretch of road. There have been some general delays in procurement preparation. This is being closely monitored by WB/AIIB.
2. Rural socio-economic infrastructure AIIB is only financing component 2.1. Consolidation of agricultural supply chain.	There is no physical progress to report on this component. Activities are still in the procurement phase.	The Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) or "Plan d'Action de Réinstallation (PAR)" for the asphaltting of the Dianra-Bouandougou road is currently being drafted. It is expected to be delivered to the CC-PRICI Coordination Unit in February 2024.	Recruitment of a consultant/firm to conduct pre-feasibility and technical studies for the development of market facilities in the 11 regions is currently underway.
3. Capacity building and support to the institutional framework and sector strategies	There is no physical progress to report on this component. Activities are still in the procurement phase.	70 people from the public and private sector, including 20 women, were trained in the GENiS ("Gestion et Entretien par Niveau de Service") approach to management and maintenance of roads, in August and September 2023.	Procurement has started for the works related to the installation and rehabilitation of weather stations. Procurement for a study to develop the national strategy for

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			adaptation and resilience of transport infrastructure to the effects of climate change in Ivory Coast has also been initiated.
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Financial Management:

The CC-PRICI has sufficient finance and accounting resources and will be responsible for the overall Project financial management and disbursement work. The CC-PRICI has adopted the accrual basis accounting system for Project accounting. All arrangements are in place for the effective start of financial management tasks. In particular, the designated accounts were opened, and the initial IDA advance was disbursed. The AIB advance has not yet been requested. The update of the existing financial management procedures manual, which is a part of project implementation manual (PIM), was done before the effectiveness of the WB financing. The update on the configuration of the existing accounting software is still being processed. The CC-PRICI has submitted the progress report as of December 31, 2023, which contains some financial reports. An IUFRR will be prepared for 1Q2024, due by May 15, 2024. The first consolidated audited annual financial statements will be for the period starting from the signing date to December 31, 2024, and will be due by June 30, 2025.

6. Status of the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The Grievance Redress Mechanism ("Mécanisme de Gestion des Plaintes - MGP"), including aspects of sexual abuse and exploitation/sexual harassment management, is currently being validated by the WB.

7. Results Monitoring (please refer to the full RMF, which can be found on the last page of this PIMR)

There are no results to report at this time. The project is in the very early stages of implementation.

Remarks:

Project Objective Indicators	Indicator level	Unit Measure of	Cumulative Target Values															Frequency	Responsibility	Comments	
			Baseline		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027		End Target						
			Year	Value	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Year	Target	Actual				
Modified road access index (-5km) in the selected regions	Project	N/A	2023	77	77		79		83		87		90		2029	90		Annual	AGEROUTE		
People provided with improved climate resilient road access within 5 km in the selected regions	Project	number	2023	0	0		500,000		1,200,000		3,300,000		3,670,000		2029	3,670,000		Annual	AGEROUTE		
Female	Project	%	2023	51.0	51.0		51.0		51.0		51.0		51.0		2029	51.0					
Population within 5 km reporting satisfaction with the quality of rural roads in their area	Project	%	2023	20.0	20.0		40.0						75.0		2029	75.0		Every 2 years	PCU		

Project Intermediate Indicators	Indicator level	Unit Measure of	Cumulative Target Values															Frequency	Responsibility	Comments
			Baseline		2023		2024		2025		2026		2027		End Target					
			Year	Value	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Year	Target	Actual			
Rural roads rehabilitated under the project	Project	km	2023	0	0		1,500		4,500		6,000		7,450		2029	7,450		Annual	AGEROUTE	
Rural roads maintained under the project using OPBRC	Project	km	2023	0	0		600		600		1,200		2,000		2029	2,000		Annual	AGEROUTE	
Built or rehabilitated structures	Project	number	2023	0	0		50		100		250		450		2029	600		Annual	Regional Councils	
Strategic rural roads provided with climate change resilience features	Project	%	2023	0.0	20.0		50.0		75.0		100.0		100.0		2029	100.0		Annual	AGEROUTE	
Roads provided with road safety features	Project	km	2023	0	0		6,000		8,000		11,000		15,493		2029	15,493		Annual	AGEROUTE	

Average travel time along key roads maintained	Project	minutes	2023	50	50		30		30				30		2029	30		Annual	AGEROUTE	
Paved roads under maintenance	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		No		Yes		Yes		Yes		2029	Yes		Annual	AGEROUTE	
Rural roads maintained with FER financing under the project	Project	km	2023	0.00	0.00		7,800		9,500		12,000		15,250		2029	15,250		Annual	AGEROUTE	
Maintenance contract signed for Dianra-Bouandougou-Bouake Road	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		2029	Yes		One time	AGEROUTE	
Mini-storage facilities used by female entrepreneurs in improved markets	Project	%	2023	0	0		40.0		40.0		40.0		40.0		2029	40.0		Annual	Regional Councils	
Rural roads' strategy adopted	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		Yes								2029	Yes		One time	MEER	
Rural roads' pluriannual priority investment program adopted	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		Yes								2029	Yes		One time	MEER	
Road maintenance strategy adopted	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		Yes								2029	Yes		One time	MEER	
Road Maintenance Program adopted	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		Yes								2029	Yes		One time	MEER	
Improved institutional oversight capacity in the roads sector	Project	yes/no	2023	No	No		Yes								2029	Yes		Annual	MEER	
Female beneficiaries of capacity building activities	Project	number	2023	0.0	0.0		30.0		45.0		60.0		60.0		2029	60.0		Quarterly	PCU	
Graduates who report being employed 12 months after they complete internship which are women	Project	%	2023	0.0	0.0		0.0		70.0		70.0		75.0		2029	75.0		Annual	PCU	
Road safety audit recommendations addressed	Project	%	2023	0.0	0.0										2029	100.0		Annual	OSR from subsequent road safety audits	
Road safety audits conducted	Project	number	2023	0	0		22		30		36		44		2029	44		Annual	OSR from subsequent road safety audits	

Meteorological facilities rehabilitated / constructed in the selected regions	Project	number	2023	0	0	0	30	30	30	2029	30	Annual	Airports, aeronautics and meteorology operation and development company (Société d'Exploitation de Développement Aéroportuaire Aéronautique et Météorologique)	
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