The Governments of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Liberia have secured Loans from the African Development Bank (AfDB) i.e. from the African Development Fund (ADF) and Transition Support Facility (TSF) to finance the Road Development and Transport Facilitation Programme in the Mano River Union Region (MRU/RDTFP).

The overall objective of the Programme is to boost the post-conflict economic recovery of the MRU area by improving road infrastructure and promoting intra-community trade. Specifically, the programme seeks to improve transport conditions on the roads concerned in order to reduce transport costs, facilitate the free movement of persons and goods between the three countries and improve the living conditions of programme area communities.

The Programme includes the following components:

Components

Description of Components

Road development and mitigation of negative environmental impacts

(i) Paving of the Danané-Guinean border (47.6 km), Bloléquin-Toulepleu-Liberian border (65 km) and Tabou-Liberian border (28 km) roads in Côte d'Ivoire, Lola-Côte d'Ivoire border road (39.75 km) in Guinea, and Karloken-Fish Town (80 km) Harper Junction-Cavalla (16 km) roads in Liberia, including reservations for optical fibre; (ii) community awareness-raising on road safety, HIV/AIDS, Ebola virus and environmental protection; (iii) ESMP implementation; (iv) implementation of RAPs; and (v) works control and supervision.

Related developments and women’s empowerment measures

Specific measures in favour of women and children: (i) Rehabilitation of a counselling and social reintegration centre for female war victims in Côte d’Ivoire; (ii) construction of 4 markets (Côte d’Ivoire: Danané and Gbapleu; Liberia: 2 markets) and rehabilitation of Lola market; (iii) construction of 3 boreholes for vegetable farming activities by female war victims in Côte d’Ivoire; (iv) supply of vegetable farming equipment and Intermediate Means of Transport (tricycles) to groups of female war victims in Côte d’Ivoire; (v) rehabilitation of 3 schools in Côte d’Ivoire (Kinneu, Sogaleu and Belleville), 2 schools in Guinea; and (iv) training of women traders in accounting in Liberia.

Strengthening of health controls: (i) rehabilitation and equipment of 4 health centres (2 in Côte d’Ivoire and 2 in Guinea).

Transport infrastructure: (i) rehabilitation of 70 km of rural and community roads (50 km in Côte d’Ivoire and 20 km in Guinea); (ii) development of 7.8 km of the urban road network in Danané and Lola (5 km and 2.8 km
respectively); (iii) rehabilitation of a bus station in Danané and construction of a bus station in Lola, including health control posts.

**Control and supervision of related development works and women’s empowerment measures**

**Mesures spécifiques en faveur des femmes et des enfants**:

(i) Réhabilitation d’un centre d’écoute et d’insertion des femmes victimes de guerre en CI ; (ii) construction de 4 marchés (CI : à Danané et à Gbapleu ; Liberia : 2 marchés) et réhabilitation du marché de Lola ; (iii) réalisation de 3 forages pour les activités maraîchères des femmes victimes de guerre en CI ; (iv) Fourniture d’équipements de maraîchage, et de Moyens Intermédiaires de Transport (tricycles) aux groupements de femmes victimes de guerre en CI ; (v) Réhabilitation de 3 écoles en CI (Kinneu, Sogaleu et Belleville), 2 écoles en Guinée ; et (vi) formation des femmes commerçantes dans la tenue de livres comptables au Liberia.

**Renforcement des contrôles sanitaires**:

(i) réhabilitation et équipements de 4 centres de santé (2 en CI et 2 en Guinée).

**Infrastructures de transport**:

(i) réhabilitation de 70 km de pistes rurales et routes communautaires (50 km en CI et 20 km en Guinée) ; (ii) Aménagement de 7,8 km de voirie urbaine à Danané et Lola (5 km et 2,8 km respectivement) ; (iii) Réhabilitation d’une gare routière à Danané et construction d’une gare routière à Lola, y compris postes de contrôle sanitaire.

**Contrôle et surveillance des travaux d’aménagements connexes et des mesures en faveur des femmes**

**Transport facilitation**

(i) Construction and equipment of 2 JPBs, including weighing/toll stations and health control posts, between Côte d’Ivoire and Guinea and between Côte d’Ivoire and Liberia; (ii) construction of the Cavalla Bridge which straddles the Côte d’Ivoire-Liberia border on the Tabou-Harper highway; (iii) works control and surveillance; and (iv) awareness-raising of road users and border control officers on inter-State road transport facilitation measures.

**Institutional support**

(i) Study on the preparation of the National Policy for Road Safety and Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Transport Sector in Côte d’Ivoire as well as support to road transport sub-sector reform in Liberia; and (ii) support to ensure the employment of 20 young graduates in the transport sector (10 in Côte d’Ivoire, 5 in Guinea and 5 in Liberia).


**Programme management**

(i) Socio-economic impact monitoring/evaluation of the programme in the 3 countries; (ii) financial and accounting audit of the programme in the 3 countries; (iii) delegated supervision of the programme in Côte d’Ivoire; (iv) material and logistical support to the programme executing agency (EA) in Guinea and Liberia; (v) technical and security audit of the programme in Guinea and Liberia; (vi) technical assistance to the executing agency in Guinea and the MRU; (vii) regional coordination and functioning of the CTM; (viii) regional monitoring indicators; and (ix) material and logistical support to MRU.

(i) Suivi-évaluation de l’impact socio-économique du programme dans les 3 pays ; (ii) Audit financier et comptable du programme dans les 3 pays ; (iii) Maîtrise d’Ouvrage Déléguée du programme en Côte d’Ivoire ; (iv) Appui matériel et logistique à l’OE du programme en Guinée et au Libéria ; (v) Audit technique et de sécurité routière du programme en Guinée et au Libéria ; (vi) assistance technique à l’organe d’exécution en Guinée et à l’UFM ; (vii) Coordination régionale et fonctionnement du CTM ; (viii) suivi des indicateurs régionaux ; et (ix) appui matériel et logistique à l’UFM.
The procurement of goods and/or works required for the execution of the Programme as indicated below, will be carried out according to the Bank's rules and procedures for procurement of goods and works adopted by the Bank, edition of May 2008, revised in July 2012. The procurement of consulting services, as specified below, will be carried out in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Bank for the use of consultants adopted by the Bank, May 2008 edition revised July 2012. The tender documents will be available in May 2015.

1. Civil Works

1.1 In Côte d’Ivoire:

(a) The following will be procured through International Competitive Bidding (ICB): (i) Paving of Danané-Guinea Border roads (47.6 km), Bloléquin-Toulépleu-Liberia border (65 km) and Tabou- Cavalla Bridge/Liberia border (28 km) and the work of regeneration of borrow areas including supporting the employment of 10 young graduates in the transport sector; and the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP); (ii) construction of Joint Border Post (JBP) on the border of Guinea and Côte d’Ivoire and (iii) Construction of the Cavalla Bridge.

(b) The following will be procured using National Competitive Bidding (NCB) in accordance with national legislation on public procurement using national standard bidding documents: (i) The rehabilitation of 50 km of rural roads; (ii) Development of 5 km of urban road network in Danané and construction of two markets (Danané and Gbapleu); (iii) Rehabilitation of a counselling and social reintegration centre for female war victims in Côte d’Ivoire; (iv) Rehabilitation of socioeconomic infrastructure (schools, health centers); and (v) Rehabilitation of a bus station in Danané.

1.2 In Guinea:

(c) The following will be procured through International Competitive Bidding (ICB): (i) Paving Lola-Côte d’Ivoire border road (39.75 km), as well as the regeneration of borrow areas including supporting the employment of 5 young graduates in the transport sector; (ii) Development of approximately 3 km of urban roads in Lola, including the implementation of the Plan for Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP); (iii) the rehabilitation of a bus station to Lola, the development works of 20 km of rural roads; and (iv) construction of Joint Border Post (JBP) at the Cote d'Ivoire / Guinea border.

(d) Works for the rehabilitation of two schools in Lola will be procured through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) using the Banks rules and procedures for the procurement of Goods and Works dated May 2008 and revised in July 2012.

1.3 In Libéria:

(e) The following will be procured through International Competitive Bidding (ICB): (i) Paving of Karloken-Fish Town road (80 km) and Harper Junction-Cavalla (16 km); including the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP); and the works for regeneration of borrow areas including supporting the employment of 5 young graduates in the transport sector; (ii) construction of a Joint Border Post (JBP) on Côte d’Ivoire / Liberia Border on Tabou- Harper road corridor; and (iii) Construction of the Cavalla Bridge.

(f) Construction of the two markets will be carried out through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) using the Bank’s rules and procedures for the procurement of Goods and Works dated May 2008 and revised in July 2012.

2. Goods:

(g) The following will be procured through national competitive bidding using the Bank’s rules and procedures
for the procurement of Goods and Works dated May 2008 and revised in July 2012: the agricultural processing facilities for the benefit of women’s groups as well as computer equipment and materials for the benefit of Programme Executing Agencies in Guinea, Liberia and the Mano River Union Secretariat.

3. **Services**:

3.1 The procurement of consulting services for: (i) Supervision of various civil works in the three countries; (ii) Environmental measures and health related awareness campaigns; (iii) Study on the development of the National Road Safety Policy in Côte d’Ivoire; (iv) The strategic environmental assessment study of the Ivory Coast transport sector; (v) Technical assistance to the executing agency in Guinea and the General Secretariat of the Mano River Union Secretariat; (vi) The technical audit and road safety audit program in Guinea and Liberia; and (vii) monitoring and evaluation of the socio-economic impact of the Programme in the three countries; will be made through a short list of firms and will be selected based on the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS);

3.2 The procurement of delegated Project Management services for AGEROUTE in Côte d’Ivoire, will be by direct agreement.

3.3 Procurement of the financial audit services of the Programme in the three countries will be through Least Cost Selection (LCS) method.

3.4 Procurement of Services for Training of women traders in the bookkeeping in Liberia shall be through national competitive bidding using the Bank’s rules and procedures for the procurement of services dated May 2008 and revised in July 2012.

3.5 Reforms in road transport sub-sector in Liberia: Procurement will be carried out through national competitive bidding using the Bank’s rules and procedures for the procurement of services dated May 2008 and revised in July 2012.

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