

| Cover Page for Project/Program Approval Request | | | |
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| 1. Country/Region: | MALI | 2. CIF Project ID#: | (Trustee will assign ID) |
| 3. Source of Funding: | <input type="checkbox"/> FIP | <input type="checkbox"/> PPCR | X SREP |
| 4. Project/Program Title: | Projet d'appui à la promotion des énergies renouvelables au Mali (PAPERM) – <i>Project for Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Mali</i> | | |
| 5. Type of CIF Investment: | X Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Private | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed |
| 6. Funding Request in million USD equivalent: | Grant: USD 1,500,000 | | Non-Grant: |
| 7. Implementing MDB(s): | African Development Bank | | |
| 8. National Implementing Agency: | National Energy Directorate (Ministry of Energy) | | |
| 9. MDB Focal Point and Project/Program Task Team Leader (TTL): | <i>Headquarters- Focal Point:</i> Kurt Lonsway, Manager of the Environment and Climate Change Division – Acting CIF Coordinator | | <i>TTL:</i> Florence Richard, Senior Climate Change Specialist |
| 10. Project/Program Description | | | |
| <p>PAPERM's goal is to foster the development of renewable energy in Mali. The project's specific objectives are to: (i) improve the policy, legal, regulatory and institutional framework for the scaling-up of RE investments; (ii) strengthen the capacities of stakeholders and ensure knowledge management, communication and advocacy to facilitate the development of RE; and (iii) improve the sub-sector's monitoring and evaluation system, and strengthen the programmatic approach under the SREP-Mali.</p> <p><i>(See Paragraph 2.1.1 and Table 2.1 of Project Appraisal Report, as well as the Results Framework on pages vii, viii and ix)</i></p> | | | |
| 11. Consistency with Investment Criteria | | | |
| <p>Since PAPERM is a technical assistance project which aims at improving the enabling environment to facilitate RE private and public investment, it will contribute to achieving the following investment criteria: i) Increased installed capacity from renewable energy sources;</p> | | | |

ii) Increased access to energy through renewable energy sources; iii) Low Emission Development; iv) Affordability and competitiveness of renewable sources; v) Productive use of energy; ... The project will also contribute to increase the level of financing dedicated to scaling-up RE. With a small amount of financing, the project is designed to have strong transformative impact on the scaling up of RE in Mali.

12. Stakeholder engagement

The project was prepared through a participatory process adopted at all the stages of project preparation. During preparation of the SREP-Mali IP, several missions were fielded with the organization of public consultation workshops, including the participation of the public authorities, the private sector, NGOs and technical and financial partners. Similarly, in order to create real synergies, the PAPERM project was formulated through consultations with the main national institutions operating in the energy sector, as well as with many directly concerned national stakeholders (*see Annex C2*). This participatory process will be continued throughout the project's implementation. In fact, dedicated arrangements were considered for the consultative process, in particular, the establishment of a Consultative Committee (*see paragraph 4.1.5 of Project Appraisal Report*), which will ensure widespread sensitization and consultation of all actors during PAPERM's implementation, and during the SREP-Mali programme as a whole.

13. Gender considerations

In terms of gender, the PAPERM is likely to have *positive direct and indirect impacts*. With regard to the direct impacts: (i) the project will ensure that at least 35% of the beneficiaries of training and capacity building activities are women; (ii) sector policies and strategies will be revised taking gender issues into account; in particular, they must aim to increase access by women and youth to energy services, build the economic capacities of women and youth, and promote the RE technologies from which women will further benefit; (iii) the planned participatory process (in particular through the Consultative Committee) shall fully integrate women and young people, and/or associations representing the interests of women and young people; and, finally, (iv) the gathering and analysis of monitoring and evaluation data will include gender-disaggregated data. The project's M&E system will specifically address the project's potentially positive impact on women and, in order to measure it and define possible corrective measures, will support the conduct of targeted assessment studies. With regard to indirect impacts, PAPERM's positive impact will be linked to that of the SREP programme as a whole. Indeed, the population's improved access to electricity (especially in rural areas) will help to improve the living and working conditions of women who currently carry out most of the domestic chores. In particular it will do so by increasing the time allotted to productive activities –sewing workshops, hairdressing salons, restaurants, food-product processing, outlets for the sale of cold drinks, etc. – and to child health care and education. (*See page 9 of Project Appraisal Report*)

14. Indicators and Targets (See Results Framework)

| Core Indicator | Target |
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| (a) Improvement of country's RISE profile | The "traffic light" of the RISE initiative is set to "yellow" for RE |
| (b) Number of RE projects approved from 2015 (including mini-grids, grid-connected projects, etc.) | 20 in 2015 25 in 2016 40 in 2017 |
| (c) Amount of public and private financing allocated | USD 90 million disbursed by end 2015 and USD 300 |

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| to RE projects (in USD) | million disbursed by end 2017 | |
| (d) Proportion of RE projects in relation to total investments in the sector (as %) | 25% in 2015 40% in 2017 | |
| 15. Co-Financing: | | |
| | <i>Amount (in USD million):</i> | <i>Type of contribution:</i> |
| Government | USD 400,000 | Cash and In-kind |
| MDB | USD 530,000 | Grant from SEFA trust fund |
| Private Sector (private EnR firms and other beneficiaries) | USD 180,000 | |
| Bilateral (please specify) | | |
| Others (please specify) | | |
| Co-Financing Total: USD 1,100,000 | | |
| 16. Expected Board/MDB Management approval date | | |
| The PAPERM is scheduled to go to the AfDB Board of Directors on a lapse of time basis on October 8, 2014. The SEFA grant of USD 530,000 was already approved in August 2014. | | |