

BRIEFING to EXCO:

Grants to Fragile States

At its October 2010 meeting in Paris, EXCO asked the secretariat for a briefing note on CA-funded activities in post-conflict and other fragile states. Initial findings follow.

Below is a listing of active, recently-completed and pipeline projects that have received CA funding for countries on the Harmonized List of Fragile Situations FY11, used by the World Bank.

ON-GOING

Togo: Lomé CDS. (\$370,000)

Recipient = Urban Works Management Agency of Togo.

Implementation = Commune of Lomé, and Union of Communes of Togo.

Supervised by AFD.

CA sponsors: UN-H, AFD, WB.

Duration = April 2009 – June 2011.

Georgia: Tbilisi CDS. (\$300,000)

Recipient = Municipal Development Fund of Georgia.

Implementation = Tbilisi City Hall.

Supervised by WB ECA region.

CA sponsors: WB, GTZ, UNEP.

Duration = Nov 2008-December 2011.

RECENTLY COMPLETED

Yemen: Sana'a CDS. (\$250,000 + \$84,000 for climate change component)

Recipient = Sana'a Capital Secretariat

Implementation = Sana'a Capital Secretariat, and Arab Urban Development Institute

Supervised by WB MENA region.

CA sponsors: WB, UNEP

Duration = completed FY10

Tajikistan: CDS preparatory grant (\$71,000)

Recipient = UN-Habitat

Implementation = UN-H and Agency for Construction & Architecture of Government of Tajikistan

Supervised by UN-H

CA sponsors: UN-H, WB, AsDB

Duration: completed FY10

PIPELINE

Cote d'Ivoire: Restructuring of Slums in Abidjan municipalities. (\$285,000)

Recipient = Union des Villes et Communes de Côte d'Ivoire

Implementation = Union des Villes et Communes de Côte d'Ivoire

Supervised by UNDP*

CA sponsors: WB, UN-H

Status = Recommended for approval

Duration = January 2011 – December 2012.

* Supervision arrangements are still being put in place. The project implementation unit is under the local government ministry, supported by UNDP, which provided active support in preparation of the proposal. This support is expected to continue during the implementation phase, likely with additional active support from UN-H. Support from Bank's field office will also be pursued, from the new TTL of the Bank's Urban Emergency Infrastructure Project (PUIU), and supported by the CA regional staff member situated in Abidjan office.

Central African Republic: Improving Bangui City Performance (\$300,000)

Recipient = WB

Implementation = WB Africa region, with Bangui City Council

Supervised by WB

CA sponsors: WB, AFD, EU

Status = Donor coordination

Duration = January 2011 – December 2012

During 2010, the OECD has produced a study on Resource Flows to Fragile and Conflict-Affected States. As part of the study, they reviewed three main lists of Fragile/conflict states in use: (1) the WB list, based on CPIA 2008 index; (2) Brookings Index of 2008; and (3) Carleton University Country Indicators 2008 index.

Forty three countries are on the combined list from these three sources. The WB index has 30 countries. The other two lists used in the OECD study give "consideration of both the capacity and legitimacy of the state, and inclusion of the security dimension," and aims to make the list "more robust and consistent with the OECD DAC's policy focus."

The CA-funded portfolio has more exposure when reviewed against the broader OECD list of fragile states. This would include on-going projects in:

- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Uganda