Developing Bankable Transport Projects in Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

A Regional Connectivity Approach in Africa Region



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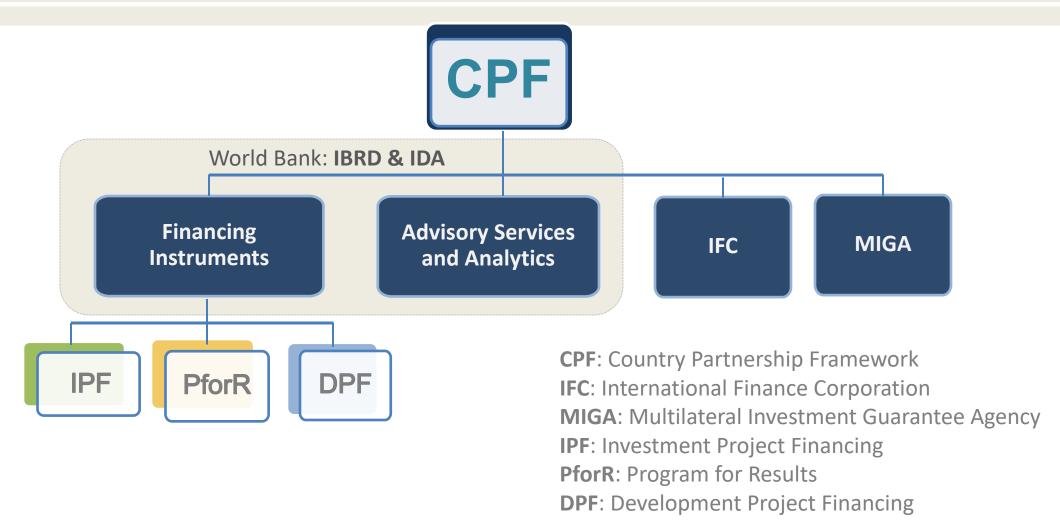
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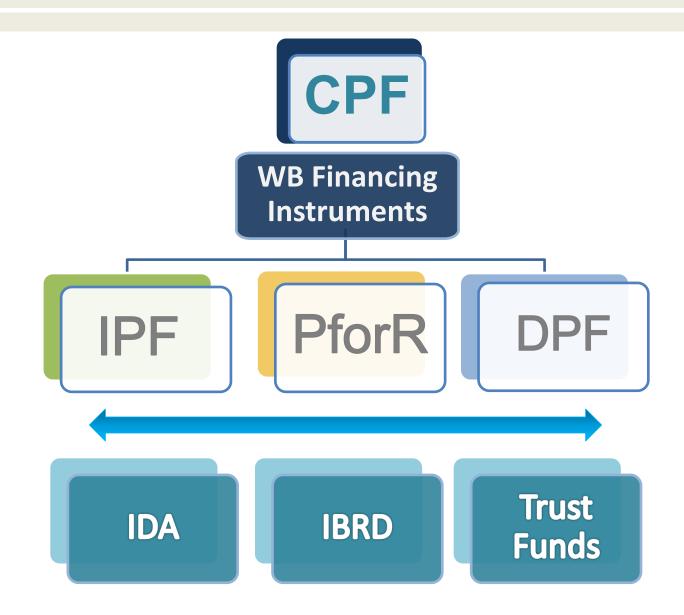
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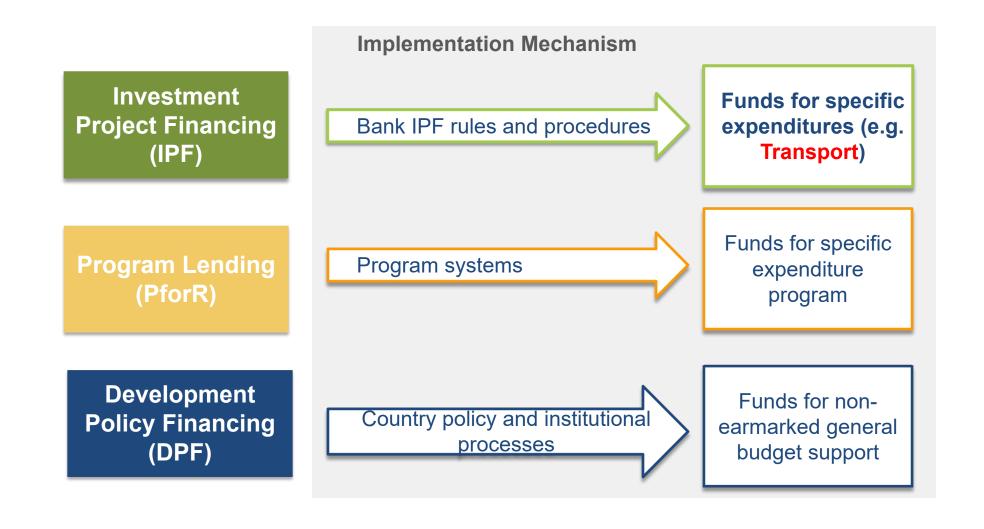
How we work: combination of WBG Financing Instruments, Advisory Services and Analytics (ASA) and IFC and MIGA instruments



Key World Bank Instruments and Sources of Financing



WB Financing Instruments - Complementary tools



World Bank's Investment Project Financing (IPF)

Investment Operations provide funding to government:

- IBRD loans or IDA credits/grants, donor-funded trust funds and via project-based Guarantees
- For a wide range of activities aimed at creating the physical and social infrastructure, including in Transport

Key characteristics of IPF

- Supports projects with defined development objectives, activities, and results
- Finances a specific set of expenditure transactions and disburses against eligible expenditures.
- Governed by World Bank Fiduciary and Safeguard policies
- Implementation lasts 5-7 years

IFC Instruments

□ Advisory Services

□Investment

- Works with private sponsors providing a mix of debt and/or equity
- Developing markets present challenges to private investors in transport infrastructure finance: IFC provides services to sponsors to enhance the bankability of their projects (e.g., lower and long-term debts; bankable concession terms)
- □ Examples of IFC-financed projects (completed):
 - Nacala Rail Port Corridor in Mozambique and Malawi
 - Dakar Diamniadio Toll Road
 - MSC container terminal in Lome, Togo
 - Transgabonais Railroad in Gabon
 - Tunisia Enfida airport

II. Africa Transport Challenges

The 3 challenges of moving people and goods in Africa: Low rural accessibility, constrained urban mobility, poor regional connectivity



Accessibility for the rural poor

The rural poor in SSA are the most isolated in the world

- Only **34%** of the population live less than 2 km away from an all-weather road
- **30%** of Africa's population is located more than 2hrs away from the nearest hospital.
- ☐ This is a clear evidential link between improved accessibility and better outcomes in terms of health, education and income for the rural population.
- ☐ The COVID-19 pandemic threatens large gains made in recent years in reducing poverty and food insecurity.



Mobility in urban areas

Africa is the fastest urbanizing region in the world

- ☐ African cities are growing at **4%** annually.
- □ Due to congestion and low-quality public transport, **less than 1/5** of all jobs are accessible within an hour of travel and people in the largest cities travel **1–2 h** each day to reach jobs.
- ☐ Transport costs represent **10–40%** of household income
- □ Public transport is essential to keep cities moving and connecting people to jobs.
 COVID19 is impacting revenues, adding an enormous financial and economic stress on transport operators who have to invent new safety protocols.



Connectivity to international & regional markets

Africa is the least connected region - both on land and sea

- **30%** of SSA's population lives in completely landlocked countries (38% if adding the DRC)
- ☐ The African market remains highly fragmented and trade integration is low: the share of intraregional goods imports is only 5-10% of SSA's total goods imports, compared to 60% in the EU.
- □ African ports are smaller and less well served –the cost to import a container is 56% above world average (4 times higher in landlocked countries), and transport costs contribute as much as 40% of the final price of goods
- 90 percent of freight moves by road, and many African countries have had full or partial border closures – Keeping ports and logistic chains functioning and improving their resilience is essential post COVID19.

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Africa Regional Transport Program: Improving connectivity at a regional level while maximizing the wider economic benefits

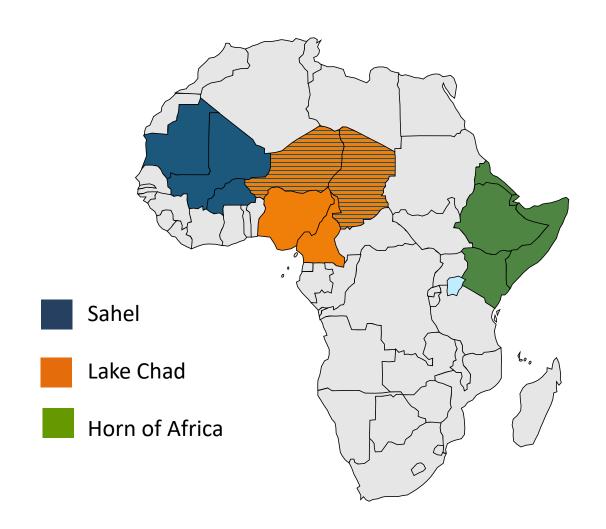
Transport priorities for the region

- ☐ Introducing 2nd generation Corridor programs:
 - focus on transport & logistics services in addition to infrastructure
 - address multi-modal transport issues, road safety and digital infrastructure
- □ Addressing "thick" national borders border crossings account for 15-20% of overall transport costs on international corridors (e.g., between landlocked Burkina Faso and coastal Togo)
- □ Investing in missing road and rail links, including last-mile connectivity (e.g., 70% of Ethiopia's roads are in poor condition; 83 million people in rural communities in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia are disconnected from the road network)

Africa Regional Transport Program - prioritization

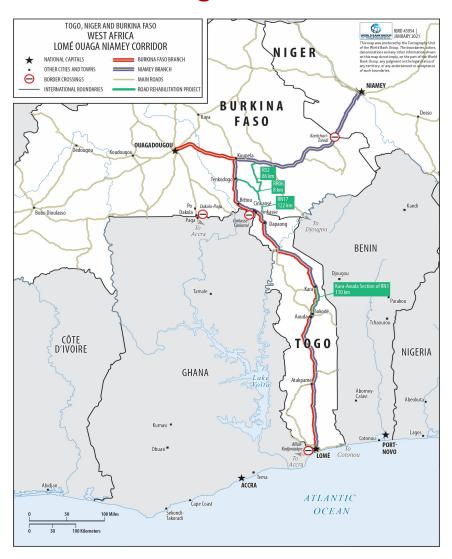
Focus on three priority hot spots in line with Africa's Regional Integration Strategy, based on

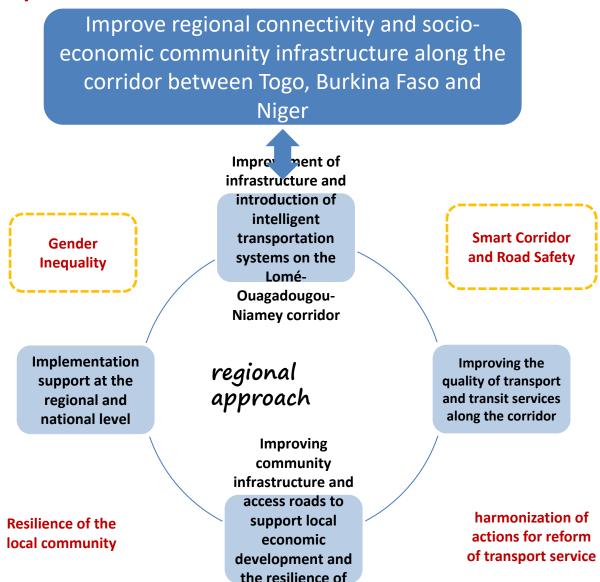
- Fragility
- Conflict
- Violence
- Strategic areas



(1.1) Sahel: Lomé-Ouagadougou-Niamey Economic Corridor

A second-generation corridor to improve resilience in the Sahel





fragile areas

Total Cost \$ 450 million; Approval June 2021

(1.2) Sahel: Dakar-Bamako Intermodal Corridor

Unlocking Mali and reviving vital regional railway line



Objective: To reduce the trade and transport time and cost of carrying goods through the Port of Dakar and along the Dakar-Bamako intermodal (rail and road)corridor

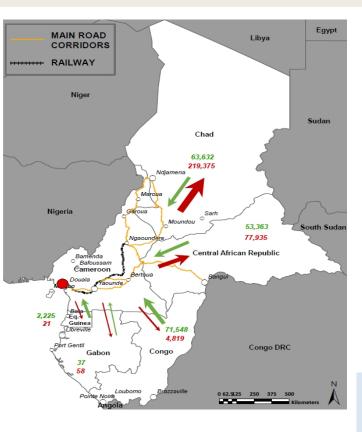
Key benefits: clean solution to reduce Dakar port and city congestion; better connectivity for landlocked Mali; improve corridor efficiency; improve safety; reduce international and domestic trade and transport costs; create competition and complementarity between road and rail modes; enabling efficient corridor operation by private concessionaire

Key activities: (i) Improvement of rail infrastructure and logistics platforms; (ii) railway institutional reforms; (iii) modernization of road transport services and international trade and transit procedures; (iv) regional project mgt.

Overall investment amount: US\$830m

Credit amount: US\$600m Estimated approval: 2022

(2) Lake Chad: Cameroon-Chad connectivity project & proposed Lake Chad-Great Lakes connectivity project



New proposed operation: Lake Chad-Great Lakes connectivity 2nd generation multimodal corridor Douala-N'Djamena: railway (Cameroon) and road (Chad) corridor

Motivation:

- Douala-Ndjamena critical link for Regional Integration between landlocked Chad and Cameroon:
 79 % of all Chad imports out of which 2/3 by rail
- Railway freight volumes deeply impacted by the railway accident of Eseka and Chad's economic crisis 2015-2018. Better perspectives: new prospects: clinker, mining projects in the North Cameroon; new deep seaport in Kriby that opened in end of 2018

Rail concession is a solid example of strong and sustainable PPP - successful railway concession. Strong commitments from development partners: AFD, EIB to rehabilitate the northern part of the railway

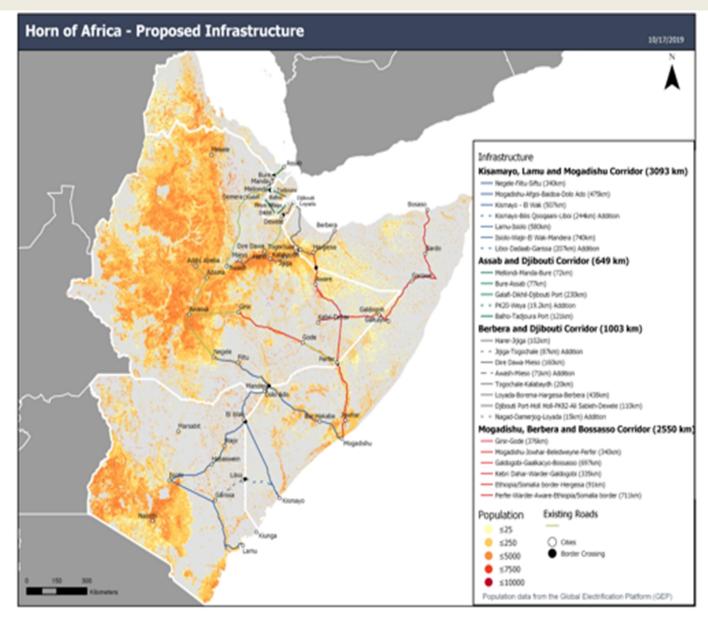
Estimated cost: US\$495m

Motivation: Landlocked Chad and CAR interested in opening other corridors and not relying exclusively on Cameroon: corridor 13 (Pointe Noire in Congo) and corridor 14 (Mombasa).

Approach: Priority infrastructure investments + soft components + complementarities with DPO (road funds)

- Bosembele-Bosentele road section (CAR); Ubangui river crossing; Gemena-Buta road section (DRC)
- Performance-based road maintenance and road maintenance funds (FER in CAR and FONER in DRC), trade facilitation, Customs interconnection, cross-border facilitation, road safety, economic corridor, transit services.
- Other potential partners: AfDB, AFD, EU
- Estimated cost: US\$300mUSD; estimated approval: 2022

(3) Horn of Africa: Priority Corridors



Four Main Corridors with a total length of 7300 km:

- Kismayo, Lamu and Mogadishu Corridor (3093 km);
- Assab and Djibouti Corridor (649 km);
- Berbera and Djibouti Corridor (1003 km); and
- Mogadishu, Berbera and Bossaso Corridor (2550 km)

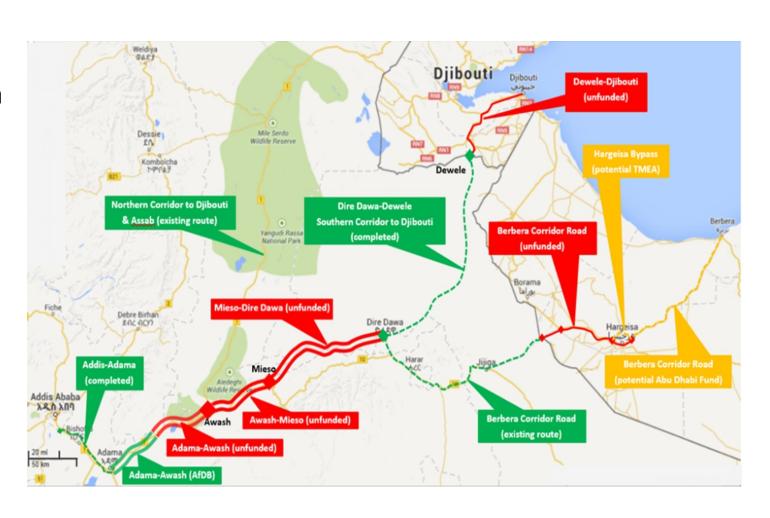
5880 km need rehabilitation at a cost of \$8.5 billion, roads distribution as follows:

- 2500 km in Somalia
- 1500 km in Ethiopia
- 1500 km in Kenya
- 300 km in Djibouti
- 80 km in Eritrea

56 percent of the estimated cost of the Initiative.

(3) HoA Initiative: Djibouti-Addis Regional Economic Corridor

- Motivation: Priority Corridor supports the HoA Regional Integration Initiative of "Interconnected Horn", towards "More Trade, more Growth, more Jobs
- A Series of complementary Projects in Djibouti and Ethiopia
- Objective: to provide safe, smart, resilient trade and logistics connectivity on selected infrastructure along the Corridor
- Components: Corridor rehabilitation; Trade facilitation and logistics; Complementary infrastructure
- Estimated cost: US\$545 million



Estimated approval: 2021