

Information note:

Kenya: Evaluation of Country Strategy and Program (2014-2023)

What is being evaluated?

Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV) is evaluating the Country Strategy and Program of the African Development Bank Group (“the Bank”) in Kenya for the period 2014-2023. The evaluation covers two Country Strategy Paper (CSP or Strategy) cycles: 2014-2018 and 2019-2023. Over the decade, the Bank’s support in Kenya has been towards infrastructure development, creating an enabling environment for the private sector and skills development for job creation. A large share of the support went to the transport sector, followed by finance and water and sanitation sectors. The evaluation will cover all the interventions approved by the Bank in the country during the period 2014-2023. In addition, projects that were approved before 2014 and completed during the evaluation period will be analyzed.

What are the purpose and objectives of the evaluation?

The purpose of the evaluation is to inform the design of the next CSP of the Bank in Kenya. As the current CSP is ending in 2023, this evaluation will provide timely information for decision-making in the next CSP cycle (2024-2028). The evaluation will draw lessons and propose recommendations for areas of improvement in the design of the new Strategy.

The objectives of the evaluation are to: (i) Assess the contribution of the Bank to the development results of the country – the differences made by the Bank’s key interventions; (ii) Identify what worked or not for the programs and why; and (iii) Provide lessons and recommendations for future programs.

How will the evaluation be conducted?

A theory of change will be developed to serve as the analytical framework. The evaluation will involve a desk-based review and a field-based study to generate evidence. The desk-based review will include relevant strategies, policies, and project/operations-related documents. It will also include previous IDEV evaluations, country statistics, government reports at various levels, research reports, and other development partners’ reports. The field-based study will collect data through key informant interviews, focus group discussions, and project site observations. In addition, Bank staff, government officials, project beneficiaries, civil society organizations, the private sector, and development partners will be consulted.

Detailed project case studies will be carried out to capture the Bank’s contribution.