

Program Summary for Public Disclosure

Program Name	COVID-19 Emergency Program Loan for Supporting South Africa's			
	Economic Recovery from COVID-19			
Country	The Republic of South Africa			
Sector	COVID-19 Emergency Program Loan			
Board Approval Date	19 June 2020			
Loan Amount	USD 1 billion			
Borrower	The Republic of South Africa			
Implementing	Presidency of the Republic of South Africa, Department of Social			
Agencies	Development of GoSA			
Program Context	The country-wide COVID-19 related restriction resulted in slowdown of economic activities and loss of jobs, with the unemployment rate striking a record high by the third quarter of 2020. To address the challenging situation, the GoSA adopted in October 2020 a comprehensive mid-term strategy, the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP). The ERRP embraces multiple sectors of the country's economy and society while making emphasis on initiatives to generate employment, with the Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES) being the priority program of ERRP. The NDB Loan will be focused on the first phase of the PES (hereinafter – the Program).			
Program Objective	The objective of the Program is to support the GoSA in its efforts to contain the economic fallout of the pandemic and start economic recovery. The Program aims to create job opportunities, sustain private consumption and provide public services, therefore contributing to economic recovery in South Africa.			
Program Description	The Program focuses on creation of employment opportunities in South Africa, in particular about 700,000 jobs in the first phase of the PES, together with social protection measures for active labor market participants that temporarily lost their jobs, in order to help them remain on the labor market.			
Expected Benefits	The main impact of the Program will be to mitigate adverse economic effects of COVID-19 pandemic and to support economic recovery in South Africa. The Program will contribute to creating and supporting			



	employment opportunities in the public sector and to keeping economically active population in the labor force. NDB's commitment to support member countries to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is emphasized in the Program's intervention logic. NDB's financing under the Program is primarily aligned with SDG 8 by promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all.			
Environmental	The Program has been categorized as Category B in line with NDB's			
and Social Aspect	Environment and Social Framework. The E&S impacts will be associated with proposed public works as part of the employment generation program. The impacts will be low due to the nature of the activities. Adherence to the country systems will mitigate adverse E&S impacts. The Program will also achieve positive socio-economic impacts through creating job opportunities and assisting temporarily jobless persons.			
Financing Aspect	The total loan amount for supporting South Africa's economic recovery from COVID-19 is up to USD 1 billion.			
Implementation	The Program implementation arrangements rely on existing structures established in South Africa. The main subprogram related to employment creation will be coordinated by the Project Management Office in the Presidency of the Republic of South Africa and implemented by 11 relevant departments of GoSA. The supporting subprogram related to social assistance will be implemented by the Department of Social Development.			
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