



Approval of the UNOPS Regional Technical Assistance Facility Programme Document

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EB2023.29

Considering:

- Decision [EB2023.05](#) approving the development of a project document for the creation of a regional technical assistance facility to provide technical assistance and capacity building to CAFI partner countries;
- The project proposal presented at the 22nd Executive Board meeting on 28 June 2023, with the recommendations made by the Board members,
- The final project proposal and budget submitted by UNOPS to the Secretariat on November 21, 2023 ;

The Executive Board :

1. Thanks UNOPS for its finalized proposal,

Approves the program document for an amount of US\$ 10,000,000 to be used over a 3-year implementation period.

2. Requests that the total amount will be disbursed in annual tranches of USD \$4,000,000 (first tranche) and USD 3,000,000 (for the 2 next tranches). The tranches are conditionals and subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Cumulative expenditures have reached 70% of the disbursed CAFI fund;
 - b. The submission of previous mandatory financial and narrative reports as per CAFI Manual of Operation and of a provisional financial and narrative reports dated on the date the request of next instalment is made;
 - c. The submission of a mid-term report analyzing lessons learned and recommendations for the next phase.
3. Asks the UNOPS to notify the CAFI Secretariat at least 3 months before the date of disbursement of the requested tranche;

4. Recalls that, while respecting its rules and regulations, UNOPS undertakes to apply zero tolerance towards fraud, corruption, sexual exploitation and abuse; to protect whistleblowers; to inform the public; to promote gender equality and social inclusion; and to use appropriate complaint mechanisms. In addition, UNOPS commits to carefully managing all other contextual and programmatic risks identified by the Board and should act proactively in reporting these risks to CAFI's Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, in accordance with the Terms of Reference of CAFI's Trust Fund.
5. Instructs the CAFI Secretariat to sign the Program document on its behalf.
6. Requests UNOPS to organize the first Project Steering Committee meeting before the end of the year to approve the workplan for 2024.