

NEW GPOBA PROJECTS: CAPE VERDE, MOROCCO, AND RWANDA

In recent months GPOBA has added 3 new projects to its portfolio of more than 17. The new projects, all on the African continent, cover a wide spectrum of sectors.

Cape Verde Multisector Initiative

After initial successes in using output-based aid in road management and maintenance projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, including Cape Verde, that country has launched a new output-based project to provide basic services to poor and marginalized citizens. The project seeks new and innovative ways to improve the affordability of basic services and help smooth the transition to tariffs that recover costs.

GPOBA is helping to:

- Establish a framework for output-based aid, including model contracts and institutional processes.
- Identify suitable pilot projects in such sectors as health, education, transport, electricity, telecommunications, and water and sanitation.
- Provide an independent review of the country's OBA strategy.

Morocco Water and Sanitation Initiative

A World Bank-financed project in Morocco aims to support the government's program to increase the rural population's access to potable water supply and safe sanitation.

GPOBA is helping to:

- Assess local governments' involvement in managing rural water supply and sanitation schemes.
- Analyze the private sector's involvement in such schemes and identify opportunities for piloting output-based aid.
- Develop the institutional framework for implementing OBA pilot projects.

Rwanda Health Initiative

The government of Rwanda plans to carry out a comparative analysis of two promising output-based aid schemes in the health sector—both two years old—to draw lessons for its broader Poverty Reduction Support Credit program.

GPOBA is helping to:

- Compare the two OBA schemes in the towns of Butare and Cyangugu.
- Compare the coverage of health care services under OBA schemes with that in districts where input-based contracting arrangements are the norm.

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