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## BELARUS: BIOMASS DISTRICT HEATING PROJECT

### Key Dates:

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Closing: October 31, 2021

### IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	90	10.4



### About the Project

Lacking a sufficient energy resource base, Belarus relies heavily on imported energy resources to meet domestic energy demand. Annual costs related to energy imports (mainly from Russia) amount to about 22% of GDP. District heating plays an important role in the energy system of the country, as 60% of the population relies on it for heat supply. At the same time Belarus has abundant forest resources which it sustainably manages through certification and other standards.

The **Project Development Objective** is to scale up the efficient use of renewable biomass in heat and electricity generation in selected towns of Belarus.

The Project finances the replacement of existing gas and oil boilers by biomass boilers, the provision of wood-chipping equipment and biomass fuel storage facilities, the installation of individual building-level heat substations with temperature control, and the upgrading of district heating networks.

The Project also helps participating utilities to communicate more proactively with their customers, including on existing grievance redress mechanisms and feedback analysis, to enhance service delivery and facilitate a shift from volume-based to energy content-based biomass pricing.

### Key Achieved and Expected Results

The Project helps to scale up the efficient use of renewable biomass in heat and electricity generation, thereby lowering operating costs and improving fuel security in 19 towns around the country and enhancing the living and working conditions of 140,000 Belarusians.

All the project sites are on track to be operational by the loan closing date. While all thirteen original sites were completed and operating well, seven new sites added to the Project have made a good progress. Out of the seven new sites, one is completed, four are under implementation, and two are contract-signed. In addition to the fuel switching, all sites cover improvements in energy efficiency by investing in modernization of heat transmission and distribution systems. Seven new sites have been added to the Project to utilize the loan savings.

By improving energy efficiency and replacing imported natural gas and oil with less expensive local wood biomass, the Project would reduce the cost of the heat supply on average by more than 30% in participating towns, thereby reducing the burden of heating costs on household budgets.

The Project contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, with total projected lifetime carbon dioxide emissions savings to be around 3 million tons.

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## BELARUS: TRANSIT CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT

### Key Dates:

Approved: December 19, 2014

Effective: May 7, 2015

Closing: December 31, 2021

### IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	250	24.42



### About the Project

The potential of Belarus as a transit and trade hub is currently not fully exploited. Despite improvements, road infrastructure needs further upgrading, to meet high safety standards, and there is room for the reduction of regulatory barriers to reduce waiting time at the borders.

The **Project Development Objective** is to improve transport connectivity, border crossing procedures and safety for domestic and international road users on selected sections of the M6 corridor.

The Project aims to improve hard and soft connectivity through road widening, improved network management, and road safety measures.

The Project invests in the key transit corridor connecting Belarus and Poland and support ongoing reform of the roads and customs sectors, promoting cross-border trade and transit transport services and laying the foundation for new business and investment opportunities.

### Key Achieved and Expected Results

All major contracts for reconstruction of M6 'Minsk - Grodno' highway sections have been completed and road sections opened to traffic. Overall, efficient implementation of the Project has so far resulted in reconstruction of significantly larger sections of M6 highway than it was originally envisioned (154km vs 86km). Existing savings also allow improvement of additional road sections.

Reconstruction of the Bruzgi border crossing point was completed in mid-2019. The border management enhancement component, the handling capacity of the Bruzgi border crossing point has increased from 700 trucks to 1,600 trucks per day. The activities were complemented by IFC advisory work studying the constraints in border clearance procedures and recommending business process improvements.

The Project also supports improved road safety and network management through a more market-orientated approach to the development of roadside services and the development of a Traffic and Road Safety Coordination Center, the review of the national road safety legislation for improving traffic management during road construction works and for safety of animal road crossings.

Overall, upon Project completion, domestic and international road users will benefit from reduced journey times between Minsk and Grodno, lower road accident risks, and a better travel experience with improved public amenities and services as well as real-time traffic information.

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# BELARUS: FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## Key Dates:

Approved: March 27, 2015

Effective: July 30, 2015

Closing: August 31, 2021



## IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan incl. AF Loan	55.11	2.19
GEF grant	2.74	0.57

## About the Project

Belarus is one of the most forested countries of the region, with forests accounting for nearly 40% of the country's territory and 2% of GDP. The Government recognizes the importance of institutional change, investment, new technologies, and capacity building in the forestry sector, as well as a growing demand for wood products from both the wood processing and wood energy enterprises.

The **Project Development Objective** is to enhance silvicultural management and reforestation and afforestation, increase the use of felling residues, and improve the public good contribution from forests in targeted forest areas.

The Project builds on the World Bank Forest Sector Policy Note, which provided strategic advice on defining sector goals and opportunities in conjunction with the development of the National Forest Strategic Plan for 2015-2030, and on the experience and knowledge gained from the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument East Countries Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) Program (2008–12, 2012–17), which is being implemented by the World Bank. In March 2018, the Project received EUR12 million in Additional Financing.

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

The Project supports modernization of forest management, reforestation and creation of new forest areas, which will help the Belarusian forest sector adapt to storms, climate change and pests. Four million hectares of forests outside protected areas will be managed in a more biodiversity-friendly manner. It provides direct support to 25,000 employees of 88 forestry enterprises and generates better-skilled and semi-skilled jobs in the rural forest, wood processing, and wood energy sectors.

With the original loan and the additional financing, responding to the new priorities of the forestry sector of Belarus, the four new nursery complexes were constructed- in Ivatsevichi, Glubokoe, Minsk oblast, and Mogilev. These nurseries will improve the quantity and quality of first-class seedlings for afforestation and reforestation, will create new local jobs. The engagement brings investments in goods and machinery to support the development and intensification of silviculture. The Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Grant -funded activities are improving the match between tree species and tree planting sites under a changing climate and this will further improve forestry outputs compared to business as usual. On the basis of State Forestry Institutions and the National Forest Selection-Seed Production Center of the Ministry of Forestry of the Republic of Belarus an ex situ collection of forms and types of commercially valuable tree species resistant to climatic stress was created. The Project also installed the video and communications equipment for the monitoring, surveillance, and detection of fires; invested in the firefighting equipment to help extinguish the fires once started; and supported the development of a web-based interface to allow the sharing of information, including geo-information. In sum these measures on the prevention, improved detection, and more timely and effective response to forest fires will reduce future losses by 30%. The Project responded to an emergency request to deal with a most severe wind blow incident in the last 15 years which hit Minsk oblast in July 2016.

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## BELARUS: EDUCATION MODERNIZATION PROJECT

### Key Dates:

Approved: September 17, 2015

Effective: January 20, 2016

Closing: February 28, 2025

### IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	152.30	110.04



### About the Project

Like many countries in the region, Belarus has faced a steady decline in its school-age population over the past two decades. In response, the Government has undertaken an ambitious effort to consolidate the school network, adjusting the infrastructure in line with demographic trends. A national program objective is to improve the quality of general secondary education and to optimize the network of institutions of general secondary education.

The **Project Development Objectives** is to improve access to a quality learning environment in selected general secondary schools and strengthen the student assessment and education management information systems of the Republic of Belarus.

In April 2019, the Project received an additional financing in the amount of EUR 90 Million.

### Key Achieved and Expected Results

65,000 boys and girls from 300 schools around the country will benefit from an improved learning environment the rehabilitation of school facilities and the provision of the necessary laboratory equipment for physics, chemistry, biology, and information technology classes. Out of them, 13,000 are those who studied at closed or reorganized schools in rural areas.

As of today, modernization of 80 schools have been completed, bringing an improved learning environment to almost 25,000 students.

The Project also aims to modernize the management of the education sector and bring it in line with international best practices. With the help of a World Bank grant, Belarusian authorities are currently evaluating how their system collects and uses information for evidence-based policymaking. Under the loan, existing approaches to student learning assessment and data analysis will be strengthened to achieve better system performance and improve student learning outcomes.

The Project has facilitated Belarus' first participation in an internationally comparable system of evaluating student learning — the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA). PISA is a benchmark that has been used for assessing the quality of education in Belarus compared to more than 70 other countries. PISA 2018 Results:

[https://www.oecd.org/pisa/publications/PISA2018\\_CN\\_BLR.pdf](https://www.oecd.org/pisa/publications/PISA2018_CN_BLR.pdf)

With the World Bank support, Belarus for the first time participated in PISA 2018. The country is set to participate in PISA 2022.

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# BELARUS HIGHER EDUCATION MODERNIZATION PROJECT

## Key Dates:

Approved: May 20, 2020

Effective: October 20, 2020

Closing: December 31, 2025

## IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	109.90	109.90



## About the Project

Belarus' growth model requires a modern higher education system and modernization of universities is a crucial step towards economic and social development of the country. Joining the Bologna Process in 2015, Belarus made a major commitment toward enhancement of the higher education system. The country has also committed to introduction of the new quality assurance model, development of learning outcomes and the curriculum at university level and raising the level of internationalization at universities.

The **Project Development Objectives** are to improve the teaching and learning environment and the information on labor market relevance of higher education of the Republic of Belarus.

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

The modernization of educational facilities and purchase of new scientific and equipment will concern 18 universities with about 150,000 students benefiting. About 300,000 students and graduates will benefit from updated study programs that are better linked to the labor market, and from improved entrepreneurial skills.

The Project also aims to modernize the curriculum of higher education programs, moving 100 percent of them to the bachelor/master model and switching to a learning outcomes-based curriculum model. A national system for tracing graduates in the labor market will be developed, supporting evidence-based policymaking, and also creating a tool for getting feedback from graduates and the improving quality and relevance of training at universities.

The international mobility of university students will be supported, including participation in national and international competitions related to entrepreneurial activities. 21 twinning projects between Belarus and foreign universities will be supported as well.

An external Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) will be created in accordance with European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG) and will become operational and Bologna accredited. Internal quality assurance systems will be developed in all universities of the country and will follow ESG requirements. Semi-annual and annual implementation support reviews will take place in the country and Government will hold consultations with key national stakeholders and development partners. These reviews will be to evaluate the progress made in project implementation, identify potential or actual bottlenecks and make recommendations for improvement. The reviews will also monitor project toward achievement of project indicators. The World Bank will undertake consultations with the project beneficiaries: students and their parents, academics and university management, representatives of civil society organizations during the whole project implementation.

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# PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT MODERNIZATION PROJECT

## Key Dates:

Approved: March 28, 2016

Effective: July 27, 2016

Closing: July 30, 2021

## IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	10	5.25



## About the Project

The Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment 2014 concluded that the Belarus Public Financial Management (PFM) system delivers fiscal discipline, but also highlighted areas that undermine the productivity of public spending. Building on this assessment, the Government's PFM Reform Strategy has an ambitious agenda, including improvements in medium-term budgeting, program budgeting, treasury, debt management, and accounting.

The **Project Development Objective** is to improve the policy alignment of the budget, consolidate cash balances, improve budget transparency, and lay the foundations for implementation of an Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS).

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

Budget transparency was improved through annual publication of citizens' versions of the republican and subnational budgets on the websites of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and oblast level authorities. The MoF also provided public access to a set of fiscal information through the MoF's budget transparency portal (including its English and smartphone/tablet versions).

Consolidation of the central agencies cash balances decreased the share of funds managed outside of the Treasury Single Account to 6.8 percent of the republican budget expenditures compared to the Projects' baseline of 11 percent. The share of budget expenditures covered by state programs increased to 63 percent against the 16 percent baseline contributing to alignment of policies and budgets.

The Concept for reforming national public sector accounting and reporting and initial plan for its implementation were approved by the Government in 2019, and work on the initial set of the public sector accounting standards aligned with international standards is ongoing.

It is also expected that the Project would provide support to modernization of the existing treasury information system

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# BELARUS HEALTH SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

## Key Dates:

Approved: November 18, 2016

Effective: May 19, 2017

Closing: December 31, 2023

## IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	125	111



## About the Project

Belarus has equitable access to health care with out-of-pocket expenses (20% of total) that are reasonable and comparable with higher-income European countries. Public expenditure on health (3.5% of GDP) is about average for countries of similar income in Europe and Central Asia region. Belarus has made excellent progress in the control of communicable diseases and in reducing infant and maternal mortality.

However, non-communicable diseases are a key factor behind low life expectancy in Belarus, and will become increasingly important as the population ages, and there is still too much focus on hospital-based care. The Government also sees the need for further development of primary care services, especially to eliminate inequality of health care provision between urban and rural areas, and improved systems for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

The **Project Development Objective** is to contribute to improving selected aspects of the quality of health care delivery in the Republic of Belarus.

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

The Project contributes to improving selected aspects of the quality of health care delivery through:

- Establishment of an e-Health system and adoption of ICT-based clinical decision-support tools for quality improvement. It will enable the nationwide rollout of e-Health system to facilitate diagnosis of illness, clinical decisions for treatment, and follow-up of patient well-being in a systematic manner.
- An E-Health Concept has been approved by the Ministry of Health. The document provides a solid foundation for eHealth system planning, development and implementation. An e-prescription procedure is already being used in all the seven regions albeit only in a few health facilities per region, except Minsk city where all facilities use e-prescription.
- Improvement of clinical competencies of health care providers in non-communicable diseases management. The Project supports prevention, early detection and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, including hypertension, which is a major challenge for Belarus's aging population. Renovation works in the skills laboratories of 15 out of 16 medical colleges have been completed. Four universities are to be re-equipped. Renovation works in the skills laboratories in two of them have been completed. The construction of a new simulation center at the Belarusian Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education (BelMAPO) will be completed in 2021.

Modernization of neonatal care provision at the at the Republican Center of Mother and Child (RCMP). The construction of a new neonatal care center at the RCMP has started and is planned to be completed in 2021.

**Key Partners:** Ministry of Health; Republican Scientific and Practical Center for Medical Technologies, Informatization, Administration and Management of Health; Republican Center of Mother and Child, BelMapo; medical universities and colleges, and local health authorities.

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# BELARUS EMERGENCY COVID-19 RESPONSE PROJECT

## Key Dates:

Approved: May 21, 2020

Effective: August 05, 2020

Closing: June 30, 2022

## IBRD financing in million US Dollars

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	98.5	91.69



## About the Project

An outbreak of COVID-19 caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) has been spreading rapidly across the world since December 2019. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a global pandemic as the coronavirus rapidly spread across the world. Available assessments suggest that Belarus might not be sufficiently prepared to prevent, detect, and respond to epidemics on the scale of COVID-19. This Project was prepared under the global framework of the World Bank COVID-19 Response financed under the Fast Track COVID-19 Facility (FTCF).

The **Project Development Objective** is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in Belarus.

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

The Project supports the Government in curbing the spread of COVID-19 and strengthening the health system to detect and treat cases.

The Project funds are allocated to purchase medical equipment (medical ventilators, oxygen concentrators, anesthesia and respiratory apparatus, patient monitors etc.), supplies required for the diagnosis, tests; medication for treatment of COVID-19 patients in intensive care; PPEs for health workers in intensive care units and laboratories, and communication activities to increase population awareness. It is expected that 350 fully functional intensive care units to manage severe cases of COVID-19 will be equipped.

The Project supports information and communication activities to increase the commitment of the Government, private sector, and civil society to curbing the COVID-19 pandemic, raise awareness and knowledge among the general population about the risk and potential impact of the pandemic, and develop multisectoral strategies to address the pandemic.

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# BELARUS: MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE ACCESS TO FINANCE PROJECT

## Key Dates:

Approved: September 28, 2017

Effective: April 19, 2018

Closing: December 31, 2022

## IBRD financing (million US Dollars)

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	60	0.06



## About the Project

In Belarus, 17.1% of private enterprises identified lack of access to finance as an important obstacle for their growth (up from around 6% in 2008), with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) particularly constrained, according to the World Bank Group Enterprise Survey 2018. Historical widespread use of subsidized loans channeled predominantly via state-owned banks to state-owned enterprises have also distorted the operation of the banking system. While the Government has substantially reduced directed lending between 2016-2019, the volume of directed lending increased in 2020 and the stock remains high.

Higher real interest rates for non-privileged private enterprises have discouraged private investment and diminished the capacity of private firms – in particular MSMEs – to expand their production and create jobs. The Government's goal is to facilitate growth of the private sector, especially MSMEs, as part of a strategy to reduce overreliance on the public sector as a driver of growth. In this regard, the Government places high importance on channeling resources through financial intermediaries to eligible MSMEs.

The **Project Development Objective** is to improve access to finance for private Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and enhance governance and the institutional capacity of the Development Bank of the Republic of Belarus (DBRB).

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

Since the start of the Project, 231 MSMEs have obtained loans through the Project with a total value of USD2.4 million and EUR49.7 million., out of which 94.8 percent are micro and small enterprises and individual entrepreneurs. Very importantly, the Project has enabled Participating Financial Institutions to extend longer-term loans to MSMEs than what is available in the domestic market, with the average maturity of the sub-loans exceeding 6 years.

The governance and business model of DBRB is enhanced through the institutional strengthening component of the Project. The World Bank is supporting DBRB's strategy on new product development in line with its recently expanded mandate in the areas of venture financing and export finance, as well as knowledge events and capacity building for MSMEs and Participating Financial Institutions.

Belarusian citizens are the ultimate indirect beneficiaries through higher investment, job creation, and sustainable growth.

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# BELARUS UTILITY EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## Key Dates:

Approved: June 14, 2019

Closing: March 31, 2025

## IBRD financing (million US Dollars)

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	101	96.43



## About the Project

Belarusians have adequate access to water supply and sanitation, but, despite improvements, there are still major issues in efficiency and quality, such as service interruptions, leaks, and excessive operating costs as a result of aging infrastructure and insufficient maintenance.

Excessive iron content is the main drinking water quality issue in urban areas, and about 20 % of citizens are currently supplied with water whose iron content exceeds national standards. The iron content in water discolors teeth and clothing and results in the purchase of expensive bottled water.

The National Clean Water Program aims for 100% coverage of drinking water supply by 2025, and the Belarus Utility Efficiency and Quality Improvement Project is designed to support the Government program.

Municipal solid waste collection in Belarus is available for the entire urban and rural population although the quality of disposal services available varies. Approximately 80% of total collected waste is disposed of in landfills around the country, many of which lack environmental protection controls.

The **Project Development Objective** is to improve the quality and efficiency of water and wastewater services and support the introduction of regional solid waste management.

## Key Achieved and Expected Results

Around 550,000 Belarusians from across the country will enjoy better quality drinking water, and a cleaner environment, thanks to the modernization of water and wastewater treatment facilities, which will be carried out as part of the Project. The Project has the following components:

Improving Water and Wastewater Services at Utility or Service Provider Level aims to improve the operational performance of water supply and sanitation (WSS) service providers and enhance the quality of water and wastewater service provision to the people of Belarus through packages of support tailored to the needs of utilities.

Strengthening utility performance component aims to finance government activities that support the strengthening of national and local water services institutions.

Enhancing the solid waste management process component aims to pilot a regional approach to solid waste management (SWM) and technical assistance (TA) to further develop the sector more broadly. The component includes construction of the Polotsk/Novopolotsk Regional Landfill and similar facilities in other towns across the country, which will replace existing mini landfills that have no environmental controls, to ensure safe disposal of solid waste.

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## BELARUS: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SCALE-UP PROJECT

### Key Dates:

Approved: October 30, 2019

Effective: August 13, 2020

Closing: April 30, 2025

### Financing (in million US Dollars/EUR)

<i>Financier</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Undisbursed</i>
IBRD Loan	90 Euro	89.73 Euro
EIB	90 Euro	90 Euro
GEF Grant	3.653 USD	3.653 USD



### About the Project

Belarus has significant potential to reduce energy intensity, diversify energy supplies and maintain energy affordability without subsidies through improving the efficiency of energy production and consumption. Due to abundant forest resources and the price of biomass fuels, which is about 37% lower than the imported gas price, scaling up the use of wood biomass would help improving the energy efficiency of heat generation and reduce the cost. As all the multiapartment buildings constructed before 1996 (90% of the residential building stock) typically have poor thermal insulation and no building level heat substations, the multiapartment buildings also have substantial potential for reducing specific heat consumption through thermal renovation (estimated annual energy savings equivalent to 5.5 percent of the total final energy consumption in 2015).

The **Project Development Objective** is to scale-up efficient energy use in space heating of multi-apartment buildings and renewable wood biomass fuel utilization in selected urban localities in Belarus.

The Project supports investments in scaling up biomass-based district heating and thermal renovation of multiapartment buildings, as well as technical assistance for development of sector policies and institutional capacity. Renewable biomass heating component supports fuel switching and efficiency improvement of heating systems in selected localities. Thermal renovation of multiapartment building component supports thermal renovation program by piloting a sustainable financing mechanism. IBRD and EIB loan proceeds are used to pre-finance the cost of thermal renovation projects. The Project also provides technical assistance to the thermal renovation program and overall project implementation including biomass fuel market development, thermal retrofit market development, and introduction of a monitoring, reporting and verification system (MRV) for greenhouse gas emissions (GHG).

### Key Achieved and Expected Results

Implementation of the Project has been initiated recently. The preparation of conceptual designs for the biomass boiler houses has progressed well and Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) are under preparation. Also, technical consulting services contracts for thermal renovation of multiapartment buildings are being prepared.

The Project helps to scale up the efficient use of renewable biomass in heat and electricity generation, thereby lowering operating costs and improving fuel security in 35 towns around the country and enhancing the living conditions of 10,000 households. The Project contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, with total projected lifetime carbon dioxide emissions savings projected to be 3.8 million tons.

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