2. Construction of 287 MW Ruzizi IV Hydropower Project

Project description and objectives

The Ruzizi Hydropower Plant IV will be located on Ruzizi River. The plant is designed to have a capacity of 287 MW, allowing for the full utilisation of the 500 MW potential of the Ruzizi River. The project objectives are to:

- Serve as interconnection of three countries Rwanda, Burundi and DRC
- Offer greater and more reliable access to electricity which will also improve the quality of basic social services delivery including health, education, and improved security
- Improve energy trade among member countries
- Ensure reliability and economic power supply by switching to cheap and renewable sources.

Location of the Hydropower Project Under Study

Link: https://www.dakarfinancingsummit.org/projects/masaka-mwanza-transmission-line-project

Project status

The project is in the Feasibility Stage (S2B), and the terms of reference for the hiring of consultants for the feasibility study have already been finalised.

Financial needs

Project Cost Estimate: USD 712 Million

Additional details from the sponsors indicate that the main project funding requirements will be determined once the feasibility studies are completed.

Key parties

Private sector opportunities

There is experience with PPPs in hydropower generation in DRC, Rwanda and Burundi, and since Ruzizi III is also a PPP, this makes it easy for Ruzizi IV to follow the same path.

Implementation timing

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