

## **India's development cooperation and humanitarian assistance in the Republic of Guinea**

India's development partnership with other developing countries has expanded and diversified significantly over a period of time. The Government of India has a long-standing development cooperation policy towards partner countries embodying the key techniques i.e. capacity building and training, lines of credit (LOC), grant in aid, and bilateral trade and investments. India's approach to development is mainly human-centric and is marked by respect, diversity, care for the future, and sustainable development. For India, the most fundamental principle in cooperation is respecting development partners and be guided by their development priorities. India's development cooperation does not come with any conditions, as stated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in his address at the Parliament of Uganda in July 2018.

2. **Lines of Credit (LoCs):** Development assistance in the form of concessional Lines of Credit (LOCs) is extended by the Government of India under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) through the Exim Bank of India. The Government of India extends LOCs to share India's development experience through capacity building, trade and infrastructure development.

3. Government of India has extended the following LoCs to the Government of the Republic of Guinea:

(i) **Strengthening of Health System:** Government of India has approved LoC of US\$ 35 million to the Republic of Guinea for construction and up-gradation of regional hospitals in Kankan

and Nzérékoré in March 2014. The Government of Republic of Guinea has called for bids.

**Additional LoC of US\$ 20 million:** The Government of India has sanctioned an additional LoC of US\$ 20 million to the Republic of Guinea to supplement financing the construction and up-gradation of the Regional Hospitals in Kankan and Nzérékoré.

- (ii) **Line of Credit (LOC) of US\$ 20.22 million for two Solar Projects in Guinea:** The Government of India has approved LoC for financing the following two Solar Projects in Guinea :-
- a. US\$ 14.40 million for supply of electricity and drinking water for 7 public universities in Guinea
  - b. US\$ 5.82 million for Electrification and Refrigeration in 200 Health Infrastructures in Guinea

The LoC was announced during the ISA Founding Members Conference in New Delhi in March, 2018 and the agreement was signed during the visit of Mr. Mamadi Toure, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and Guineans Abroad to India on 5 December 2019.

- (iii) **LoC of US\$170 million for strengthening the drinking water supply of Grand Conakry Horizon 2040:** Hon'ble President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, announced LoC of US\$ 170 million for the water supply project of metropolitan city of Conakry during his State visit to the Republic of Guinea, Conakry on 2 August 2019.

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on 5 December 2019.

4. Apart from the above direct Line of Credits (LoC)'s extended by the Government of India, the Government of the Republic of Guinea availed the following LoCs through ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development:

- LOC of US\$ 28.10 million through ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) for importing 100 buses from India (US\$ 8.10 million) and for rehabilitation and extension of the electricity networks in Guinea (US\$ 20 million).

5. **Humanitarian Assistance:**

- GOI extended bilateral assistance of US\$ 50,000 to Guinea to fight Ebola in 2014. In addition, GOI provided cash assistance of US\$ 500,000 to WHO as well as contribution of US\$ 10 million to UN Fund for Ebola and additional US\$ 2 million for purchase of protective gear to tackle Ebola for the three Ebola affected countries of West Africa including Guinea.
- India donated fifty electric transformers in April 2007 with capacities between 250 and 400 KVA costing Rs. 17.67 million to help Guinea mitigate its electricity problem.
- India has gifted six tons of life saving medicines to Guinea comprising Azithromycin tablets), Hydroxychloroquine tablets), Cefotaxime, Bicalutamide, Levocetizine, Metronidazole, Ceftriaxone, Paracetamol, Iburprofen, Monteleukast, and Chloroquine to fight against the COVID-

19 Pandemic. The medical aid was handed over to Colonel (Dr.) Remy LAMAH, Hon'ble Minister of Health of Republic of Guinea on 30 July 2020 in a ceremony held at Ministry of Health office of Republic of Guinea .

6. India has supplied on grant basis, mattresses, sleeping bags and communication equipment, walkie talkies and patrol manpacks to replenish stocks of the Guinean contingent of MINUSMA in 2019. The total value of supplies is around US \$ 500,000.

7. **Capacity Building:** Guinea is adequately utilizing the ITEC and ICCR slots earmarked for the country under capacity building and technical assistance programme.

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