

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Africa	Project ID:	P153702
Project Name:	West Africa Survey Harmonization Project (P153702)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Johannes G. Hoogeveen		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	10-Dec-2015	Estimated Board Date:	15-Jan-2016
Managing Unit:	GPV01	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Public administration- Information and communications (55%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20%), General education sector (10%), Health (10%), General energy sector (5%)		
Theme(s):	Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (100%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	40.50	Total Bank Financing:	40.50
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
IDA Grant			40.50
Total			40.50
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

The objective of the project is to support the WAEMU Commission at strengthening the capacity of its member countries to conduct living conditions surveys that meet harmonized, regional standards and approaches and that use computer assisted interview technologies and to make the collected micro-data publicly available

C. Project Description

The project will strengthen regional integration in West Africa by harmonizing living conditions information and by strengthening the capacity at the WAEMU Commission and the national statistical agencies of all WAEMU member states to regularly produce and to publicly disseminate high quality, living conditions information that are comparable over time and across countries. The project provides assistance in ways that reflect differing country needs and capacities. A regional approach has several advantages. By working through the WAEMU Commission the demand for quality statistics is sustained. A regional approach also brings efficiency gains, as it allows setting common methodological standards, and enhances data comparability and data dissemination. A regional approach unlocks new opportunities for financial sustainability and, finally, facilitates south-south learning and peer review.

D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

This is a regional statistical project coordinated by the WAEMU Commission in Burkina Faso. It concerns the harmonization of living conditions surveys (instruments; methodology; manuals; core statistics) and data collection methods (CAPI). Field work will be carried out by each of the eight WAEMU member countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. The activities to be funded by the project are limited to capacity building and data production and dissemination and use. It will not fund any civil works that could have adverse environmental or social impacts. The social impact is expected to be positive because by making quality data publicly available it will nurture public debate on matters of economic, financial, and social concern, facilitate public accountability and a better targeting of public policies and use of public resources.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

Not known: the Bank has not done a project with the WAEMU before.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments;

		data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	No need for an environmental assessment: the work entails desk work (to design new survey instruments; data cleaning and analysis) and data collection using field enumerators.

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 31-Jul-2015

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:

No safeguards studies will be needed

IV. APPROVALS

Task Team Leader(s):	Name: Johannes G. Hoogeveen	
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¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.