

# INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

## CONCEPT STAGE

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### I. BASIC INFORMATION

#### A. Basic Project Data

<b>Country:</b>	Cameroon	<b>Project ID:</b>	P143417
<b>Project Name:</b>	Agriculture Investment and Market Development Project (P143417)		
<b>Task Team Leader:</b>	Manievel Sene		
<b>Estimated Appraisal Date:</b>	03-Mar-2014	<b>Estimated Board Date:</b>	29-May-2014
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	AFTA2	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	Investment Project Financing
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Crops (60%), Agricultural extension and research (20%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (10%), Animal production (5 %), Irrigation and drainage (5%)		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Rural services and infrastructure (40%), Rural markets (35%), Rural policies and institutions (25%)		
<b>Financing (In USD Million)</b>			
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	110.00	<b>Total Bank Financing:</b>	100.00
<b>Financing Gap:</b>	0.00		
<b>Financing Source</b>			<b>Amount</b>
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			10.00
International Development Association (IDA)			100.00
Total			110.00
<b>Environmental Category:</b>	B - Partial Assessment		
<b>Is this a Repeater project?</b>	No		

#### B. Project Objectives

The Project Development Objective (PDO) proposed for the operation is to increase productivity and competitiveness of cassava, maize, and sorghum value chains in order to meet the market demand, especially of the agribusiness led by target beneficiaries, i.e. cooperatives/Common Interest Group Unions. This will be achieved by (i) establishing a "Productive Partnership" mechanism between the

beneficiary POs (eligible cooperatives, and Interest Common Groups) and the agribusiness to improve access to markets; (ii) financing sub-projects for POs to increase access to improved agricultural technologies, inputs and basic infrastructures; and (iii) supporting access of POs to rural finance. To this end, the Project will expand investments in production, processing, and marketing of the above targeted commodities and in parallel improve delivery of services.

### **C. Project Description**

The PDO indicators for the proposed Project include: (i) functioning partnerships established between POs and agro-industries; (ii) increased yield of targeted crops in the targeted production basins (tons/ha) of which cassava (percentage), maize (percentage), sorghum (percentage); (iii) amounts of products of targeted crops processed by COOP-CIGUs (tons) of which cassava (percentage), maize (percentage), sorghum (percentage); (iv) amounts of value added products marketed by COOP-CIGUs (tons) of which cassava (percentage), maize (percentage), sorghum (percentage); (v) amount of co-investments leveraged by the Project's investment; (vi) competitive price of products (value); and (vii) increased value of target crops (value) of which cassava (percentage), maize (percentage), sorghum (percentage).

The intermediate outcome indicators for the proposed Project include: (i) productive investments delivered to beneficiary POs (number); (ii) post-harvest or processing facilities constructed or rehabilitated for Farms (number); (iii) rural roads constructed or rehabilitated; (iv) market infrastructures/units created or rehabilitated accessible for Farms; (v) integrated management landscape practices in the targeted production basins (ha); (vi) Farms that have adopted improved inputs (e.g: seeds, fertilizers, etc.) or technologies promoted by the project (percentage); (vii) direct Project beneficiaries satisfied with the Project (number) of which female (percentage) and youth (percentage).

The Project will comprise three components:

Component 1. Support to production, processing and marketing (US\$65.00 million IDA).

Component 1 will finance activities in the focal areas listed above: increasing crop productivity, adding post-harvest value, and improving performance of agricultural markets. Funding will target either basic infrastructure and equipment investments of eligible cooperatives/Common Interest Group Unions (COOP-CIGUs) (sub-projects). COOP-CIGUs' sub-projects supported under this component will constitute assets owned by the beneficiary COOP-CIGUs as part of their operation, management and maintenance responsibility. Support to market access, nutrition and climate resilience under this component will complement the aforementioned investments; to this end, sub-projects will also include activities related to nutrition and climate smart agriculture. The project will also specifically identify how female members' business plans can be supported under the component. IDA resources (public resources) will finance collective investments of business plans from Sub-projects (SPs). COOP-CIGUs are eligible to public resources as they account about several hundreds of Farm members also structured into groups. SPs will consist of (i) Basic collective infrastructures to benefit rural COOP-CIGUs for processing and value-added and (ii) Productive assets to support production, productivity and quality.

Component 2. Capacity building and institutional support to public services (US\$10.00 million IDA) will support implementation of Component 1 by (i) enhancing capacity of core public services; and (ii) building a framework of consultation/partnership between government, COOP-CIGUs, agro-industry companies and specialized institutions. Roles of the public services will be limited to advising beneficiary COOP-CIGUs. Implementation arrangements will be decided during Project preparation and described in detail in the PIM. Component 2 will consist of the two sub-components:

(i) Enhancing capacity of core public services and (ii) Building the public-private consultation and partnership framework.

Project Coordination and Management (US\$5.00 million IDA). The Project will establish a new Project Coordination Unit (PCU). A coordination mechanism between relevant ministries will be established. The Project will support implementation of activities, including manuals, selection of additional staff and equipment, the start-up and related operating costs of the PCU. The PCU will be responsible for the day-to-day management, implementation, fiduciary management, and overall monitoring and evaluation (M&E). The Project will establish an M&E unit that will carry out baseline and impact studies, and communicate information on agricultural technology, financial services and markets. The operational costs of the Project Steering Committee will be supported by the Project.

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

The Project will focus on main production basins including Center, East, Littoral, South and Adamaoua for cassava and maize, Far North region and North for sorghum.

#### **E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies**

The country has progressively built its capacity on safeguards management during the implementation of previous projects. The key institutional stakeholders are those entities, which are involved in the project steering committee, notably ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Public Works, Trade and Environment, Lands, Employment and others. The Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development for environmental assessment issues, the Ministry of Property and Land Affairs for the resettlement issues will also be involved.

The Project triggered the same safeguard policies as the ongoing Agricultural Competitiveness Project-P112635 (PACA). The Project will adopt and adapt the safeguards instruments being used for the PACA. A thorough capacity assessment exercise will be carried out during the project preparation. The Government will update the instruments prepared under PACA project to reflect the new Project design and geographical coverage: Pest Management Plan (PMP), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and an Indigenous People Planning Framework (IPPF). A new Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) will be prepared prior Project appraisal and disclose in country and at Infoshop.

A positive list of activities to be financed by the project will be part of the ESMF with potential impacts and relevant mitigation measures. The proposed list will include (subject to revision by appraisal) the following activities:

- rehabilitation of some section rural roads
- rehabilitation of small bridges related to the rural road rehabilitation section
- small market infrastructures ( small building
- solar panel and battery
- small Bio-digester
- small processing units
- threshing, milling machines
- integrated land and water management and adaptation to climate change infrastructures: (i) management practices (agro-forestry, integrated pest management, re-vegetation and rangelands, etc.), (ii) water management (watershed management, water harvesting, etc.), (iii) physical

structures (terraces, stone bunds, etc.), (iv) land use regime (conservation zones, protected area management, etc.

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## II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	Yes	This policy is triggered as the project activities and mainly those related to component 1 (construction/rehabilitation of processing facilities; rural roads construction or rehabilitation; and market infrastructures) may have environmental and social impacts. The scope, nature and scale of these potential impacts are not known at this project preparation stage. The exact nature and location of activities could not be identified during the project preparation. An ESMF will be prepared and disclosed prior appraisal to guide the way that potential negative environmental and social impacts of future sub-projects (following the positive list) will be identified and mitigated during the project implementation.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	The project will avoid financing any activity that should have any negative impact in the natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes	The policy is triggered as the project expects to finance agro-forestry and re afforestation activities. The project activities will avoid any impacts on the health and quality of forests or the rights and welfare of people and their level of dependence upon or interaction with forests. The project will avoid financing any activity that should have any negative impact in the natural forests. The ESMF will include a positive list of areas where the agro-forestry and reforestation activities will be undertaken.
Pest Management OP 4.09	Yes	The project activities will likely increase the use of chemical pesticides which could have negative environmental and health impacts. The Project beneficiaries are likely to adopt integrated pest management practices, which will be included in the ESMF.

Physical Cultural Resources OP/ BP 4.11	Yes	The proposed operation will involve excavations and movement of earth for the building facilities. During the development of the ESMF physical cultural resources will be taken into consideration and baselines defined. The ESMF will include clear procedures that will be required for identification, protection of cultural property from theft, and treatment of discovered artifacts, and will be included in standard bidding documents. The ESMF will also provide procedures for handling with “chance finds” during implementation project activities.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	Yes	The Policy is triggered because there indigenous people present in the project areas and mainly in the Eastern and Southern regions of the country. They are also present in the center region.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes	Involuntary Resettlement is triggered in the event that sub-projects should involve involuntary resettlement as the Project will finance construction/rehabilitation of processing facilities; rural roads construction or rehabilitation; and market infrastructures that may imply land acquisition in the covered areas. A RPF is being prepared that will guide the management of such situations should they arise during project implementation. RAPs will be prepared as and when necessary during project implementation.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The project is not financing any dam, nor does it depend on dams for its activities.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project is not anticipating any irrigation schemes that will involve international water bodies or riparian areas.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project is not being implemented in a disputed area.

### III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

**A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 31-Oct-2013**

**B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing<sup>1</sup> should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:**

Terms of reference for consultants in charge of safeguard-related studies have been completed in May 31, 2013 and consultants have been hired.

Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Pest Management Plan (PMP),

<sup>1</sup> 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.

Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), and Indigenous People Planning Framework (IPPF) will be delivered by end October 30th, 2013.

#### IV. APPROVALS

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