

PROJECT INFORMATION DOCUMENT (PID) APPRAISAL STAGE

Report No.: PIDA62829

Project Name	AFCC2/RI-GLR: Displaced Persons & Border Communities (P152821)
Region	AFRICA
Country	Africa
Sector(s)	General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (25%), Other social services (50%), General education sector (15%), Sub-national government administration (10%)
Theme(s)	Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (20%), Other social development (20%), Improving labor markets (20%), Social Inclusion (20%), Rural services and infrastructure (20%)
Lending Instrument	Investment Project Financing
Project ID	P152821
Borrower(s)	Ministry of Finance / Ministry of National Development Planning
Implementing Agency	Climate Change Secretariat
Environmental Category	B-Partial Assessment
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Estimated Date of Appraisal Completion	05-Apr-2016
Estimated Date of Board Approval	27-May-2016
Appraisal Review Decision (from Decision Note)	

I. Project Context

Country Context

There are currently more than 3.4 million refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the Great Lakes Region (GLR). Those directly affected are a particularly vulnerable group who have suffered trauma and loss of homes, assets, livelihoods and have had to re-build lives in new contexts, often in poor and physically isolated settings. To date, the majority of interventions for the displaced in the GLR have been humanitarian in nature, financed and implemented through humanitarian agencies. To tackle the displacement challenge, the 'Great Lakes Region Displaced Persons and Border Communities Series of Projects (SOP)' seeks to implement and operationalize a development response to forced displacement. The GLR: Displaced Persons and Border Communities Project follows three phases: (i) DRC, (ii) Zambia, (iii) Tanzania and regional organization. The first phase of the SOP focused on DRC, processed as an additional financing to an existing project. The second phase of the SOP focuses on Zambia. Zambia has hosted refugees

and asylum seekers since the 1960s. The country currently hosts about 50,000 mainly Angolan, Rwandan and Congolese refugees and former refugees in Meheba settlement (Solwezi District, Northwestern Province) and Mayukwayukwa settlement (Kaoma District, Western Province).

Sectoral and institutional Context

Local integration. Zambia is globally unique for having embarked on a process of offering full local integration for long term refugees. Although local integration is advocated by UNHCR as one of three preferable durable and optimum solutions for the long term displaced (alongside return and resettlement), it is rarely pursued as an option. The Government of the Republic of Zambia has pledged to facilitate the securing of a durable solution through local integration for about 12,800 former Angolan refugees, and 4,000 former Rwandan refugees. In January 2014, the Government of Zambia in collaboration with UNHCR produced the Strategic Framework for the Local Integration of Former Refugees in Zambia, outlining priority actions and resources required to implement the Government's pledge to integrate eligible former refugees. The Strategic Framework supports the issuance of country of origin passports and residency permits for former Angolan refugees and their relocation out of the refugee settlements of into two new adjacent resettlement schemes to be eventually managed by the Department of Resettlement in the Office of the Vice President, where they will be entitled to occupy land plots. The Strategic Framework envisages a series of socio-economic infrastructure investments (schools, clinics, boreholes, and roads) in order to make the resettlement schemes viable places to live.

Supporting host communities. Global experience shows that responses to refugees are more sustainable and socially cohesive when they include broad support for hosting communities. The World Bank has undertaken technical assistance to ensure that the Zambia Strategic Framework for Local Integration give increased attention to how local host communities adjacent to the former refugee settlements can be included in the local integration process and access potential development benefits. The project interventions therefore engage with a principle of promoting local integration with mutual benefits for former refugees and host communities.

Country relevance. The Zambia Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for FY13-16 is aligned with the Government's development priorities and supports three objectives: (i) reducing poverty and the vulnerability of the poor; (ii) improving competitiveness and infrastructure for growth and employment; and (iii) improving governance and strengthening economic management. The first objective includes an outcome on "improved access to resources for strengthening household resilience and health in targeted areas". The proposed program's local integration activities therefore align with the CPS and the GRZ's development priorities.

II. Proposed Development Objectives

To improve access to livelihoods and socio-economic infrastructure for displaced people and host communities in the targeted areas.

III. Project Description

Component Name

Socio-economic Infrastructure

Comments (optional)

This component will fund socio-economic investments to promote the connection of the settlement

areas with the surrounding districts, support local integration, ensure equity between the former refugees and local populations and bring development and poverty alleviation in the target areas.

Component Name

Support to Resilient Livelihoods

Comments (optional)

This sub-component will entail the provision of community-level livelihood sub-grants with a focus on supporting the most vulnerable groups within the community.

Component Name

Social Cohesion and Conflict Prevention

Comments (optional)

This component will support social cohesion through a number of activities, including information and awareness campaigns, conflict mitigation training, sensitization campaigns, and funding of community social activities.

Component Name

Project Management

Comments (optional)

This component will cover project management and implementation arrangements.

IV. Financing (in USD Million)

Total Project Cost:	20.00	Total Bank Financing:	20.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
For Loans/Credits/Others			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Development Association (IDA)			20.00
Total			20.00

V. Implementation

The project will be implemented by the Climate Change Secretariat (CCS) currently under the Ministry of Finance, which gives it authority to coordinate line Ministries in the exercise of their cross cutting mandate. The CCS might eventually be moved to the Ministry of Development Planning, under the Vice President (not yet confirmed), which will also facilitate Government ownership and synergies including with the Department of Resettlement, and the Direction of Decentralization. At the Provincial level, the CCS Provincial Project Implementation Units is headed by the Chief Planner, who plays a central role in local planning in close collaboration with provincial and district planners. At local the level the Climate Change Secretariat will play a convening role across various local government offices and functions facilitating and coordinating the implementation of the project at district, ward, and community levels, through local level planning authorities. Given the remoteness of the two areas of intervention and logistical difficulties of managing the project from the national Secretariat, the project would assist the Western and Northwestern Provinces and the target Districts, through two decentralized offices of the implementing agency established in the Western (Mongu) and Northwestern Provinces (Solwezi).

VI. Safeguard Policies (including public consultation)

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Yes	No
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Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	x	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	x	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	x	
Pest Management OP 4.09	x	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11		x
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10		x
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	x	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37		x
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50		x
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60		x

Comments (optional)

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