

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: ISDSC7796

Date ISDS Prepared/Updated: 10-Feb-2015

Date ISDS Approved/Disclosed: 27-Mar-2015

I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Cote d'Ivoire	Project ID:	P143332
Project Name:	CI- Productive Social Safety Net (P143332)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Azedine Ouerghi		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	23-Feb-2015	Estimated Board Date:	28-May-2015
Managing Unit:	GSPDR	Lending Instrument:	Specific Investment Loan
Sector(s):	Other social services (100%)		
Theme(s):	Social Safety Nets/Social Assistance & Social Care Services (100%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	50.00	Total Bank Financing:	50.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Development Association (IDA)			50.00
Total			50.00
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

24. The project development objectives (PDO) are to (i) provide income support to poor households in selected regions/areas, and (ii) support the country build key elements of a national safety net system.

C. Project Description

The project will have three components: (i) cash transfer and accompanying measures for poor rural areas; (ii) laying the foundations for a basic national safety net system and (iii) project coordination

and management. The total IDA allocation for the intervention is USD 50 million, allocated as follows:

- Cash transfer and accompanying measures in rural areas
- Laying the foundations for a basic national safety net system
- Project management and coordination

Component 1: Cash transfers and accompanying measures for poor rural areas

This component will support the development and implementation of a cash transfer program to serve as one of the cornerstones of Cote d' Ivoire's safety net.

Sub-component 1.1 – Cash Transfers

The cash transfers will support poor households in rural areas with young children up to 15 years of age. The payments will be made on a regular basis to allow beneficiaries to use the transfers to stabilize their food consumption and, indirectly, to encourage regular health check-ups, proper nutrition and school attendance for these children. A top-up transfer conditional to maintaining girls at school (where supply is adequate) will be piloted in areas where girls drop-out is high. The program will use a cascading targeting mechanism that combines regional (regions with high poverty incidence), income (using a simplified PMT to identify the poorest) and a community validation.

Sub-component 1.2 – Accompanying Measures

The program will include accompanying measures to sensitize households (beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries in target areas) about the importance of sending children to school, particularly girls, the systematic registration of children in the civil registry, the completion of regular vaccination schedules, proper nutrition especially in the first 1,000 days of child's life, psychosocial stimulation and awareness about disability. The disability measures would, in particular, account for the specific needs and rights of PWD, major causes of disability, and disability prevention. The ultimate goals are (i) to change public perception of PWD, moving from seeing PWD as vulnerable or harmful people in need of charity or people that should be excluded from the community, to people with rights who can fully participate in the country's development process, (ii) to educate people about disability major causes and prevention, since the majority of disabilities is acquired during the lifetime as a result of diseases, wars, car accidents, etc. and (iii) to start creating an enabling environment by removing basic barriers starting with barriers resulting from societal attitudes and discrimination. The accompanying awareness measures will be run at the household, community and government levels. This component will also help prepare policy notes and undertaking feasibility studies, strengthening the data collection mechanisms, and building key stakeholders' capacities in the country.

Component 2: Laying the foundations for a basic national safety net system

This component will assist the country in designing and developing operational building blocks that can be used for coordinating safety net programs and increasing their effectiveness through a systemic approach. The objective is to contribute to the establishment of a long-term effective and sustainable (institutionally, politically and financially) system of safety nets anchored in the national social protection strategy. An important aspect of the proposed system will be the capacity to expand and adjust the safety net in response to shocks by: (i) increasing the value of the transfer given to current beneficiaries; and (ii) expanding the cash transfer program to additional beneficiaries, albeit

for a shorter period of time than for the regular beneficiaries. Because developing, testing, implementing and updating systems takes time, this component will be implemented over the whole project period.

Component 3: Project management and coordination

This component will support the management and evaluation of the overall project. It will finance project management, coordination, and monitoring and evaluation activities related to the first two project components. In particular, this component would support impact evaluation of the cash transfer program for learning more about what particular aspects of cash transfer programs are important for improving and sustaining human development outcomes in Cote d'Ivoire. Very few experiences and impact evaluations do exist in the country. The project will be the opportunity to assess the impact of this tool on human development and poverty alleviation.

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

The project does not involve activities with environmental and social safeguards impacts.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

N/A

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	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/ BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	

Projects in Disputed Areas OP/ BP 7.60	No	
---	----	--

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 20-Nov-2014

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:

The project is expected to be category C, with no special studies needed. However, if the project is recategorized at PCN review, all necessary studies would be completed before Appraisal.

Social (including Safeguards)

The project is expected to have a positive social impact by improving household income and behavior related to nutrition and preventative health practices in targeted communities. On the basis of pre-determined criteria, the project will target the poorest and most vulnerable communities, specifically by providing cash transfers as well as by providing community awareness related to nutrition and other aspects of human capital and essential family practices for longer-term social benefits to adults and children in the area. As the cash transfers will be paid to a woman (see the EICVM definition of a household in footnote Annex 3) to receive the cash transfer positive impacts on the empowerment of women are also expected while both women and men will participate in the community events related to nutrition and family practices.

Environment (including Safeguards)

The project is a Category C project, because no civil works will be undertaken and no adverse environmental or social impacts are expected. The project does not require any land acquisition leading to involuntary resettlement and/or restrictions of access to resources and livelihood. No safeguards policies are triggered as indicated in the table below.

IV. APPROVALS

Task Team Leader(s):	Name: Azedine Ouerghi	
Approved By:		
Regional Safeguards Advisor:	Name: Alexandra C. Bezeredi (RSA)	Date: 10-Feb-2015
Sector Manager:	Name: Peter Ivanov Pojarski (SM)	Date: 27-Mar-2015

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.