

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Africa	Project ID:	P155039
Project Name:	SUPPORT TO THE REBUILDING OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN GUINEA, SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA PROJECT		
Team Leader(s):	Abdoulaye Toure, Sossena Tassew		
Estimated Date of Approval:	29-Apr-2015		
Managing Unit:	GFADR	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (100%)		
Theme(s):	Other social protection and risk management (50%), Other rural development (50%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	3.2	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction MPF			3.2
Environment Category:	B - Partial Assessment		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The specific and immediate objective of the project is “to support the rebuilding of the farm assets of small scale producers including women producers, through the provision of improved certified and foundation seeds for rice and maize in Guinea, Sierra-Leone and Liberia in order to mitigate the current and forthcoming impacts of the Ebola outbreak on the vulnerable poor rural households”.

Rice and Maize are the major food crops in all three countries.

The project will also contribute to a higher objective of food security and poverty reduction in these selected countries.

C. Project Description

The proposed project being a response to an emergency it will be processed under OP10.00 para 12. The project will have three components, namely:

(a) Component 1. Provision of certified and foundation seed to producers (US\$2.10 million)- Under

this component the Grant will procure and distribute to targeted beneficiaries: i) 1,000 tons of certified seeds and 170 tons of foundation seeds of improved rice varieties, and ii) 370 tons of certified seeds and 45 tons of foundation seeds of improved maize varieties. It is expected that women beneficiaries will reach at least 40 percent of total beneficiaries. The countries who are supplying the seeds have already been identified through the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP) which is supporting the strengthening of the seed systems in 13 ECOWAS countries in collaboration with the USAID funded West Africa Seed Project (WASP). Both Funding are managed by the West Africa council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD).

(b) Component 2. Provision of inputs for foundation seed multiplication (US\$0.6 million). Under this component the Grant will support the procurement and distribution of 850 tons of fertilizer to producers involved in foundation seed multiplication which will ensure the future scaling up of seed availability in the countries and also the medium and longer term sustainability of the productivity increase expected from this operation.

(c) Component 3. Operational cost (US\$0.3 million)- includes among others the coordination of the operation by CORAF/WECARD, M&E activities, the audit of the Grant, consultant services, etc.

The implementation will be done through the existing WAAPP organizational structures and implementation mechanisms. WAAPP is coordinated at the regional level by CORAF/WECARD and at country level by the national Project Coordinating Units (PCUs). WAAPP is implemented in 13 ECOWAS countries namely Guinea, Liberia, Sierra-Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Senegal, The Gambia, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Ghana, Togo, Benin and Nigeria. An emergency program that matches needs for certified and foundations seeds in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone with identified supplies from neighboring countries has already been identified by WAAPP using its regional network and experience.

The proposed project will be managed by CORAF/WECARD which will be responsible for the procurement and transportation of the goods to the countries. This will be done on the basis of an MOU between CORAF/WECARD and the respective suppliers. The WAAPP PCU in each beneficiary country will be responsible for the selection of the end beneficiaries ensuring that the gender target is met and the in-country distribution of the goods to producers is well organized. CORAF and the PCUs have competent multidisciplinary fiduciary and technical teams who are familiar with bank procedures. An external auditor will be recruited by CORAF to audit the Grant account.

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

The project will consist of technical assistance and training in each of the selected countries. No physical investments (or feasibility studies to prepare such investments) will be financed through this operation. As it's the case under WAAPP, CORAF/WECARD will continue to rely on the existing safeguards instruments to ensure adequate and timely mitigation of any potential adverse impacts.

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The regional implementation agency CORAF/WECARD has been implementing World Bank Funded operation for more than a decade, and has, both before and under WAAPP established proven record of handling social and environmental safeguards. The Agency has a dedicated Social and Environmental Safeguards Unit that was well trained by the World Bank safeguards specialists, and they have been in turn providing tangible follow up support to each national project team on the

adequate compliance on safeguards. This arrangement will also be applicable to the proposed project and the World bank safeguard team will continue to provide more advance safeguards capacity building to the safeguards unit and respective country teams.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	Yes	The proposed project component 1 and 2 will be financing the acquisition and distribution of certified and foundation seeds for food safety and security purpose. The use of the provided seeds on existing farmers land plots, will likely have minor, site specific and easily manageable impacts; typical of category B project. To ensure proper mitigation measures are put in place, the regional implementing agency (CORAF/WECARD) will use (update and re-disclose) the existing Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) prepared for WAAPP 1C and disclosed in August 2010 to mitigate any potential adverse impacts once the physical footprints of the project are known during project implementation. This ESMF will be re-disclosed prior to project appraisal.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	The proposed project activities will not be implemented in Natural Habitat areas, and therefore, no impacts or disturbance of Natural habitats is foreseen.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The proposed project activities are meant to respond to a food security need, and therefore, given its urgency nature farmers will use their existing and ready-to-use agriculture plots to growth crops. The policy is not triggered as, no impact on the forest is foreseen.
Pest Management OP 4.09	Yes	Under component 2, the project will purchase agriculture inputs (fertilizers) to be distributed to beneficiary farmers. Since the use of pesticides will likely cause potential social and environmental impacts, both on the natural and physical environment; CORAF/WECARD will use (update and re-disclose) the existing WAAPP 1C Pest Management Plan (PMP) disclosed in August 2010 to adequately mitigate

		any potential adverse impacts. This PMP will be re-disclosed prior to project appraisal.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	Farmers will be using their own existing agriculture land plots to rapidly grow crops this coming rainy season to sustain their family needs in terms of food consumption, safety and security. The policy is not triggered because no impacts on physical cultural resources is foreseen.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	There are no indigeneous peoples in the Project area. Therefore the policy is not triggered.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The policy is not triggered as farmers will be using their existing agricultural land plots to grow crops for the purpose of community/ households food security and safety. There will be no land acquisition under the Project.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The policy is not triggered as project activities will not use water from existing dams nor finance rehabilitation of existing dams or build/construct a new one.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project will not affect nor be implemented in international waterways, and thus the policy is not triggered.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project will not affect nor be implemented in disputed areas, and thus the policy is not triggered.

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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