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Project Information Document/ Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet (PID/ISDS)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country Central African Republic	Project ID P165855	Parent Project ID (if any)	Project Name CAR-Agriculture Recovery and Agribusiness Development Support Project (ARADSP) (P165855)
Region AFRICA	Estimated Appraisal Date Mar 04, 2019	Estimated Board Date Apr 30, 2019	Practice Area (Lead) Agriculture
Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing	Borrower(s) Ministre de l'Economie, du Plan et de la Coopération	Implementing Agency Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	

Proposed Development Objective(s)

Increase agriculture productivity of small scale farmers and promote micro, small and medium agribusiness enterprises in the project area, and provide immediate and effective response in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency

PROJECT FINANCING DATA (US\$, Millions)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	25.00
Total Financing	25.00
of which IBRD/IDA	25.00
Financing Gap	0.00

DETAILS

World Bank Group Financing

International Development Association (IDA)	25.00
IDA Grant	25.00



Environmental Assessment Category

B - Partial Assessment

Concept Review Decision

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Other Decision (as needed)

B. Introduction and Context

Country Context

Sectoral and Institutional Context

Relationship to CPF

C. Proposed Development Objective(s)

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Key Results (From PCN)

D. Concept Description



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SAFEGUARDS

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

Currently, the areas identified are Ouham, Ouham Pende, Ouaka and Bangui. Overall, the CAR has for a long time been characterized by bouts violence and conflict. In view of this, the project will be operating in a rather fragile environment, and several security considerations will need to be considered in the implementation of the project.

Overall, the project is proposed as a Category B project due to potential environmental impacts of expanding agricultural production in an environmentally sensitive area and due to social (different ethnic groups and IPs) and security issues (conflict and violence).

B. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

Borrower capacity in the management of safeguards is considered low, and the project preparation activities will need to focus on capacity building and dedicated environmental and social staffing of the project implementation unit.

C. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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D. Policies that might apply

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The component 1 (agriculture production, skills and entrepreneurship, including crops and livestock production) and component 2 (marketing infrastructure improvement and agro-processing) will overall aim to rebuild the agriculture production and basic marketing capacity in the project area. The project is rated EA Category B as it may have substantial impacts on the environment and communities. Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01 is triggered because components 1 and 2 will impact environment and these impacts are firstly evaluated to be moderate, localized and manageable. As the exact locations and natures of activities are still unknown,



		the project will prepare an Environmental and Social Environmental Framework (ESMF). The ESMF will be disclosed in country and on the World Bank External website prior to appraisal.
Performance Standards for Private Sector Activities OP/BP 4.03	No	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	Yes	Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04) are triggered in the preventive way because of the potential of the project to cause loss or degradation of natural habitats, whether directly or indirectly. The aim will be to avoid any significant conversion (loss) or degradation. Management of Natural Habitats will be considered in the ESMF
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes	Forests (OP/BP 4.36) policy is triggered preventively as the project has potential to impact on the natural or plantation forests, and/or can bring some changes in management or protection of these forests. The aim is to avoid any significant conversion (loss) or degradation. Sustainable management of forested area will be considered in the ESMF.
Pest Management OP 4.09	Yes	Pest Management (OP 4.09), is triggered at this stage as the use of pesticides is most likely to occur, and there may be environmental and health-related concerns with respect to vector management. A Pest Management Plan will be prepared consulted upon, and will be disclosure in the country and on the World Bank external website prior to appraisal.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	Yes	The Physical Cultural Resources Policies will be applied preventively because the project can be in the vicinity of recognized cultural heritage sites, and the aim is to avoid any significant conversion (loss) or degradation of these resources. Physical cultural Resources management will be integrally part of the ESMF, and “chance finds” should be part of every civil work contract, even where risks are deemed low.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	Yes	The project will be implemented in provinces where Indigenous People are present. An Indigenous People Policy Framework will be prepared in consultation with IPs and various actors. Once the project site is clearly identified the project will prepare an Indigenous People Plan (IPP).
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes	The policy is triggered due to the proposed activities in both component 1 and 2. An RPF will be prepared prior to Appraisal. Once the site are known an RAP will be prepared.



Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The Project will not finance any dam construction or rehabilitation.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project will not affect any international body of water.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	None of the intervention sites are in disputed areas.

E. Safeguard Preparation Plan

Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage PID/ISDS

Mar 15, 2018

Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing should be specified in the Appraisal Stage PID/ISDS

March 15, 2018

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