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Emergency Project to Combat the Food Crisis in Cameroon (P177782)

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RESTRUCTURING PAPER
ON A
PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING
OF
EMERGENCY PROJECT TO COMBAT THE FOOD CRISIS IN CAMEROON
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TO
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
LIPW	Labor Intensive Public Works
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
PDO	Project Development Objective
WFP	World Food Program



BASIC DATA

Product Information

Project ID P177782	Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing
Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC) High	
Approval Date 02-May-2022	Current Closing Date 31-Dec-2025

Organizations

Borrower The Republic of Cameroon	Responsible Agency
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Project Development Objective (PDO)

Original PDO

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Summary Status of Financing (US\$, Millions)

Ln/Cr/Tf	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Closing	Net Commitment	Disbursed	Undisbursed
IDA-71160	02-May-2022	26-Oct-2022	25-Nov-2022	31-Dec-2025	100.00	6.56	92.48

Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No



I. PROJECT STATUS AND RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING

1. **The Emergency Project to Combat the Food Crisis in Cameroon (P177782) is a US\$100 million Investment Project Financing operation (IDA Credit No.7116-CM).** The Project was approved by the Board on May 2, 2022 and became effective on November 25, 2022.
2. **The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen food and nutrition security and increase resilience to climate shocks of targeted households and producers.** Project support is provided through four components: (i) Support for early response food and nutrition stabilization towards early recovery and resilience building; (ii) Strengthening productive capacities of smallholders through crop and livestock support for climate and nutritional resilience; (iii) Support for strengthening governmental food security crisis monitoring capacity, information systems, and agrometeorological services; and (iv) Project management, monitoring and evaluation.
3. **Status.** Overall progress towards achievement of the PDO and Implementation Progress are rated Moderately Satisfactory mainly because of unforeseen delays in contracting. To-date, contracts with World Food Program (WFP) have been signed to provide rapid support to vulnerable populations in targeted regions through conditional cash transfers, and to construct community infrastructures aimed at reducing vulnerability to climate shocks and increasing resilience through labour intensive public works approach; while those with national public institutions identified are being finalized. Disbursement currently stands at 7% and is projected to increase to 52% as and when activities contracted with implementing agencies and institutions are implemented before mid next year.

Rationale for restructuring

4. Project institutional and implementation arrangements envisaged that the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development – the implementing agency, would among others, contract with WFP and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as specialized service providers to support implementation of specific project activities in line with the respective mandate and expertise of these United Nations agencies. This would include support to food production, support to the livestock and aquaculture subsectors, strengthening government capacity for inter-institutional coordination in food security and climate risk monitoring, and development of digital technologies to improve access to information on risks related to climate change, food security and markets. Negotiations with FAO have delayed due to disagreements with the client on the need for third-party monitoring recruited by the client, staff costs, and management fees. These delays have precluded the rapid implementation of project activities, especially those that are related to supporting food production, where FAO was anticipated to play a key implementation role. To avoid further delays and based on the government request dated August 01, 2023, the proposal is to restructure the implementation arrangements to allow contracting of other competent service providers - in lieu of FAO, to support implementation of Project's activities.



II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

- 5. The restructuring comprises of allowing other entities (e.g., NGOs, private institution, private company) to be eligible for being contracted as service providers as part of the project implementation arrangements.

III. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

	Changed	Not Changed
Institutional Arrangements	✓	
Implementing Agency		✓
DDO Status		✓
Project's Development Objectives		✓
Results Framework		✓
Components and Cost		✓
Loan Closing Date(s)		✓
Cancellations Proposed		✓
Reallocation between Disbursement Categories		✓
Disbursements Arrangements		✓
Disbursement Estimates		✓
Overall Risk Rating		✓
Legal Covenants		✓
Financial Management		✓
Procurement		✓
Implementation Schedule		✓
Other Change(s)		✓
Economic and Financial Analysis		✓
Technical Analysis		✓
Social Analysis		✓
Environmental Analysis		✓



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IV. DETAILED CHANGE(S)