



## Sierra Leone Safety Nets Project (P143588)

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Implementing Agencies: National Commission for Social Action, National Commission for Social Action

## Key Dates

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Board Approval date:25-Mar-2014

Effectiveness Date:29-Aug-2014

Planned Mid Term Review Date:15-Jan-2016

Actual Mid-Term Review Date:--

Original Closing Date:30-Sep-2017

Revised Closing Date:30-Sep-2017

## Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The project development objective is to establish the key building blocks for a basic national safety net system and to provide income support to extremely poor households in Sierra Leone.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

## Components

Name

Development of Systems for Implementation of Social Safety Net Interventions:(Cost \$1.20 M)

Cash Transfers to Extremely Poor Households:(Cost \$4.60 M)

Program Management and Capacity Building:(Cost \$2.20 M)

## Overall Ratings

Name	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Progress towards achievement of PDO	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Implementation Progress (IP)	● Satisfactory	● Satisfactory
Overall Risk Rating	--	● Moderate



## Implementation Status and Key Decisions

The Social Safety Net Project has made substantial progress since its approval on March 25, 2014 and effectiveness on August 29, 2014. Despite challenges due to the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak, the Project is on track to achieve its objectives. The Project has operationalized all the components activities, namely systems building, cash transfers, and project management and capacity building.

The key systems elements operationalized include:

1. the three-stage targeting tools (geographical targeting, community-based targeting, and proxy means testing); the management information system (MIS) and integrated registry, the Social Protection Registry for Integrated National Targeting (SPRINT);
2. related operational tools, including electronic data collection;
3. the electronic payment system;
4. basic grievance and anti-corruption measures; and
5. production of national identification cards to beneficiaries.

These advances in systems-building have been in part due to complementary support from the Rapid Social Response Multi-donor Trust Fund. Using these systems, the Project has identified approximately 3,200 potential beneficiaries for inclusion in the SPRINT. Out of these, approximately 2,720, or 23% of the Project target of 12,000, were enrolled in the SSN cash transfer program in February 2015 and began receiving the first quarterly cash transfer in March. All remaining beneficiaries are expected to be enrolled by the end of 2015.

Beyond successfully rolling out the basic systems and the cash transfers, the Project has made significant progress in institutional strengthening. Staffing for all but one position in the SP Secretariat and NaCSA central and field offices has been completed and the MIS equipment for the SP Secretariat, NaCSA central and field offices, and key sector ministries has been procured. The project has strengthened coordination through support for regular sessions of the SP Inter-Agency Forum and the SP Technical Steering Committee, the highest levels of policy coordination. Due to this enhanced coordination, more resources for safety nets in response to EVD have been mobilized through the Ebola Emergency Response Project. In addition, to support Government's response to the Ebola crisis, at the peak of the outbreak the project reallocated approximately US\$50,000 to support the immediate stabilization and mitigation measures, in particular to conduct information and communication activities and social mobilization in the four targeted districts to help contain the spread of the disease and thus minimize the impacts on extremely poor households. These efforts were implemented NaCSA in September-October 2014 in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and benefited 11,600 households. The Project has also supported two rounds of data collection of national high frequency cell phone data, implemented by Statistics Sierra Leone to measure the socioeconomic impacts of EVD to help estimate the country's evolving social protection needs.

## Risks

### Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

Risk Category	Rating at Approval	Previous Rating	Current Rating
Political and Governance	--	--	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	--	--	● Substantial
Sector Strategies and Policies	--	--	● Moderate
Technical Design of Project or Program	--	--	● Low
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	--	--	● Moderate
Fiduciary	--	--	● Moderate
Environment and Social	--	--	● Low



Stakeholders	--	--	● Moderate
Other	--	--	--
Overall	--	--	● Moderate

## Results

### Project Development Objective Indicators

#### ► Proportion of beneficiary households in the four target districts below the extreme poverty line (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	50.00	70.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	28-Feb-2015	02-Oct-2017

#### ► Proportion of beneficiary households in the four target districts receiving cash transfers by the 15th of every payment quarter (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	--	90.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	--	02-Oct-2017

#### ► Proportion of cash transfer component related grievances resolved within three months of being recorded in the GRM database (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	--	90.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	--	02-Oct-2017

#### ► Direct project beneficiaries (Number, Core)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	2720.00	12000.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	28-Feb-2015	02-Oct-2017



#### ▲ Female beneficiaries (Percentage, Core Supplement)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	--	92.00	40.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	28-Feb-2015	02-Oct-2017

#### Overall Comments

#### Intermediate Results Indicators

#### ▶ Targeting and enrollment, payment and grievance redress mechanisms established (Yes/No, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	N	--	Y	Y
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	31-Mar-2015	02-Oct-2017

#### ▶ Proportion of households identified through community targeting with PMT data entered in the Beneficiary Registry (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	86.00	90.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	28-Feb-2015	02-Oct-2017




► Proportion of cash transfer recipients paid through electronic payment (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	--	--	100.00	60.00
Date	27-Mar-2014	--	06-Apr-2015	02-Oct-2017

Overall Comments

### Data on Financial Performance

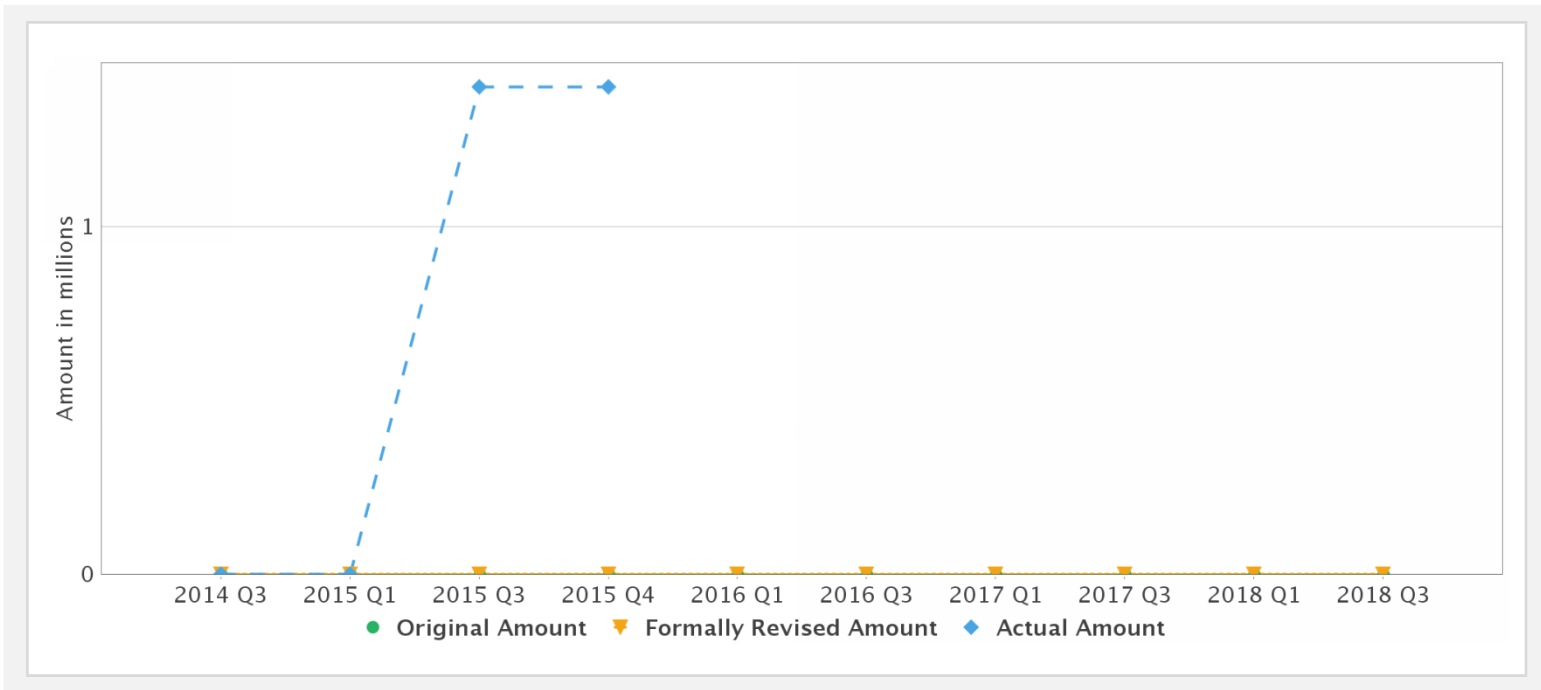
#### Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
P143588	IDA-H9250	Effective	XDR	4.60	4.60	0.00	1.40	3.20	 30%

#### Key Dates (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P143588	IDA-H9250	Effective	25-Mar-2014	14-Apr-2014	29-Aug-2014	30-Sep-2017	30-Sep-2017

#### Cumulative Disbursements



### Restructuring History

There has been no restructuring to date.

### Related Project(s)

P154454-Social Safety Nets Additional Financing