



Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary

Concept Stage

(ESRS Concept Stage)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country	Region	Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)
World	OTHER	P172299	
Project Name	The 50x2030 Initiative to Close the Agriculture Data Gap Data-Smart Agriculture		
Practice Area (Lead)	Financing Instrument	Estimated Appraisal Date	Estimated Board Date
«PRACTICEAREA»	Investment Project Financing		10/18/2019
Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency(ies)		
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		

Proposed Development Objective(s)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to improve the availability, quality, use and usability of integrated household and agricultural surveys data in low and lower middle-income countries.

Financing (in USD Million)	Amount
Total Project Cost	2.60

B. Is the project being prepared in a Situation of Urgent Need of Assistance or Capacity Constraints, as per Bank IPF Policy, para. 12?

No

C. Summary Description of Proposed Project [including overview of Country, Sectoral & Institutional Contexts and Relationship to CPF]

Empower and support fifty low and lower-middle income countries (L/LMICs) by 2030 to build strong national data systems that produce and use high-quality and timely agricultural data through survey programs.

D. Environmental and Social Overview

D.1. Project location(s) and salient characteristics relevant to the ES assessment [geographic, environmental, social]

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The project beneficiaries include over 50 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Central Asia, South Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. However, direct effect on the biological and physical environment is not expected to be caused by the project.

Under the Project Development Objectives (PDO) to contribute to the improvement of evidence-based decision making at national level with the aim of ending hunger, increasing food security, improving nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development, the project seeks to build upon the strengths and capacities of each Implementing Partner through three Implementation Components: (1) Data Production; (2) Methods and Tool Development; and (3) Data Use.

Under Component 1, Data Production, Statistics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will oversee and implement technical assistance and financial support activities to collect agricultural statistical data and to establish a survey program.

Under Component 2, Methods and Tool Development, Development Data Group of the World Bank Group will oversee activities to produce tools and methodologies for data collection and analysis.

Under Component 3, Data Use, Strategy and Knowledge Department of the International Fund for Agricultural Development will oversee and implement activities such as (1) Assessment of data ecosystems; (2) Strengthening of the data ecosystems; (3) Promotion of evidence-informed decision making; (4) Data use monitoring; (5) Global and regional-level implementation.

Within this recipient-executed activity the project will focus on component 1 and 3. The components funded under this recipient-executed activity is not expected to cause direct impacts to the environment.

D. 2. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity

The recipient of the grant is FAO, a leading specialized agency in the area of agriculture and rural statistics at the national, regional and global level. It is the leading agency on agricultural data, with a long tradition of supporting countries' agricultural data systems. It is the custodian for SDG2 indicators and has the global mandate to support the production and reporting of these data. FAO's Economic and Social Statistics Division (ESS) will lead the work under Component 1 on Data Production. ESS will engage with National Statistical Offices, line Ministries and researchers in each of the beneficiary country to facilitate data gathering. FAO will collaborate with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), which will lead Component 3 on Data Use. IFAD is a specialized agency of the United Nations established in 1977 under the vision of an 'Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Transformation' IFAD's strategy and knowledge department to assist countries in data sue. The Strategy and Knowledge Department of IFAD will lead the the work under Component 3.

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II. SCREENING OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (ES) RISKS AND IMPACTS

A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC) Low

Environmental Risk Rating Low

The Environmental Risk Rating of the project is assessed to be 'Low'. The project will include no physical works and as such will not have any direct impact on biological and physical environment. The project output may have indirect impacts as improved agricultural data can affect decision-making and policies concerning agricultural productivity, rural livelihoods and sustainability. Anticipated risks and impacts related to staff health and safety are expected to be negligible.

Social Risk Rating Low



The project will likely have positive social impact. The improved agricultural data is expected to contribute to better-informed decision making and to translate to improved outcomes for issues related to agricultural sustainability, food security, nutrition and rural development. The project aims to encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue on agricultural data, strengthen countries' capacity to design, implement, analyze and apply survey programs and data systems. While produced data may inform policies and regulations in the beneficiary countries, the project will not directly contribute to policy advice or strategies, that could adversely influence the management of social risks. The project does not have any physical footprint that may have potential impact on livelihoods, land or resources of human population.

B. Environment and Social Standards (ESSs) that Apply to the Activities Being Considered

B.1. General Assessment

ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

Overview of the relevance of the Standard for the Project:

The relevance of this standard is confined to this initial screening stage. No ES risks are expected to manifest during project preparation or subsequently, during implementation.

Consistent with the requirements of ESS1, no further environmental and social assessment (ESA) has been determined necessary following screening and initial scoping, as the project is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental or social risks and impacts. No ESA instruments will be prepared and an Appraisal ESRS will not be required.

Areas where “Use of Borrower Framework” is being considered:

The use of any part of Borrower frameworks is neither relevant under this project, nor considered.

ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

National Statistical Offices and line Ministries will be direct beneficiaries of the project. Research Institutes, universities, policy makers, and farmers will also benefit from the project, by using the data produced by the project. Through the course of implementation, the project will build capacity of different stakeholders through direct training on survey design and implementation, and through data dissemination. Once finalized, data will become publicly accessible. Different stakeholders will be engaged through various project activities. Elements of stakeholder engagement plan will be outlined in the ESCP.

B.2. Specific Risks and Impacts

A brief description of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts relevant to the Project.

ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions

FAO will be hiring their own staff, consulting firms or consultants for activities under the project, following UN employment requirements. The approximately estimated number of people to be employed throughout the lifetime of the project is 20. Project screening included review of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations (UN, 2018). The staff manual provides documented terms and conditions of employment in compliance to ESS2 requirements. Due to the small number of people supported by the project and findings that the Staff Regulations



and Rules of the United Nations are consistent with the requirements of ESS2, risks and impacts related to ESS2 were screened with minimal to none related to labor and working conditions.

The National Statistical Offices staff in the participating countries tend to be civil servants, who are subject to the terms and conditions of their respective countries' public sector employment agreements and arrangements. This standard will not apply to them.

ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management

ESS3 is not relevant to the Project as the use of natural resources, generation of emissions and waste, and significant GHG production are not anticipated.

ESS4 Community Health and Safety

ESS4 is not relevant to the Project as no community health and safety issues are expected through project activities.

ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

ESS5 is not relevant to the Project as it has no physical footprint. No economic or physical impact on land, structures or property is anticipated.

ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

ESS6 is not relevant to the Project as it will not involve any direct and indirect impacts on biodiversity or living natural resources.

ESS7 Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities

ESS7 is not relevant to the Project as it has no physical footprint on the ground.

ESS8 Cultural Heritage

ESS8 is not relevant to the Project as it will not impact physical or intangible cultural resources.

ESS9 Financial Intermediaries

ESS9 is not relevant to the Project as it will not involve any financial intermediaries.

C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply

OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways

No

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OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas

No

III. WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE

A. Is a common approach being considered?

No

Financing Partners

A Common Approach is not considered at this time.

B. Proposed Measures, Actions and Timing (Borrower’s commitments)

Actions to be completed prior to Bank Board Approval:

ESCP is to be prepared and include elements of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP).

Possible issues to be addressed in the Borrower Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP):

The ESCP should contain provision to implement and monitor implementation of the SEP, as well as any resulting ES processes and instruments required, if project design significantly changes during preparation or implementation.

C. Timing

Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage ESRS

21-Oct-2019

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