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Quick Facts

Countries	Madagascar
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2019-03-29
Borrower	Government of Madagascar
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 90.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 90.00 million

Project Description

Original Objective
According to bank documents, the project objective is to support the government in increasing the access of extremely poor households to safety net services and in laying the foundations for a social protection system.

Current Objective
Same as riginal objective

The proposed second additional financing (AF2) aims to consolidate, expand and strengthen the social safety net system in the country, in line with the Government of Madagascar's commitments. Building on the positive results and midline impact evaluation evidence, the AF2 would (i) begin consolidation of the three current social safety net models into a cohesive social safety net for the poorest households with only two core models (HDCT and PSPN) with streamlined accompanying measures; (ii) expand support geographically of these consolidated models to new vulnerable regions; (iii) strengthen key elements of the Project related to human development, sustainability and resilience.

The project has 3 components:

1. Building a Safety Net for the Poor in Selected Rural Areas (AF2 contribution 74.1 US$ million)
    i. Establishing a Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) (AF2 contribution 17.8 US$ million). This subcomponent will continue to offer productive cash-for-work opportunities during the lean season to the poorest families in the selected communities, to smooth their consumption in the short term and develop the productive capacities of households and communities over the longer term. It will provide timely, predictable, and regular transfers to the approximately 32,000 households currently participating in the program, in five Regions and five districts. The cash-for-work benefit level will be 4,000 MGA per participant per workday, for 80 days a year, over 30 months. The subcomponent will expand coverage to two additional districts and regions; for an additional estimated 3,500 beneficiary households, based on the same selection criteria as in the parent Project.
    ii. Expanding the Human Development Cash Transfer (HDCT) (AF2 contribution 36.5 US$ million). This subcomponent will continue to provide human development cash transfers to extremely poor families with children aged between 0 and 12 years old in selected regions of Madagascar, in a combination of Unconditional cash transfers, and supplemental funds linked to school enrolment and behavioral nudges. It will provide timely, predictable, and regular transfers to the approximately 41,000 households currently participating, in 5 Regions and 6 districts. The subcomponent will expand coverage for an additional district with estimated 2,000 beneficiary households, based on the same targeting approach used in the parent Project. As part of the consolidation of the SSN into two core models, the FIAVOTA cash transfer program will transition to the HDCT model under the AF2. The FIAVOTA program was established under the first AF and the subcomponent 1.3: Early Recovery Response to Natural Disasters. The nutrition sites in the South will no longer benefit from financial support of the World Bank under the AF, but the Government will continue to provide nutrition support outside the AF2, and a new World Bank operation will address chronic malnutrition. Through a graduation pilot, the project will test a process to recertify households' eligibility for the HDCT program, beginning with households that have been in the program the longest. The AF2 will include an evaluation of the results of this graduation pilot, to generate lessons learnt that will be useful for future SSN design.
    iii. Early Recovery Response to Natural Disasters (AF2 contribution US$20 million). This subcomponent would continue to help households to recover after a disaster by providing them with cash-for-work opportunities and by rehabilitating and reconstructing damaged infrastructure in the affected communities, both for rapid-onset disasters (cyclones and flooding), and slow-onset disasters like a prolonged drought. This subcomponent will provide immediate response to an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, as needed. It will be made available based on declarations of need from the National Office for Risk and Disaster Management (Bureau National de Gestion des Risques et des

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Bank Documents

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