

 Early Warning System

WB-P179211

Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Nets Project



### Quick Facts

Countries	Central African Republic
Specific Location	Kagas and Haut-Oubangui regions
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2024-05-23
Borrower	Government of Central African Republic - Ministry of Humanitarian Action, Solidarity and (...)
Sectors	Education and Health, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 30.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 30.00 million



### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the development objective of the project is to : (a) expand access to social safety nets for poor and vulnerable households in targeted areas; and (b) strengthen the shock-responsiveness of delivery systems.

The project will be implemented in two regions characterized by high levels of poverty and vulnerability to climate change. According to the latest available poverty map, the Kagas and Haut-Oubangui regions have a poverty incidence rate of 78.60 and 84.65 % respectively. About 45,000 households are expected to receive regular safety net transfers and training to strengthen human capital and help them respond to climate shocks.



### Early Warning System Project Analysis

The environmental risk is rated moderate, mainly due to potential environmental risks and impacts linked to sub component 1.3 (accompanying measures) are not yet fully known. Possible risks from an environmental perspective would be if the household productivity courses would, for example, include the use pesticides. The project will, however, not do the agricultural information sessions itself, but refer participants to the World Bank financed PRUCAC project on agriculture.

The Social Risk Rating is substantial. There is always a risk of elite capture and exclusion of vulnerable groups from registering when lists of beneficiaries are developed, whether it is for receiving safety net transfers or accessing training and awareness information sessions. Exclusion might also lead to social tensions in the communities if the selection criteria are not fully understood, the selection process not being transparent, or the criteria not adhered to in a correct manner. Discrimination based on ethnicity and religion or the exclusion of, for example, internally displaced people (IDPs) and people with disabilities are common. The Geographical targeting: the selection of communes within the five prefectures will be made through lottery, which might increase tensions between communities that will receive the benefit and those that won't.



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## Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

A US\$30 million grant from the International Development Association (IDA).



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### Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Net](#) [Original Source]
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Central African Republic - Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Nets Project](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Nets](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Nets Project](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Nets Project \(](#) [Original Source]
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Adaptive and Productive Social Safety Nets Project - P179211](#) [Original Source]

### Media

- [Expanding Social Safety Nets for Vulnerable Households in Central African Republic](#)