

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATASHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

I. Basic Information

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1. Basic Project Data

Country: Guinea-Bissau	Project ID: P113468	
Project Name: Guinea Bissau--Food Price Crisis Response Program, Additional Financing		
Task Team Leader: Aniceto Timoteo Bila		
Estimated Appraisal Date: August 7, 2008	Estimated Board Date: September 22, 2008	
Managing Unit: AFTAR	Lending Instrument: Emergency Recovery Loan	
Sector: Crops (75%);General education sector (25%)		
Theme: Global food crisis response (P)		
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
Other financing amounts by source:		
Borrower	0.00	
<u>Special Financing</u>	<u>5.00</u>	
	5.00	
Environmental Category: B - Partial Assessment		
Simplified Processing	Simple <input type="checkbox"/>	Repeater <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

2. Project Objectives

The project development objective is to improve food security by supporting the most vulnerable population including children and increasing rice production in the project area.

3. Project Description

The project would help the Government of Guinea-Bissau's response to the food price crisis and will include three components: (i) support to improve food security for the most vulnerable population through school feeding and food for work programs; (ii) support for the country's Emergency Plan for the Agricultural Campaign 2008-2010 proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) to increase food production and productivity, with a particular focus on rice; and (iii) project coordination, monitoring and evaluation. The proposed Project is expected to be completed over a period of three years.

The first component of the project (US\$1.5 million) will be implemented by the World Food Program (WFP) and is designed to support provide support to the most vulnerable population through (i) the school feeding program; and (ii) the food for work program to

rehabilitate land under rice. Since the WFP program is already under implementation, channeling funds from this project through the WFP will supplement the WFP program to provide an emergency response to the most vulnerable population of Guinea-Bissau. WFP and the Bank will enter into a specific agreement for the implementation of Component 1. Using the existing WFP framework and partners will also minimize the linkage and elite capture.

The second component (US\$3.0 million) will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and is designed to support (i) matching grants for food production; and (ii) provision of technical support to the farm groups. While the project would support diversification and production of all food crops, the main focus will be to increase rice production.

The objective of the third component (US\$0.5 million) is to coordinate project implementation, monitoring and evaluation and the resources in accordance with the project objectives and procedures. The implementation arrangements and the project supervision will be designed to minimize elite capture and leakages.

4. Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis

The project will intervene in areas of potential food production throughout the country but with a specific focus on six regions namely: Bafata, Biombo, Bissau, Chacheu, Gabu and Oio. The project will support food production activities in these areas through provision of agricultural inputs (seeds and fertilizers, agricultural tools) and rehabilitation of dykes and drainage channels. There is plenty of community/ state land which is completely vacant which can be brought into cultivation; no person or communities will be displaced nor will assets be negatively impacted as a result of the project; no land will be used to increase cultivation if it is being utilized for purposes other than agriculture; it would be presumed that any person utilizing land for agriculture purposes would want to participate in the project benefits, however, it would be entirely voluntary. However, limited use of pesticides may be required for pests' control. Given the project's focus on food production and productivity, and support on rehabilitation of dykes and drainage channels, and use of inputs including pesticides, three Bank safeguards policies are triggered; Environmental Assessment (OP 4.01), Natural Habitats (OP4.04) and Pest Management (OP 4.09), respectively. Although the size and nature of activities to be supported are not expected to cause any major environmental impacts, the project is rated as Category B. As per Bank safeguards policies the Government will be required to prepare and disclose in country and at the InfoShop the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), within six months of effectiveness of the Grant Agreement. The ESMF will formulate guidelines and procedures for environmental and social screening. It will also provide guidelines for pest and pesticides use and management, as efforts, under the project, to boost food production and productivity may have pesticide management implications. In addition, the ESMF will discuss institutional arrangements for implementation, along with any capacity strengthening and awareness raising measures deemed necessary for relevant stakeholder groups involved in implementation and monitoring of project safeguard measures.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

Mr Yves Andre Prevost (AFTEN)

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6. Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)	X	
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)	X	
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)		X
Pest Management (OP 4.09)	X	
Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11)		X
Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10)		X
Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)		X
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)		X
Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)		X
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts: Given the project's focus on food production and productivity and support for rehabilitation of dykes and drainage channels, and use of inputs including pesticides, three Banks safeguard policies are triggered, Environmental Assessment (OP 4.01), Natural Habitats (OP4.04), and Pest Management (OP 4.09), respectively. Food production intensification may imply increased use of agricultural inputs and pesticides, which would require a Pest Management Plan. Although no new land will be rehabilitated, OP4.04 is triggered to safeguard possible intervention on land that has been abandoned more than 10 years.

The Government will prepare and disclose in country and at the InfoShop an ESMF within six months of effectiveness of the Grant Agreement. The ESMF would: (i) assess the environmental and social impacts of expected sub-projects; (ii) outline environmental management procedures and provide requisites tools, including a screening process with a sub-project assessment forms and guidelines for mitigating impacts; and (iii) determine the capacity building needs. In addition to formal disclosure, the content of these documents will be disseminated in Guinea-Bissau through a series of stakeholder workshops. The frameworks and the screening processes will be integrated into the Operational Manual of the project.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
Project activities are small, and would not cause any long term or irreversible damage.

3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.

Not Applicable.

4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described. Due to the emergency nature of the food crisis, the proposed project was prepared under OP/BP 8.00 that provide the Bank's policy framework for a rapid response to the crisis in Guinea-Bissau. In accordance with OP/BP8.00, the recipient will prepare the ESMF and disclose it within six months of project effectiveness. The project would include measures to strengthen the borrowers' capacity to manage the ESMF including training, technical assistance and studies, as required.

5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people. Smallholders and communities in the project area will be involved during the preparation of project activities, and will benefit from awareness raising and training concerning community rights and obligations; and how to seek redress against what they could regard as unfair process. Training of technical staff at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is also planned and will minimize the negative impact of potential conflicts.

B. Disclosure Requirements Date

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other:

Was the document disclosed prior to appraisal?	No
Date of receipt by the Bank	04/14/2009
Date of "in-country" disclosure	04/14/2009
Date of submission to InfoShop	04/14/2009
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	04/14/2009

Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process:

Was the document disclosed prior to appraisal?	
Date of receipt by the Bank	
Date of "in-country" disclosure	
Date of submission to InfoShop	

Indigenous Peoples Plan/Planning Framework:

Was the document disclosed prior to appraisal?	
Date of receipt by the Bank	
Date of "in-country" disclosure	
Date of submission to InfoShop	

Pest Management Plan:

Was the document disclosed prior to appraisal?	No
Date of receipt by the Bank	04/14/2009
Date of "in-country" disclosure	04/14/2009
Date of submission to InfoShop	04/14/2009

*** If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources, the respective issues are to be addressed and disclosed as part of the Environmental Assessment/Audit/or EMP.**

If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level (to be filled in when the ISDS is finalized by the project decision meeting)

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment

Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	Yes
If yes, then did the Regional Environment Unit or Sector Manager (SM) review and approve the EA report?	N/A
Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan?	N/A

OP/BP 4.04 - Natural Habitats

Would the project result in any significant conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats?	No
If the project would result in significant conversion or degradation of other (non-critical) natural habitats, does the project include mitigation measures acceptable to the Bank?	Yes

OP 4.09 - Pest Management

Does the EA adequately address the pest management issues?	Yes
Is a separate PMP required?	No
If yes, has the PMP been reviewed and approved by a safeguards specialist or SM? Are PMP requirements included in project design? If yes, does the project team include a Pest Management Specialist?	N/A

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information

Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	No
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs?	No

All Safeguard Policies

Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	N/A

D. Approvals

<i>Signed and submitted by:</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Comments: Prepared for Appraisal		