

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATASHEET  
APPRAISAL STAGE**

**I. Basic Information**

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**1. Basic Project Data**

Country: Central African Republic	Project ID: P124278
Project Name: CAR-Agro-Pastoral Recovery Project	
Task Team Leader: Bleoue Nicaise Ehoue	
Estimated Appraisal Date: March 28, 2011	Estimated Board Date: May 26, 2011
Managing Unit: AFTAR	Lending Instrument: Emergency Recovery Loan
Sector: General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (75%);Agricultural extension and research (25%)	
Theme: Global food crisis response (80%);Rural policies and institutions (20%)	
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	23.80
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
Other financing amounts by source:	
<u>BORROWER/RECIPIENT</u>	0.00
	0.00
Environmental Category: B - Partial Assessment	
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 (PDO) is to increase productivity and production of selected food crops and livestock species in the project area.

**3. Project Description**

The project will support activities designed to: (i) enhance the capacity of households in the project area to increase productivity and production of selected food crops and livestock species, as well as to market surplus production of those food crops and livestock species (or products derived from those livestock species, e.g., eggs, meat); (ii) strengthen public agencies, non-governmental organizations, and producer organizations and other community-based groups, and (iii) carry out project coordination and management activities, including project administration, financial management, procurement, monitoring and evaluation of project performance and impacts, and safeguards compliance.

In terms of content, the project will support:

(a) increasing food crop production by focusing on provision of (i) consumable inputs for crop production (e.g., improved seed, fertilizers); (ii) capital equipment for crop production and processing (e.g., hand tools, cultivators, hullers, mills etc.); (iii) infrastructure to reduce post-harvest losses (e.g., drying floors, storage facilities); and (iv) of crop production advisory services.

(b) increasing animal production through the: (i) introduction of parent stock of improved breeds (offspring will be distributed on a rotating basis), (ii) provision of livestock management advisory services; and (iii) strengthening of veterinary support services; (iv) the rehabilitation of slaughter houses

(c) preparation and implementation of training plans, workshops, and study tours for managers and committee members of producer organizations and other community-based groups.

(d) activities designed to strengthen the capacity of MRDA to carry out selected core functions, especially including program and project planning, implementation, and evaluation. The project will also: (i) support the development of a National Seed Law; (ii) provide specific technical and managerial support for ICRA; (iii) provide training for private multipliers in the project zone; and (iv) provide training for private firms and individuals, NGOs, and other agricultural input suppliers

(e) activities designed to support producer organizations and community-based organizations, with the goal of improving their governance mechanisms and instilling them with sound business practices. The proposed project will provide training, technical assistance, and advisory services to build basic operating capacity in all of the producer organizations and community-based organizations with which it engages. Using participatory approaches to ensure engagement with the entire membership of each organization, the objective will be to rationalize organizational structures and functions, strengthen member commitment, and increase effective participation. Where appropriate, the proposed project will also work to improve business planning and management capacity in a selected number of more commercially oriented organizations.

(f) coordination and management activities, including: (i) project administration; (ii) financial management; (iii) procurement; (iv) monitoring and evaluation of project performance and impact; and (v) safeguards compliance.

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

During the appraisal mission, agreement was reached with the Government to implement the project in the south-western part of the country, focusing specifically on two agro-ecological zones: (i) the Guinean zone, including the prefectures of Lobaye, Sangha-Mbaéré, and Mambéré-Kadei; and (ii) the Guinean-Sudanese zone, including the northern bank of two sub-prefectures in Nana-Mambéré.

The two targeted zones are suited to production of roots and tubers (cassava, yam, taro, sweet potatoes), cereals (maize, rice), bananas and plantains, vegetables grains (peanuts,

cowpeas), tree crops (coffee, cocoa, palm oil, pepper), and fruits (pineapple, avocado). Forest resources (especially wood), fauna, and mineral resources are also important sources of income. These areas are not well served by rural roads, and producers consequently face a huge challenge in delivering their agricultural products to markets. Market infrastructure, including storage facilities, is equally deficient

## 5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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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: While the project is not expected to have any large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts, it may have small and site-specific impacts, such as soil erosion, pesticide poisoning, soil pollution, deforestation, depletion of soil fertility.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:  
The project will not incur potential indirect and/or long term impacts because of its small-scale and also because appropriate mitigation measures for activities will be developed and implemented. Nevertheless there is a potential risk of cumulative impact of combined activities in these four prefectures. The project will ensure that this risk is mitigated.

3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.  
Not relevant. In the 'no-project' scenario, poverty and conflict over resources are likely to increase in extent and severity over most of the rural areas in CAR, especially in the regions where the project will be implemented. This will result in greater resource degradation than the 'with-project' scenario.

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. The borrower's capacity to deal with safeguard issues is deemed to have been improved based on their combined track record in-country, as well as with previous Bank projects. The borrower will submit an ESMF which will (i) establish clear procedures and methodologies for the environmental and social planning, review and approval of sub-projects; (ii) specify roles and responsibilities, and outline the necessary reporting procedures, for managing and monitoring environmental and social concerns related to projects; (iii) determine the training, capacity building needed to successfully implement the provisions of the ESMF; and (iv) establish the project financing requirement to implement the ESMF. Environmental and Social Management Plans will be prepared as and when necessary during project implementation. As there are Indigenous Peoples in the project area, an Indigenous Peoples Plan will be prepared, based on a social assessment and consultations with indigenous communities. The Plan will address project impacts on and benefits for Indigenous Peoples. Finally, the borrower will update the Pest Management Plan that has been prepared under the Food Crisis project. All these documents will be publicly disclosed in CAR and at the World Bank InfoShop 120 days after effectiveness of the project, as the project is under OP/BP. 8.0.

5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people. Key stakeholders include rural producers in four prefectures of which (i) the Guinean zone, including the prefectures of Lobaye, Sangha-Mbaéré, and Mambéré-Kadei; and (ii) the Guinean-Sudanese zone, including the northern bank of two sub-prefectures in Nana-Mambéré, rural associations, mayors, local representative of the Ministry of Environment and Ecology, local representative of the Ministry of Agriculture. The project will ensure that, during the preparation and disclosure of the safeguard documents and also during project implementation, they are consulted. The ESMF, the PMP and the IPP will clearly indicate the way that these stakeholders will be consulted during the implementation phase. All safeguards documents will be publicly disclosed and within the project means, at least the executive summary will be translated in the local language.

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***B. Disclosure Requirements Date***

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**Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other:**

Was the document disclosed <b>prior to appraisal?</b>	No
Date of receipt by the Bank	12/19/2011
Date of "in-country" disclosure	12/19/2011
Date of submission to InfoShop	12/19/2011
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	

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**Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process:**

Was the document disclosed <b>prior to appraisal?</b>
Date of receipt by the Bank
Date of "in-country" disclosure

Date of submission to InfoShop	
<b>Indigenous Peoples Plan/Planning Framework:</b>	
Was the document disclosed <b>prior to appraisal?</b>	No
Date of receipt by the Bank	12/19/2011
Date of "in-country" disclosure	12/19/2011
Date of submission to InfoShop	12/19/2011
<b>Pest Management Plan:</b>	
Was the document disclosed <b>prior to appraisal?</b>	No
Date of receipt by the Bank	12/19/2011
Date of "in-country" disclosure	12/19/2011
Date of submission to InfoShop	12/19/2011
<b>* 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.</b>	
<b>If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:</b>	

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

<b>OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment</b>	
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?	No
Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan?	No
<b>OP 4.09 - Pest Management</b>	
Does the EA adequately address the pest management issues?	Yes
Is a separate PMP required?	Yes
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
<b>OP/BP 4.10 - Indigenous Peoples</b>	
Has a separate Indigenous Peoples Plan/Planning Framework (as appropriate) been prepared in consultation with affected Indigenous Peoples?	Yes
If yes, then did the Regional unit responsible for safeguards or Sector Manager review the plan?	Yes
If the whole project is designed to benefit IP, has the design been reviewed and approved by the Regional Social Development Unit or Sector Manager?	N/A
<b>The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information</b>	
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	No

groups and local NGOs?

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**All Safeguard Policies**

Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies? N/A

Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost? N/A

Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies? N/A

Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents? N/A

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***D. Approvals***

<b><i>Signed and submitted by:</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
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