



## Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet Restructuring Stage

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## I. BASIC INFORMATION

### 1. BASIC PROJECT DATA

Project ID P124015	Project Name Social Safety Net Project
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Approval Date 23-Apr-2014	Environmental Category Not Required (C)
Managing Unit HAWS2	

### PROJECT FINANCING DATA (US\$, Millions)

### 2. PROJECT INFORMATION

#### Current Program Development Objective

The PDO is to increase access of poor and vulnerable households to safety nets and to lay the foundations for an adaptive safety net system in Burkina Faso.

### 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. **The project has been effective since September 2014 and has a current envelope of US\$196 million, funded through a combination of IDA and trust fund allocations.** Originally approved on April 23, 2014 for an IDA credit in the amount of US\$50 million (Cr. 5429-BF), the project has received three rounds of Additional Financings (AF). The first AF, a US\$6 million grant (TFA3975-BF) from the Sahel Adaptive Social Protection Program (SASPP) Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF), was approved on December 7, 2016. The second AF totaling US\$110 million (Cr. 6434-BF and D476-BF)<sup>1</sup> was approved on May 29, 2019 with a US\$10 million financing gap and extended the closing date to March 2024. The financing

<sup>1</sup> Credit 6434-BF in the amount of EUR 6.3 million (US\$7 million equivalent) was from the IDA18 refugee window and grant D-476-BF in the amount of US\$93 million included a US\$7 million grant from the IDA18 refugee window.



gap of \$10 million was covered by a grant (TFB5311-BF) from SASPP in May 2021.<sup>2</sup> A third AF of US\$30 million (TF0B6352), from the SASPP MDTF was approved on October 20, 2021, signed on December 2, 2021, and became effective on May 31, 2022, bringing the overall financing envelope to US\$196 million equivalent.

2. **The government has requested a restructuring of the project to expand regular and shock-responsive cash transfers to additional beneficiaries in the country’s Sahel region.** Additional costs are proposed to be covered by the removal of Component 4 of the project on Labor-Intensive Public Works (LIPW). Component 4 was intended to provide host community and refugee beneficiaries with daily work opportunities while rehabilitating and maintaining infrastructure in both rural and urban settings particularly in the Sahel region. However, due to the deteriorating security situation in the Sahel region, Component 4 has to date not been able to be implemented. As detailed in the restructuring paper, the proposed restructuring includes the following changes: (a) Expand component 1 activities and increase its cost; (b) adjust the results framework; (c) downgrade the safeguards category in light of component 4 removal; (d) reallocate funds across disbursement categories in light of proposed changes to components 1 and 4; and (e) update the project’s implementation agency in light of the division of the responsible ministry. There are no changes to the PDO, closing date, or fiduciary arrangements.

3. **Safeguards Policies will continue to apply.** The proposed restructuring does not trigger additional safeguards. It removes civil works and therefore reduces potential environmental and social impacts. Due to the removal of Labor-Intensive Public Works, OP/BP 4.11 (Physical Cultural Resources) and OP/BP 4.12 (Involuntary Resettlement) are no longer triggered. Only OP/BP 4.01 (Environmental Assessment) remains relevant to the project.

#### 4. PROJECT LOCATION AND SALIENT PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS RELEVANT TO THE SAFEGUARD ANALYSIS (IF KNOWN)

The project is implemented in the Boucle du Mouhoun, Nord, Sahel, Centre Nord and Centre regions of the country. These regions have been selected given their high levels of chronic poverty, incidence of internal displacement, food insecurity and climate vulnerability. Depending on arising needs, the project is capable of expanding to additional regions. Environmental and social impacts are expected to be minimal, site-specific, and manageable at an acceptable level.

#### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS SPECIALISTS ON THE TEAM

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#### 6. SAFEGUARD POLICIES TRIGGERED

Safeguard Policies	Triggered	Explanation
Environmental Assessment (OP) (BP 4.01)	Yes	Environmental assessment will be conducted for pertinent activities.

<sup>2</sup> Legal agreements for TFB5311 covering the financing gap were signed on May 6, 2021, and became effective on August 4, 2021



Performance Standards for Private Sector Activities OP/BP 4.03	No	
Natural Habitats (OP) (BP 4.04)	No	
Forests (OP) (BP 4.36)	No	
Pest Management (OP 4.09)	No	
Physical Cultural Resources (OP) (BP 4.11)	No	Deletion of Component 4 on Labor Intensive Public Works removes all activities potentially impacting physical cultural resources.
Indigenous Peoples (OP) (BP 4.10)	No	
Involuntary Resettlement (OP) (BP 4.12)	No	Deletion of Component 4 on Labor Intensive Public Works removes all activities potentially requiring involuntary resettlements.
Safety of Dams (OP) (BP 4.37)	No	
Projects on International Waterways (OP) (BP 7.50)	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP) (BP 7.60)	No	

## II. KEY SAFEGUARD POLICY ISSUES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

### A. SUMMARY OF KEY SAFEGUARD ISSUES

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the Restructured project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts.

The environmental assessment category of the project is "C" and the risk is moderate. This assessment is due to the removal of civil works in the context of the restructuring and the project's focus on providing unconditional cash transfers to vulnerable populations (including IDPs). As a result, the environmental and social impacts are expected to be minimal, site-specific and manageable to an acceptable level.

Due to the removal of Labor-Intensive Public Works, OP/BP 4.11 (Physical Cultural Resources) and OP/BP 4.12 (Involuntary Resettlement) are no longer triggered. Only OP/BP 4.01 (Environmental Assessment) remains relevant to the project.

The project's environmental and social safeguards instruments remain applicable.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area.

No irreversible or long term impacts are expected as a result of this intervention.

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



Given that impacts are assessed to be small and reversible, no project alternatives were considered.

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.

An Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), including an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) that cover all activities following the restructuring are available (disclosed on September 3, 2021). A Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) is available and functional. Activities to expand the GRM to new intervention areas, to strengthen the capacity of the GRM at the decentralized and central levels and to further reinforce the project's safeguards capacities are on-going. The overall safeguards rating is Moderately Satisfactory.

5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanism for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.

Key stakeholders include direct and indirect project beneficiaries, relevant government agencies and ministries, agencies involved in the execution of the project, and civil society. Based on recommendations from previous implementation support missions, the project ensures continuous engagement of key stakeholders including through committees at the grassroots level.

## B. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

### Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other

Date of receipt by the Bank

01-Sep-2021

Date of submission for disclosure

03-Sep-2021

For Category 'A' projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors

"In country" Disclosure

Country

Burkina Faso

Date of Disclosure

09-Sep-2021

Comments

## C. COMPLIANCE MONITORING INDICATORS AT THE CORPORATE LEVEL

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment



Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	No
<b>The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information</b>	
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank for disclosure?	Yes
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?	Yes
<b>All Safeguard Policies</b>	
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	NA
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	NA
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	NA
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	Yes

**III. APPROVALS**

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