

MALI

Summary of SASPP-Supported Safety Nets Project (Jigiséméjiri)

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This project summary for Mali includes the following sections: (1) project development objective, (2) financing, (3) components, and (4) results framework. An annex provides the project costs by component.

1. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the project are to increase access to **targeted cash transfers for poor and vulnerable households** and **build an adaptive national safety net system** in Mali.

2. FINANCING

Project	Approval Date	Closing Date	Financing Source	Financing (US\$ million)
Emergency Safety Nets project (Jigiséméjiri) (P127328)	30-Apr-2013	30-Dec-2022	IDA	70.0
Additional Financing and Restructuring Safety Nets Project (Jigiséméjiri) (P157892)	01-Sep-2016	30-Sep-2019	SASPP	10.0
Second Additional Financing - Safety Nets Project (Jigiséméjiri) (P165064)	05-Jul-2018	30-Dec-2022	IDA	52.0
			SASPP	2.4
Total				134.4

3. PROJECT COMPONENTS

About the project

The Safety Nets Project, called Jigiséméjiri (Tree of Hope), supports the provision of financial assistance to poor and food-insecure households in Mali in the short term, while laying the foundation for a national safety net system in the medium- and long-term. The project is aligned with the government's national action plan for expanding social protection, supporting cash transfers that increase food consumption and improve the coping ability of poor households. The project also supports setting up the parameters for an effective national safety net system. The project initially focused on regions with high numbers of internally displaced persons and gradually expanded as structures were put in place.

Component 1:

Cash transfer program and accompanying measures

(\$112.8m: \$100.4m IDA and \$12.4m SASPP)

This component provides short-term assistance in selected areas in Mali by increasing households' food consumption through targeted cash transfers. In addition, it aims to improve human capital in the medium and long term by incentivizing poor households to invest in their children's health and education through a combination of cash transfers and accompanying measures. This component also supports the provision of complementary benefits to the same population and villages, and the piloting of provision of nutrition packages to children under five years old and pregnant women.

Subcomponent 1.A:

Direct cash transfers to poor households

(\$79.4m: \$75.3m IDA, \$4.1m SASPP)

This subcomponent finances 36 monthly cash transfers of FCFA 15,000 to chronically food-poor households in selected communes of Mali, with a reach of about 87,000 households, providing timely, predictable, and regular transfers to increase household consumption, protect assets, and invest in the future. Beneficiary households were selected following a targeting approach, which combined geographical targeting and community-based targeting. Areas of intervention were selected using an approach that combined indicators of poverty, malnutrition, food security, and lack of infrastructure.

Subcomponent 1.B:

Accompanying measures

(\$9.2m: \$8.9m IDA, \$0.3m SASPP)

This subcomponent supports accompanying measures to incentivize households to invest in human capital accumulation and reduce poverty. These measures included information sessions and community campaigns related to health, education, nutrition, family planning, and investment/saving planning. A total of 12 accompanying sessions are offered, with additional preventive care nutritional package delivery in selected areas. In the course of the project, a new package of accompanying measures was developed to increase and enhance the impact of this subcomponent. The new measures include home visits (CMS) to poor and vulnerable households with children and targets women/mothers.

Subcomponent 1.C:

Pilot Preventive nutrition package to children under five years old and pregnant women

(\$3.7m: all IDA)

As an additional intervention within this component, the pilot preventive Nutrition Package (NP) was tested in approximately 10% of the villages benefiting for the cash transfer program. An information campaign is conducted in selected villages to inform the communities about the NP.

Subcomponent 1.D:

Labor Intensive Public Works Program (LIPWP)

(\$6.7m: \$2.1m IDA, \$4.6m SASPP)

This subcomponent supports the provision of income support to poor and vulnerable households and the resilience of communities in areas that are vulnerable to economic, social, and climate-related shocks. The Labor-Intensive Public Works Program (LIPWP) provides short-term employment opportunities to adults enrolled in the social registry and builds community assets. Beneficiaries are selected using a combination of community-based targeting and self-targeting, and the participation of women is strongly encouraged. The subcomponent supports 27,000 households, creating about 1.6 million workdays. The LIPWP is identified and implemented at the municipal level in partnership with eligible implementing agencies, primarily community-based organizations.

Subcomponent 1.E:

Income-Generating Activities Program

(\$13.8m: \$10.4m IDA, \$3.4m SASPP)

The Income-Generating Activities Program (IGAP) financed by this subcomponent aims to increase the productivity of small and subsistence agriculture workers, poor and vulnerable households, and youth at risk in selected conflict-affected areas enrolled in the social registry in Mali. Beneficiaries are selected through community targeting and receive income-generating activities such as training, repair or construction of storage facilities, as well as small equipment and supplies. Women's participation is encouraged, and small cooperatives are also supported. The subcomponent supports 32,500 beneficiaries, providing beneficiaries with training, mentoring, financial literacy training, and a transfer of CFAF 180,000 (US\$300) in two installments.

Component 2:

Establishment of a basic safety net system

(\$8.3m: all IDA)

This component aims to support the establishment of a national safety net system to support the delivery of safety net interventions over the long-term. The activities financed by this component include developing a management information system (MIS) to track payments and compliance of program delivery, setting up a unified registry of potential beneficiaries, developing an Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaign, implementing monitoring and evaluation procedures, providing training programs, and conducting studies. In terms of monitoring and evaluation, the subcomponent supports annual process evaluations, spot checks, an impact evaluation, and regular independent audits of the system.

Component 3:

Project management

(\$13.3m: all IDA)

This component supports the implementation of the project by financing the salaries of the project's implementation unit staff, operational costs, equipment, audits, and trainings.

Component 4:

Contingency Emergency Response Component

(No allocation)

The project includes a Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) with a zero-dollar allocation, which is to be activated only in the event of a declared food security crisis in the country. The CERC could be financed by reallocating funds from other project components or an additional financing.

4. RESULTS FRAMEWORK

(As of 30-April-2022, date of latest IRS)

PDO Indicators				
Objective: Households with access to cash transfers established by the project				
Indicator	Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Actual (30-Apr-2022)	Target (30-Dec-2022)
Households with access to cash transfers established by the project	Number	0	102,961	100,000
Households with access to cash transfers established by the project: direct cash transfers	Number	43,613	101,961	87,000
Households with access to cash transfers established by the project: LIPWP	Number	0	12,084	27,000
Households with access to cash transfers established by the project: IGAP	Number	0	23,746	32,500
Children 0-5 benefiting from cash transfers	Number	0	100,000	100,000
Number of households with children under 3 years old benefiting from counseling services provided by the Case Management System	Number	0	15,560	10,000
Direct project beneficiaries	Number	0	576,079	550,000
Female beneficiaries	Percentage	0	48.02	40.00
Beneficiaries households that are below the poverty line	Percentage	0	66.00	75.00 ¹
Registry for potential beneficiaries of safety nets programs	Number	0	782,297	80,000 ¹
Intermediate Results Indicators				
Component 1. Cash transfer programs and accompanying measures				
Number of beneficiaries that report they are aware of program IGAP objectives and entitlements	Percentage	0.00	70.12	80.00
Beneficiary households that have been identified and registered	Number	0	300,000	110,000
% of beneficiaries that report they are aware of LIPWP program objectives and entitlements	Percentage	0.00	73.52	85.00

% of beneficiaries households reporting that their livelihoods has benefitted from LIPWP created assets	Percentage	0.00	18.10	75.00
Workdays created	Days	0	508,408	1,620,000
% of beneficiaries receiving regular payments within the agreed time frame for LIPWP activities as specified in the Operations Manual	Percentage	0.00	30.00	80.00
% of beneficiaries receiving contingency resources within 60 days of identification of needs	Percentage	0.00	100.00	80.00
Children benefitting from Nutritional Packages in household receiving cash transfers	Number	0	70,963	102,000 ²
Percentage of households with children under 3 years old benefiting from at least 3 sessions of counseling services provided by CMS a year	Percentage	0.00	0.00	75.00
Proportion of targeted households with increased consumption	Percentage	0.00	21.00	70.00
Beneficiaries complying with the requirement of participating in the accompanying measures	Percentage	0.00	27.00	75.00 ²
Proportion of targeted households with food consumption score >35	Percentage	71.90	94.00	90.00
Component 2: Establishment of a basic safety net system				
MIS conceived	Yes/No	No	Yes	Yes ³
Component 3: Project management				
Project management expenses ratio	Percentage	0.00	11.02	20.00
Administrative expenses inferior to 20%	Percentage	16.20	11.02	20.00 ¹

¹Target date: 31-Dec-2019

²Target date: 30-Jun-2018

³Target date: 29-Oct-2021

Annex 1: Project Costs by Components (in US\$ million)

Project Components	Original (P127328)	Restructuring and Additional Financing (P157892)	Second Additional Financing (P165064)		Total Project and components
	IDA	SASPP	IDA	SASPP	
TOTAL Project	70.0	10.0	52.0	2.4	134.4
Component 1: Cash Transfer program and accompanying measures	56.5	10.0	43.9	2.4	112.8
Subcomponent 1.A: Direct Cash Transfers to poor households	48.9	2.4	26.4	1.7	
Subcomponent 1.B: Accompanying measures	3.9	0.3	5.0	0.0	
Subcomponent 1C: Pilot Preventive Nutrition Package to children under five years old and pregnant women	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Subcomponent 1D: Labor Intensive Public Works Program	x	4.6	2.1	0.0	
Subcomponent 1E: Income-Generating Activities Program	x	2.7	10.4	0.7	
Component 2: Establishment of a basic safety net system	6.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	8.3
Component 3: Project management	6.7	0.0	6.6	0.0	13.3
Component 4: Contingent Emergency Response Component	x	x	0.0	0.0	0.0

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