



Liberia Social Safety Nets Project (P155293)

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Implementing Agencies: Republic of Liberia, Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Protection

Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 28-Apr-2016

Effectiveness Date: 20-Sep-2017

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 30-Nov-2021

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 08-Nov-2021

Original Closing Date: 31-Dec-2021

Revised Closing Date: 30-Jun-2023

Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to establish the key building blocks of a basic national safety net delivery system and provide income support to households who are both extremely poor and food insecure in the Republic of Liberia.

Has the Project Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

Components Table

| Name |
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| Strengthening of the National Social Safety Net System:(Cost \$5.80 M) |
| Cash Transfers to Extremely Poor and Food Insecure Households:(Cost \$14.60 M) |
| Project Management and Capacity Building:(Cost \$3.80 M) |

Overall Ratings

| Name | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Progress towards achievement of PDO | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory |
| Overall Implementation Progress (IP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Satisfactory |
| Overall Risk Rating | <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate |

Implementation Status and Key Decisions

As part of project's efforts to establish the key building blocks of a basic national safety net delivery system, the Liberia Household Social Registry (LHSR) has profiled and collected data for over 200,000 households in Bomi, Bong, Maryland, and Nimba Counties. The project team is working with the service provider to finalize validation of the data collected. Preparation for Phase 2 LHSR data collection in additional counties is underway. However, the launch of the integrated Management Information System (MIS) and the Social Registry Information System (SRIS) has been delayed, among others due to the impending procurement of the Virtual Private Server (VPS). The MIS has been designed with flexibility that allow customization that enable different programs to utilize it as a tool for delivering social safety nets interventions to vulnerable populations. The project continues making progress in providing income support to households who are both extremely poor and food insecure. The Social Cash Transfer (SCT) has provided income support to 18,286 households, via mobile money, in three counties out of the targeted 27,500 households. This includes the SCT-COVID program as part of the COVID-19 response in urban Montserrado. Over than 70 percent of the cash recipient is female, and the latest post-distribution monitoring survey revealed high satisfaction rate from the SCT beneficiaries.



Risks

Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool

| Risk Category | Rating at Approval | Previous Rating | Current Rating |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Political and Governance | □ Substantial | □ Moderate | □ Moderate |
| Macroeconomic | □ Substantial | □ Substantial | □ Substantial |
| Sector Strategies and Policies | □ Substantial | □ Moderate | □ Moderate |
| Technical Design of Project or Program | □ Substantial | □ Moderate | □ Moderate |
| Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability | □ Substantial | □ Substantial | □ Moderate |
| Fiduciary | □ Substantial | □ High | □ Substantial |
| Environment and Social | □ Moderate | □ Moderate | □ Moderate |
| Stakeholders | □ Moderate | □ Moderate | □ Moderate |
| Other | -- | □ Moderate | □ Moderate |
| Overall | □ Substantial | □ Substantial | □ Moderate |

Results

PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Establish the key building blocks of a basic national safety net delivery system | | | | |
| ▶ Households with complete data records registered in the Social Registry (Number, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 161,302.00 | 218,437.00 | 200,000.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Proportion of cash transfer beneficiary households in the target counties below the extreme poverty line (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 70.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |



| Provide income support to households who are both extremely poor and food insecure | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| ▶ Direct project beneficiaries, disaggregated by (i) households with female cash recipient; and (ii) households with male cash recipient (Number, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 17,765.00 | 18,286.00 | 27,500.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| □ Households with female cash recipient (Percentage) (Text, Custom Breakdown) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 72.75 | 72.15 | 80.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Share of cash transfer beneficiary households who are not facing severe food insecurity (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 24.00 | 28.20 | 42.64 | 60.00 |
| Date | 25-Oct-2019 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Share of project beneficiaries satisfied with project interventions (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 90.93 | 94.86 | 70.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |

Overall Comments

On the first PDO indicator “Households with complete data records registered in the Social Registry”, a **complete** data record is defined as household with variables describing its characteristics, composition, type of housing, ownership of assets, location of the household, food security information; and includes individual(s) with information on name, age, marital status, and education level. Households that refused consent will not be considered to have a “complete data record” and as such will not be reported as part of the PDO. This updated definition will also be recorded in the upcoming restructuring paper. The current data source is Esoko’s server and can be accessed via <https://lrs-analytics.esoko.com/en/dashboard> (access required). The data is expected to be migrated to the LSSNP’s server after the revisit exercise is completed by end of May 2022. The current Actual number of 218,437 households is as recorded in the Esoko’s server of total number of households profiled. Data collection revisit is ongoing and interim results show fewer households found in the targeted structures, therefore, the final number from the first four counties is pending completion of the revisit exercise. On the third PDO indicator “Direct project beneficiaries”, the end target number will be adjusted in the upcoming project restructuring.

Intermediate Results Indicators by Components



| Strengthening of the National Social Safety Net System | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| ▶ SP programs utilizing the SR (Number, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 3.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Proportion of cash transfer beneficiaries with payment tracking records logged in MIS (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 90.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Proportion of grievance and redress cases raised under the SCT program recorded in the MIS (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |

| Cash Transfers to Extremely Poor and Food Insecure Households | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| ▶ Beneficiaries of social safety net programs (Number, Corporate) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 81,688.00 | 84,012.00 | 137,500.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ☐ Beneficiaries of social safety net programs - Female (Number, Corporate Supplement) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 40,844.00 | 42,006.00 | 68,750.00 |
| ☐ Beneficiaries of Safety Nets programs - Unconditional cash transfers (number) (Number, Corporate Breakdown) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 81,688.00 | 84,012.00 | 137,500.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |



| ▶ Average share of cash transfer beneficiaries receiving quarterly cash transfers (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 89.50 | 96.00 | 90.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Proportion of payments delivered on time (Percentage) (Text, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | NA | 0.00 | 14.00 | 75.00 |
| Date | 08-Sep-2020 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Share of cash transfer beneficiaries with at least one IEC session on nutrition (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 57.37 | 24.86 | 80.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Share of cash transfer beneficiaries with at least one IEC session on home gardening (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35.50 | 80.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| ▶ Share of cash transfer beneficiary households classified as having acceptable food consumption (Percentage, Custom) | | | | |
| | Baseline | Actual (Previous) | Actual (Current) | End Target |
| Value | 0.00 | 60.20 | 52.60 | 60.00 |
| Date | 28-Apr-2016 | 14-Jul-2021 | 07-Jan-2022 | 30-Jun-2023 |

Overall Comments

The one program already utilizing the SR is the SCT-COVID program where beneficiary intake data was collected using the LHSR tool and it is being migrated to the system. The upcoming final payments for SCT Phase 1 were originally planned to be executed via the MIS, however delays persisted in procuring the VPS and in concluding the API integration. Intermediate indicators related to the MIS may need to be adjusted in the upcoming project restructuring. The share of cash transfer beneficiaries with at least one IEC session on nutrition is only recording participation in the last mass sensitization session (August 2021) and yet to be reconciled with the data of participation in subsequent community dialogue and home visits because the trained field facilitators/ community health volunteers were not well equipped with tools to take rigorous attendance and document the sessions that they delivered to beneficiaries.

Performance-Based Conditions



Data on Financial Performance

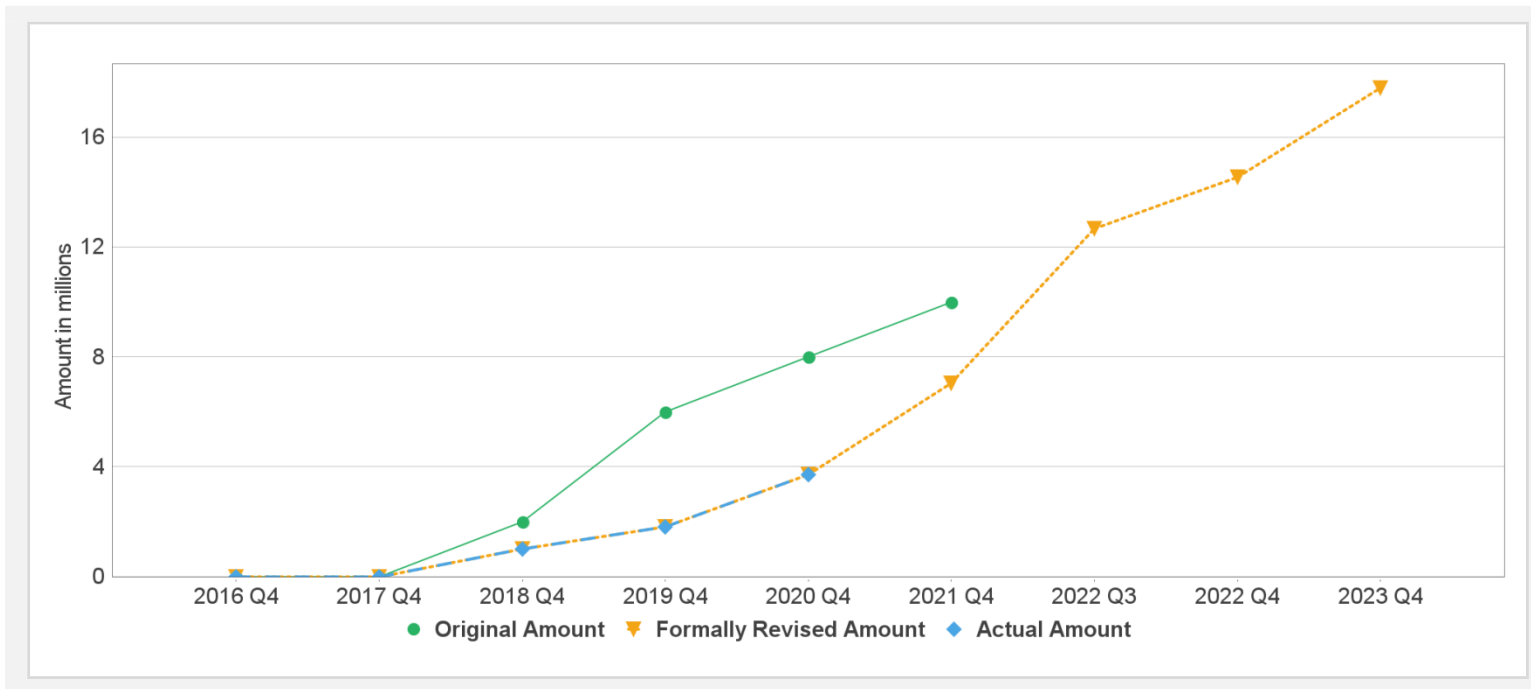
Disbursements (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Currency | Original | Revised | Cancelled | Disbursed | Undisbursed | % Disbursed |
|---------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| P155293 | IDA-57910 | Effective | USD | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 4.94 | 5.33 | 48% |
| P155293 | TF-A6428 | Effective | USD | 2.20 | 2.20 | 0.00 | 2.20 | 0.00 | 100% |
| P155293 | TF-B4346 | Effective | USD | 3.50 | 3.50 | 0.00 | 3.27 | 0.23 | 93% |

Key Dates (by loan)

| Project | Loan/Credit/TF | Status | Approval Date | Signing Date | Effectiveness Date | Orig. Closing Date | Rev. Closing Date |
|---------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| P155293 | IDA-57910 | Effective | 28-Apr-2016 | 19-Sep-2016 | 20-Sep-2017 | 31-Dec-2021 | 30-Jun-2023 |
| P155293 | TF-A6428 | Effective | 08-Dec-2017 | 27-Mar-2018 | 18-Jun-2018 | 31-Jul-2019 | 31-Dec-2022 |
| P155293 | TF-B4346 | Effective | 30-Nov-2020 | 30-Nov-2020 | 22-Dec-2020 | 30-Jun-2022 | 30-Jun-2022 |

Cumulative Disbursements





PBC Disbursement

| PBC ID | PBC Type | Description | Coc | PBC Amount | Achievement Status | Disbursed amount in Coc | Disbursement % for PBC |
|--------|----------|-------------|-----|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
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Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 30-Jul-2019 ,Level 2 Approved on 15-Jul-2020 ,Level 2 Approved on 23-Jun-2021

Related Project(s)

P173129-Additional Financing for Liberia Social Safety Nets Project (LSSN) ,P173145-Additional Financing for Liberia Social Safety Nets Project (LSSN-AF)
