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## Summary of SASPP-Supported Adaptive Safety Net Project 2

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**This project summary for Niger 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 project development objective is **to improve the capacity of the Niger adaptive safety nets system to respond to shocks** and to provide **access for poor and vulnerable people to safety nets and accompanying measures.**

### 2. FINANCING

Project	Approval Date	Closing Date	Financing Source	Financing (US\$ million)
<a href="#">Niger Adaptive Safety Net Project 2 (P166602)</a>	03-Jan-2019	30-Jun-2026	IDA	80
<a href="#">Niger Adaptive Safety Net Project 2 Additional Financing (P173013)</a>	02-Mar-2021	30-Jun-2026	IDA	100
			SASPP	30
<b>Total</b>				<b>210</b>

## 3. PROJECT COMPONENTS

### Summary

**The Niger Adaptive Safety Net Project 2 (ASP2), financed with a total of \$210 million, \$30 million of which were contributed by the SASPP MDTF, was approved in 2019.** The project aims to strengthen the adaptive social protection (ASP) delivery system and build resilience against shocks for 120,000 extremely poor and vulnerable households, providing them with monthly cash transfers over two years. For 100,000 of these households, monthly transfers are accompanied by human capital measures, while 50,000 households also benefit from productive inclusion measures. The project also provides emergency cash transfers in response to shocks. In 2021/22, this included a one-time emergency transfer for 375,000 households affected by COVID, and a one-time emergency flood response to 13,500 affected households. It has also included the development of a rapid drought response pilot program that uses satellite early warning data to detect food crises early. Since the beginning of the pilot in 2022, the program has provided some 20,000 drought-affected households with monthly cash transfers over 12 months. Finally, the project also supports cash-for-work measures benefiting 66,000 households in communities affected by food insecurity caused by weather and climate change-related shocks.

**For Niger, SASPP financial support is focused on strengthening of the adaptive social protection delivery system, and shock response.** SASPP financing is being used to support 30,000 COVID-affected households via regular cash transfers and productive inclusion measures over a period of two years, expand the coverage of climate shock response programs, and contribute to strengthening the ASP system.

## Component 1:

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### Strengthening the Adaptive and Scalable Safety Net System

(\$10m: \$6.5m IDA, \$3.5m SASPP)

**This component aims to enhance the adaptiveness of the safety nets system and facilitate rapid scaling up of ASP programs during crises,** as well as to strengthen mechanisms for crisis prevention and response management.

### Subcomponent 1.1:

#### Strengthening national systems

**This subcomponent focuses on strengthening the technical and institutional capacity of the ASP system in Niger.** The activities include providing technical and operational support to the National Framework for the Prevention and Management of Food Crisis and the Niger Early Warning System (EWS) to advance the work on disaster response, including the disaster risk financing. It also supports the establishment of a rules-based mechanism for scaling up safety net systems to respond to shocks (with an initial focus on droughts). The work under this component is closely coordinated with other development partners such as WFP and UNICEF.

## Subcomponent 1.2:

### Supporting policy dialogue and inter-sectoral coordination

This subcomponent supports the updating of the National Social Protection Policy and promotes collaboration and coordination among social protection institutions, the government, and financial partners. The subcomponent also supports the development of a consensus on disaster risk financing and shock-responsive safety nets through policy dialogue and collaboration at national and regional levels. It also supports the development of a disaster risk financing strategy.

## Subcomponent 1.3:

### Delivery tools, implementation, and monitoring of safety net interventions

This subcomponent supports the strengthening of ASP delivery systems. The activities include the provision of technical and operational support for the assessment, design and introduction of digital payments of cash transfers, continued development of the ASP management information system, strengthening of the grievance redress mechanism and the introduction of toll-free number for grievances, and improvements in communication through SMS or voice messages to beneficiaries. The subcomponent also supports the development of a unified social registry and expansion of household data collection efforts and reinforces the technical implementation unit responsible for the unified social registry to ensure data integrity and protection. Additionally, it supports the implementation of program evaluations to complement monitoring data from the project MIS.

## Component 2:

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### Cash Transfers and Accompanying Measures

(\$162m: \$135.5m IDA, \$26.5m SASPP)

**This component supports the implementation of adaptive social protection programs**, including the cash transfers for resilience, which includes accompanying measures to promote investments in children's human capital and support livelihoods, shock response programs and cash for work.

## Subcomponent 2.1:

### Cash transfers

(\$89.8m: \$67.3m IDA, \$22.5m SASPP)

**This subcomponent supports a cash transfer for resilience program** which is aiming to reach 120,000 households. The program provides monthly cash transfers in the amount of FCFA 15,000 over a period of two years.

## Subcomponent 2.2:

### Accompanying measures

(\$23.2m: \$21.7m IDA, \$1.5m SASPP)

**The project supports the improvement of livelihoods and human capital through accompanying measures. focused on early childhood development and nutrition and aimed at bringing behavioral changes and empowering women.** Skilled field operators and NGOs support implementation, while evaluations ensure quality. The subcomponent also supports updates and additional measures to support rural households, shock response, and social cohesion. A productive inclusion package, focused on women, aims to cover 50,000 beneficiaries to strengthen household resilience to shocks like conflict and climate change. The package includes the participation in savings group, entrepreneurship and life skills training, coaching and psychosocial support, in addition to a cash transfer of FCFA100,000 for start-up or expansion of micro-businesses and income-generating activities.

## Subcomponent 2.3:

### Cash transfers for shock response

(\$49.0m: \$46.5m IDA, \$2.5m SASPP)

**This subcomponent supports the implementation of cash transfers for shock response.** Along with a drought shock response pilot, based on an innovative satellite-based trigger mechanism, which provides monthly to the vulnerable households, the support was also provided to the emergency COVID and flood responses. During the first year of implementation, the drought response pilot has provided the support to 15,500 households. The second year of implementation has started in April 2023, and the impact evaluation is on-going.

## Component 3:

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### Cash for Work for Resilience

(\$18.5m: all IDA)

**This component supports the implementation of Cash for Work program in communities affected by food insecurity caused by climate change-related shocks.** The program aims to provide temporary work to 66,000 beneficiaries for 60 days (remuneration of CFAF 1,300 per day) and it supports accompanying measures to ensure the sustainability of the microprojects. Activities are selected by the communities, with support from the local NGO and supervision from the CFS, with a view to foster community resilience through soil restoration or socioeconomic infrastructures. Beneficiaries are selected using self-targeting mechanisms and validated by the community. The program provides support to the same villages and beneficiaries for two years.

## Component 4:

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### Project management

(\$20m: all IDA)

**This component supports the project management, including activities to improve accountability and transparency in the use of project resources through field-based sampling verifications and regular audits.** The verifications assesses the program's operational processes to ensure adherence to design and improve operational efficiency and information flows. Audits include financial, technical, and procurement, and help to monitor the implementation of the CfW microprojects, maximize community involvement, and avoid potential delays.

## 4. RESULTS FRAMEWORK

(As of 01-Sept-2022, date of latest IRS)

PDO Indicators				
Objective: Improve capacity of the safety net system for shock response and poverty reduction				
Indicator	Unit of Measurement	Baseline (17-Sep-2018)	Actual (01-Sep-2022)	Target (30-Jun-2026)
Capacity of the adaptive SN system to coordinate programs and to respond to shocks	Number	1.00	2.00	3.00
Capacity of implementing ASP programs	Number	5.00	5.00	6.00
Number of people included in the Unified Social Registry	Number	0.00	27,000.00	800,000.00
Increased effectiveness: time to deliver support from trigger event	Months	3.00	3.00	2.00
Beneficiaries receiving transfers via mobile accounts	Number	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Increase consumption and improve food security	Yes/No	No	No	Yes
Beneficiaries of cash transfer	Number	0.00	27,781.00	120,000.00
Percentage of cash transfer beneficiaries targeted in RMR priority areas	Percentage	40.00	40.00	40.00
Beneficiaries of human capital accompanying measures	Number	0.00	27,781.00	100,000.00
Beneficiaries of shock response programs	Number	250,000.00	403,874.00	430,000.00
Beneficiaries and stakeholder's satisfaction surveys	Number	0.00	0.00	2.00
Change behavior, improving early childhood parenting practices	Yes/No	No	No	Yes
Beneficiaries of <i>Early Childhood Development</i> accompanying measures	Number	0.00	0.00	50,000.00

changing at least 5 behaviors				
Increased economic diversification productivity and earnings	Yes/No	No	No	Yes
Beneficiaries of Productive Inclusion package	Number	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Smooth consumption and build community assets	Yes/No	No	No	Yes
Beneficiaries of Cash for Work	Number	0.00	17,050.00	66,000.00
<b>Intermediate Results Indicators</b>				
<b>Component 1: Develop a M&amp;E system at DN level and set up an information management system within the DN</b>				
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Unit of Measurement</b>	<b>Baseline (17-Sep-2018)</b>	<b>Actual (01-Sep-2022)</b>	<b>Target (30-Jun-2026)</b>
Implement tool to monitoring safety nets interventions by DN	Yes/No	No	No	Yes
The DN produces triggers for shock response	Yes/No	No	Yes	Yes
Impact evaluation generating lessons	Yes/No	No	No	Yes
The MIS is functional	Yes/No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Component 2: Implement cash transfers and accompanying measures</b>				
Number of beneficiaries registered for cash transfers	Number	29,000.00	27,781.00	100,000.00
Percentage of beneficiaries receiving cash transfers	Percentage	0.00	23.15	100.00
Percentage of beneficiaries participating in the accompanying measures	Percentage	0.00	25.25	100.00
Percentage of beneficiaries participating in productive Inclusion	Percentage	0.00	0.00	100.00
Percentage of beneficiaries participating in the emergency cash transfer	Percentage	0.00	92.52	100.00
Percentage of women who participate in	Percentage	0.00	0.00	80.00

GERME ( <i>Gérez Mieux Votre Entreprise</i> ) training				
Women with children who undergo malnutrition and child development screening	Percentage	0.00	0.00	80.00
Number of beneficiaries of cash transfer for resilience	Number	0.00	27,781.00	110,000.00
Medium-term COVID-19 response beneficiaries	Number	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Number of beneficiaries of shock-response program	Number	250,000.00	403,874.00	430,000.00
<b>Component 3: Implement Cash for work</b>				
Number of days of work	Number	0.00	1,050,040.00	3,960,000.00
Number of microprojects	Number	0.00	155.00	200.00

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

Project Components	Original (P166602)	Additional Financing (P173013)		Total Project and components
	IDA	IDA	SASPP	
<b>TOTAL Project</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>210.0</b>
<b>Component 1:</b> Strengthening the Adaptive and Scalable Safety Net System	<b>(5.0)</b> <b>6.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>10.0</b>
Subcomponent 1.1: Strengthening national systems				
Subcomponent 1.2: Supporting policy dialogue and inter-sectoral coordination				
Subcomponent 1.3: Delivery tools, implementation, and monitoring of safety net interventions				
<b>Component 2:</b> Cash Transfers and Accompanying Measures	<b>(48.0)</b> <b>70.2</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>162.0</b>
Subcomponent 2.1: Cash transfers				
Subcomponent 2.2: Accompanying measures				
Subcomponent 2.3: Cash transfers for shock response				
<b>Component 3:</b> Cash for Work for Resilience	<b>(18.5)</b> <b>3.3</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>Component 4:</b> Project Management	<b>(8.5)</b> <b>0.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>

Note: The figures in parentheses indicate the planned funding contributions from the parent project, while the figures below reflect the actual financing contributions following the restructuring in June 2020.



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