

Madagascar

Improving Nutrition Outcomes Using the Multiphase Programmatic Approach

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Chair Summary

The Executive Directors approved an IDA financing envelope of up to SDR 141.5 million (US\$200 million equivalent) for a Multiphase Programmatic Approach (MPA) program to the Republic of Madagascar. They also approved the first phase of the MPA - Madagascar: Improving Nutrition Outcomes Using the Multiphase Programmatic Approach (IDA/R2017-0343) (IDA Grant No. D2570), a five-year IDA grant in the amount of SDR 56.7 million (US\$80 million equivalent), co-financed by a US\$10 million grant from the Power of Nutrition Trust Fund, on the terms and conditions set out in the President's Memorandum. Directors authorized Management to commit financing for this MPA program in phases.

Directors recognized the strong rationale for this first MPA program which allows a longer-term engagement to support the Government of Madagascar in tackling stunting, one of the country's most pressing development challenges. They supported the proposed program's multi-sector interventions, which are aligned with the World Bank Group's Country Partnership Framework (CPF) 2017-2021 for Madagascar, with contributions to strengthen human development.

Directors appreciated the adaptive learning approach adopted by this MPA program and stressed the importance in subsequent phases of achieving a better adaptability-accountability balance to avoid any accountability gaps that may exist. They also noted the need to strengthen knowledge sharing, capacity building, and for sustained political and financial commitment from the Government to fulfill such a long-term engagement, and called for closer collaboration with key development partners.

Given the novelty of this MPA program as well as the context of Madagascar, Directors stressed the need for continued assessments of the potential risks associated with the scale-up as the MPA program rolls out. Noting that subsequent phases will be prepared and implemented as separate operations, Directors reinforced the importance of adherence to all applicable policies for each phase, with regards to management reviews, fiduciary assessments, environmental and social safeguards assessments, and timely public disclosures. Directors encouraged explicit measures to ensure integration of lessons learned from the earlier phases and looked forward to updates on preparation and implementation of the MPA program and all future phases. Finally, Management will seek Board approval in accordance with the applicable policies.

*This summary is not an approved record.