



## Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographics Project (P150080)

AFRICA WEST | Western Africa | Health, Nutrition & Population Global Practice |  
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Implementing Agencies: Government of Niger, Ministere de l'aménagement du territoire et de la population, Ministere de la Population, Government of Burkina Faso, Government of Benin, Government of Mauritania, Government of Chad, Government of Cote d'Ivoire, WAHO, Government of Guinea, Government of Cameroon, Government of Mali, Ministry of Planning and Development

### Key Dates

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Bank Approval Date: 18-Dec-2014

Effectiveness Date: 22-May-2015

Planned Mid Term Review Date: 29-Jun-2018

Actual Mid-Term Review Date: 27-Jul-2018

Original Closing Date: 30-Jun-2019

Revised Closing Date: 31-Dec-2024

### Project Development Objectives

Project Development Objective (from Project Appraisal Document)

The development objective is to increase women and adolescent girls' empowerment and their access to quality reproductive, child and maternal health services in selected areas of the participating countries, including the Recipients' territory, and to improve regional knowledge generation and sharing as well as regional capacity and coordination.

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

No

### Components Table

Name

Improve Regional Demand for Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition (RMNCHN) Services and Increase Empowerment for Women and Adolescents:(Cost \$384.80 M)  
Strengthen regional capacity for availability of RMNCHN commodities and qualified health workers:(Cost \$134.20 M)  
Foster Commitment and Capacity for Policy Making and Project Implementation:(Cost \$161.00 M)

### Overall Ratings

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

### Implementation Status and Key Decisions

#### Overall Implementation

The SWEDD project has continued to expand with an additional financing (AF) for nine recipients approved in May 2020. The AF enabled geographical expansion with the inclusion of two new project countries, Cameroon and Guinea, the addition of a new strategic regional partner, the African Union as well as a significant scale up in several original SWEDD countries.



Agence Francaise de Developpement is co-financing project activities in Mali at the level of EUR 10 million and Canada is supporting innovation, implementation support and the generation of new evidence through a 20M Canadian dollar trust funds (called GIRL, Gender Innovation and Regional Learning) which the SWEDD task team and the Africa Gender Innovation Lab is jointly managing . Overall, project implementation is progressing.

**Results**

Results are progressing well, in general. The indicator on number girls and women beneficiaries of schooling interventions has increased by 33% in the past 6 months, confirming the COVID 19 response and the momentum in scaling up the SWEDD activities. The results framework was revised to reflect indicators that measure outcomes and focus on longer-term goals. Several phase 1 indicators have been achieved or were on track to be achieved in 2020. In Phase 2 new indicators, such as "Number of national and regional legal frameworks that support enrolling and maintaining girls in school, adolescent reproductive health (ARH), and the elimination of GBV and harmful practices" have been added, to anchor the longer-term objectives in national and regional institutions, frameworks and budgets. These also demonstrate the determination of SWEDD countries to sustain the development objectives beyond the duration of the project.

**COVID-19:** The COVID-19 outbreak has significantly impacted SWEDD operations, forcing several interventions to pause, including the school-based activities and community-based learning programs. Interventions have restarted in all countries in line with national guidelines on hygiene and social distancing. All country coordination units have implemented action plans for contributing to the COVID-19 response to mitigate the social and economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis among women and girls. Activities include rapid surveys to assess the number of adolescents who are at risk of not returning to school and follow up actions to accompany the return of girls at risk. Several countries are working with the beneficiaries of the economic empowerment interventions to produce masks, while the national quality control laboratory in Chad (heavily supported by the SWEDD project) has produced hydroalcoholic gels, under supervision of WHO. During the annual technical meeting in February 2021, SWEDD countries also shared good practices and challenges in responding to the socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 crisis and continued the implementation of activities for collective action, including a regional effort to prevent school dropouts as a result of the extended school closures and support to community-based distribution of contraception.

**Risks**

**Systematic Operations Risk-rating Tool**

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

**Results**

**PDO Indicators by Objectives / Outcomes**



### Improve Regional Demand for RMNCAHN Services and Increase Empowerment for Women and Adolescents

#### ► 1.1: Percentage of retention of adolescent girls in secondary schools in targeted areas, who benefited from schooling interventions (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	70.00	94.98	91.84	92.90
Date	01-Oct-2018	30-Nov-2020	30-Jul-2021	31-Dec-2024

#### ► 1.2: Percentage of adolescent girls and women that are beneficiaries of safe spaces that have adequate knowledge on child marriage, early pregnancy and birth spacing (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	32.00	83.80	95.67	87.00
Date	01-Apr-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024

Comments: This indicator has been revised with the AF in May. The only change has been to exclude men from the indicator's scop

### Strengthen Regional Capacity for Availability of RMNCAHN Commodities and Qualified Health Workers

#### ► 2 (new): Number of new users of a modern contraceptive methods in the project's intervention areas (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	124,935.00	236,276.00	1,100,647.00
Date	10-Mar-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024

#### ► 2 (new): Rate of stockouts of contraceptive products at the point of purchase in project areas (Percentage, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	35.00	65.00	12.10
Date	10-Mar-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024

Comments: the COVID crisis has contributed significantly to increases in stock-outs; the project is actively working on strategies to reverse that trend, by supporting distribution of commodities to project areas.

### Foster Commitment and Capacity for Policy Making and Project Implementation

#### ► 3 (new): Number of countries that have adopted budgeting practices that integrate the demographic dividend (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	1.00	3.00	9.00



Date	10-Mar-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
<b>►3 (new):</b> Number of national and regional legal frameworks that support enrolling and maintaining girls in school, adolescent reproductive health, and the elimination of GBV and harmful practices (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	8.00	5.00	29.00
Date	10-Mar-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jul-2021	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This number has been revised downward because legal frameworks previously reported by the countries were reviewed and some were removed because of misattribution issues. A regional workshop has taken place to clarify project beneficiaries' joint definition of this indicator, putting emphasis on activities directly supported by the project.			

### Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

<b>1. Improve Regional Demand for RMNCAHN Services and Increase Empowerment for Women and Adolescents</b>				
<b>►</b> Number of adolescent girls who benefited from at least one schooling intervention (transport. services, accommodation, food, school supplies, suppl. courses, (UCT) or (CCT), school-based safe spaces (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	158,181.00	211,042.00	1,083,347.00
Date	22-Oct-2014	25-Jun-2020	30-Jun-2021	30-Dec-2023
<b>►</b> Number of beneficiaries who have completed training in safe spaces (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	101,492.00	115,463.00	541,859.00
Date	25-Jul-2018	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
<b>►</b> Number of adolescent girls and women that have been beneficiaries of at least one intervention for economic empowerment (professional training, credit, productive asset grant) (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	23,161.00	24,694.00	219,717.00
Date	25-Jul-2018	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
<b>►New:</b> Number of GBV and harmful practice cases reported in project intervention areas that have been referred for health, social, legal and safety care according to the referral process in place (Number, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	3.00	3.00	20,187.00



Date	01-Feb-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This represents only Mauritania. All countries are working towards implementing interventions and GBV response plans. For example, Cote d'Ivoire is planning to put in place a collaborative platform between community leaders, education health workers and law enforcement officers in order to strengthen reporting and prosecution of GBV cases.			

### 2. Strengthen Regional Capacity for Availability of RMNCAHN Commodities and Qualified Health Workers

► Number of midwives in project intervention areas who have completed basic training with short-term continuing education sessions as part of the quality assurance of reproductive health services (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	6,858.00	7,237.00	13,557.00

Date	01-Oct-2018	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
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► New: Number of pilots tested for last mile distribution according to a checklist of RMNCHAN products (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	8.00	11.00	31.00

Date	01-Feb-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
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### 3. Foster Commitment and Capacity for Policy Making and Project Implementation

► Number of community and religious leaders engaged in actively promoting girls and women's right to schooling, sexual and reproductive health and freedom from GBV and harmful practices (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	6,573.00	7,241.00	20,275.00

Date	25-Jul-2018	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
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► New: Number of countries that have a functional Demographic Dividend observatory (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	6.00	6.00	9.00

Date	01-Feb-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
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► New: Number of national and regional publications related to demographic transition, population issues and the Demographic Dividend (Number, Custom)

	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	70.00	102.00	192.00

Date	01-Feb-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
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► Percentage of registered complaints that have been handled (Percentage, Custom)				
	Baseline	Actual (Previous)	Actual (Current)	End Target
Value	0.00	100.00	100.00	96.00
Date	31-Jan-2020	30-Nov-2020	30-Jun-2021	31-Dec-2024
Comments:	This represents only Mauritania. With support by SD colleagues, all countries are in the process of designing and implementing gender sensitive complaint mechanisms.			

### Performance-Based Conditions

#### Data on Financial Performance

##### Disbursements (by loan)

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Currency	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed		% Disbursed
P150080	IDA-55690	Effective	USD	53.50	53.50	0.00	50.36	0.12		100%
P150080	IDA-55700	Effective	USD	40.00	40.00	0.00	37.81	0.00		100%
P150080	IDA-55710	Effective	USD	20.00	20.00	0.00	18.98	0.00		100%
P150080	IDA-56280	Effective	USD	23.20	23.20	0.00	22.98	0.10		100%
P150080	IDA-66590	Effective	USD	60.00	60.00	0.00	3.59	61.18		5.5%
P171827	IDA-66600	Not Effective	USD	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	80.26		0%
P150080	IDA-66610	Effective	USD	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	32.73		0%
P150080	IDA-66670	Effective	USD	20.00	20.00	0.00	1.27	19.65		6.1%
P150080	IDA-D0180	Effective	USD	10.00	10.00	0.00	8.74	0.80		92%
P150080	IDA-D0190	Effective	USD	15.00	15.00	0.00	13.90	0.33		98%
P150080	IDA-D0200	Effective	USD	26.70	26.70	0.00	25.35	0.01		100%
P150080	IDA-D0240	Effective	USD	5.00	5.00	0.00	4.61	0.15		97%
P150080	IDA-D0520	Effective	USD	11.60	11.60	0.00	11.39	0.23		98%
P150080	IDA-D4230	Effective	USD	90.00	90.00	0.00	11.65	80.76		13%

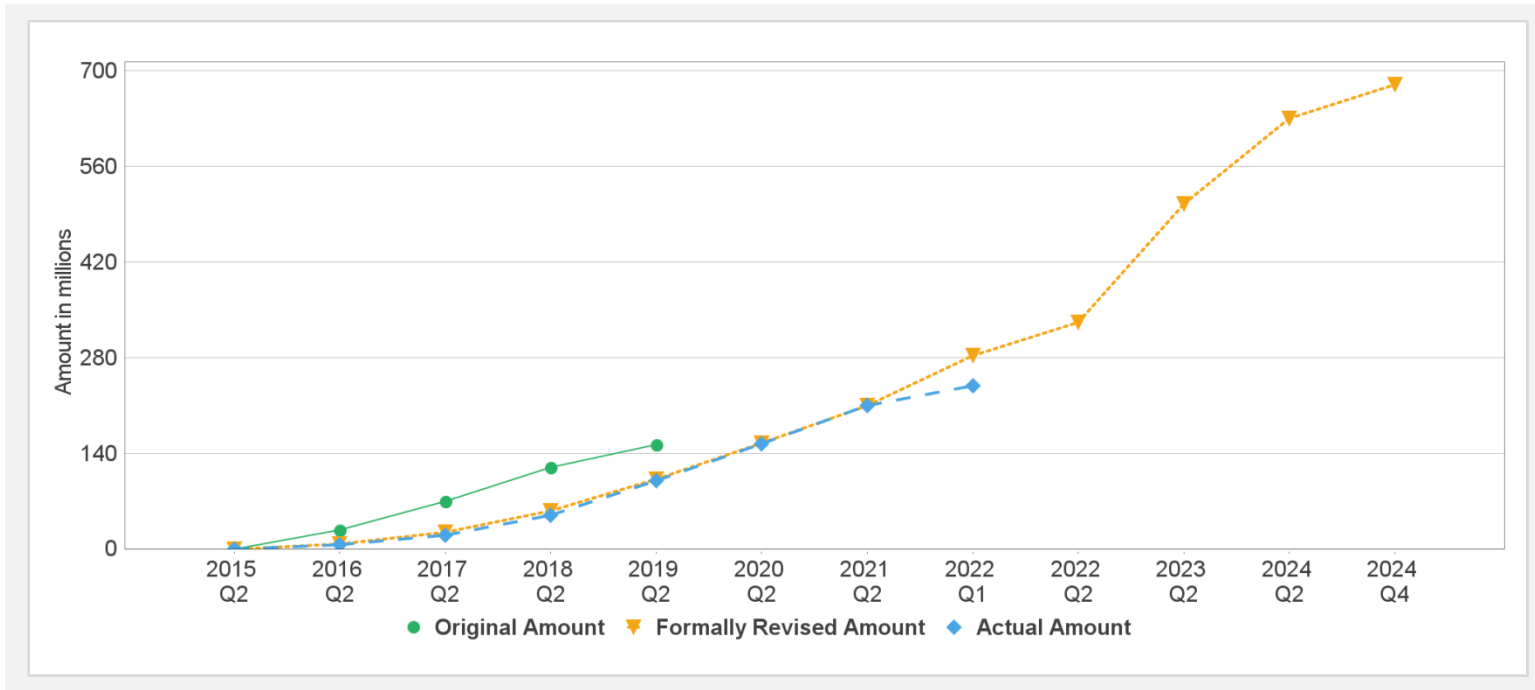


P150080	IDA-D5530	Effective	USD	9.00	9.00	0.00	9.23	0.02		100%
P150080	IDA-D6370	Effective	USD	36.00	36.00	0.00	7.24	30.32		19%
P150080	IDA-D6380	Not Effective	USD	22.00	22.00	0.00	0.00	22.12		0%
P150080	IDA-D6390	Effective	USD	60.00	60.00	0.00	3.50	58.96		5.6%
P150080	IDA-D6400	Effective	USD	30.00	30.00	0.00	5.64	26.04		18%
P171827	IDA-D6410	Not Effective	USD	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.11		0%
P150080	IDA-D6430	Effective	USD	40.00	40.00	0.00	2.69	39.17		6.4%

**Key Dates (by loan)**

Project	Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval Date	Signing Date	Effectiveness Date	Orig. Closing Date	Rev. Closing Date
P150080	IDA-55690	Effective	18-Dec-2014	23-Mar-2015	14-Oct-2015	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-55700	Effective	18-Dec-2014	03-Apr-2015	31-Jul-2015	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2023
P150080	IDA-55710	Effective	18-Dec-2014	02-Apr-2015	31-Jul-2015	30-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-56280	Effective	23-Apr-2015	21-May-2015	30-Nov-2015	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-66590	Effective	28-May-2020	19-Jun-2020	12-Aug-2020	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P171827	IDA-66600	Not Effective	28-May-2020	--	--	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-66610	Effective	28-May-2020	07-Dec-2020	10-Feb-2021	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-66670	Effective	28-May-2020	25-Jun-2020	12-Aug-2020	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D0180	Effective	18-Dec-2014	02-Apr-2015	31-Jul-2015	30-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D0190	Effective	18-Dec-2014	11-Mar-2015	22-May-2015	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D0200	Effective	18-Dec-2014	07-Apr-2015	22-May-2015	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D0240	Effective	18-Dec-2014	29-Apr-2015	29-Oct-2015	31-Dec-2018	31-Dec-2023
P150080	IDA-D0520	Effective	23-Apr-2015	21-May-2015	30-Nov-2015	31-Dec-2019	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D4230	Effective	25-Jan-2019	08-Mar-2019	26-Jun-2019	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D5530	Effective	15-Jan-2020	12-Feb-2020	11-Mar-2020	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D6370	Effective	28-May-2020	19-Jun-2020	12-Aug-2020	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D6380	Not Effective	28-May-2020	--	--	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D6390	Effective	28-May-2020	16-Jun-2020	07-Jul-2020	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D6400	Effective	28-May-2020	07-Dec-2020	10-Feb-2021	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P171827	IDA-D6410	Not Effective	28-May-2020	03-Sep-2020	--	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024
P150080	IDA-D6430	Effective	28-May-2020	25-Jun-2020	12-Aug-2020	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024

**Cumulative Disbursements**



### PBC Disbursement

PBC ID	PBC Type	Description	Coc	PBC Amount	Achievement Status	Disbursed amount in Coc	Disbursement % for PBC

### Restructuring History

Level 2 Approved on 19-Dec-2018 ,Level 2 Approved on 02-Dec-2020

### Related Project(s)

P154549-SWEDD AF for Burkina Faso ,P166813-SWEDD Additional Financing for Benin ,P171827-Sahel Women Empowerment and Demographic Dividend - AF Phase 2 ,P172604-SWEDD Additional Financing for Chad