

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

APPRAISAL STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

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| Country: | Togo | Project ID: | P149942 |
| Project Name: | REDD+ Readiness preparation - Togo (P149942) | | |
| Task Team Leader(s): | Mirko Serkovic | | |
| Estimated Board Date: | N/A | | |
| Managing Unit: | GEN07 | | |
| Sector(s): | Forestry (60%), Public administration- Agriculture, fishing and forestry (20%), General agriculture, fishing and forestry sector (20 %) | | |
| Theme(s): | Climate change (70%), Environmental policies and institutions (20%), Other rural development (10%) | | |
| Financing (In USD Million) | | | |
| Total Project Cost: | 2.93 | Total Bank Financing: | 0.00 |
| Financing Gap: | 0.00 | | |
| Financing Source | | | Amount |
| Borrower | | | 0.00 |
| Carbon Fund | | | 0.00 |
| Readiness Fund of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility | | | 2.93 |
| Total | | | 2.93 |
| Environmental Category: | B - Partial Assessment | | |
| Is this a Repeater project? | No | | |

B. Project Objectives

The project objective is to reinforce the Republic of Togo's capacity to design a socially and environmentally sound national strategy to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

C. Project Description

The proposed additional grant would enable Togo to complete the REDD+ Readiness process at national-level as defined in its Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP) submitted to the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF).

Specifically, the AF will: (i) ensure the operation and reinforce the capacities of the national REDD+ management bodies¹ to provide political and technical guidance to the development of the REDD+ Strategy; (ii) reinforce the capacities and organization of the main stakeholders² for a more effective participation in the development and implementation of the REDD+ Strategy; (iii) finalize the REDD+ Strategy with a detailed action plan and budget for implementation; (iv) enhance the efforts to consult, validate and disseminate the REDD+ strategy at local levels; (v) develop a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system for REDD+; (vi) ensure the integration of REDD+ into sectoral strategies and measures; (vii) prepare the Government of Togo to access available funding from REDD+ mechanisms.

The additional grant support will continue to be organized along two components that correspond with Togo's R-PP:

Component 1. Support to the national readiness management arrangements (US\$ 651,000):

The objective of this component is to support national and regional coordination and monitoring of the REDD+ process, including the project management costs, as well as the consultation and participation processes. The AF will specifically support: (i) the operational costs of the National REDD+ Coordination; (ii) the functioning and capacity strengthening of the REDD+ National Committee, the REDD+ National Working Group, and the CPDDs; (iii) the strengthening of civil society platforms to contribute to the REDD+ process and carry out activities at the grassroots level; and (iv) various communication activities aimed at enhancing the consultation and participation around the development of the REDD+ strategy. The AF will also fund the operationalization of the FGRM, ensuring that stakeholders are properly informed about its function.

Component 2. Support to REDD+ Strategy Preparation (US\$ 331,000):

The objective of this component is to finalize the National REDD+ Strategy, including the associated background studies and the safeguards instruments (SESA, ESMF, RPF, PMP). The AF will specifically support: (i) the integration of additional aspects into the REDD+ strategy (natural protected areas, dynamics of degradation and options for restoration, as well as gender considerations); (ii) support the work of the ministries' sectoral thematic groups in defining the REDD+ interventions; and (iii) and the development of judicial and regulatory texts to integrate REDD+ in relevant sectors. With regards to the SESA, the AF will specifically strengthen the capacity of the National Environmental Management Agency (*Agence Nationale de Gestion de l'Environnement*, ANGE) to guide and participate in the SESA process. The AF will also support efforts to consult, validate and disseminate the REDD+ strategy widely, including at local level.

¹ The REDD+ National Committee, the REDD+ National Working Group and the REDD+ regional focal points in the country's five regions.

² The National Council of Civil Society Organizations for Sustainable Development (CNODD); the producer organizations represented by the Togolese Coordination of Producer Organizations (CTOP); the youth represented by the National Youth Council (CNJ); and the women represented by the Togo REDD+ Women's Consortium (CF-REDD+ Togo).

The AF will also support the following two additional components relative to the original project, in line with Togo's R-PP:

Component 3. Support to the establishment of a Forest Reference Emissions Level – FREL (US\$ 1.618 M):

The objective of this component is to establish a FREL, which would enable the monitoring of deforestation and forest degradation over time against a set baseline. The FREL will also be submitted to the UNFCCC to enable Togo to access future funding from international REDD+ mechanisms. This component will build on the work supported by ProREDD/GIZ, namely the completion of the country's first National Forest Inventory (NFI) and a historical analysis and quantification of past deforestation. The AF will specifically support the second NFI, the development of baselines for the different REDD+ strategic options, as well as various technical and capacity strengthening activities necessary to develop the FREL.

Component 4. Support to the development of monitoring systems for forests and safeguards (US\$ 330,000):

The objective of this component is to develop a Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system for REDD+, along with a National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) and an Information System for Safeguards, Governance and Multiple Benefits. The AF will specifically support various analytical tasks leading to the development of these systems.

D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

The project is of a national scope and will take place throughout the country. The project does not entail physical investments on the ground. Rather, it is focused on providing technical assistance for the development of technical and institutional capacities for the implementation of the REDD+ strategy.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The country has an acceptable legal and regulatory environmental and social framework. The Ministry of Environment and Forestry Resources (MERF) oversees environmental issues. The National Agency for Environment Management (*Agence Nationale de Gestion de l'Environnement*, ANGE) is one of these Ministry's entities, which oversees the approvals of environmental studies, the monitoring and evaluation of such studies, and implementation at the national level. The national body has acceptable technical capacity even though it is under-staffed in terms of numbers of qualified staff, lack of vehicles for field visits, and funding shortage to oversee the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP).

The institutional arrangements for the implementation of the additional grant will continue relative to the ongoing project. The Recipient has several years of experience in applying safeguards policies and implementing World Bank funded projects. However, the capacity of the REDD+ National Coordination (NC) should be strengthened by the recruitment of a social development and gender specialist. In addition, sustained training and support needs to be provided to the NC to become sufficiently proficient in managing key safeguard issues.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

| Safeguard Policies | Triggered? | Explanation (Optional) |
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| Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01 | Yes | <p>A Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) is being carried out to influence the final national REDD+ strategy, by ensuring that social and environmental risks are factored in the preparation of the strategy.</p> <p>The future investments and carbon finance transactions will require specific environmental and social risk management instruments. Therefore, the ToRs for the preparation of the Environmental and Social Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and Pest Management Plan (PMP) will be finalized and disclosed prior to the approval of this additional financing.</p> <p>These framework instruments (ESMF, RPF) will include specific procedures, along with appropriate institutional arrangements for the preparation of project-specific instruments (ESIA, RAP, Process Framework) to prevent adverse impacts, as well as cumulative impacts.</p> |
| Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04 | Yes | <p>The application of this policy seeks to ensure that all options proposed in the National REDD+ Strategy take into account the conservation of biodiversity, as well as the numerous environmental services and products that natural habitats provide to human society. Overall, REDD+ activities are expected to have significant positive impacts on natural habitats, as the country puts in place an effective strategy to reduce loss of natural forests. The SESA, the ESMF and any project-specific instrument (ESIA, PF) will address issues related to natural habitats and potential impacts of the implementation of the National REDD+ Strategy.</p> |

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| Forests OP/BP 4.36 | Yes | Overall, REDD+ activities are expected to have significant positive impacts on forests, in that the main goal of the program is to reduce deforestation and forest degradation, while contributing to the well-being of forest-dependent communities. Potential impact of the National REDD+ Strategy on natural forests will be assessed through the SESA and included in the ESMF. The SESA, the ESMF and any project-specific instrument (ESIA, PF) will comply with the Bank's requirements regarding forest management. |
| Pest Management OP 4.09 | Yes | Agricultural intensification and reforestation activities, among others are anticipated REDD+ activities that could require pest management during the implementation of the strategy. A ToR for the preparation of the PMP will be finalized and disclosed prior to the approval of the additional financing. |
| Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11 | Yes | REDD+ activities are likely to be implemented in areas containing sites deemed physical cultural resources by rural communities living there (e.g. holy/sacred sites such as sacred groves, sacred forests, etc.). Though it is not anticipated that the project will have negative impacts on any such sites, the SESA and the ESMF include appropriate requirements, guidance and mechanism for addressing the management of physical cultural resources, including chance-find, during the implementation of the strategy's subsequent projects. |
| Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10 | No | There are no indigenous peoples as defined by the policy in the project areas. |
| Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12 | Yes | This policy is triggered to address any further situation that requires land acquisition or physical and economic displacement during the implementation of the REDD+ strategy/program. In addition to the guidance, requirements and provisions to include in the SESA, a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) will be prepared to guide the preparation of specific RAP and PF whenever required. The ToRs for the preparation of the RPF will be finalized and disclosed prior the approval of the additional financing. |
| Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37 | No | The project will not finance activities related to either existing or new dam. |

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| Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50 | No | The project will not support activities related to international waterways. |
| Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60 | No | The project will not support activities in disputed areas. |

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: N/A

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:

The work was launched in July 2017 and is expected to be completed by June 2019.

IV. APPROVALS

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¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.