Environmental and Social Safeguards

Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) Training

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Objectives

- To explain the importance of WB Safeguard Policies
- To build capacity on Gender-based Violence (GBV) knowledge and response options
- To clarify the SCADeP GBV Response protocol

Why Safeguards?

2. What is safeguard and what can it do?

- A WB policy outlines all environmental, social and legal concerns associated with project design and implementation.
- Do no harm: protect people and environment from adverse impacts.
- Do good: enhance social equity and promote environmental sustainability.
- The Policy suggests instruments for mainstreaming environmental and social concerns into development projects.

2.1 Why *Social* Safeguards in development projects ?

- For any development project, the objective is to "**do good to people**"; it is therefore to increase the social benefits and decrease the social costs of the project where it can be done in a cost-effective manner.
- As a result, the Bank does not finance a project that harms people or the environment **without appropriate mitigation measures**. Also, the Bank does not fund a project that result in violation of human rights.
- The implementation of social safeguards will enhance social opportunities of development projects.
- Implementation of social safeguards will **avoid/prevent/or reduce** negative impacts from happening.
- The Bank funds projects by promoting **social inclusion, good governance** and **stakeholders' engagement**.
- Managing social risks will address the main challenges associated with the delivery of infrastructure projects.

2.2 Implications of not managing *social* risks

- Undue delays in implementing safeguard instruments.
- Potential delays in project schedule and disbursements.
- Potential increase in overall project cost due to delays and resettlement challenges.
- Potential impoverishment of PAPs.
- Project can be stopped or seriously penalized

3. World Bank Safeguard Policies Pre 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01; 1999)
- Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04; 2001)
- Forests (OP/BP 4.36; 2002
- Pest Management (OP/BP 4.09; 1998)
- Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11; 2006)
- Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37; 2001)

Access to Information Policy (2010)

SOCIAL

- Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12; 2001)
- *Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10; 2005)*

LEGAL

- *Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50; 2001)*
- *Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60; 2001)*

3. World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) Post 2017

- **Environmental and Social Standard 1:** Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 2:** Labor and Working Conditions;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 3:** Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 4:** Community Health and Safety;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 5:** Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 6:** Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 7:** Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 8:** Cultural Heritage;
- **Environmental and Social Standard 9:** Financial Intermediaries; and
- **Environmental and Social Standard 10:** Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure.

4. Gender-based Violence (GBV)

The Gender Based Violence (GBV) and **Violence Against Children (VAC)** framework includes specific arrangements for the Smallholder Commercialization and Agribusiness Development Project (SCADeP) by which GBV risks will be addressed.

The GBV and VAC framework **will define the general direction by which GBV risks are to be addressed in the project**.

In this framework, GBV is used to **describe any harmful act that is perpetrated against a person's will and that is based on socially ascribed gender differences.** This includes acts that inflict **physical, mental, sexual harm or suffering; threats** of such acts; and **coercion** and other **deprivations of liberty**, whether occurring in public or in private life.

4. GBV Safeguard Instruments

The framework shall guide the contracting entity in the preparation of a GBV action plan as part of the **contractor's ESMP**. The contractor's **GBV action plan** will outline the necessary protocols and mechanisms to minimize the risk of exacerbating GBV in the project with a main focus on **Sexual Exploitation and Abuse** (SEA) and Violence Against Children (VAC). The **GBV Action Plan** shall include considerations such as;

- **GBV allegation procedures**, indicating how employees and the community can report cases of GBV
- Managers and Employee **Code of Conduct** to manage worker behaviours
- **GBV services providers** to which GBV survivors will be referred, and the services which will be available
- **Awareness raising strategy**, which describes how workers and local communities will be sensitized to GBV risks and the worker's responsibilities under the Codes of Conduct (CoC)
- **Monitoring and Reporting** of GBV/SEA issues

5. Current SCADeP Sub-projects

Rehabilitation of 142km feeder roads

- **13No. Feeder Roads**
- **6 Districts:**
  - **Bonthe**
  - **Port Loko**
  - **Kailahun**
  - **Moyamba**
  - **Tonkolili**
  - **Kono**

5. Upcoming SCADeP Sub-projects

7no Bridges

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1	Sumbuya	Bo Region
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Spot Improvement (including construction of bridges, culverts and embarkments)

- **Bo**
- **Bombali**
- **Port Loko**
- **Kambia**
- **Kailahun**

Thank you for attending and listening