



ADAPTATION FUND

Project Performance Report

Overview

Period of Report (Dates)	2/22/2023 - 2/22/2024
Project Title	Building adaptive capacity to climate change in vulnerable communities living in the Congo River Basin
Project Summary	
Database Number	AF00000180
Implementing Entity (IE)	UN World Food Programme
Type of IE	Multilateral Implementing Entity
Country(ies)	Congo, Republic of
Relevant Geographic Points (i.e. cities, villages, bodies of water)	Component 1 / selected activities of component 2: Country-wide (12 departments) Component 3 / some activities of component 2: Three departments: Bouenza (South) and Sangha and Likouala (North).
Name of Implementing Entity Focal Point	Alessia Vittorangeli

Project Milestones

AFB Approval Date	10/11/2019
IE-AFB Agreement Signature Date	2/14/2020
Start of Project/Programme	2/22/2022
Actual Mid-term Review Date (if applicable)	2/22/2025
Original Completion Date	2/22/2027
Revised Completion Date after approval of extension request (if applicable)	

Were there any approval condition for this Project?

No

List each approval condition, if any, and report on the status of meeting them

Category of condition	
Condition or Requirement	
Current Status	
Planned actions, including a detailed time schedule	

List (only) inception report/ extension request(s)/ MTR that have been prepared for the project and provide date(s) of submission for each

Inception report - submitted on 5 April 2022

List the Website address (URL) of project

N/A

Project Contacts

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Executing Agency	Olga Rosile Ossombi Mayela, General Director of Sustainable Development	ossombimayelaolga@gmail.com	4/25/2024

Financial Data

Disbursement of AF grant funds	
Cumulative total disbursement from Trustee to IE as of date (\$)	\$5,102,148.00
Estimated cumulative total disbursement from IE to EEs as of date (\$)	\$306,155.25
Project disbursement rate (%)	51.02
Project execution rate (%)	3.32
Add any comments on AF Grant Funds	
Investment Income (\$)	\$0.00
Cumulative Investment Income since inception (\$)	\$0.00

Expenditure Data

Output	Amount (\$)
1.1.1	\$50,285.46
1.2.1	\$30,251.76
1.2.2	\$195,638.81
1.3.1	\$336.00
1.3.2	\$740.30
2.1.1	\$19,120.64
2.1.2	\$5,170.59
2.1.3	\$4,611.69
3.1.1	\$0.00
3.1.2	\$0.00
IE fee (\$)	\$24,036.39
Execution cost (\$)	\$63,635.30

Planned Expenditure Schedule

Output	Projected Cost (\$)	Estimated Completion Date
1.1.1	\$160,000.00	2/28/2025

1.2.1	\$168,090.00	2/28/2025
1.2.2	\$65,000.00	2/28/2025
1.3.1	\$65,000.00	2/28/2025
1.3.2	\$4,200.00	2/28/2025
2.1.1	\$600,000.00	2/28/2025
2.1.2	\$109,000.00	2/28/2025
2.1.3	\$17,700.00	2/28/2025
3.1.1	\$556,896.00	2/28/2025
3.1.2	\$0.00	2/28/2025
IE fee (\$)		\$188,141.00
Execution cost (\$)		\$119,855.00

Actual co-financing (if the MTR or TE have not been undertaken this reporting period, do not report on actual co-financing)

Does this Project have Co-Financing ?	No
How much of the total co-financing as committed in the Project Document has actually been realized? (\$)	\$0.00
Estimated cumulative actual co-financing as verified during Mid-term Review (MTR) or Terminal Evaluation (TE). (\$)	\$0.00
Add any comments on actual co-financing in particular any issues related to the realization of in-kind, grant, credits, loans, equity, non-grant instruments and other types of co-financing.	

Risk Assessment

Identified Risks

List all Risks identified in project preparation phase and what steps are being taken to mitigate them

Identified Risk	Current Status	Steps taken to mitigate risk
Political risk	Moderate	There has been no significant change in this risk during the reporting period. While there has been political continuity at the high level within the EE, the turnover at the technical level has partially affected the fluidity of the communications between the project team and the EE. To address this risk, both the national project management team and the IE continue to prioritize regular communications with the Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin (MEDDBC) to ensure a quick adaptation to changing circumstances.
Lack of technical capacity	Moderate	Limited technical capacity available in-country, both within key project partners and among local firms and consultants, is one of the key barriers hindering the project's progress. According to the original project design, the project's implementation was meant to substantially rely on external consultants and research partners to ensure that adequate levels of expertise were mobilized for project implementation. However, challenges persist in ensuring that the work and the deliverables provided by partners are up to standards, requiring multiple iterations between the project team and the

		partners, as well as significant efforts in terms of continuous capacity strengthening. To mitigate this risk, the IE pursues its efforts to mobilize internal expertise from WFP's Regional Bureau in Johannesburg (RBJ) and from other WFP country offices. During the current reporting period, RBJ conducted 3 support missions, and mobilized the support of one expert on climate services from Senegal, where WFP is implementing a GCF project, to assist the project team and ANAC for 3 weeks in September 2023.
Coordination between Government agencies is ineffective due to a large number of institutions involved, which are multi-sectoral and at different hierarchical levels	Moderate	The project team pursues its efforts to regularly coordinate with government agencies, although regular and fluid communication with the EE and other government counterparts remains a challenge due to the regular rotation of executives in key departments. To mitigate this risk, the project team strives to maintain a strong engagement with the technical and political counterparts in the MEDDBC. The project team holds regular weekly technical meetings between WFP and the national project management team to ensure very close collaboration and support between the IE and the EE. Similarly, progress reports on project activities are sent monthly by the national project team to the project focal point within MEDDBC (General Directorate of Sustainable Development) of the EE and to the office of the Minister to ensure a regular exchange of information. Moreover, quarterly high-level follow-up meetings are held between the WFP Country Director and the Minister of Environment. In addition, direct messaging channels established in the first project year between MEDDBC, the national project management team and WFP continue to be used to enable direct and timely communication when needed.
Financial risk	Low	The financial risk is low because the project funds are managed and controlled by the IE, which transfers the money to the national project management team upon receipt of an expenditure plan and justification of past expenditures certified by the MEDDBC. The Minister of Environment has introduced an additional measure to ensure a close funds oversight, by establishing that the only co-signatories to the project bank account are herself and the WFP Country Director (with the Deputy Country Director as an alternate). While this additional measure helps to minimize financial risk, it also significantly affects the progress of project activities, as explained more in detail further on in the report.
Lack of quality seeds	Low	In order to ensure that the project has access to sufficient quantity and quality of seeds for the implementation of component 3, WFP maintains good coordination and dialogue with FAO, including through meetings of the Technical Advisory Group and the Steering Committee, in order to anticipate imminent needs and coordinate joint action. In addition, the project team maintains contacts with the Institution de Recherche Agronomique (IRA), which is a government structure of the Ministry of Scientific Research responsible for conducting research on crop varieties in Congo. These two contacts are important to ensure the quality of seeds at the time of supply for the beneficiaries of component 3 of the project.
Unavailability of weather and climate data in targeted localities	Moderate	To ensure the availability and accessibility of real-time meteorological data for producers to plan their agrosilvopastoral activities, the IE and the EE continued the discussions initiated in the first year of the project with the National Civil Aviation Agency (ANAC) through the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. At the current stage, the three parties have agreed to sign an agreement for the implementation of component 2, which consists of strengthening ANAC's capacities in equipment (Automatic Agrometeorological Stations) and training, and then the dissemination of metrological data (daily, decadal, monthly forecasts) to producers through

		accessible and well-identified channels at the national and departmental levels. This collaboration will build on the prerequisites and lessons learned from ANAC and its partners (including AFD, the French Development Agency) and will help close the gap in terms of the unavailability of climate data.
Environmental risk	Low	A set of field activity options to be implemented under Component 3 was pre-selected during the design phase of the project, and the risk levels of the activities are expected to be classified as low to moderate. Specific community activities are being reviewed prior to approval to assess the actual risk category of each activity, taking into account location and social and environmental context. During the participatory community planning workshops scheduled for the first quarter of year 3, a risk screening of the selected activities will be conducted with the communities. If a moderate or high risk is identified, the project will take appropriate measures to address and mitigate the risk. In addition, the project team explicitly included the collection of environmental indicators in the terms of reference of the baseline study to ensure adequate monitoring of the environmental impacts of project activities.
Social risk	Low	In order to anticipate social risks, which mainly affect indigenous peoples and women, the IE and EE identified relevant mitigation measures at the proposal stage, including the use of tools such as environmental and social safeguard screening, free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) and gender equality assessment. At this stage, no specific measures have been put in place as component 3 of the project is being prepared for implementation. The project team plans to hold community meetings (Participatory Community Planning) in Q1 2024 to define concrete sub-activities based on current needs. It should be noted that during the focus groups carried out during this period, the team took into account the socio-cultural sub-groups existing in the project localities (Bantu, indigenous peoples). This approach will be continued throughout the implementation process in order to minimize social risk.

Critical Risks Affecting Progress (Not identified at project design)

Are there any critical risks with a 50% or > likelihood of affecting progress of project? Yes

Identify Risks with a 50% or > likelihood of affecting progress of project

Identified Risk	Current Status	Steps taken to mitigate risk
Lengthy administrative and decision-making processes	Moderate	To facilitate and accelerate decision-making processes, the IE and the EE established regular meetings between the technical teams of the three parties involved (WFP, MEDDBC and Nation Project Management team). However, the participation of the Ministry's technical team was discontinuous, due to high turnover. To address this issue, the project team proposes from now on to hold monthly technical meetings directly at the MEDDBC, to facilitate the participation and ownership from all parties involved. These regular meetings are essential to draw attention to the administrative and organizational challenges that the project team is currently experiencing, and to jointly identify swift solutions to address them.
Lack of access by the national project management team	High	As of April 2024, the Minister, Mrs. Soudan-Nonault, the WFP Country Director and the WFP Deputy Country Director are the only co-signatories to the bank account. As a result, when either of the signatories is absent, the

to the project bank account.		National Project Management Team cannot access project funds. As a mitigation measure, the IE has been disbursing directly the funds needed to organize urgent activities, upon receiving a written request from the national project team. However, this is only meant to be a temporary solution, and more sustainable arrangements need to be found to enable the national project management team to accelerate project implementation and fund execution. Discussions are underway between IE and EE to grant delegations of signing authority to the Director of Sustainable Development (DSDBC) and the National Project Director, in order to ensure financial transparency without impeding project implementation.
Lack of dedicated staff within the IE	Low	During the second year of implementation, the EE and IE recognized the need to have dedicated staff within the IE who could work closely with the national implementation team of the project to plan activities and facilitate the involvement of various WFP experts (finance, procurement, etc.) at different levels (Country Office, Regional Office and Headquarters). Although this staff was not initially planned in the project, the IE contributed to the temporary financing of this position in order to provide this need for support to the team in coordinating the implementation, monitoring, reporting and strengthening national project management capacity.
The budget allocation for the project is insufficient in relation to the context and needs on the ground	Low	During this reporting period there were no budget modifications between the project components because the planned allocations are considered sufficient to meet the needs of the field.
Weak capacity of the National Project Management team (Direction Nationale du Projet, DNP)	High	During this reporting period, the national project team continued to struggle with capacity constraints. During the second year of implementation, the office space dedicated by the MEDDBC for the project team was revoked without providing an alternative space. Moreover, the payment of the team's salary was often delayed by many months due to the above-mentioned constraints related to the bank account. To temporarily mitigate these challenges, the IE has provided temporary workspace on its premises while it continues to advocate with the EE to find a more permanent solution.

Risk Measures

Were there any risk mitigation measures employed during the current reporting period? If so, were risks reduced? If not, why were these risks not reduced?

As described in the first PPR, ever since the beginning of implementation the project has been facing several governance and implementation challenges. Despite substantial efforts from the IE and the project management team to implement the mitigating measures described above, many of these challenges persisted in the second year of implementation, continuing to severely hamper project execution. As a result, the disbursement rate remains low, and activities are behind schedule. Acknowledging that the nature of the challenges experienced is structural, the IE and the national project management team will proceed with the mid-term review as planned, despite low implementation levels. The IE and the EE agreed that a third-party review of the project implementation would be beneficial to further shed light on the bottlenecks hampering implementation progress, and propose appropriate and definitive solutions to address them.

ESP Compliance

Section 1: Identified ESP Risk Management

Was the ESP risks identification complete at the time of funding approval? No

1.Compliance with the law

Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	

2.Access and equity

Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	Access to agricultural land, fishing grounds, hunting and gathering areas, and markets is governed by customary and formal arrangements that are generally controlled by and favour Bantu men, at the expense of women and indigenous peoples. In some communities (particularly in the department of Likouala), the Bantu and the Aka/Baaka live in a relationship that can be defined as a "master-slave" relationship. Under Component 3, the project will introduce new assets, resources or income-generating activities in some communities, such as water basins, beehives, small-scale irrigation infrastructure, etc. In some communities, the Bantu elite of the community may hijack the process of targeting or redistributing the benefits of activities at the expense of indigenous

	peoples or the most vulnerable Bantu members.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	1. Targeting and implementation approaches should not be auto-approved, but highly participatory and community-specific, and managed by local partners who are very familiar with the context; 2. Presence of an Indigenous interpreter in all consultations, in order to facilitate consultations in the language of Indigenous peoples; 3. Activities target a mix of vulnerable Bantu households (up to 30% of beneficiaries in Likouala and Sangha) and vulnerable indigenous households (at least 50% of beneficiaries in Likouala and Sangha). 4.To the extent possible, put in place structures to manage new assets (such as fish ponds) at the community level or through associations. These structures should maintain conditions for both men and women 5. In the departments of Likouala and Sangha, choose 2 representatives in each community to serve as "relays" for climate services (exit 2.1.2): 1 relay of indigenous origin, 1 relay of Bantu origin.
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	1. Language used during consultations. 2. Nr. Number of beneficiaries, disaggregated by ethnicity 3.%new assets managed at Community level or through associations
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	1. Three languages (Lingala, Kitouba, Baka) used in the focus groups 2. 0 3. 0%.
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	Although project implementation has not yet begun, during the focus groups and the data collection conducted for the baseline studies the project team used all three local languages (Lingala, Kitouba and Baka), partnering with local and trusted interpreters.
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	As implementation of field-level activities with the communities has not yet begun, the risk of potential impacts on access and equity described above persists.
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	The safeguard measures previously mentioned will be upheld throughout project implementation to ensure that any potential negative impacts of the project on access and equity are avoided.
3.Marginalized and vulnerable Groups	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the	

safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
4.Human rights	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
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State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
5.Gender equality and women's empowerment	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	Women are less likely to own the land they cultivate and have less tenure security than men. While women can often use the land for free for subsistence farming, as soon as their production generates income, they usually have to pay rent. There is a risk that some of the activities in Component 3 will increase gender inequality because: a. Activities such as tree planting or aquaculture assume that the

	beneficiary of the activity is the owner of his or her land, which would exclude most women; b. Income-generating activities can put women in a situation where they have to give up part of the income or pay rent, whereas this was not the case before the activity.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	1. Where possible, put structures in place to manage new assets (such as ponds or wooded areas) at the community level or through associations. These structures should maintain similar conditions for men and women. 2. Where there are no community structures or associations that can be created, sensitize communities to the fact that rental conditions for men and women should be equal.
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	1. % of new assets managed at Community level or through associations.
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	0%
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	The safeguard measures mentioned above were not implemented during the reporting period, as the asset creation activities under Component 3 are currently under preparation.
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	As implementation of field-level activities with the communities has not yet begun, the risk of potential impacts on gender equality and women's empowerment described above persists.
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	The safeguard measures previously mentioned will be upheld throughout project implementation to ensure that any potential negative impacts of the project on gender equality and women's empowerment are avoided. During asset creation activities, the project team will ensure that management committees are composed of women, men and youth equally.
6.Core labour rights	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	

Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
7.Indigenous people	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	Yes
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	Yes
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	Although the project has put in place a process for obtaining free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) from indigenous peoples, there is a residual risk that some of the activities in component 3 will change their traditional way of life, by encouraging them to settle in villages or camps in order to maintain access to new assets such as beehives or fish ponds. This effect could be reinforced by local authorities, who often consider a sedentary lifestyle to be the only option for indigenous peoples to improve their well-being and socio-economic status.
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	1. Inform communities about the risks during the consultations for Component 1 and ask for their explicit consent. 2. Implementation of activities under Component 3 that involve Indigenous peoples will align with the seasonal calendar of Indigenous peoples
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	None
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	None
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	The safeguard measures mentioned above were not implemented during the reporting period, as the asset creation activities under Component 3 are currently under preparation.
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	As implementation of field-level activities with the communities has not yet begun, the risk of potential impacts on indigenous people described above persists.
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	The safeguard measures previously mentioned will be upheld throughout project implementation to ensure that any potential negative impacts of the project on indigenous people are avoided. During field-level activities, including asset creation, the project team will ensure that the activities fully align with indigenous communities' priorities and needs, always collecting their free, prior and informed consent.
8.Involuntary resettlement	

Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
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Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
9. Protection of natural habitats	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
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Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
10. Conservation of biological diversity	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table	No

II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	
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11.Climate change	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
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Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
12.Pollution prevention and resource efficiency	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No

During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
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Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
13.Public health	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
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Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
14.Physical and cultural heritage	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact	

assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
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State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	
15.Lands and soil conservation	
Are environmental or social risks present as per table II.K (II.L for REG) of the proposal?	No
During project/programme formulation, an impact assessment was carried out for the risks identified. Have impacts been identified that require management actions to prevent unacceptable impacts? (as per II.K/II.L)	
List the identified impacts for which safeguard measures are required (as per II.K/II.L)	
List here the safeguard measures (i.e. avoidance, management or mitigation) identified for each impact that are supposed to be (or had to be) implemented during the reporting period. Please break down the safeguard measures by activity.	
List the monitoring indicator(s) for each impact identified.	
State the baseline condition for each monitoring indicator	
Describe each safeguard measure that has been implemented during the reporting period	
Describe the residual impact for each impact identified - if any - using the monitoring indicator(s)	
Describe remedial action for residual impacts that will be taken	

Section 2: Monitoring for unanticipated impacts / corrective actions required	
Has monitoring for unanticipated ESP risks been carried out?	Yes
Have unanticipated ESP risks been identified during	No

the reporting period?	
If unanticipated ESP risks have been identified, describe the safeguard measures that have been taken in response and how an ESMP has been prepared/updated	

Section 3: Categorisation

Is the categorisation according to ESP standards still relevant?	Yes
If No, please describe the changes made at activity, output or outcome level, approved by the Board, that resulted in this change of categorization.	

Section 4: Implementation arrangements

What arrangements have been put in place by the Implementing Entity during the reporting period to implement the required ESP safeguard measures?	Under the standard operating procedures in place, compliance with the ESP safeguards is clearly indicated as a requirement for the implementation of all project activities. Arrangements are made by EE and IE to ensure that the ESP indicators are included in the terms of reference of project activities and that each consultant/firm recruited under this project demonstrates specific experience in environmental and social safeguards. To strengthen the EE and DNP's understanding of the environmental and social safeguards measures applicable to this project, the IE organized a one-day training course during the reference period. The training, which took place on June 2023, was led by the WFP regional advisor and addressed access and equity, gender equality and women's empowerment and the inclusion of indigenous peoples.
Have the implementation arrangements been effective during the reporting period?	Yes
What arrangements have been put in place by each Executing Entity during the reporting period to implement the required ESP safeguard measures?	The arrangements put in place between the IE and the EE for compliance with environmental and social safeguards measures were effective during this reporting period. For instance, during the organization of the focus groups discussion for the baseline study held in January 2024, the project team instructed the consultants on how to organize the focus groups in order to enable women and indigenous groups to express themselves freely and safely.
Have the implementation arrangements at the EEs been effective during the reporting period?	Yes

Section 5: Projects/programmes with unidentified sub-projects (USPs). This section needs to be completed only if the project/proramme includes USPs.

Have the arrangements for the process described in the ESMP for ESP compliance for USPs been put in place?	No
Is the required capacity for ESMP implementation	Yes

present and effective with the IE and the EE(s)? Please provide details.	
Have all roles and responsibilities adequately been assigned and positions filled?	Yes
Has the overall ESMP been updated with the findings of the USPs that have been identified in this reporting period?	No

Identified USPs in the reporting period	Application of ESMP to the USP	ESP risks identified for the USP	Has an impact assessment been carried out?	Consultation held for risks and impacts identification for USP	Gender disaggregation to identify risks and impacts	Safeguard measures identified for the USP	Monitoring indicator(s) for each impact
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Section 6: Grievances

Was a grievance mechanism established capable and known to stakeholders to accept grievances and complaints related to environmental and social risks and impacts?	No
Were grievances received during the reporting period?	No

List all grievances received during the reporting period regarding environmental and social impacts; gender related matters; or any other matter of project/programme activities	For each grievance, provide information on the grievance redress process	Provide the status/outcome
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Comments

Although the ESMP implementation in the context of the USPs has not started yet due to overall delays in project implementation, the capacities are already present within the IE and EE and are ready to be mobilized as soon as the USPs are identified. During the current reporting period, the EE project team was trained by IE on the ESP and on the Adaptation Fund's environmental and social safeguard standards, as detailed in its Environmental and Social Policy. The training, which took place in June 2023, was facilitated by WFP's ESP Regional Advisor. A national ESP focal point has also been designated within WFP's office in Congo to monitor the implementation of the ESP with the project team. Concrete actions are planned for the third year of implementation, during which community consultations will be carried out in order to formulate the activities of component 3.

GP Compliance

Section 1: Quality at entry

Was an initial gender assessment conducted during the preparation of the project/programme's first submission as a full proposal? Yes

Does the results framework include gender-responsive indicators broken down at the different levels (objective, outcome, output)? Yes

List the gender-responsive elements that were incorporated in the project/programme

results framework					
Gender-responsive element	Level	Indicator	Baseline	Target	Rated result for the reporting period
Targeted stakeholder institutions were sensitized to the impact of climate change in Congo and had access to community-based adaptation proposals	Outcome	1.1 - Percentage of participating stakeholders who demonstrated increased awareness of climate change	26.10%	90% of stakeholders (50% men and 50% women) have shown greater awareness of climate change	Poor
Targeted stakeholder institutions benefit from increased consultative and community-based research on climate trends, impacts, and scenarios.	Output	1.1.1 - Number of focus group participants	722 participants (48% women and 52% men)	2400 participants (50% men and 50% women)	Satisfactory
Targeted communities, including school-aged children, benefit from increased knowledge of context-specific climate change adaptation strategies	Outcome	1.3 - % of targeted community members (men and women) who demonstrate awareness of climate change adaptation, food security and nutrition	8.5%	At least 90% of community members (50% men and 50% women) in the targeted villages are sensitized.	Poor
Targeted households benefit from a greater capacity to manage and minimize the impacts of climate variability and weather events on their livelihoods	Outcome	2.1 - Number of targeted climate information based on sub-seasonal to seasonal forecasts reaching targeted communities	12.8%	At least 50% of community members (50% men and 50% women) in the targeted villages use seasonal forecasts to make decisions	Poor
Government institutions and targeted communities benefit from smallholder	Output	2.1.2 - Number of smallholder farmers collecting meteorological data at the base	0	30 smallholder farmers collecting meteorological data at the grassroots level	Poor

farmers' increased capacity to collect data on the ground and develop common messages				(50% men and 50% women)	
Smallholder farmers and targeted communities benefit from increased capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change	Output	3.1.1 - Number of people trained through capacity-building initiatives	0	25,000 smallholder farmers and communities engaged in capacity building initiatives (50% men and 50% women)	Poor
Smallholder farmers and targeted communities benefit from the employment of diversified and sustainable income-generating livelihoods	Output	3.1.2 - Number of people trained through capacity-building initiatives	0	25,000 smallholder farmers and communities engaged in capacity building initiatives (50% men and 50% women)	Poor
Targeted representatives from government and civil society institutions benefit from training on climate change adaptation solutions	Output	1.2.1 - Number of people trained in capacity strengthening initiatives	0	400 people trained in capacity-strengthening initiatives (50% male and 50% female)	Poor
Primary school aged children in targeted schools benefit from teachers' increased capacity to deliver tailored trainings on climate change	Output	1.3.1 - Number of people engaged in capacity strengthening initiatives	0	40 teachers trained (50% male and 50% female)	Poor
Primary school aged children in targeted schools benefit from teachers' increased capacity to	Output	1.3.1 - Number of people engaged in capacity strengthening initiatives	0	1000 school-aged children trained in targeted schools (50% male and 50% female)	Poor

deliver tailored trainings on climate change					
Targeted communities benefit from customized climate change awareness-raising campaigns	Output	1.3.2 Number of competition participants	0	100 participants engage in the national competition (50% male and 50% female)	Poor

Section 2: Quality during implementation and at exit

List gender equality and women's empowerment issues encountered during implementation of the project/programme. For each gender equality and women's empowerment issue describe the progress that was made as well as the results.

Gender equality and women's empowerment issues	Rated result for the reporting period	Provide justification of the rating provided
Ensure project staff is adequately trained on gender equality and women's empowerment issues.	Satisfactory	The project team has a general understanding of key issues on gender equality in Congo, developed throughout their previous work experience in implementing climate projects. During the reporting period the IE wanted to organize a refresher training on this topic with the support of WFP regional gender expert, but this training did not take place in the end due to logistic issues. The training will be delivered during the next reporting period.

Section 3: Implementation arrangements

What arrangements have been put in place by the Implementing Entity during the reporting period to comply with the GP	During the reporting period, activities were planned with gender equality and women empowerment issues in mind. For instance, the focus groups conducted in the context of the baseline study were divided by gender and community groups, to ensure that all the participants could express their views and needs freely and safely. Out of 60 focus groups organized, 23 focus groups were held with Bantu women and 23 focus groups were held with Bantu men; 7 focus groups with Indigenous women and 7 focus groups with Indigenous men.
Have the implementation arrangements at the IE been effective during the reporting period?	Yes
What arrangements have been put in place by each Executing Entity during the reporting period to comply with the GP?	The arrangements put in place by the EE were the same as the ones described for the Implementing Entity.
Have the implementation arrangements at the EE(s) been effective during the reporting period?	Yes
Have any capacity gaps affecting GP compliance been identified during the reporting period and if so, what remediation was implemented?	No

Section 4: Grievances

Was a grievance mechanism established capable and known to stakeholders to accept grievances and complaints related to gender equality and women's empowerment?	No
Were grievances received during the reporting period?	No

List all grievances received through the grievance mechanism during the reporting period regarding gender-related matters of project/programme activities [6]	For each grievance, provide information on the grievance redress process used	Provide the status/outcome
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Comments

Rating

Implementing Entity

Project components/outcomes	Alignment with AF outcomes	Expected Progress	Progress to date	Rating
Outcome 1.1 Targeted stakeholder institutions have increased awareness of the impact of climate change in Congo and access to community-based adaptation proposals	Outcome 1	Discussions with the targeted communities on the climate change impacts and adaptation needs in held in the context of the focus groups (Outcome 1.1); tools and productive assets purchased.	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
Outcome 1.2 Targeted government and civil society institutions have increased capacity to formulate climate adaptation solutions at national and district level	Outcome 7	Two additional studies on climate change developed; training on climate change impacts for the government, national partners and civil society is conducted.	Delayed	Marginally Satisfactory
Outcome 1.3 Targeted communities, including school aged children, benefit from increased context-appropriate knowledge of climate adaptation strategies	Outcome 3	Module on climate change for school initiated; ToRs for a civil society art competition around climate change developed.	Delayed	Marginally Satisfactory
Outcome 2.1: Targeted households benefit from a higher capacity to manage and minimize the impacts of climate variability and weather events on their livelihoods	Outcome 1	Diagnosis of needs and channels available for the development of climate information services conducted; Memorandum of Understanding with the National Civil Aviation Services (ANAC) signed; Motorbikes and meteorological kit & equipment purchased.	Delayed	Marginally Satisfactory

Outcome 3.1 Targeted smallholder farmers and communities benefit from climate resilient production and livelihoods change	Outcome 6	Discussions with the targeted communities on the climate change impacts and adaptation needs in held in the context of the focus groups (Outcome 1.1); tools and productive assets purchased.	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
Project execution	Outcome 1	2nd Steering Committee organized; Consultative Group held; National Project Management team hired; project premises furnished; project vehicle purchased.	Delayed	Marginally Unsatisfactory

Please provide the Name and Contact information of the person(s) responsible for completing the Rating section

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Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.

As described in the first PPR, ever since the beginning of project implementation the project has been facing several governance and implementation challenges. Despite substantial efforts from the IE and the project management team to put in place mitigation measures, many of these challenges persisted in the second year of implementation, continuing to severely hamper project execution. As a result, the disbursement rate remains low, and activities are behind schedule. Acknowledging that the nature of the challenges experienced is structural, the IE and the national project management team have agreed to proceed with the mid-term review as planned, despite the low implementation rates. The IE and the EE concluded that a third-party review of the project would be beneficial to further shed light on the bottlenecks hampering implementation progress, and propose appropriate and definitive solutions to address them.

Executing Entity / Project Coordinator

Project components/outcomes	Alignment with AF outcomes	Expected Progress	Progress to date	Rating
Outcome 1.1 Targeted stakeholder institutions have increased awareness of the impact of climate change in Congo and access to community-based adaptation proposals	Outcome 1	Discussions with the targeted communities on the climate change impacts and adaptation needs in held in the context of the focus groups (Outcome 1.1); tools and productive assets purchased.	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
Outcome 1.2 Targeted government and civil society institutions have increased capacity to formulate climate adaptation solutions at national and district level	Outcome 7	Two additional studies on climate change developed; training on climate change impacts for the government, national partners and civil society is conducted.	Delayed	Marginally Satisfactory
Outcome 1.3 Targeted communities, including school aged children, benefit from	Outcome 3	Module on climate change for school initiated; ToRs for a civil society art competition around	Delayed	Marginally Satisfactory

increased context-appropriate knowledge of climate adaptation strategies		climate change developed.		
Outcome 2.1: Targeted households benefit from a higher capacity to manage and minimize the impacts of climate variability and weather events on their livelihoods	Outcome 1	Diagnosis of needs and channels available for the development of climate information services conducted; Memorandum of Understanding with the National Civil Aviation Services (ANAC) signed; Motorbikes and meteorological kit & equipment purchased.	Delayed	Marginally Satisfactory
Outcome 3.1 Targeted smallholder farmers and communities benefit from climate resilient production and livelihoods change	Outcome 6	Discussions with the targeted communities on the climate change impacts and adaptation needs in held in the context of the focus groups (Outcome 1.1); tools and productive assets purchased.	Ontrack	Marginally Satisfactory
Project execution	Outcome 1	2nd Steering Committee organized; Consultative Group held; National Project Management team hired; project premises furnished; project vehicle purchased.	Delayed	Marginally Unsatisfactory

Please provide the Name and Contact information of the person(s) responsible for completing the Rating section

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Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.

The 2nd steering committee of the project was organized during this period. The recruitment of the 3 assistant field coordinators was finalized at the beginning of year 2, and a programme manager was hired by the IE in November 2023 to provide technical and organizational support to the national project management team. The project's car has been purchased. However, difficulties related to the office set-up for the project team persist without any lasting solution having been identified so far. The office space that had been allocated by the EE to the project team at the beginning of the project was revoked by the MEDDBC, and no alternative was offered. Therefore, the procurement process for office equipment was halted, while the project team waited to find a viable solution. As a palliative solution, the IE is currently hosting the project team in WFP premises. The IE and the EE are currently discussing more long-term solutions related to office space. The mid-term review planned for Year 3 of the project could help further analyze these challenges and propose relevant solutions that could be implemented to smoothen project implementation.

Other

Project components/outcomes	Alignment with AF outcomes	Expected Progress	Progress to date	Rating
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Please provide the Name and Contact information of the person(s) responsible for completing the Rating section

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Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.

Overall Rating

Overall rating

Marginally Satisfactory

Please justify your rating. Outline the positive and negative progress made by the project since it started. Provide specific recommendations for next steps.

As described in the first PPR, ever since the beginning of project implementation the project has been facing several governance and implementation challenges. Despite substantial efforts from the IE and the project management team to put in place mitigation measures, many of these challenges persisted in the second year of implementation, continuing to severely hamper project execution. As a result, the disbursement rate remains low, and activities are behind schedule. Acknowledging that the nature of the challenges experienced is structural, the IE and the national project management team have agreed to proceed with the mid-term review as planned, despite low implementation rates. The IE and the EE concluded that a third-party review of the project would be beneficial to further shed light on the bottlenecks hampering implementation progress, and propose appropriate and definitive solutions to address them.

Project Indicators

List of indicators

Type of Indicator (indicators towards Objectives, Outcomes, etc...)	Indicator	Baseline	Progress Since Inception	Target for Project End
Outcomes	Objective 1. Proportion of targeted communities involved in developing and improving knowledge on the impacts of climate change	26.10	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 80% of targeted communities are involved in developing and improving knowledge on the impacts of climate change
Objectives	Objective 2. Proportion of targeted communities with access to adapted complex climate	8.50	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 80% of targeted communities have access to adapted complex climate data

	data			
Objectives	Objective 3. Proportion of targeted communities where there is evidence of improved capacity to manage climatic shocks and risks	12.80	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 50% of targeted communities should report improved capacity to prepare for and manage climatic shocks and risks
Outcomes	Outcome 1.1 Number of stakeholders incorporating climate change awareness into institutional activities	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	5 stakeholders incorporating climate change awareness into institutional activities
Outcomes	Outcome 1.1 Number of community feedback mechanisms/channels put in place	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	3 community feedback mechanisms/channels put in place
Outcomes	Outcome 1.1 Number of community-based adaptation proposals adopted	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	5 community-based adaptation proposals adopted
Outcomes	Outcome 1.1 Percentage of stakeholder participants demonstrating greater awareness of climate change	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	90% of stakeholder (50% male and 50% female) participants demonstrating greater awareness of climate change
Outputs	Output 1.1.1 Number of studies/research papers produced	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	2 research papers produced
Outputs	Output 1.1.1 Number of focus groups carried out	60	The project has made progress during this reporting period. One provider was recruited (LAGEA) and conducted 60 focus groups on climate change and adaptation. Out of 60 focus groups organized, 23 focus groups were held with Bantu women and 23 focus groups	60 focus groups are carried out (124 villages)

			were held with Bantu men; 7 focus groups with Indigenous women and 7 focus groups with Indigenous men.	
Outputs	Output 1.1.1 Number of focus groups participants	722 (350 women +372 men)	In the 60 focus groups conducted, 722 people (men, women, girls and boys) took part; i.e. 350 women and 372 men. The number of participants in the focus groups varies from 10 to 12 people.	2400 participants (50% male and 50% female)
Outcomes	Outcome 1.2 Number of national climate adaptation policies, programmes and system components enhanced	1	The project supported the organization of a workshop on the Republic of Congo's national climate services framework during this period. The workshop validated this reference document for a period of 5 years. In addition, the project supported the organization of a workshop for the development of the concept note of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and the process will continue until the finalization of the document in the coming year. The progress achieved is 50%	2 national climate adaptation policies, programmes and system components enhanced
Outputs	Output 1.2.1 Number of people trained in capacity-strengthening initiatives	0	Training sessions on climate change and adaptation for state technical services, civil society organizations and administrative authorities are being prepared. Terms of reference were developed and	400 people trained in capacity-strengthening initiatives (50% male and 50% female)

			validated, and two consultants with expertise in climate change were recruited and submitted the training modules for approval by the IE and EE. The next step will be the validation of the modules and the course of the training planned for the first quarter of year 3 of the project.	
Outputs	Output 1.2.1 Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives delivered to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	24 capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated
Outputs	Output 1.2.2 Number of tools or products developed or revised to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least one tool developed to enhance inclusive and equitable climate adaptation
Outcomes	Outcome 1.3 % of targeted community members (male and female) who demonstrate awareness of climate change adaptation, food security and nutrition	8.50	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 90% of community members (50% male and 50% female) in target villages are sensitized.
Outputs	Output 1.3.1 Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives delivered to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	The IE and EE are in the final stages of negotiating an agreement with UNESCO for the development of the climate change and adaptation modules and then the printing of textbooks, teacher training and the organization of a national art competition on climate change. The	1 climate change and adaptation training modules developed ;

			agreement will be signed in the first quarter of Year 3 of the project and the planned activities will be executed.	
Outputs	Output 1.3.1 Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives delivered to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	The IE and EE are in the final stages of negotiating an agreement with UNESCO for the development of the climate change and adaptation modules and then the printing of textbooks, teacher training and the organization of a national art competition on climate change. The agreement will be signed in the first quarter of Year 3 of the project and the planned activities will be executed.	4 trainings of teachers organised
Outputs	Output 1.3.1 Number of people engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	40 teachers trained (50% male and 50% female)
Outputs	Output 1.3.2 Number of national competitions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	1 national competition organised
Outputs	Output 1.3.2 Number of competition participants	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	100 participants engage in the national competition (50% male and 50% female)
Outputs	Output 1.3.2 Number of broadcast channels disseminating climate campaign messages	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	4 broadcast channels used to disseminate climate campaign messaging
Outcomes	Outcome 2.1 Number of targeted climate information based on sub-seasonal to seasonal forecasting reaching	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 50% of community members (50% male & 50% female) in target villages use seasonal forecast in

	the targeted communities			decision making
Outputs	Output 2.1.1 Number of people trained	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	40 people trained
Outputs	Output 2.1.1 Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives delivered to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	4 capacity-strengthening initiatives facilitated by WFP
Outputs	Output 2.1.1 Number of tools or products developed or revised to enhance national climate adaptation solutions (meteorological/climate tools)	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	4 tools developed or revised
Outputs	Output 2.1.2 Number of people trained	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	60 people trained
Outputs	Output 2.1.2 Number of partners supported	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	3 partners supported (CSA, agricultural leaders and Meteorological Directorate)
Outputs	Output 2.1.2 Number and type of equipment procured	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	30 meteorological kits and 45 motorbikes
Outputs	Output 2.1.2 Number of smallholder farmers collecting grass-roots meteorological data	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	30 smallholder farmers collecting grass-roots meteorological data (50% male and 50% female)
Outputs	Output 2.1.2 Number of people provided with direct access to information on climate and weather risks	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 90% of community members in target villages provided with access to information on climate and weather risks
Outputs	Output 2.1.2 Number of channels used to disseminate	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared	At least 2 number of channels used to disseminate climate

	climate change information		during this reporting period	change information
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Household Food Consumption Score (FCS) - proportion of households with a low Food Consumption Score	17	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	Reduction of percentage of households with poor food consumption score by 40%
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Consumption-based Coping Strategy Index – Average (CSI)	21.6	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	20% reduction in the CSI at the end of the project
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Percentage reduction in post-harvest losses for smallholder farmers	43.5% cassava; 8% beans; 14.1% bananas; 29.9% peanuts; 2.3% cocoa; 2.3% Other	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	Reduction by 30% of post-harvest losses for smallholder farmers
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Percentage increase in yields for smallholder farmers	37.8% cassava; 7.1% beans; 21.4% bananas; 25.0% peanuts; 4.8% cocoa; 0.9% pigeon peas	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	Increase by 30% in yields for smallholder farmers
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Proportion of assisted people informed about the programme (who is included, what people will receive, length of assistance)	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	At least 80% of assisted people are informed about the programme
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Proportion of project activities for which beneficiary feedback is documented, analysed and integrated into programme improvements	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	100% of the activities document, analyse and integrate beneficiary feedback into programme improvements
Outcomes	Outcome 3.1 Proportion of activities for which environmental risks have been screened and, as required, mitigation actions identified	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	100% of activities have been screened for environmental risks and, as required, mitigation actions identified
Outputs	Output 3.1.1 Number of people trained in capacity-strengthening	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting	25 000 smallholder farmers and communities engaged in capacity-

	initiatives		period	strengthening initiatives (50% male and 50% female)
Outputs	Output 3.1.1 Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	124 capacity-strengthening initiatives
Outputs	Output 3.1.1 Number of assets created and developed to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	5 different types of assets created
Outputs	Output 3.1.2 Number of people engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	25 000 smallholder farmers and communities engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives (50% male and 50% female)
Outputs	Output 3.1.2 Number of capacity-strengthening initiatives to enhance national climate adaptation solutions	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	124 of capacity-strengthening initiatives
Outputs	Output 1.3.1 Number of people engaged in capacity-strengthening initiatives	0	Activities planned to achieve this outcome are being prepared during this reporting period	1 000 school-aged children trained in targeted schools (50% male and 50% female)

Comments

Lessons Learned

Implementation and Adaptive Management

Describe any changes undertaken to improve results on the ground or any changes made to project outputs (i.e. changes to project design)	Challenges	No changes have been made to the project compared to the original project outputs. However, in terms of project execution, as previously mentioned, the IE has been temporarily spending the funds on behalf of the national project team to ensure that urgent
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		activities could be organized despite the absence of one of the bank account signatories. Each expenditure was made upon receiving a written request from the EE to do so, as, according to the original project design and the standard operating procedures, procurement of goods and services below 20.000 USD should be executed by the EE.
Have the environmental and social safeguard measures that were taken been effective in avoiding unwanted negative impacts?	Opportunities	The project's current arrangements to minimize environmental and social risks are effective. During the community meetings organized for the data collection of the baseline study, the environmental and social risks were discussed with the communities, and these risks will be taken into account throughout the project implementation.
How have gender considerations been taken into consideration during the reporting period? What have been the lessons learned as a consequence of inclusion of such considerations on project performance or impacts? List lessons learned specific to gender, detailing measures and project/programme-specific indicators highlighting the role of women as key actors in climate change adaptation.	Challenges & Opportunities	Rural communities, and particularly women, are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and in rural areas in the Republic of Congo women are mainly involved in agricultural activities, which are particularly sensitive to climate risks. During the focus groups conducted in the context of the baseline study, participants were divided by gender and community groups, to ensure that all the participants could express their views and needs freely and safely. This arrangement, and the partnership with local translators who could facilitate participants' expression in their local languages, allowed them to share their views on the impacts of climate change on their livelihoods, and explain their level of access to climate information to plan their agro-silvopastoral activities.
Were there any delays in implementation? If so, include any causes of delays. What measures have been taken to reduce	Challenges	Activities originally planned for Year 1 and then carried over to Year 2 experienced further

delays?		<p>delays in implementation during the reporting period. These delays are due to various financial, governance and technical capacity constraints, including (further details are provided in the answer to the question below) : 1. Difficult access to the bank account, complicating the procedures and timeframes to disburse project funds. 2. Lack of office space and equipment for the DNP. 3. Low levels of engagement and support from the EE in the monitoring of the project, which is reflected in the lack of participation from the Directorate-General for Sustainable Development in the meetings organized by the DNP. The IE continues to closely support the DNP. After the departure of the Programme Officer deployed by Headquarters between January and July 2023, WFP Congo Country Office hired a dedicated Programme Officer, who took office in November 2023. However, during the transition period activities experienced a significant slowdown.</p>
<p>What implementation issues/lessons, either positive or negative, affected progress?</p>	<p>Challenges</p>	<p>The multiple implementation issues which negatively affected project progress during year 1 are unfortunately still hampering project implementation in year 2. From a financial perspective, the lack of access for the national project management team (DNP) to the project bank account, to which the only signatories are the Minister of Environment and WFP Country Director or Deputy Country Director, significantly affects its effectiveness and ability to promptly implement project activities. From a governance perspective, coordination issues between the DNP and the MEDDBC are also proving to</p>

be an important barrier to project implementation. In fact, the project team has observed a lack of project ownership and engagement from the EE, despite continuous efforts to organize regular meetings and share activity reports. The Directorate-General for Sustainable Development, which is the entry point for the DNP within the EE according to the project implementation arrangements, is insufficiently involved in the project monitoring and support, and rarely participates in weekly and monthly meetings. No or little feedback is provided to the monthly progress reports shared by the DNP to the EE, slowing down project implementation and failing to address the challenges experienced by the DNP highlighted in the reports. Moreover, the lack of alternatives provided by the EE for the DNP's office space once the previous office became unavailable further illustrates the coordination challenges currently experienced between the project team and the EE. To mitigate these challenges, the IE is supporting the project team much more closely than originally planned, providing daily support through a dedicated Programme Officer, providing office space in WFP premises and directly disbursing funds when the team cannot access the project's bank account during the absence of one of the signatories. However, these solutions are temporary, and more permanent arrangements should be found to ensure a smooth implementation for the rest of the project. For this reason, the project team is initiating the preparations for the mid-term review, in the hope that this

		analysis can help all the parties involved to identify and enforce more sustainable solutions.
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Has the project already reached mid term or project completion?(yes/no).

No

Climate Resilience Measures	
What have been the lessons learned, both positive and negative, in implementing climate adaptation measures that would be relevant to the design and implementation of future projects/programmes for enhanced resilience to climate change?	
What is the potential for the climate resilience measures undertaken by the project/programme to be replicated and scaled up both within and outside the project area?	
Readiness Interventions (Applicable only to NIEs that received one or more readiness grants)	
What have been the lessons learned, both positive and negative, in accessing and implementing climate finance readiness support that would be relevant to the preparation, design and implementation of future concrete adaptation projects/programmes?	
How have the outputs (such as manuals, guidelines, procedures or the experience from providing peer support, etc) from employing readiness grants been used to inform institutional capacity needs, gender issues, and environmental and social aspects in developing and implementing concrete projects/programmes for enhanced resilience to climate change?	
Concrete Adaptation Interventions	
What have been the lessons learned, both positive and negative, in implementing concrete adaptation interventions that would be relevant to the design and implementation of future projects/programmes implementing concrete adaptation interventions?	
What is the potential for the concrete adaptation interventions undertaken by the project/programme to be replicated and scaled up both within and outside the project area?	
Knowledge Management	
How has existing information/data/knowledge been used to inform project development and implementation? What kinds of information/data/knowledge were used?	
Has the existing information/data/knowledge been made available to relevant stakeholder? If so, what channels of dissemination have been used?	

Please list any knowledge products generated and include hyperlinks whenever possible (e.g. project videos, project stories, studies and technical reports, case studies, training manuals, handbooks, strategies and plans developed, etc.)	
If learning objectives have been established, have they been met? Please describe.	
Describe any difficulties there have been in accessing or retrieving existing information (data or knowledge) that is relevant to the project. Please provide suggestions for improving access to the relevant data.	
Has the identification of learning objectives contributed to the outcomes of the project? In what ways have they contributed?	
Innovation	
Describe any innovative practices or technologies that figured prominently in this project.	
Complementarity/ Coherence with other climate finance sources	
Has the project been scaled-up from any other climate finance? Or has the project build upon any other climate finance initiative?	
If you answered yes, kindly specify the name of the Fund/Organization.	

Results Tracker

Goal: Assist developing-country Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting the costs of concrete adaptation projects and programmes in order to implement climate-resilient measures.

Impact: Increased resiliency at the community, national, and regional levels to climate variability and change.

Is this the mid-term or terminal project performance report? Before Midterm

Impact: Increased resiliency at the community, national, and regional levels to climate variability and change

Core Indicator: No. of beneficiaries

		Total	% of female beneficiaries	% of Youth beneficiaries
Baseline information	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project	0	0	0
Baseline information	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project	0	0	0
Baseline information	Total (direct + indirect)	0	0	0

	beneficiaries)			
Target performance at completion	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project	25640	50	17
Target performance at completion	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project	103500	50	17
Target performance at completion	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)	129140	50	17
Performance at mid-term	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at mid-term	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at mid-term	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)	0	0	0
Performance at completion	Direct beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at completion	Indirect beneficiaries supported by the project			
Performance at completion	Total (direct + indirect beneficiaries)	0	0	0

Outcome 1: Reduced exposure to climate-related hazards and threats

Indicator 1: Relevant threat and hazard information generated and disseminated to stakeholders on a timely basis

	Number of targeted stakeholders - Total	Number of targeted stakeholders - % of female targeted	Hazards information generated and disseminated	Overall effectiveness
Baseline information	0	0	Drought	1: Ineffective
Target performance at completion	25000	50	Drought	4: Effective
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 1.1 Risk and vulnerability assessments conducted and updated

Indicator 1.1: No. of projects/programmes that conduct and update risk and vulnerability assessments

	No. of projects/programme that conduct and	Sector	Scale	Status

	update risk and vulnerability assessments			
Baseline information	0	Agriculture	Local	1: No plans conducted or updated
Target performance at completion	0	Agriculture	Local	3: Risk and vulnerability assessments completed or updated
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 1.2 Targeted population groups covered by adequate risk reduction systems

Core Indicator 1.2: No. of Early Warning Systems

	No. of adopted Early Warning Systems	Category targeted	Hazard	Geographical coverage	Number of municipalities
Baseline information					
Target performance at completion					
Performance at mid-term					
Performance at completion					

Outcome 2: Strengthened institutional capacity to reduce risks associated with climate-induced socioeconomic and environmental losses

Indicator 2: Capacity of staff to respond to, and mitigate impacts of, climate-related events from targeted institutions increased

	Number of staff targeted - Total	Number of staff targeted - % of female targeted	Sector	Capacity level
Baseline information	0	0	Disaster risk reduction	2: Low capacity
Target performance at completion	400	50	Disaster risk reduction	4: High capacity
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 2.1 Strengthened capacity of national and sub-national centres and networks to respond rapidly to extreme weather events

Indicator 2.1.1: No. of staff trained to respond to, and mitigate impacts of, climate-related events

	Total staff trained	% of female staff trained	Type
Baseline information	0	0	Public
Target performance at completion	400	50	Public
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 2.1.2: No. of targeted institutions with increased capacity to minimize exposure to climate variability risks

	Type	Scale	Sector	Capacity Level
Baseline information	Public	Local	Agriculture	2: Low capacity
Target performance at completion	Public	Local	Agriculture	4: High capacity
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 2.2. Increased readiness and capacity of national and sub-national entities to directly access and program adaptation finance

Indicator 2.2.1: No. of targeted institutions benefitting from the direct access and enhanced direct access modality

	Number of beneficiaries	Scale	Sector	Capacity Level
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Outcome 3: Strengthened awareness and ownership of adaptation and climate risk reduction processes

Indicator 3.1: Increase in application of appropriate adaptation responses

	Percentage of targeted population applying adaptation measures	Sector
Baseline information	12.8	Agriculture
Target performance at completion	50	Agriculture
Performance at mid-term		
Performance at completion		

Output 3.1: Targeted population groups participating in adaptation and risk reduction awareness activities

Indicator 3.1.1: Percentage of targeted population awareness of predicted adverse impacts of climate change, and of appropriate responses

	No. of targeted beneficiaries	% of female participants targeted	Level of awareness
Baseline information	26	50	4: Mostly aware
Target performance at completion	80	50	4: Mostly aware
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 3.2: Stenghtened capacity of national and subnational stakeholders and entities to capture and disseminate knowledge and learning

Indicator 3.2.1: No. of technical committees/associations formed to ensure transfer of knowledge

	No. of technical committees/associations	% of women represented in committes/associations	Level of awareness
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 3.2.2: No. of tools and guidelines developed (thematic, sectoral, institutional) and shared with relevant stakeholders

	No. of tools and guidelines	Type	Scale
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 4: Increased adaptive capacity within relevant development sector services and infrastructure assets

Indicator 4.1: Increased responsiveness of development sector services to evolving needs from changing and variable climate

	Project/programme sector	Geographical scale	Response level
Baseline information			

Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Core Indicator 4.2: Assets produced, developed, improved or strengthened

	Sector	Targeted asset	Changes in asset (quantitative or qualitative)
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 4.1.1: Vulnerable development sector services and infrastructure assets strengthened in response to climate change impacts, including variability

Indicator 4.1.1: No. and type of development sector services to respond to new conditions resulting from climate variability and change

	Number of services	Type	Sector
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 5: Increased ecosystem resilience in response to climate change and variability-induced stress

Indicator 5: Ecosystem services and natural resource assets maintained or improved under climate change and variability-induced stress

	Natural resource improvement level	Sector	Type
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 5: Vulnerable ecosystem services and natural resource assets strengthened in response to climate change impacts, including variability

Core Indicator 5.1: Natural Assets protected or rehabilitated

	Natural asset or	Total number of	Unit	Effectiveness of
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	Ecosystem (type)	natural assets or ecosystems protected/rehabilitated		protection/rehabilitation
Baseline information				
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Outcome 6: Diversified and strengthened livelihoods and sources of income for vulnerable people in targeted areas

Indicator 6.1: Increase in households and communities having more secure access to livelihood assets

	No. of targeted households	% of female headed households	Improvement level
Baseline information	0	0	1: No improvement
Target performance at completion	25000	50	4: High improvement
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Indicator 6.2: Increase in targeted population's sustained climate-resilient alternative livelihoods

	No. of targeted households	% of female headed households	% increase in income level vis-à-vis baseline	Alternate Source
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Output 6 Targeted individual and community livelihood strategies strengthened in relation to climate change impacts, including variability

Indicator 6.1.1: No. and type of adaptation assets created or strengthened in support of individual or community livelihood strategies

	Number of Assets	Type of Assets	Sector	Adaptation strategy
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				

Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Core Indicator 6.1.2: Increased income, or avoided decrease in income

	Number of households (total number in the project area)	Income source	Income level (USD)
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 7: Improved policies and regulations that promote and enforce resilience measures

Indicator 7: Climate change priorities are integrated into national development strategy

	Integration level
Baseline information	2: Most not integrated
Target performance at completion	3: Some
Performance at mid-term	
Performance at completion	

Output 7: Improved integration of climate-resilience strategies into country development plans

Indicator 7.1: No. of policies introduced or adjusted to address climate change risks

	No. of Policies introduced or adjusted	Sector	Scale	Type
Baseline information	1	Disaster risk reduction	National	Environmental policy
Target performance at completion	2	Disaster risk reduction	National	Environmental policy
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Indicator 7.2: No. of targeted development strategies with incorporated climate change priorities enforced

	No. of Development strategies	Regulation	Effectiveness
Baseline information	1	1: Not enforced (No elements implemented))	1: Ineffective
Target performance at completion	2	5: Fully enforced (All elements implemented)	5: Very effective

Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Outcome 8: Support the development and diffusion of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies

Indicator 8: Innovative adaptation practices are rolled out, scaled up, encouraged and/or accelerated at regional, national and/or subnational level

	Sector of innovative practice	Geographic Scale	Type
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			

Output 8: Viable innovations are rolled out, scaled up, encourages and/or accelerated

Indicator 8.1: No. of innovative adaptation practices, tools and technologies accelerated, scaled-up and/or replicated

	No. of innovative practices/ tools technologies	Sector	Status	Effectiveness
Baseline information				
Target performance at completion				
Performance at mid-term				
Performance at completion				

Indicator 8.2: No. of key findings on effective, efficient adaptation practices, products and technologies generated

	No. of key findings generated	Type	Effectiveness
Baseline information			
Target performance at completion			
Performance at mid-term			
Performance at completion			