

As per the Inequality Marker, the Action Document could be labelled as an I1. The Government defines in the PLANAPESCAS, approved by Presidential Decree No 276/22, the fisheries sector as one of the priorities for diversifying the economy, combating hunger, reducing poverty and promoting the social and economic development of the country. This means that support to the small scale fisheries addresses at once, the poverty and vulnerability of the poorest part of the population. The sustainable development of the small scale fisheries sector and their integration in the value chain can lift those vulnerable families out of poverty by increasing their income, but also creating more and better jobs along the value chain particularly for women and the youth.

Democracy

This Action should have no significant impact on democracy.

Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience

This Action should have no significant impact on conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience.

Disaster Risk Reduction

As mentioned above, climate-induced hazards will be taken into account by collecting data on climate scenarios and their influence on fish stocks and dynamics, as well as by supporting local communities including vulnerable food and nutrition insecure populations and disaster-prone communities and relevant actors along the value-chain to adapt to climate change in current and future contexts.

Other considerations if relevant

None.

3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

Category	Risks	Likelihood (High/ Medium/ Low)	Impact (High/ Medium/ Low)	Mitigating measures
Sector Governance	Risk 1: Government policies could disrupt private sector activity	Medium ²³	High	Supporting the government in formulating the marine management plan and create consultation platforms to ensure appropriate and conducive governance of the sector.
Corruption	Risk 2: Vested interests could hamper the sustainable management of the marine resources as well as the public facilities like landing sites and markets.	High	High	Support a transparent and consultative value chain governance by promote the setup of inclusive consultation platforms ensuring dialogue between public and private sector.
Resistance to formal organisation	Risk 3: Value chain operators are reluctant to organise into cooperatives or small businesses and formalise their activities.	Low	Medium	The organisation is not a precondition to benefit from the project but rather induced by the incubation process that helps the value chain actor organise, rationalise and at the end formalise their economic activity.
Lessons Learnt from projects supporting small scale farming tend to support the vision of promoting farming as a business whence could emerge micro, small and medium entrepreneurs who will create thriving businesses and decent jobs on day.				
This Action will apply the same approach to aquatic food value chains.				

²³ The Government considers the sector as a priority for economic diversification and poverty alleviation and is consulting to put the right policies in place.