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| **Name of CDD Program:** Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement Project |
| **Program Dates:** 2015 - 2021 |
| **Implementing Agency:** Social Development Foundation (autonomous nonprofit established by the government) |
| **Geographical Coverage (# of provinces/states, municipalities, villages, which parts of the country):**16 districts and 3200 villages. |
| **Annual Program Budget (USD):** Total is US$220 million. (IDA – US$197.02 million; EDA recommitted as credit – US$2.98 million; Social Development Foundation – US$20 million.) |
| **Program Objective:**The project objective is to improve livelihoods of the poor and extreme poor. It builds on the Social Investment Program Project, which introduced new opportunities for improving access to financial resources for the poor. The project would particularly aim at improving the operational efficiency and sustainability of the Village Credit Organizations (VCOs). |
| **Main Program Components:**1. Community Institutions and Livelihood Development. The sub-components are to (a) mobilize the poor and extreme poor in selected rural communities by building and strengthening beneficiary community institutions; (b) provide funding for small infrastructure and livelihood support for project beneficiaries; and (c) provide nutrition awareness and agricultural production knowledge.
2. Business Development and Institutional Strengthening: The sub-components are to (a) build and strengthen producer organizations as market partners and commercially oriented entities; (b) facilitate interaction between producers and traders/processors of products in the down- and up-stream value chains; and (c) support market/business oriented investment to solve bottlenecks in the market chains and/or adding value to the products.
3. Program Management, Monitoring, and Learning: This supports the management, monitoring and continuous learning, including third-party M&E activities.
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