

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Ethiopia	Project ID:	P156400
Project Name:	Ethiopia: Supporting Open Data Initiative		
Team Leader(s):	Elsa Araya		
Estimated Date of Approval:	30-Jul-2015		
Managing Unit:	GGODR	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Public administration- Information and communications (50%), General public administration sector (50%)		
Theme(s):	Other public sector governance (50%), e-Government (50%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.3	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			0.3
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The development objective of this Recipient Executed trust fund is to enhance transparency through the implementation of actions and recommendations emanating from the country's Open Data Readiness Assessment (ODRA) and the action plan. This will:

- (i) improve the legal and policy framework around open data;
- (ii) create the necessary governance structure to manage the open data initiative;
- (iii) enhance the national open data portal and link it with innovative information and communication technology and data-based mobile services delivery in the education, health and transport sectors which are directly related to the day-to-day activities of the citizens;
- (iv) train technical staff of the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) and participating agencies on various aspects of open data, including maintenance, management and use.

C. Project Description

The project will have 3 component, detailed below:

COMPONENT 1: National Open Data Guidelines Formulation (US\$ 96,000.00)

Despite the enactment of the Information Act, implementation of open data has so far been inconsistent across agencies. Lack of implementation guidelines is recognized by the Government of Ethiopia as one of the barriers to consistent and full implementation of the Act. In acknowledgment of this shortfall, the Government has been trying to initiate the development of the directive but so far there has been little progress. This component will support the drafting and finalization of the National Open Data Guidelines in participatory manner involving all relevant stakeholders and its dissemination following its approval. The National Open Data Guidelines is expected to i) be built on the main proclamation; ii) clarify the roles and functions of the different actors along with the rules of the game; and iii) incorporate open data principles. It will involve recruitment of consultants, conducting study tour and workshops to help draft, validate and disseminate the Guidelines. It will also support the establishment of the Open Data Initiative Steering Committee.

COMPONENT 2. Ensuring the Quality of Open Data Portal Development and its Utilization (US\$ 179,000.00)

2.1. Ensuring Quality of Open Data Portal: The Government of Ethiopia has already commissioned a local consulting firm to develop the national data portal and select national data sets. This component will support the recruitment of international consultants to ensure the quality of the national open data portal. The international consultants will supervise the national data portal development project by reviewing the requirement study, the design document and the final open data portal to ensure international standards are appropriately reflected. In addition, training will be provided to ICT staff at MCIT and other sector ministries. Furthermore, necessary goods including servers and computers will be procured to operationalize the open data portal.

2.2: Strengthen the Demand Side for Open Data Initiative: The Open Data Readiness Assessment shows that the capacity of the demand side for open government is weak. There seems to be no active demand for data from civil society organizations, the private sector or the media; as things stand these parties usually report on the data that is provided by various ministries and agencies without further analysis. This can be attributed mainly to lack of awareness and capacity. This component will conduct a number of awareness raising exercises and trainings such as boot camps. It will among others conduct technology innovation boot camps to develop applications and services by accessing the open data portal.

COMPONENT 3: Implementation Support to the Project (US\$ 25,000.00): This component will support the recruitment of a local consultant to coordinate daily operation of activities and carry out monitoring and evaluation. It will also support an external audit of the project at the end of the grant period.

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

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	No	The project only provides technical assistance and does not involve civil works, preparation of civil works or any type of physical planning therefore, will not have any adverse environmental and social impacts.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/ BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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