

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: ISDSC19814

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Kyrgyz Republic	Project ID:	P161503
Project Name:	CASA1000 Community Support Project (Kyrgyz Republic)		
Team Leader(s):	Janelle Plummer		
Estimated Date of Approval:	31-Oct-2017		
Managing Unit:	GSU03	Lending Instrument:	IPF
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	10	Total Bank Financing:	6.67
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Community and Capacity Development Support Program			3.33
IDA recommitted as a Grant			6.67
Environment Category:	B - Partial Assessment		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The proposed Project Development Objective is to: (i) build local capacity and empowerment for participatory development; and (ii) improve access to social and economic infrastructure services to communities in the project area (including communities located along the CASA1000 transmission line).

C. Project Description

13. The proposed project will consist of three components: (i) Community grants for (economic and social infrastructure) sub-projects; (ii) Community mobilization, capacity building, communication and outreach; and (iii) Project implementation support. The key features of each component are likely to be:

Component 1: Community Grants for sub-projects (\$7.50m)

14. Component 1 will provide grants directly to communities to fund social and economic infrastructure subprojects (including sub-projects which will enable communities to obtain more regular power supply). Targeted villages will be supported in developing local investment plans through a participatory process in which local communities assess local needs, and carry out

participatory identification of priorities, similar to the VIP3 project approach. Special attention will be paid to the participation of women so as to cater to their specific needs and priorities. The project will also pay special attention to the participation of young men, especially in fragile and conflict-affected areas where they are often involved in violence and where there is a potential of radicalization. The size of the block grants provided to participating communities will be based on criteria agreed during preparation, similar to VIP3; the implementation arrangements for the selection of the grants will also be defined before appraisal.

Component 2: Community-mobilization, capacity-building, communication and outreach (\$2.00m)

15. The objective of this component is to build the awareness, develop capacity and mobilize community participation in sub-project planning, implementation and, as appropriate, operations and maintenance. As is the norm for Bank-financed CDD projects, community-level activities will aim to ensure sub-investments are needs-based, empower communities with decision-making and build ownership and sustainability of sub-projects in order to maximize the development outcomes for the rural poor.

16. The IA will assign staff to help build capacity and ownership through a number of activities, such as: (i) participatory planning and prioritization; (ii) community governance and accountability systems, including mechanisms for conflict resolution; (iii) participatory monitoring of construction and procurement; (iv) grass-roots financial management of community-implemented investment schemes; and (v) the necessary communication with subnational and national government and contractors building the CASA-1000 transmission line. These activities will not be limited to small-scale infrastructure investment, but also potentially address other issues which affect the development and security of target communities. Investments in activities that support youth development, for instance, may also be eligible under this (and the first) component.

17. In addition to community mobilization, this component will also finance a highly visible and intensive communications campaign and access to information effort designed to reach relevant stakeholders within the concerned oblasts in the south, but with a special emphasis on outreach to communities in the project areas. A multi-media communications strategy will be at the core of information sharing efforts, designed with the aim of ensuring that information on the CASA1000 project implementation progress and impacts is conveyed to interested members of Government, civil society and the citizenry more broadly. To ensure that CSP communities living in the CASA1000 corridor are effectively reached, the communications strategy will take into account their infrastructure access, literacy rates, and language. In addition, it will also ensure that feedback loops (perception surveys, community participatory monitoring and grievance handling mechanisms) between the corridor communities and the implementing agency are put in place. The activities of this subcomponent are aimed at creating the conditions for smooth construction of the CASA1000 transmission line.

Component 3: Project management, communication and outreach (\$0.50m)

18. This component will finance incremental costs of the IA for project management, specifically coordination and supervision of implementation activities, financial management, annual audits, and monitoring and evaluation. The management and coordination of the project will be the responsibility of a dedicated project management team established within the implementing agency.

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

The planned project activities will take place along the AC transmission line (approx. 450 km). The line will follow the borders of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, passing through regions that are economically weak and isolated, prone to regular ethnic tensions and heated exchanges between Kyrgyz and Uzbek border guards (Jalal-Abad, Osh and Batken oblasts). Issues related to land, particularly concerning involuntary resettlement, may be particularly sensitive. Careful attention will be paid to land tenure and land issue as a conflict stressor during the project preparation to assess potential consequences to resettlement should it take place due to project activities.

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The implementing agency has prior experience of implementing Bank-financed projects and demonstrates strong familiarity of and capacity to implement Bank 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	Yes	<p>An ESMF will be prepared prior to appraisal. The Project will have limited negative environmental and social impacts, as physical works will be undertaken to only construct/rehabilitate local facilities. The expected temporary environmental impacts and inconvenience to the surrounding areas during construction are limited and typical to small/medium scale construction works, such as generation of dust, noise and vibration; movement of the construction vehicles and machinery; piling of construction materials; and accumulation of demolition/construction waste. Some associated risks include improper disposal of construction waste, asbestos, minor operational or accidental spills of fuel and lubricants from the construction machinery, and improper reinstatement of construction sites upon completion of works.</p> <p>A general EMP including the mitigation measures for most type of construction works will be prepared at the project level, and will be followed by derived site-specific EMPs that will be prepared for each sub-project that will be implemented.</p> <p>Very effective measures have been put in place under the Village Investment Project 3, also</p>

		implemented by this PIU, to address safeguards issues, and they are being applied and closely monitored. They are laid out in detailed Guidelines for Environmental Review of Micro-Projects, which will also be part of the Operational Manual of the project and will be provided to all participating ayil aimaks. Each sub-project will be reviewed for environmental and social risks in line with the OP4.01. Implementation of environmental mitigation and compliance measures in a similar CDD project in KG was carried out by the contractors (construction firms) and monitored by PIU staff (engineers). This practice would be transferred to CASA1000 CSP. Appropriate training on WB safeguards will continue to be provided under the project to local officials and community safeguards volunteers.
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	Yes	The project will finance community-level sub-projects and micro-projects such as construction of kindergartens, youth facilities and rehabilitation of village infrastructure that may require land acquisition. The impacts are not known until selected. A framework approach is selected at this stage as the infrastructure sub-projects under Component 1 will be determined during the project implementation. An RPF will be prepared prior to Appraisal. Voluntary land donation for the benefit of sub-projects and micro-projects will be considered and detailed guidelines for the process of donating land will be outlined in the RPF to ensure that such donations are entirely voluntary and not coerced.
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

A. Appraisal stage ISDS required?: Yes

i. Explanation

The scope of environmental and resettlement impact will be clarified in during project preparation. Safeguards instruments will be prepared, consulted and disclosed by Appraisal.

ii. Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage ISDS

15-May-2017

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed.

The specific studies and their timing should be specified in the Appraisal Stage ISDS.

February 15- May 15, 2017

IV. APPROVALS

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¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.