

# INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET CONCEPT STAGE

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## I. BASIC INFORMATION

### A. Basic Project Data

<b>Country:</b>	Pakistan	<b>Project ID:</b>	P128307
<b>Project Name:</b>	PK: Sindh Agricultural Growth Project (P128307)		
<b>Task Team Leader:</b>	Alvaro J. Soler		
<b>Estimated Appraisal Date:</b>	16-May-2013	<b>Estimated Board Date:</b>	13-Aug-2013
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	SASDA	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	Specific Investment Loan
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Animal production (30%), Crops (30%), Agro-industry, marketing, and trade (20%), Agricultural extension and research (15%), Rural and Inter-Urban Roads and Highways (5%)		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Rural services and infrastructure (55%), Other rural development (20%), Rural policies and institutions (15%), Rural markets (10%)		
<b>Financing (In USD Million)</b>			
Total Project Cost:	170.00	Total Bank Financing:	155.00
Total Cofinancing:		Financing Gap:	15.00
<b>Financing Source</b>		<b>Amount</b>	
BORROWER/RECIPIENT		0.00	
International Development Association (IDA)		155.00	
Total		155.00	
<b>Environmental Category:</b>	B - Partial Assessment		
<b>Is this a Repeater project?</b>	No		

### B. Project Objectives

to promote inclusive market-led agricultural growth based on targeted promotion of increased productivity, quality of agricultural output, and enhanced commercialization.

### **C. Project Description**

The SAGPP is the proposed response to challenges faced by the agricultural sector in Sindh province of Pakistan. The SAGPP identifies interventions that will generate results within the given time to inform design of subsequent investment subprojects as well as support the Government in developing its Provincial Agricultural Development Strategy. The SAGPP hence takes a long-term approach, where future investments in the sector will build on the lessons from previous ones for optimum growth of the sector. The proposed SAGPP will be implemented over a period of five years and would have the following three components: (1) Investment Subprojects for Agricultural Growth; (2) Capacity Building for Provincial Agricultural Policy and Program Development; and (3) Program Coordination, Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation.

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

Specific activities to be supported by the project under a programmatic approach would be identified on demand, as expressed by potential beneficiaries. At this point in time, there is no defined identification of specific subprojects to be supported, but the project, and the program it would support, would be implemented province-wide in Sindh. The province has fertile irrigated agricultural lands and support wheat-rice on the right bank of the Indus river while wheat-cotton, and wheat-rice are cultivated on the left bank of the river. Sindh being located in the deltaic region has flat lands, slope on average is less than 1 ft per 1 mile and therefore drainage of irrigation return flows remains a challenge in the area. Over the recent past Sindh has also experienced heavy floods and rural population of Sindh suffered significantly due to standing floodwater. Sindh also produces fine quality fruits including mangoes, bananas and dates. Livestock rearing is also major activity in the area. Rural Sindh therefore presents agro-based environmental settings and project interventions could bring positive changes in them.

### **E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies**

Building upon the Environmental/Social Impact Assessments (ESIA) of ongoing operations, the project shall prepare an ESMF, including environment and social baseline; screening procedures for environment and social risks due to anticipated project activities; institutional capacity assessment and capacity building plan; public consultation summary; institutional procedures and mechanisms for screening and environment and social due diligence during various sub project's preparation, monitoring and supervision plan, as well as Pest management Plan and a generic ESMP (Environment and Social management Plan) for anticipated set of sub project activities.

The proposed project would be implemented by the Agriculture Department and the Livestock and Fisheries Department. The Agriculture Department is already implementing Bank financed Sindh OFWM project under its OFWM Directorate and has therefore some capacity regarding social and environmental safeguards implementation including preparation of Pest Management Plans. The Livestock and Fisheries Department will however need to be strengthened. The project would further strengthen the capacity for safeguards compliance of relevant agencies involved in implementing the proposed activities. For the proposed project activities presented as components 1, 2 and 3, which have limited and reversible environmental impacts, Environment Category B is proposed for the project.

### **F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team**

Miki Terasawa (SASDS)

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## II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	Yes	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	TBD	
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. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS:** 31-Mar-2013

**B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing<sup>1</sup> should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:**

Preparation of safeguard-related studies and documents should start in March 2013 and should be ready by Board date.

## IV. APPROVALS

Task Team Leader:	Name: Alvaro J. Soler	
<b><i>Approved By:</i></b>		
Regional Safeguards Coordinator:	Name: Sanjay Srivastava (RSA)	Date: 07-Mar-2013
Sector Manager:	Name: Simeon Kacou Ehui (SM)	Date: 25-Feb-2013

<sup>1</sup> 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.