



Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet Identification / Concept Stage (ISDS)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Project ID	Project Name	Environmental Category	Country
P166307	Mauritania Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Consolidation Project	C - Not Required	Mauritania
Team Leader(s)	Estimated Date of Approval	Managing Unit	Financing Instrument
Morten Larsen		GEEX2	Investment Project Financing

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Financing (in USD Million)

SUMMARY

Total Project Cost	0.00
Total Financing	0.00
Financing Gap	0.00

DETAILS

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to support the National EITI Committee in making satisfactory progress of implementing the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. This will be achieved through support to administration of the national EITI Committee and automated publication of revenue data and sector statistics from the oil, gas and mining industries.

C. Project Description

The national EITI Committee has approved a Work Plan for the three years 2017 to 2019. It is expected that this three-year Work Plan will be updated in early 2018 in line with the existing structure. The Work Plan contains eight objectives which can be grouped under the following themes: (a) sustainable administration and capacity building of the national EITI process, (b) expansion of the scope of EITI reporting, (c) effective communication and awareness-building among stakeholders and the wider public. The proposed grant intends to support specific components under each of the three themes.



Automated reporting of production and revenue data will be an essential activity of the proposed grant. The EITI Committee intends to move from annual data compilation and reporting exercises to an automated reporting system by which operators and government representatives will generate automatic data logs of payment transfers. GIZ is already assessing the feasibility of developing a Data Warehouse and portal for compilation of essential revenue data and sector statistics. This activity is expected to require extensive technical assistance on the **input side** to re-engineer and consolidate existing declaration templates as well as the **output side** in terms of accessible web portal design and model reports. The outputs are expected to be (i) standardized EITI reporting templates as well as (ii) a “proto-type” EITI Reconciliation Report for 2018.

Strategic communication and awareness-raising will form the second pillar of the grant support. This component will cover various dimensions of communication including (i) **impact/perception surveys** to understand the impacts of EITI implementation to date in terms of increased awareness of the extractive industries among stakeholders from local community representatives to media and political representatives; (ii) **modernization of communication tool-kits** such as the EITI web-site, printed hand-outs as well as other audio-visual tools which can benefit the illiterate parts of the population; (iii) support to **information campaigns and outreach events** to ensure that report findings and sector debate are widely disseminated across the country, especially in communities which are affected by mining but isolated from urban centers.

EITI Secretariat business planning will be an important third grant component which is intended to address the challenge of the financial viability of the National EITI Committee and the EITI Secretariat even after the closure of the current grant financing. Consultancy services, in combination with self-assessments, will assess the long-term staffing needs and the resulting budget estimates for continued EITI reporting, dissemination and stakeholder participation. It is the objective to identify potential financing sources which can be sustained in the absence of continued donor contributions. Financial independence of the MSG and the Secretariat will depend on securing a stable cash flow from domestic or government revenue.

SAFEGUARDS

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

The project will provide institutional capacity building to the National EITI Committee, which is based in Nouakchott. Awareness campaigns will be rolled out across the country



E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The Ministry of Petroleum, Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Environment have a long history of monitoring and enforcing environmental and social performance of operators in the extractive industries. Notwithstanding, high staff turn-over and limited resources mean that capacities at both ministries are moderate. On the other hand, the National EITI Committee has extensive experience in the area of public consultations and inclusion of marginalized groups given its 12 years of experience in conducting roadshows and consultations related to EITI.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

Salamata Bal, Social Safeguards Specialist
Melissa C. Landesz, Environmental Safeguards Specialist

G. Policies that might apply

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Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	This is a technical assistance project focused on improving the institutional capacity of revenue collection and transparency in sector management. There are no physical investments supported under the grant. The grant will not finance studies or assessments linked to potential mineral extraction. Since none of the project activities have any impact on the ground nor any derived down-stream impacts, the category is proposed to be C.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	This policy is not triggered as project activities are not expected to have any impacts on natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	This policy is not triggered as project activities are not expected to have any impacts on or infringe into designated forests.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	This policy is not triggered as the project will not finance the procurement or use of pesticides.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	This policy is not triggered as project activities are not expected to have any impact on physical cultural resources.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	This policy is not triggered given that project activities are not expected to cause



		any impacts on indigenous peoples.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	This policy is not triggered given that project activities are not expected to cause any physical or economic displacement, nor any restriction in access to natural resources.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	This policy is not triggered given the project is not financing any dam construction or rehabilitation nor any activities that rely on the operations of existing dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	This policy is not triggered given the project is not financing any activities in international waterways as defined by the policy.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	This policy is not triggered given the project is not financing any activities in disputed areas as defined by the policy.

H. Safeguard Preparation Plan

Appraisal stage ISDS required? No

APPROVALS

Team Leader(s):	Morten Larsen
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Approved By

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