



# 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
P165411	Morocco - Community-Based Rural Roads Maintenance	B - Partial Assessment	Morocco
Team Leader(s)	Estimated Date of Approval	Managing Unit	Financing Instrument
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**Financing (in USD Million)**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	0.00
<b>Total Financing</b>	0.00
<b>Financing Gap</b>	0.00

**DETAILS**

**B. Project Development Objective(s)**

The Development Objectives of this proposed project are to provide employment and livelihood to disadvantaged rural inhabitants in lagging areas (particularly women and youth) and to maintain the road access of local communities to markets and essential services in the project area.

**C. Project Description**

The project will include the following components to achieve its objectives:

*Component 1: Rural roads preventive maintenance activities*

The first sub-component of this Component will finance the maintenance works for around 1,000 kilometers of rural roads by civil society associations, cooperatives and/or social microenterprises employing rural citizens in socio-economically lagging areas with the goal of improving the living conditions of the population in a highly participatory manner. Maintenance activities will include clearing of the road, the road shoulders, the road slopes, culverts, drainage ditches, and bridges from landslides, obstacles, and loose materials that cause damage to the road, and repairing minor damages (potholes, cracks, joints, etc.) to the road, the road



shoulders, and retaining walls. The specific road sections to be maintained by the project will be identified and prioritized with the participation of local rural communities during the first year of implementation within the geographic scope of the proposed project which is select socio-economically lagging regions in Morocco, namely the Oriental, Beni Mellal – Khenifra, Draa – Tafilalet, Souss – Massa and/or Marrakesh – Safi regions that include most of the poorest provinces in the country (Tata, Jerada, Figuig, Driouch, Zagora, Chichaoua, El Haouz, Ouarzazate, Errachidia, Essaouira, etc.) with a poverty rate at least 50 percent above the national average. The second sub-component of this Component will provide as direct income support and other benefits such as healthcare checks, literacy (particularly for women and girls), work and health insurance, access to mobile banking if available (to avoid potential governance issues), etc. to the participants (around a thousand).

### *Component 2: Capacity building activities*

The first sub-component of Component 2 will finance capacity building activities to participating regional and local governments staff (around 20 professionals in total) in efficient decentralized road asset management and performance-based contracting and supervision. The second sub-component will finance capacity building activities (in the form of both theoretical and hand-on trainings) to select members (around a thousand in total) of participating community-based organizations (CBOs) in (i) the soft and technical skills and know-how required for carrying out the financed maintenance activities and on (ii) entrepreneurship to foster non-farm rural entrepreneurial activities (in particular by youth and women) in the targeted communities, both by members of the microenterprises themselves and by their family members and neighbors.

### *Component 3: Project Management and Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Knowledge Dissemination*

The first sub-component of Component 3 will finance project management and administration incremental costs, including administrative costs, reporting costs (including annual audits), and general operational costs through the provision of goods, consulting and non-consulting services. The second sub-component of Component 3 will finance M&E activities for the project through the provision of consulting and non-consulting services, including (i) a web-based Management Information System based on third-party monitoring by local communities, and (ii) an impact evaluation study entailing a baseline survey, a mid-term evaluation, and a final outcome-impact evaluation feeding into the implementation completion report by the implementing agency focusing on the project's successes and shortfalls. The third sub-component of Component 3 will finance, through the provision of non-consulting services, knowledge dissemination activities in the form of public awareness workshops, local media campaigns, etc., to share lessons of this project and raise awareness about this initiative within central and regional levels of government as well as local communities and civil society to increase likelihood of replicability and scalability of this initiative.

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

The project will be located in non-disputed lagging areas. The exact location (i.e. the rural roads to be maintained by the project) will be determined during implementation. The project will consist in routine maintenance of rural roads without any anticipated significant environmental and social negative impacts. Maintenance works will be carried out on the roads' right-of-way, meaning there will no land acquisition. As these maintenance works will be handled by civil society associations, cooperatives and/or social microenterprises employing rural citizens, a significant risk on occupational health and safety is detected to be managed correctly by all counterparts.

**E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies**

The Borrower has satisfactorily complied with the World Bank's safeguards policies during the implementation of a recent more complex road project (Second Rural Roads Project - P094007), demonstrating its ability to properly manage the impact of the proposed project. Support for local community labor skills on occupational health and safety is necessary.

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

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**G. Policies that might apply**

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The project is categorized as B.  Component 1 of the project (Rural roads preventive maintenance activities) has the propensity to generate during works minimal and site specific environmental impacts related essentially to the management of wastes, noise, air emissions, wastewater and disposal of some hazardous materials. All these impacts are easily remediable and will be



		<p>easily mitigated. Because the project will employ community labor, there are other risks related to occupational health and safety, child labor, and forced labor which will need to be mitigated.</p> <p>All the other components of the project are primarily institutional development, technical assistance and capacity building.</p> <p>An Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) will be prepared since the exact activities and localizations to be financed under component 1 are not known. This ESMF will develop a negative list of subprojects excluded from support; high risk subprojects with potential Category A-type impacts, subprojects impacting critical habitats or protected areas, impacting forests areas and forest resources, or posing risks of damaging on the existing community cultural property, and will describe how risks related to occupational health and safety, child labor, and forced labor will be managed. The ESMF will be reviewed, approved, disclosed in-country and at the Infoshop prior to appraisal.</p>
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	The project will not finance subprojects impacting critical habitats or protected areas.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The project will not finance subprojects impacting forests areas and forest resources.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The project will not support the use or involve investments in pesticides or other related products.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	The proposed operation is not expected to pose risks of damaging on the existing community cultural property. If these properties will be discovered during project implementation, cultural property and chance find procedures will be applied and appropriate mitigation measures for both



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		the identification and protection (from theft, mistreatment of discovered artifacts) of cultural property.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	No groups qualifying as Indigenous Peoples under OP/BP 4.10 will be among the project affected people or project beneficiaries.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The project will maintain existing roads that have already been upgraded under a series of projects, lastly Morocco Second Rural Roads Project - AF2 (P148003). No enlargement of existing roads will be necessary under the project, so no acquisition of land, involuntary or other, will be necessary. The screening mechanisms under the ESMF will include measures to exclude road sections should the project encounter non-titles users, e.g. vendors on road shoulders.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The project will not construct or rely on dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project will not affect international waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project is not located in a disputed area.

### H. Safeguard Preparation Plan

#### Appraisal stage ISDS required? Yes

a) Tentative target date for disclosing the appraisal stage ISDS

01-Dec-2017

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

The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) will be launched in the next few days/weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of November 2017.

#### APPROVALS

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