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INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: ISDSC11748

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Benin	Project ID:	P154314		
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Project Name:	Benin Statistical Capacity Building				
Team Leader(s):	Felicien Donat Edgar Towenan Accrombessy				
Estimated Date	31-May-2015				
of Approval:					
Managing Unit:	GPVDR	Lending	Lending Instrument		
		Instrument:			
Sector(s):	General public administration sector (40%), Information technology (30%),				
	Vocational training (30%)				
Theme(s):	Analysis of economic growth (20%), Economic statistics, modeling and				
	forecasting (40%), Other economic management (10%), Other public sector				
	governance (10%), Managing for development results (20%)				
Financing (in USD Million)					
Total Project Cost:	0.24332	Total Bank Financing: 0			
Financing Gap:	0		3'		
Financing Source	e		Amount		
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			0.24332		
Environment	C - Not Required	,			
Category:	10 miles				

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The objectives of the Benin TFSCB are the following:

- (i) support implementation of the new National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS-2);
- (ii) strengthen the socioeconomic modeling and forecast system by updating the Social Accounts Matrix (SAM) and by providing equipment and software to the Macroeconomic Modeling Unit;
- (iii) strengthen the capacity of statistical staff in line ministries to reinforce the quality of data production within the National Statistical System;
- (iv) reinforce the statistical culture in Benin;

(v) strengthen implementation of modern data collection systems such the CAPI surveys and the mobile phone surveys.

C. Project Description

The project activities can be grouped into the following main components: Skills development and training; light data production activity; statistical culture development and dissemination activities and equipment and software purchase.

More particularly, the TFSCB will support the following activities:

- (i) Training activities, including: (a) Training of two statistician cohorts (20 to 25 students for each); and (b) training of staff within the National statistical system. This capacity building will assist them in strengthening their knowledge and skills in innovative fields such as Computer Assisted Personal Interviews (WBCAPI), Poverty measurement and analysis tools (ADePT), and Poverty mapping with PovMap.
- (ii) Strengthening of capacity in the Economic Modeling Unit in order to improve economic statistics production, including an update of the Social Account Matrix.
- (iii) Support to the development of a statistical culture in Benin, through dissemination of statistical products, training of journalists, outreach, and competitions for students.
- (iv) Comprehensive Poverty Mapping using the 2013 population census and 2014/15 Household and DHS surveys.
- (v) Mobile phone surveys using the Listen to Africa methodology to collect data on a sub-sample drawn from the 2014/15 household survey.
- D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The project will not involve any activities that are likely to have adverse environmental or social impacts.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	No	
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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