



# 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
P166814	Support to the Preparation of Egypt’s First National Strategy for Development of Statistics	C - Not Required	Egypt, Arab Republic of
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 objective of this activity is to support the national statistical agency in designing the NSDS.

**C. Project Description**

1. The project will support CAPMAS in preparing and designing an NSDS with a focus on certain sectors relevant to the economic development of Egypt as outlined in the Egypt 2030. It will identify the challenges and constraints to statistics development through sectorial and national diagnostics.

2. A Concept Note has been prepared that outlines the bottom-up or sectoral approach that will be used to design the Egypt NSDS (available as a good practice note <http://nsdsguidelines.paris21.org/node/725>). Using this approach, a number of sectors will be selected in different waves. In each of these sectors, three things will be done. A high level and intensive advocacy will be undertaken to create awareness about the need for production of good quality statistics and the need for using them to support policy, planning and decision-making processes. Assessments of the state of statistics within sectors will include how the demand is determined (coordination between data producers and users), who produces statistics in the sector and how



they are produced, managed and disseminated to users, and how statistics are used in the sector and beyond the sector. Sector Statistics Plan (SSP) will be designed to support further development and use of statistics in the sectors. The Sector Statistics Plans will then be used as building blocks for the design of overall and sector-inclusive NSDS.

3. The NSDS will align with global, national and sectoral development agendas. At the global level the NSDS will align with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and meet the needs for statistics arising from the need to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At the national level, the NSDS will align with the Egypt Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) 2030. Finally, the NSDS will be designed to meet the statistical needs of sectoral development agendas.

4. As planned, the bottom-up approach to developing the NSDS is a time consuming and coordination intensive exercise. The concept note outlines activities taking place over 1.5 years.

5. A Supreme Council for NSDS will be established by a Decree from the Cabinet, and will outline the roadmap of the NSDS and monitor the design and progress of NSDS design team and Sector Statistics Committees. The responsibilities of this Council will include:

- Communication, including at political and highest executive levels, about the NSDS and its processes thereby ensuring political commitment to NSDS
- review and approval of the NSDS roadmap and design structures
- determine the nature and schedule of meetings/workshops required during the process
- adoption of the vision of the national strategy for the development of statistics
- set benchmarks, review and discuss work in progress
- propose modalities for feedback to sectors and agree on reporting mechanisms
- review and consolidate sectoral outcomes, identify gaps and feed these back to sectors;
- review planned outputs in line with international concepts, frameworks, standards, guidelines and experiences;
- participate in consultative meetings for integrating data/information from sectors;
- approve Sector Statistics Plans and the overall NSDS

6.. NSDS Design Team comprises of high level officials from CAPMAS, Central Bank of Egypt, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Planning to design and execute the NSDS. The Under Secretary for Economic and Mobilization Studies at CAPMAS is the NSDS coordinator to ensure smooth implementation of the NSDS process. The responsibilities of the NSDS design team will include:

- identify the strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) of the National Statistical Strategy (NSS) in Egypt;
- propose for approval by the Inter-Agency Statistics Committee the vision for the NSDS for Egypt;
- formulate reasonable goals and objectives for attaining the proposed vision and submitting to the President for approval;
- prioritize statistical activities over the lifespan of the NSDS;



- spearhead the design of the NSDS following internationally agreed standards and best practices;
- mobilize and sensitize sectors about the strategic planning process for statistics;
- support sectors in undertaking statistical advocacy; identifying core products and data gaps; and doing quality assessment of existing data in sectors;
- support the integration of statistics from the different sources (censuses, surveys, and administrative sources) into a comprehensive database;
- review and ensure adherence to international standards and initiatives in the production of statistics;
- promote internal technical coordination in the production of statistical information and the building of team spirit;
- provide for the interface between data users and producers to agree on data priorities and timely production and use of relevant statistical products;
- support the review and formatting of sector plans according to agreed standards and identify areas with duplication of effort;
- identify existing capacity gaps in the sectors that call for technical backstopping by CAPMAS.

7. Sector Statistics Committees (SSC) will be set up. The NSDS will be sector-tailored in line with Egypt SDS 2030. Nine SSCs are envisioned to be created and these will cover the following entities: CAPMAS; Central Bank of Egypt; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Planning; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Local Development; Ministry of Environment; and Ministry of Agriculture. Each SSC will assess the statistical need of their sector and identify the gaps. Their responsibilities will include:

- advocate for statistics in the sector (with support from the NSDS design team);
- identify major data needs related to the sector – for informing sectoral policies, national development agenda and achievement of regional and international goals;
- prepare a formal inventory of the different data systems being operated by the different stakeholders in the sector;
- identify major offices in the sector currently collecting or compiling statistics;
- identify data gaps and priorities for addressing them in line with the sectoral policies, national and international goals;
- identify data collected, methodology and procedures used, coverage, availability and access, levels of disaggregation, data quality, frequency of updating and utility;
- work closely with the NSDS design team and consultants as per the work plan to:
  - conduct a stakeholder analysis;
  - identify the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of institutional statistical units/sections in line with those of the NSS;
  - develop vision, mission statements, and core values for statistical provision in sector; and
  - develop Sector Statistics Plans;
- Develop strategic actions: organizational development, human resource development, IT infrastructure development, data improvement and management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting; and budget development in the sector and any other issues as requested by the Inter-Agency Committee; and



- Present the plan at sectoral level to build consensus and prepare the final report to be submitted to the President of CAPMAS.

8. The NSDS preparation is estimated to cost USD 376,770. The TFSCB funds will cover USD 159,420 with the balance being covered by government or funds from other agencies (mainly African Development Bank). TFSCB funds will finance four components:

1. Component 1 (US\$ 55,000): Sectoral Assessment. This component will include an initial diagnostic of 9 sectors and will include the preparation of Sectoral Assessments for areas that are critical for the role they play in Vision 2030 and monitoring of SDGs (such as those covered by Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, CAPMAS, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Health.)
2. Component 2 (US\$ 60,000): Under this component the preparation and costing of the National Strategy will be conducted. This will be the lead responsibility of the NSDS design team. This component will also cover the publishing of communication materials. This component will also benefit from support by the African Development Bank.
3. Component 3 (US\$ 39,320): This component includes capacity building activities for core NSDS staff (NSDS Design Team and SSC). The component will cover the cost of workshops on: (i) NSDS concept and processes; (ii) effective assessment of statistics for specific sectors; (iii) strategic foundation (vision, mission, core values), and strategic directions (goals, objectives and initiatives); (iv) implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of the strategy; and (v) study tour to countries (such as Uganda and Jordan) where sector-inclusive NSDS has been successfully designed to expose the team to firsthand experience on the how NSDS are designed and implemented on the ground.
4. Component 4: Project Implementation Support (US\$ 5,100). The project will finance the cost of technical assistance, external financial audits, project management, and communication.

## SAFEGUARDS

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

The statistics will cover all Egypt, however, no safeguards issues as the project will not involve any civil works.

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

Not applicable, as the project will not trigger any safeguards policy.



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

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**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	The project is limited to technical assistance and will not involve any civil works.
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	

**H. Safeguard Preparation Plan**

Appraisal stage ISDS required? No

**APPROVALS**

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