INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATASHEET APPRAISAL STAGE

I. Basic Information

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1. Basic Project Data

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Country: Uruguay	Project ID: P050716				
Project Name: UY Non Comunicable Diseases Prevention Project					
Task Team Leader: Luis Orlando Perez					
Estimated Appraisal Date: June 11, 2007	Estimated Board Date: October 9, 2007				
Managing Unit: LCSHH	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment				
	Loan				
Sector: Health (100%)					
Theme: Health system performance (P)					
IBRD Amount (US\$m.): 20.00					
IDA Amount (US\$m.): 0.00					
GEF Amount (US\$m.): 0.00					
PCF Amount (US\$m.): 0.00					
Other financing amounts by source:					
Borrower	0.00				
Financing Gap	10.00				
	10.00				
Environmental Category: B - Partial Assessment					
Simplified Processing	Simple [] Repeater []				
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) Yes [] No [X]					
or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)					

2. Project Objectives

The operation would seek to support the Government's efforts to further strengthen its health delivery services and the current health policy framework for NCDs.

In this context, the specific development objectives of the proposed operation would be:

- (i) To expand accessibility and quality assurance of primary health care services related to selected NCDs early detection and medical care; and
- (ii) To avoid and reduce exposure to selected NCDs risk factors as well as their medical effects.

The indicators corresponding to the Project's development objectives include:

- [X] Percent of selected NCDs (hypertension, diabetes, and obesity / overweight) cases diagnosed by primary care teams under follow-up.
- [X] Percent of women betwee 50 and 69 years of age that had a mammogram in any given year.

[X] Number of newborn with disability under follow-up by Early Detection Treatment Units in any given year/ estimated number of newborn with disability

[X] percent population with risk factors screening in under project departments

3. Project Description

The operation would seek to support the Government's efforts to further strengthen its current health policy framework and health delivery services for NCDs. To reach those objectives, the project would focus on to create an adequate incentives framework to health system actors to match the new health needs of the population and to strengthening stewardship and regulation of NCDs' public health programs.

The operation would consist of four components: Component 1 - Stregthening MSP's capacity to address the country's changing epidemiological profile; Component 2 - Improve accessibility to quality care services for prevalent NCDs in public primary care facilities; Component 3 - Implementation of the "Previniendo"Pilot Program; and Component 4 - Project management

4. Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis

The project would focus on enhancing the capacity of primary health care facilities as well as secondary referral centers. These would include the purchase of key medical equipment to detection and treatment of NCDs as well as other pathologies required as differential diagnosis of NCDs.

Project activities would include:

- 1. Primary care facilities ASSE depending from the sanitary regions of Montevideo, Canelones East and West, San José, Tacuarembo, Treinta y Tres and Rio Negro;
- 2. All the second level referral ambulatory facilities totalizing 11 in Great Montevideo's sanitary regions and 41 in the inland sanitary regions, and
- 3. Five high complexity health care facilities that has also a second level referral ambulatory role for certain NCDs nationwide.

The medical equipment with potential minimal environmental impacts will be located in the second level referral ambulatory facilities mentioned in points 2 and 3 above.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

Mr Marcelo Hector Acerbi (LCSSD)

6. Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)	Х	
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)		X
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)		Х
Pest Management (OP 4.09)		Х
Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11)		Х
Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10)		Х
Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)		X
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)		Х
Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)		X
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts: Environmental impacts are expected to be positive in the long run, as the components and equipments financed by the project will help to improve alsready existing health quality and services by strengthening MSP's capacity to address the country's changing epidemiological profile; improving quality of primary care services for prevalent NCDs; and supporting the health insurance reform design process.

Nonehteless, the funcioning and mantenance of some quipment to be procured may have very temporal negative environment impacts, which can be avoided or mitigated through Environmental Management Protocols defined by the package of regulatory instruments implemented and supervised by MSP. In particular, the potential impacts include: (i) human exposure to high complexity equipment (radiation) and (ii) disposal of waste from health facilities.

The environmental evaluation concluded that the project did not include works. No resettlements will take place, and no natural habitats or cultural heritage areas will be affected.

There are not identified neither expected any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible negative impacts.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:

There are not identified neither expected any potencial largarge scale, significant and/or irreversible negative impacts.

3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.

No apply.

4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described. Environmental Evaluation.

An Environmental Evaluation was carried out by the Uruguayan Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, focused on the follow main areas: (a) compliance with environmental legislation; (b) Existing environmental management systems and capacity assessment of the environmental unit of MSP; (c) Review of existing mechanisms (protocols) and tools to carry out environmental activities; and (d) potential negative and positive impacts.

The report concluded that the project did not include works. No resettlements will take place, and no natural habitats or cultural heritage areas will be affected.

Regarding the new Rx diagnosis equipment to be procured by the project, potentially, it would have very limited and very temporal negative environmental impacts, which can be avoided or mitigated through Environmental Management Protocols defined by the package of regulatory instruments implemented and supervised by MSP.

Regarding to any marginal additional health care waste in primary care health the MOH health service providers targeted under the project already have adequate health care waste management, storage and disposal systems that can adequately accommodate any additional waste that would occur as a result of the expanded coverage for Non Communicable Diseases.

Environmental Screening

During project preparation, in May 2007, a Bank mission lead by the Environmental Management specialist from the LCSSD/LCC7C took place to (i) assess current environmental and social practice and procedures regarding MSP interventions; (ii) verify the level of institutional strengthening of MSP environmental unit; and (iii) conduct an environmental screening of a set actions to be financed during the Second Health Development Project.

The assessment also concluded that all the project components have a very low, almost inexistent, environmental and social risk, considering the sensibility of the environment and the category of activities to be developed. The mission concluded that the environmental impact of the proposed project can and should continue to be managed by the existing environmental protocols mandatory for each health centre in Uruguay and supervised/monitored by MSP.

Identification of potential environment and social impacts

During the increase of the national health system capacity to attend selected Non Communicable Diseases, the contaminants that may be produced, as an indirect impact linked to the use of new and more equipment, include waste from materials and residual products as well as pathologic waste. In both cases the health systems as well as the solid waste management system are well coordinated and enabled to continue with best practices implementations. MSP confirmed that the country is prepared to process a hypothetical increase in the solid waste generation originated by an expanded health system.

Institutional Capacity

MSP has a clear set of policies and procedures consistent with an appropriate environmental management. Health high complexity equipment to be procured is subject to comply with all environmental licenses and permits required by Law, and to follow the MSP allowances procedures.

The MSP Environmental and Occupation Health Division have already built in procedures to screen and assess environmental sensitivity of procurements, so that particular recommendations can be made to improve or to mitigate environmental impacts

Environmental Management

The compliance of legal framework for hospitals and medical equipment acquisitions include a set of terms of reference indicating the need to implement safety protocols. These procedures have already been tested, demonstrating an important and solid advance in the environmental and safety work management capabilities of MSP.

All equipment to be procured will have to comply with all country environmental permits and should identify the environmental risks attached to all functioning and maintenance activities, and set up the mitigation measures including the organization and resources allocation, if required.

5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people. Key stakeholders would be the beneficiaries of the public health system. The environmental evaluation mission reviewed the Environmental Evaluation report prepared by MSP which includes information about compliance with legal framework, existing environmental management systems and potential impacts, and found it acceptable. The consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies would be done through the MSP, using its web page; departmental and local information system to beneficiaries.

B. Disclosure Requirements Date

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other:

Date of receipt by the Bank
Date of "in-country" disclosure
O6/05/2007
Date of submission to InfoShop
06/07/2007

For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive

Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors

If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level (to be filled in when the ISDS is finalized by the project decision meeting)

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment	
Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	Yes
If yes, then did the Regional Environment Unit or Sector Manager (SM) review and approve the EA report?	Yes
Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan?	N/A
The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information	
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs?	Yes
All Safeguard Policies	
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	N/A
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	N/A

^{*} If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources, the respective issues are to be addressed and disclosed as part of the Environmental Assessment/Audit/or EMP.

D. Approvals

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Social Development Specialist		
Additional Environmental and/or		
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Comments:		
Sector Manager:	Mr Keith E. Hansen	06/07/2007
Comments:		