

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Kyrgyz Republic	Project ID:	P151416
Project Name:	Urban Development Project (P151416)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Kremena M. Ionkova, Paula Restrepo Cadavid		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	01-Dec-2015	Estimated Board Date:	15-Mar-2016
Managing Unit:	GSURR	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Sub-national government administration (25%), Urban Transport (25%), Solid waste management (25%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (25%)		
Theme(s):	City-wide Infrastructure and Service Delivery (90%), Other public sector governance (10%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	13.20	Total Bank Financing:	12.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source		Amount	
BORROWER/RECIPIENT		1.20	
International Development Association (IDA)		6.60	
IDA Grant		5.40	
Total		13.20	
Environmental Category:	B - Partial Assessment		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

The PDO of the proposed project is to improve (i) access and quality of municipal services and (ii) the energy efficiency of urban infrastructure in participating municipalities. This will be achieved through mobilizing financial resources (i) to improve access and quality of municipal services such

as water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, and municipal roads, (ii) to improve the energy efficiency of existing urban infrastructure such as municipal social infrastructure buildings (i.e. schools, etc.), street lights and municipal mechanical equipment, and (iii) to strengthen the capacity of participating municipalities and utilities to plan and deliver local services.

C. Project Description

The Proposed Project will consist of the following components:

Component A: Urban Development. The project will finance investments aimed at improving service provision in participating municipalities. The project is expected to focus on 3-4 cities. The selection of these cities will be made in consultation with Government and sector stakeholders. The selection criteria for investments within each city will be defined during project preparation but special attention will be made to assure the coverage of poor and underserved urban areas such as Novostroiki. Technical supervision for the development of the above mentioned investments will also be financed through this component. Designs and associated safeguards documents will be prepared with support from ECADev Trust Fund mobilized for this purpose. The activities of this component will be carried out under two separate sub-components:

- Sub-component A1: Municipal Services - expected to finance sub-projects for the upgrading and/or expansion of municipal infrastructure in the areas of water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, basic social infrastructure and municipal roads, and
- Sub-component A2: Energy Efficient Municipal Infrastructure - will focus on improving the energy efficiency of municipal infrastructure in participating municipalities. It is expected to include investments such as switching to more energy efficient street lighting options and reducing the energy intensity of existing water and sanitation networks. In addition this sub-component will include a pilot aimed at improving the energy efficiency of public buildings – through building retrofit - such as schools and health centers. Investments made under this component will yield not only energy savings but will contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions and mitigation of Climate Change. This sub-component is expected to be financed partially through resources allocated to the Kyrgyz Republic under the Climate Change mitigation window of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

Component B: Institutional Strengthening. This component will finance (i) the procurement and installation of financial management and planning tools required to improve the managerial capacity of municipalities and to reduce commercial losses by utilities and; (ii) targeted technical assistance to municipalities and utilities towards improving their technical and managerial capacities. Institutional support funds under this component could potentially be available to more municipalities than those that will undertake investments under Component A.

Component C: Implementation Support. This component will finance incremental costs of the implementing agency, and will include: (i) contracting of local experts to assist the implementation unit and participating municipalities in the implementation of the project investment programs; (ii) the maintenance of the Monitoring and Evaluation System M&E, created under the BOUIP project, to continuously monitor and evaluate the performance and results of the project; (iii) the project related operating costs of the implementing unit including consulting fees, in-country travel expenditure and mandatory contributions to the Kyrgyz Social Fund; (iv) training of staff and other persons associated with project implementation; and (v) annual audit of project accounts.

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

The project is nationwide in scope but the physical investments will be undertaken in 3-4 cities. All these will be implemented on public land and within existing rights of way.

The proposed UDP is expected to contribute to Climate Change mitigation through the Energy Efficiency sub-component A2. This subcomponent is expected to yield energy savings and contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions through the implementation of a pilot to improve the Energy Efficiency of municipal infrastructure. In addition, a parallel activity, financed through a GFDRR Trust Fund, will be developed during project preparation and is expected to contribute to the better integration of disaster risk reduction in urban planning. Finally, when feasible, investment sub-project will be screened to identify potential climate change and disaster risks and integrate appropriate resilience measures.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The Community Development and Investment Agency (ARIS) would be responsible for project preparation and implementation given its long experience with Bank-financed operations, capacity in following Bank procurement, financial management and safeguard procedures. ARIS has built a positive track record in safeguards monitoring and compliance throughout the implementation of Bishkek and Osh Urban Infrastructure Project (BOUIP) and the earlier Small Towns Infrastructure and Capacity Building Project. UDP is expected to become effective shortly after BOUIP reaches its Closing date, which will ensure continuity of implementation capacity for UDP. ARIS will carry out project implementation in close cooperation with the participating municipalities and key counterparts and will be responsible for managing the implementation of the project, including the preparation of detailed design and engineering studies, tender documents, as well as procurement, technical and financial supervision of contract implementation, financial management and accounting of project accounts, continuous monitoring and evaluation M&E, control of safeguard compliance as well as routine communications with the World Bank.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	Effective measures have been put in place under the BOUIP to address and closely monitor the safeguards issues. An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) will be prepared and disclosed prior to appraisal. Each investment to be financed under the project will be reviewed for safeguard risks in line with the OP4.01. For sub-projects where designs are completed prior to appraisal, site-specific Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) will be prepared by ARIS and disclosed also prior to appraisal. The Project is expected to have limited negative environmental and social impacts, as physical works will be undertaken to only construct/rehabilitate local facilities. Its only minor impact will be temporary nuisances resulting from construction activities, which will be mitigated by including into the work contracts specific measures to be taken by

		<p>contractors and close supervision of compliance by ARIS.</p> <p>The conflict filter will be applied. Specifically, the PIU will explain to beneficiaries and the public the benefits from the project; apply clear criteria for the selection of sub-projects; disseminate grievance redress standards and measures; carry out targeted conflict assessments in some geographic areas.</p>
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	The environmental screening process will screen for the presence of physical cultural resources. In addition, chance find procedures will be included in all works contracts.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	Indigenous Peoples' as per OP 4.10 are not present in the project area.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes	Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) will be prepared and disclosed prior to appraisal. For sub-projects where designs are completed prior to appraisal, if the implementation of investments may result in the involuntary acquisition of land and the related impacts as detailed by OP 4.12RAPs will be prepared also prior to appraisal. For all other sub-projects, RAPs will be prepared as needed during UDP implementation.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	TBD	Determination whether OP/BP 4.27 is triggered will be made prior to Appraisal, following the identification of sub-project locations and types, and reflected in the Appraisal stage ISDS.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	Yes	<p>The project will support activities that could take place on trans-boundary waterways as defined in OP 7.50. (i.e. in the basins of the Chui and Syr-Darya rivers, respectively),</p> <p>Nevertheless, it is anticipated that investments will not (i) cause appreciable harm to the other riparian as it will not adversely change the quality or quantity of water flows, and (ii) it will not be appreciably harmed by the other riparian possible water use.</p> <p>Further, the project aims to improve efficiency of water use and to substantially reduce municipalities' high water consumption rates. Project investments</p>

		are expected to support the rehabilitation, improvement or minor additions or minor expansions of existing schemes and not affect the rights of other users. The Team will therefore seek an exemption from the OP 7.50 riparian notification requirement.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/ BP 7.60	No	

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 01-Nov-2015

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:

The preparation of the EMF and RPF will start in April 2015 and be completed by June, 30 2015. The EMF and RPF will be disclosed prior to appraisal (December 2015).

Some of the investments under UDP will be designed prior to appraisal, along with site specific EMPs and RAPs (if needed). The preparation of such EMPs and RAPs will commence in August and be completed by November 2015, and disclosed prior to appraisal (December 2015).

IV. APPROVALS

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¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.