

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
INITIATION/CONCEPT STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Cambodia	Project ID:	P151424
Project Name:	CAMBODIA ENHANCEMENT OF POVERTY ANALYSIS CAPACITY		
Task Team Leader:	Carolina Mejia-Mantilla		
Estimated Date of Approval:	April 30, 2015		
Managing Unit:	GPVDR (09078)	Lending Instrument:	IPF
Sector(s):	General public administration sectors (50%) Other social services (50%)		
Theme(s):	Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (60%) Social Protection and Labor Policy & Systems (40%)		
Fragile and/or Capacity Constraints []			
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	349,300.00	Total Bank Financing:	
Total Co-financing:	0	Financing Gap:	
Financing Source			Amount
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			349,300.00
BORROWER/RECIPIENT: Royal Government of Cambodia (MoP/NIS)			
Total			349,300.00
Environmental Category	C		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		
Is this a Transferred project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

The development objective of this grant is to help strengthen Cambodia's statistical system and to help improve the government's capacity to monitor the welfare of its population through poverty and inequality indicators.

More specifically, three key results are expected from the project:

1. Enable the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) to revise the Cambodian Statistical Master Plan (SMP) of 2007.
2. Enhance the analytical capacity of the National Working Group on Poverty Measurement to undertake independent poverty measurement and analysis in Cambodia.
3. Enhance the NIS's knowledge of appropriate methodologies to estimate the spatial price index at the provincial level, used to account for price differences across Cambodia.

C. Project Description

The grant financed project will have three main activities (plus an implementation support component) over a period of two years.

The different components are the following:

1. **Statistical Management and Coordination:** the objective of this component is the revision of the Cambodian Statistical Master Plan (SMP) of 2007. This entails a thorough revision of the weaknesses and strengths of the statistical system (what information is needed, what are the current instruments/sources to obtain it, and who is the responsible institution), as well as an action plan for the next five years. The component also includes a revision of the amended Statistics Law to determine its effect on the statistical system, as well as an active advocate for the full integration of statistical activities within the national agenda (and the national budget) and for the importance of the statistical system for public policy making.

The outputs of this component will be:

- A revised Cambodian Statistical Master Plan, including a brief assessment of the amended Statistics Law.
- Workshop for the dissemination of the SMP.
- Workshop on the importance of good quality statistics for policy making.
- Organization of high level meetings with other institutions/government staff, to better incorporate statistics in the public agenda.

2. **Building the government's capacity to produce, analyze and use poverty numbers:** The objective of this component is to enhance the capacity of the Cambodian government to independently produce, analyze and interpret poverty statistics. The component will provide training on poverty measurement and analysis methods to the core members (10) of the Working Group for Poverty Measurement in Cambodia, around the preparation of the mid-term review of the NSDP from a poverty reduction perspective. The idea is to have a long-term, side by side, modular training on poverty estimation and poverty analysis, which includes a combination of theory and practice, and proposes specific deliverables (in the forms of short notes) from the participants at the end of each module. All the required software and hardware

will be provided to the core members of the group.

3. Strengthening the spatial price index indicator: The objective of this third component is to improve the current spatial price index at the provincial level, which is being estimated by the National Institute of Statistics but it is not publicly available. This encompasses the following activities: identify the drawbacks of the methodology currently being used to estimate the spatial price index (provincial level), recognize the appropriate solutions, and train the relevant staff on how to implement them. Particular attention will be devoted to the collection and processing protocols being used in the provincial statistical offices (outside Phnom Penh). It must be mentioned that the spatial price index provides allows to compare monetary welfare estimates across provinces (as required in the poverty estimation numbers).

The outputs of this component are:

- The production of a revised spatial index and a short document explaining the methodological adjustments introduced.
- Workshop to disseminate the spatial index to the general public and promote its use among academics and researchers.

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

The project location is Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Since the project is designed to mainly provide technical assistance for the Ministry of Planning (MoP) of the Royal Government of Cambodia through the National Institute of Statistics located in Phnom Penh, there are no salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguards analysis. The project will not finance any type of civil work, which could result in potential environmental and social impacts or development of any law and regulations that may require broader community engagement and consultation with wider groups of citizen including indigenous people. The project will enable NIS to revise and implement the Cambodian Statistical Master Plan (SMP) of 2007 and enhance the analytical capacity of the National Working Group on Poverty Measurement to undertake independent poverty measurement and analysis in Cambodia.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Management

Not required.

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	No	The Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01 would not be triggered because no civil work is planned for the project that could bring about environmental and social impacts. The project would mainly provide technical assistance for the client.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	Same as above.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	Same as above.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	Same as above.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	Same as above.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	Same as above. Furthermore, adverse impact on IP is not anticipated from the project and it will not support development of any law and regulations that may require broader community engagement and consultation with wider groups of citizen including IP.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	Same as above.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	Same as above.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	Same as above.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	Same as above.

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Will an Appraisal stage ISDS be required? [No]

- i. Explanation: Given that none of the safeguard policies is triggered under the proposed project is classified Category C, an Appraisal Stage ISDS is not required.
- ii. If Yes, tentative target for preparing the appraisal stage ISDS

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. N/A

C. The specific studies, their timing and disclosure should be documented in the appraisal-stage ISDS. N/A

IV. APPROVALS

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