

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Afghanistan	Project ID:	P131228
Project Name:	DABS Planning And Capacity Support (P131228)		
Task Team Leader:	Abdul Hameed Quraishi		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	17-Jun-2013	Estimated Board Date:	27-Nov-2013
Managing Unit:	SASDE	Lending Instrument:	Technical Assistance Loan
Sector(s):	Transmission and Distribution of Electricity (100%)		
Theme(s):	Other public sector governance (100%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	7.50	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Total Cofinancing:		Financing Gap:	0.00
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund			7.50
Total			7.50
Environmental Category:	B - Partial Assessment		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

C. Project Description

16. 16. The project is proposed to consist of three components described below.

17. Component 1: DABS staff capacity building (\$2.5 million, all ARTF). This component would support capacity building for the staff of DABS including:

- Setting up a twinning arrangement with a more experienced utility on which DABS can model itself and make use of training facilities. Such a utility would, ideally, be well performing, relatively nearby, but with sufficient living memory that its staff can appreciate the challenges facing DABS.
- Providing general and task-specific training to managers and staff on distribution investment selection, planning and implementation, specifically on the preparation of pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, procuring design, supply and installation contractors, and supervising such contractors.
- Providing general and task-specific training to managers and staff on distribution operation planning and implementation, specifically on the preparation of annual O&M plans in line with the annual budgeting process, execution of the O&M plans including the hiring and supervision of contractors.
- Providing one-on-one mentoring support to managers and key specialists in the DABS planning and O&M functions.
- Enabling DABS to provide a career path for female professional staff in DABS, including recruitment, career development and identification of specific support needs.

18. Component 2: DABS institutional capacity building (\$4.0 million, all ARTF). This component would support capacity building for DABS as an institution, including:

- Developing and codifying policies and procedures across the distribution investment planning function including technical, financial/economic, financial management, procurement and environment and social aspects.
- Developing and adopting standards and standardized designs for grid distribution systems.
- Developing and codifying policies and procedures across the O&M function, including clarification of responsibilities between DABS and local distribution companies (“Breshnas”) and options for contracting out O&M to private entities.
- Adapting and integrating the Afghanistan Energy Information Center into the asset management department of DABS and providing financing for staff on a declining basis retroactive to March 2012.
- Introducing a system of performance contracting for managers within DABS
- Developing systems and procedures for the monitoring of investment and O&M performance during preparation, implementation and operation phases.

19. Component 3: Facilities development (\$1.0 million, all ARTF). This component would support the purchase equipment and refurbishment of training facilities in DABS including:

- Physical works and purchase of goods to create and equip a training facility within the existing compound of DABS for the Operations Division that will be used primarily for the capacity building activities. No land acquisition is expected.
- Purchase of project related equipment, computers and software.

20. A solid monitoring and evaluation system will be key to successful outcomes at project and sector levels. If successful, the project will improve short and long term sustainability of investment in power distribution and thus increased access to good quality electricity. Close monitoring of the progress of the proposed project will be essential to ensure that preparation of an investment project is triggered at the right time and set at the right level of financing.

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

Project activities will be carried out in DABS office located in Kabul city.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The capacity of DABS for safeguards is assessed as weak although senior management has demonstrated commitment to improving its capacity by initially recruiting two safeguards specialists, who have worked with the Bank task team during the Naghlu project identification.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

Asta Olesen (SASDS)

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	Yes	
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

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 30-Sep-2013

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:

A brief environment and social management framework will be prepared and adopted by DABS management during preparation. This will outline the steps required for completion of the health, safety, environment and social aspects of the Operations Manual that will be prepared as part of the technical assistance to DABS.

IV. APPROVALS

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Approved By:	

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.

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