



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
P163532	Improving Financial Protection and Quality of Care (P163532)	C - Not Required	Kosovo
Team Leader(s)	Estimated Date of Approval	Managing Unit	Financing Instrument
Dorothee Chen, Lorena Kostallari	31-Jul-2017	GHN03	Investment Project Financing

PROJECT FINANCING DATA

FINANCING

FINANCING SOURCES

Select all that apply

Counterpart Funding Trust Funds Parallel Financing

SUMMARY (USD)

Total Project cost	287,400
Total Financing	287,400
Trust Funds	287,400
Financing Gap	0

DETAILS

Trust Funds

Source	Currency	Amount	USD Equivalent
Free-standing TFs for ECA HD Sector Unit(F7HD)	USD-US Dollars	287,400	287,400

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to contribute to the design and implementation of the health

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sector reforms that aim to improve financial protection and quality of care in the Republic of Kosovo.

C. Project Description

The grant will support two components:

1. Technical support for an improved poverty targeting system. The objective of this component is to support the design and the implementation of an improved poverty targeting mechanism to target health insurance subsidies. The existing poverty targeting mechanism in Kosovo or the “Last Resort Social Assistance” scheme is already based on a proxy-means test, which is relevant in Kosovo given the high level of informality; however it needs to be fine-tuned as it involves substantial exclusion errors and cumbersome procedures. The improvement of the poverty targeting instrument are also supported under the Bank-Executed component (P150300). The Bank-Executed component supports in particular the development of a new formula based on the latest household budget survey and of a new questionnaire, as well as technical support to further integration of databases of key stakeholders such as the HIF’s Information System, municipal centers for social work, various departments of the MoLSW, and the tax administration. This Recipient-Executed component will include capacity building of institutions that will be in charge of implementing the improved poverty targeting instrument.
2. Study tours and workshops. The objective of this component is to ensure that international best practices are incorporated by the client into policy design and implementation of reforms in procurement systems for drugs and supplies; targeting mechanisms to direct health insurance subsidies to the poor; and mandatory health insurance and purchasing & service delivery reforms. Direct beneficiaries of workshops and study tours will include: MoH, HIF, Kosovo University Clinical and Hospital Services of Kosovo (KUCHS), MoF, and MoLSW staff to support the incorporation of international best practices into the design, implementation, and dissemination of best practices within these institutions. TF audit(s) will also be financed under this component.

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SAFEGUARDS

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

The project activities will be implemented country-wide.

E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

There are no safeguards policies triggered, so there is no need to assess the institutional capacity of the borrower to implement them.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

Bekim Imeri (GSU03)



G. Policies that might apply

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	There are no activities envisaged which could have associated environmental impacts.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	There are no activities envisaged that would include or involve natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	There are no activities envisaged that would include or involve forests or forestry.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	There are no activities envisaged that would include or involve pest management.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	There are no activities envisaged that would include or involve
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	There are no activities envisaged that would include or involve dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	There are no activities envisaged that would include or involve international waterways or tributaries there of.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

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H. Safeguard Preparation Plan

Appraisal stage ISDS required? No

APPROVALS

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