

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	West Bank and Gaza	Project ID:	P158633
Project Name:	Palestine PECS 2016/17		
Team Leader(s):	Sergio Daniel Olivieri		
Estimated Date of Approval:	31-Jan-2016		
Managing Unit:	GPV05	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Central government administration (30%), General public administration sector (30%), Other social services (40%)		
Theme(s):	Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (30%), Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (50%), Social Protection and Labor Policy & Systems (10%), Conflict prevention and post-conflict reconstruction (10%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.7	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			0.7
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The PDO of this grant its to support Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) in conducting the next round of Palestinian Expenditure and Consumption Survey (PCES). The original intended PECS survey in 2015 has faced severe budget constraints. Despite PCBS's readiness to implement the full survey by revisiting questionnaires, sampling design and piloting; PCBS has been unable to go to the full implementation stage. This puts at risk the ability to run the full survey on time in 2016 which is already several months delayed.

C. Project Description

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) conducted the first household expenditure and consumption survey in 1995/96. Since then, PCBS has tried to maintain an annual series which was only interrupted by the eruption of conflicts. This effort has resulted in eleven fruitful rounds of the Palestinian Expenditure and Consumption Survey (PECS) for years 1996-1998; 2001; 2004 up to 2011/12. PCBS has always provided public access to the data which is unique in the Middle East and

North African region. As a result Palestine has been up-to-date as one of the few MENA countries which is part of the Global database – POVCALNET -

The findings of these surveys have constituted a solid database and have enabled PCBS to publish detailed statistics on expenditure and consumption of households as well as have helped on measuring and monitoring poverty. However, in 2014/15, the National Poverty Commission defined a multidimensional poverty concept for the case of Palestine. This fact has revealed the need to shed light on Palestinian households' poverty status across several welfare dimensions. PCBS jointly with Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the National Poverty Commission, designed the methodological framework needed to measure poverty in a multidimensional context as well as improvements in PECS's questionnaire to capture additional indicators to measure particularly social well-being. PECS will continued to be the used as the main data source for poverty measurement in every dimension.

The pilot of the survey has been conducted since October 2015 and it will be finished by December 2015. The main purpose is to identify deficiencies in the questionnaire as well as to ensure solid procedures for technical implementation and logistics. The pilot has been carried out at national level covering West Bank, including Jerusalem; and the Gaza Strip. The total sample covered on this phase is 500 households.

The survey is planned to be conducted from March, 2016 until March, 2017. The intended sample size will be around 4,700 households which will be distributed on about 391 enumeration areas stratified by region: the West Bank (divided by North, Middle and South), and Gaza Strip; and type of locality: rural, urban and refugee. Each area will have twelve households.

For more details please see the supplementary concept note attached to this package.

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

The security situation will determine the geographic scope of the survey particularly in the Gaza strip. However, the pilot, which has been almost completed, tested the modalities in the relatively insecure parts of Gaza, with considerable success. Furthermore, the problem is more about access and dealing with check-points rather than safety of enumerators.

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	No	This activity comprises solely of training for, piloting and implementation of a household survey. This involves in person interactions with households to complete the survey and the data is immediately uploaded to the system. Given the nature of this task, OP/BP 4.01 is not

		triggered - there are no adverse environmental consequences of any element of this activity
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

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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