

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Liberia	Project ID:	P156236
Project Name:	RURAL ROADS EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE PROJECT (P156236)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Kulwinder Singh Rao, John Kobina Richardson		
Estimated Appraisal Date:		Estimated Board Date:	31-Aug-2015
Managing Unit:	GTI01	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Rural and Inter-Urban Roads and Highways (100%)		
Theme(s):	Other social protection and risk management (70%), Rural services and infrastructure (30%)		
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?			No
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	3.00	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction MPF			3.00
Total			3.00
Environmental Category:	B - Partial Assessment		

2. Project Development Objective(s)

The project development objective is to improve access to Ebola response infrastructure by spot improvement of targeted road links to Ebola Treatment Units, Community Care Centers, and Forward Logistics Bases in the recipient's Lofa County.

3. Project Description

The proposed operation consists of implementation of urgent interventions in the road network of Lofa County to ensure connectivity and improve mobility. The project will finance seven prefabricated steel bridges on four road sections and install up to 500 m of timber road sections in critical sections of Lofa county where the roads are rendered impassable during the rainy season. The total project cost, inclusive of taxes, is US\$3.0 million. Experience during the EVD outbreak showed

that limited accessibility to EVD response facilities due to shortcomings in the transportation network contributed to an increase in fatalities and slowed the emergency response. The proposed interventions will contribute to improved access to Ebola Response Centers and facilities.

The intervention is proposed as the EVD outbreak continues in neighboring Guinea and Sierra Leone and project interventions are intended to provide resources to improve the ability of Liberian officials to respond if the outbreak were to return to Liberia. Timber road segments may be laid on impassable roads during the rainy season to establish connectivity provided they could be transported to the location of installation. To enable rapid deployment of resources and in recognition of the potential challenge of responding to a re-emergent outbreak given the mobility constraints posed by the rainy season.

The project has the following components:

Component 1 (a). Installation of prefabricated steel bridges (US\$2.0m). The project will support the procurement and installation of prefabricated steel (bailey) bridges at critical sections of the network, which will facilitate all-season access to ETUs/CCCs/FLBs. It is estimated that seven steel bridges will be installed at various locations. The installation of the bridges will also involve the construction of abutments for the placement of steel decking of the bridges

Component 1 (b). Installation of Timber Road Sections (US\$0.5m). In addition to bailey bridges, the project will fund the installation of non-traditional semi-permanent, rigid surface (using timber sections) for improvement of critical locations within the Lofa county road network. The project will support the procurement and installation of 0.5 kilometer of standard widths (6 meter) of timber roads for these sections, which will be determined by the local communities based on the criticality of movement during the rainy season.

Component 2. Incremental operating costs (US\$0.2m). The project-implementing agency will be supported to implement the project and build their capacity for emergency response. This will constitute training in labor based methodologies and road construction with non-traditional materials. This component will also support procurement of services of a project coordinator to be based in the field.

Contingencies (US\$0.3m). An amount of US\$0.3m has been provided against unforeseen related expenditures on project activities.

Project activities will be eligible for retroactive financing of up to 40 percent of the grant amount for a period of up to six months prior to approval. The project as envisaged will be implemented quickly using proprietary products which require direct contracting. However all contracts will be prior reviewed by the Bank.

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

The project interventions will be carried out on existing road sections in Lofa County including on the Zorzor-Weala road section. Precise locations of interventions within the county will be determined by the GoL and may be subject to change.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The project activities will be along existing roads, the exact locations will be determined by the GOL during the early stages of the project. The design of the interventions do not expand the existing rights of way; therefore, they are not expected to have major negative environmental or social impacts. The ministry has successfully implemented several IDA financed projects (including Agriculture and Infrastructure Development Project (AIDP) (P104716), Urban and Rural Infrastructure Project (URIRP) (P125574), and Liberia Road Asset Maintenance Project (LIBRAMP) (P113099)) using an existing Environmental Mitigation Plan last disclosed on May 1, 2006 and updated on June 1, 2009. An Environmental Management Plan, based on the Environmental Mitigation Plan, will be prepared and disclosed to apply to the proposed interventions within one month of Grant Effectiveness.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	The design of the interventions do not expand the existing rights of way; therefore, the activities Natural Habitats Policy is not triggered.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The design of the interventions do not expand the existing rights of way; therefore, Forests Policy is not triggered.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The interventions do not involve the purchase or use of any pesticides.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	The design of the interventions do not expand the existing rights of way; therefore, no impact on Physical or Cultural Resources is anticipated. The Environmental Management Plan that will be prepared will include a section on chance find procedures as a precaution.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	There are no Indigenous Peoples in the project area.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The design of the interventions do not expand the existing rights of way; therefore, no Resettlement issues are anticipated.
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	

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:
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2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
The proposed interventions are low cost and temporary in nature, designed to provide access to remote areas during the rainy season. No intervention is the only alternative considered.
4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described.
The ministry has successfully implemented several projects using an existing Environmental Mitigation Plan prepared and disclosed on May 1, 2006 and updated on June 1, 2009. The team plans to use that as the basis for the safeguards instruments to be prepared and used by this project.
5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.

B. Disclosure Requirements

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other	
Date of receipt by the Bank	00000000
Date of submission to InfoShop	00000000
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	00000000
"In country" Disclosure	
<i>Comments:</i>	
If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources policies, the respective issues are to be addressed and disclosed as part of the Environmental Assessment/Audit/or EMP.	
If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:	
The ministry has successfully implemented several IDA financed projects (including Agriculture and Infrastructure Development Project (AIDP) (P104716), Urban and Rural Infrastructure Project (URIRP) (P125574), and Liberia Road Asset Maintenance Project (LIBRAMP) (P113099)) using an existing Environmental Mitigation Plan last disclosed on May 1, 2006 and updated on June 1, 2009. The Environmental Management Plan, based on the previously disclosed Environmental Mitigation Plan, will be prepared and disclosed to apply to the proposed interventions within one month of Grant Effectiveness.	

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment

Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	Yes [] No [] NA [×]
The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information	
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes [] No [] NA [×]
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs?	Yes [] No [] NA [×]
All Safeguard Policies	
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [×] No [] NA []
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes [×] No [] NA []
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [×] No [] NA []
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	Yes [×] No [] NA []

III. APPROVALS

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