

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: ISDSC12169

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Bangladesh	Project ID:	P154738
Project Name:	BBS capacity building		
Team Leader(s):	Yoonyoung Cho, Monica Yanez Pagans		
Estimated Date of Approval:	10-Aug-2015		
Managing Unit:	GSP06	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Public administration- Other social services (50%), General information and communications sector (50%)		
Theme(s):	Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (50%), Social Protection and Labor Policy & Systems (50%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.38	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			0.38
Total			0.38
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The proposed Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen the capacity of BBS to improve the quality, frequency, and use of the two most important nationally representative household surveys in Bangladesh: the Labor Force Survey (LFS) and the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) in line with the broader framework of strengthening the national statistical system.

C. Project Description

To achieve the PDO, the proposed project activities are organized under three components: (i) household survey design and data management; (ii) data analysis and information systems; and (iii) data dissemination.

Component 1: Household survey design and data management

The objective of this component is twofold. First, it is to support BBS in building local capacity on the design of household survey including sampling and survey instruments development. Second, it is to support BBS in developing a comprehensive data and information management framework for the QLFS and HIES with a longer term view. The two key results from this component are the following. First, BBS will have strengthened capacity to modify sampling frames over time and data entry programs when questionnaires are modified in response to changes in the conditions of the country, revisions in the international codes, or needs for adding new areas of interest. Second, BBS staff will have enhanced skills in data management and increased coordination between the LFS and HIES teams through a common data management framework.

Component 2: Household survey data analysis and information systems

The objective of this component is to support BBS in the design of data visualization tools for easy access to statistics on labor markets, welfare, and living standards based on the QLFS and HIES data. Further, it is to assist BBS in the production and modification of existing LFS and HIES data reports and documentation to accommodate for the increased frequency of data and the revision of statistics based on recent revisions to international standards. The two key results from this component are the following. First, the use of labor markets and poverty indicators within the country policy dialogue and more evidence-based policy decision making will be fostered. Second, capacity in BBS to undertake more frequent data analysis, dissemination of major statistics, and more policy-oriented outputs produced using the QLFS and HIES data, will be enhanced.

Component 3: Household survey data dissemination

The objective of this component is disseminating and sharing information of evidence-based policy recommendations produced using the HIES and QLFS data. Further, it is to support activities that stimulate more evidence-based policy dialogue in the country and promote the formulation and prioritization of policies based on credible and high quality statistics, such as organizing consensus-building seminars and workshops with local universities and think tanks. The expected outputs include two annual workshops to disseminate findings from the HIES and QLFS data to stakeholders. The expected outcome includes enhanced capacity in GED to formulate economic strategies based on statistical information particularly in light of the Seventh Five Year Plan (2016-2020).

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

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

Sabah Moyeen (GSURR)

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
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Environmental Assessment OP/ BP 4.01	No	
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	Yes	Since the LFS and HIES are nationally representative surveys, they are likely to cover small ethnic communities if the sampling scheme includes them. This project finances complementary services related to the LFS and HIES surveys only (i.e. data management, analysis, and dissemination) and does not fund any of the data collection itself. The data collection is fully funded and managed by BBS as part of their core activities. The questionnaires and data collection process are also quite standard, following international protocols. In the event the final selected sample covers small ethnic communities, enumerators will be trained to conduct the surveys with cultural sensitivity and appropriateness, and data will be analyzed separately for small ethnic groups if necessary. Also, a brief Tribal Peoples Plan will be prepared to describe the approach to training and surveying activities within these communities if necessary.
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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