

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Caribbean	Project ID:	P158239
Project Name:	SEMCAR Budget and Revenue Systems Enhancement Project		
Team Leader(s):	Ruxandra Burdescu, Davide Zucchini		
Estimated Date of Approval:	29-Jan-2016		
Managing Unit:	GGO16	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Central government administration (25%), Public administration- Information and communications (50%), Information technology (25%)		
Theme(s):	Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (50%), e-Government (50%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	4.806	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
MDTF for SEMCAR Phase 1			4.806
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

SEMCAR's overall objective is to improve economic management, regional integration and competitiveness in up to 12 Caribbean countries through more efficient, effective and accountable public institutions, policies, processes and ICT systems. This is being achieved through the provision of policy advice, technical assistance and selected ICT investments. The Project Development Objective (PDO) of the proposed operation is to strengthen and modernize selected ICT systems in Tax, Customs, and Public Financial Management used by targeted institutions in Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The proposed operation is expected to contribute to SEMCAR's key results through: (i) improved revenue collection due to more efficient processing and clearance procedures, (ii) enhanced investment climate and economic development due to efficiency gains, and (iii) greater access to crucial information that will allow for the formulation of more sound macro-economic and fiscal policies. Therefore, the ICT investments aimed for under the project will enable the Recipients to institutionalize and operationalize key policies and processes developed under SEMCAR, and thereby contribute to improved economic management in the region.

C. Project Description

The Project has the following three (3) main components:

Component 1: Strengthening the SIGTAS Tax Administration System

This component will contribute to establishing a common regionally consistent ICT application for use in revenue administration. Specifically, the beneficiaries' use of SIGTAS will be enhanced with the introduction of a business intelligence (BI) tool and the implementation of a suite of performance management reports to support effective operational management, in addition to timely and effective decision making. The component will also support data quality improvement as well as effective registration and maintenance of a reliable taxpayer database. Activities to be supported will include: (1) acquisition and installation of necessary hardware components, software and licensing for selected SIGTAS components; (2) migration of SIGTAS to Oracle 11G in selected beneficiary countries; (3) purchase and installation of an updated BI solution and integrate it with SIGTAS in targeted beneficiary countries; (4) carrying out of data analysis and cleansing of taxpayer registration data; and (5) provision of training to technical staff on maintenance of SIGTAS and to business users on utilization of the BI solution.

While the existing technical infrastructure will be replaced and a new system for BI will be implemented, existing core SIGTAS functionalities will remain unchanged. The BI solution to be implemented in all countries will be based on the solution that is already deployed in St. Kitts and Nevis. This solution will be extended with implementation functionalities for data analysis and quality improvement in SIGTAS.

Component 2: Infrastructure Equipment for the ASYCUDA World Customs Administration System

Component 2 will support Antigua and Barbuda in strengthening customs administration in its territory through the implementation of ASYCUDA World. Given the Government's fiscal constraints, Component 2 will aid Antigua and Barbuda by funding the procurement of requisite hardware and software that are needed for the successful implementation of ASYCUDA. To this end, the component will cater to the acquiring of (1) hardware and servers for production applications, databases, web and other ICT infrastructure; (2) software licenses for databases and associated servers; and (3) computers, notebooks and other related goods.

Component 3: Strengthening the SmartStream Financial Management System

Component 3 will support the Governments of Belize, Dominica, Grenada, St Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines to enhance the technical comprehensiveness of their Financial Management Information Systems by upgrading select hardware and software modules. Activities supported will include: (1) a region-wide SmartStream Financial Application Review and other similar research; (2) procurement of hardware, servers and licenses for production applications, databases and other related ICT infrastructure; (3) migration of SmartStream to the present-day version in selected countries; (4) provision of training; and (5) acquisition of computers, notebooks and other related goods.

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

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
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	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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