

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATASHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

I. Basic Information

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1. Basic Project Data

Country: Sierra Leone	Project ID: P103740	
Project Name: Health Sector Reconstruction and Development Project - Additional Financing		
Task Team Leader: Evelyn Awittor		
Estimated Appraisal Date: April 4, 2007	Estimated Board Date: May 15, 2007	
Managing Unit: AFTH2	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan	
Sector: Health (100%)		
Theme: Health system performance (P);Other communicable diseases (S)		
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	8.00	
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00	
Other financing amounts by source:		
BORROWER/RECIPIENT		0.00
<u>Financing Gap</u>		<u>0.00</u>
0.00		
Environmental Category: B - Partial Assessment		
Simplified Processing	Simple <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Repeater <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Project Objectives

The overall development objective is to assist the country to: i) restore the essential functions of its health care delivery system; and ii) strengthen both public and private health sector capacities, so as to improve the efficiency and responsiveness of the health sector to the needs of the population. The project will also achieve more specific objectives of:

- (a) Increasing access to affordable essential health services by improving primary and first referral health facilities in four districts of the country.
- (b) Improving the performance of key technical programs responsible for coping with the country's major public health problems
- (c) Strengthening health sector management capacity to improve efficiency and further decentralize decision-making to the districts.
- (d) Support development of the private NGO health sector and involvement of civil society in decision-making.

3. Project Description

This is an additional financing to be used to support the ongoing Health Sector Reconstruction and Development Project. Project restructuring is also being proposed following an MTR in 2006 through changes to some key performance indicators.

Component 1: Restoring Essential Health Services.

The proposed Additional Financing would help fund the costs associated with: (a) the implementation of additional and expanded activities that scale up the project's impact and development effectiveness; and (b) the completion of original project activities due to cost overrun of civil works. The provision of essential services by health posts and health centers is important, as it is helping the most populous communities and chiefdoms in the four districts to solve the majority of health needs, and is increasing the relevance and efficiency at the first referral level. The hospitals (all first referral hospitals) are also very important since they deliver essential surgical care and other higher level of care that are not delivered by the health centers. It is, therefore, at this level that complicated pregnancies and emergency cases receive obstetrical and surgical assistance. Amputees, women and children with psychological trauma could receive prosthetic and psychological support (the other alternative being to refer the patients to the tertiary hospitals in Freetown).

The additional financing will fund:

(a) civil works and some equipment, furniture, training and supervision needed for the adequate functioning of the health facilities that are being rehabilitated and reconstructed under the HSRDP. This component will not imply any resettlement of the population.

(b) In the four participating districts and in some cases nationwide the additional financing will support the delivery of essential preventive and curative care, thus being able to contribute to the improvement and expansion of all major public health programs. The additional financing will support activities related to Onchocerciasis control. Onchocerciasis is a major threat to Sierra Leone and its neighbors since the war disrupted all activities that were being supported by the regional control program. The project will focus on: (i) strengthening case management and on the promotion and distribution of ivermectin once a year with support of community distributors; (ii) community sensitization and mobilization; (iii) training of nurses and Primary Health Unit staff as well as training for Community-Directed Distribution of Ivermectin (CDD); and (iv) monitoring, supervision, data collection and analysis.

(c) Avian Influenza has become a worldwide emergency of public health interest that needs to be addressed by every country. The additional financing will support (i) the training of health workers to be able to detect and manage the disease; (ii) the establishment of surveillance centres; and (iii) equipping laboratories in the health facilities to assist with diagnosis.

Component 2: Strengthening Public and Private Sector Capacity.

The project will achieve this through (i) fostering decentralization and improving the performance of District Health Management Teams; (ii) strengthening the key MoHS support programs in the area of human resources development, planning, financial management, monitoring and statistics, procurement and donor/NGO coordination; and

(iii) promoting development of the private sector and participation of civil society in the health sector. The additional financing will not cover activities under component 2.

Project Restructuring.

While the project is performing satisfactorily, the Government has requested several project changes for the following reasons:

(a) Redeploy resources - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria recently committed additional funds to support the Government's malaria program, which means that the IDA funding originally allocated to malaria can be redeployed to other high priority uses in the health sector.

(b) Revise the outcome indicators in the results framework - The original outcome indicators in the project results framework were very general, overly numerous for strategic management for results, and not consistent with the sector-wide indicators recently developed by the MoHS for monitoring its activities. The Government is therefore proposing to make them more specific, measurable and outcome-based.

The ongoing project is implementing the Medical Waste Management Plan dated October 2002 in a satisfactory manner. The Ministry has established a National Waste Management Program within its Environmental Health Division with a program manager. Burn pits have been designed and distributed to all government health facilities nationwide and they are working well. The dump sites and the incinerators in the district hospitals are not among the civil works that face cost overruns. However, incinerators for some of the primary health clinics are included.

In-country disclosure of an Updated EIA/EMP took place on April 10, 2007.

4. Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis

The additional financing will support on-going activities implemented under the main project (Project Number: P1074128) in four districts of the country and also Oncho and Avian Influenza control activities throughout Sierra Leone.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

Mr Edward Felix Dwumfour (AFTS4)

6. Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)	X	
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)		X
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)		X
Pest Management (OP 4.09)		X
Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11)		X
Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10)		X
Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)		X
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)		X
Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)		X
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X

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: The potential negative impact of the additional financing is site-specific and this may relate to the on-going civil works. The completion of the on-going civil works will be carried out in the selected project areas without any design adjustments that could trigger any adverse environmental and social impacts. The World Bank Safeguard Policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12) will not be triggered because the proposed onchocerciasis and avian control activities will not require any land acquisition, relocation or displacement of people; there will be no loss of assets or access to assets, loss of income sources or means of livelihood.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
The activities to be funded directly under the support for avian influenza prevention and control will not generate waste. However, in case of an outbreak waste will be generated in the form of laboratory waste, dead birds, infective materials and farm waste. The potential negative environmental impacts of these wastes include pollution of land, water resources and the air, if sufficient care is not taken with disposal related issues.

3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
Not relevant

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. In 2001-2002 the Borrower prepared an Environmental Assessment (including an EMP) and a Medical Waste Management Plan which were disclosed both in-country and in the World Bank's Infoshop. These are being implemented. These two reports have been updated in April 2007 to reflect activities under the additional financing support and they will be implemented as soon as the support becomes effective.

5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people. Ministries of Lands, Housing and Country Planning, Agriculture and Food Security, Health and Sanitation, National Commission on Environment and Forestry, paramount chiefs, elders, general public and local NGOs in the four beneficiary districts and other parts of the country, respective district health management teams, program managers of technical programs and regional environment and forestry officers.

During the preparation of the updated documents the consultants held discussions with the various groups of people and discussions were held, where applicable, in local languages. The GoSL has disclosed the updated reports in two widely read local newspapers and has placed copies in offices of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation in Freetown and the selected districts. Any further comments from the general public will be submitted as supplementary latest by April 30, 2007.

B. Disclosure Requirements Date

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other:

Date of receipt by the Bank	04/10/2007
Date of "in-country" disclosure	04/10/2007
Date of submission to InfoShop	04/11/2007
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	

*** If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources, 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:

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level (to be filled in when the ISDS is finalized by the project decision meeting)

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment

Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	Yes
If yes, then did the Regional Environment Unit or Sector Manager (SM) review and approve the EA report?	Yes
Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan?	Yes

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information

Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected	Yes

groups and local NGOs?

All Safeguard Policies

Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies? Yes

Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost? Yes

Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies? Yes

Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents? Yes

D. Approvals

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