

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Moldova	Project ID:	P154541
Project Name:	Strengthening capacity - EMIS		
Team Leader(s):	Anna Olefir		
Estimated Date of Approval:	31-Jul-15		
Managing Unit:	GED03	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Secondary education (100%)		
Theme(s):	Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (30%), Education for all (40%), Managing for development results (20%), Social Inclusion (10%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.37	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			0.37
Total			0.37
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen the quality, openness and use of education statistics to better inform the ongoing education reforms in Moldova.

C. Project Description

The Government recognizes the importance of education and has, since 2011, been implementing an ambitious efficiency and quality enhancing reform program. Ongoing consolidation of school network requires proper statistical information to support and fine-tune reform measures so that to ensure that students directly affected by the reform are adequately accommodated in the 'receiving' schools. In 2013 the Ministry of Education with the support of the Bank developed the EMIS. The grant will support:

1. Strengthening statistical and analytical capacity and information flows of the MoE, the Center for Information and Communication Technologies in Education of the MoE, subnational (rayon) authorities and schools to make use of the new EMIS through: (i) assessment of their statistical

capacity and information flows; and addressing identified gaps with (ii) training sessions on data collection, quality controls, information flows and analysis of the data (to education and IT personal in line with the division of responsibilities over EMIS system); and (iii) revision of the statistical operations and procedures, regulatory and managerial framework for educational indicators;

2. Improving quality and reliability of data collected through EMIS by: (i) developing and implementing data validation mechanisms including module integrating/validating EMIS data with the National Population registry; (ii) introducing digital signatures; and (iii) elaborating additional present reports in EMIS;

3. Opening data in education sector in an user-friendly format through: (i) assessment of education data needs of the stakeholders, (ii) catalogization of the identified data categories that need to be collected, compiled in user-friendly manner, opened and regularly updated; (iii) development of the open data webpages for dissemination and interactive visualization of educational data; and (iv) PR campaign informing stakeholders on the education sector open data availability encouraging citizens oversight of the education reforms.

The TF will support strengthening statistical capacity in relation to both (i) indicators related to education itself (e.g. on access, participation and progressions such as primary school enrollment, schools performance with comparative performance outcomes on regional and country level etc.) and (ii) indicators and characteristics of the education system (such as number of teaching and non-teaching staff, number of schools, school-size, student-teacher ratios etc.). Both types of indicators will be released through open data web-pages of the MoE.

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

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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