

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET  
ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

**Report No.: ISDSA13676**

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**I. BASIC INFORMATION**

**1. Basic Project Data**

<b>Country:</b>	Afghanistan	<b>Project ID:</b>	P155443
		<b>Parent Project ID:</b>	P112872
<b>Project Name:</b>	ADDITIONAL FINANCING FOR SECOND CUSTOMS REFORM AND TRADE FACILITATION PROJECT (P155443)		
<b>Parent Project Name:</b>	Second Customs Reform and Trade Facilitation Project (P112872)		
<b>Task Team Leader(s):</b>	Hasan Afzal Zaidi, Khaleda Atta		
<b>Estimated Appraisal Date:</b>	16-Apr-2015	<b>Estimated Board Date:</b>	11-Jun-2015
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	GTCDR	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	Investment Project Financing
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Public administration- Industry and trade (70%), Information technology (20%), General transportation sector (10%)		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Infrastructure services for private sector development (35%), Trade facilitation and market access (20%), Technology diffusion (20%), Other public sector governance (15%), Regional integration (10%)		
<b>Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?</b>			Yes
<b>Financing (In USD Million)</b>			
Total Project Cost:	21.50	Total Bank Financing:	21.50
Financing Gap:	0.00		
<b>Financing Source</b>			<b>Amount</b>
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Development Association (IDA)			21.50
Total			21.50
<b>Environmental Category:</b>	B - Partial Assessment		

<b>Is this a Repeater project?</b>	Yes
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## 2. Project Development Objective(s)

### A. Original Project Development Objectives – Parent

To improve the release of legitimate goods in a fair and efficient manner.

### B. Proposed Project Development Objectives – Additional Financing (AF)

## 3. Project Description

The proposed USD 21.5 mil grant as Additional Financing for SCRTPF will help finance costs associated with: countrywide computerization of Customs Clearance operations; installation of executive information systems for Customs allowing real time monitoring of operations; development of cross border Customs-to-Customs (C2C) links to capture reliable information on cargo; provision of adequate Customs infrastructure to enable modernized operations; development of an adequate regulatory, administrative and institutional framework for Customs including development of Trade Portal, feasibility for developing a National Single Window, and support for the Afghan Customs Academy etc. Through these initiatives the project will continue to support the Customs reform momentum supported by the Second Customs Reform and Trade Facilitation Project (SCRTPF) started in 2010.

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

SCRTPF is a nationwide project. However the infrastructure rehabilitation/refurbishment sub-project locations are most likely to be Kabul, Jalalabad, Ghazni, Paktya, Farah, Andkhai, and Ghulam Khan. All physical infrastructure sub-projects are planned on existing Government land already available and in-use for similar activities (tax offices, truck parks, customs houses, check-posts, warehouses, transit facilities).

## 5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The EA Category for this project is B i.e. the same as the parent project SCRTPF (P112872). The OP/BP 4.01 is triggered due to construction activities at various locations. The existing ESMF for the original project has been reviewed and will suffice for this AF operation for compliance purposes. The reason being that (i) The AF operation does not trigger new additional safeguards policies, (ii) the AF will finance exactly the same types/categories of activities as the original project and (iii) the existing ESMF referred to activities at customs facilities nationally, and was not location/province specific. Hence the team endorses the original ESMF as relevant and

		<p>applicable.</p> <p>The majority of environmental and social impacts of SCRTFP are generally related to generation development and rehabilitation of ACD's Facilities. Because the project will mostly finance the rehabilitation and expansion of an existing scheme, implementation of the project components is not expected to involve any significant adverse environmental or social impacts. However, there will be potential short term impacts which could be minimized, reduced and mitigated if relevant measures envisioned in the project ESMF are properly applied.</p> <p>Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The rehabilitation and expansion of the project relates to construction/rehabilitation of physical infrastructure and purchase of equipment for customs and transit. While some disruptions in day-to-day activities during construction may be inevitable, these impacts will be temporary. Furthermore, no land or other assets are expected to be required.</li> <li>• The rehabilitation of the existing facilities will involve procurement and installation of necessary ICT equipment including design, supervision, and project management; and, provide continued technical assistance for the ongoing ACD restructuring, automation in the mentioned site. This is not expected to have any impact on environmental and social aspects.</li> </ul> <p>Most potential environmental impacts are related to sitting of facilities (such as sub-stations), construction activities and the possible presence of mines. Assessment and mitigation of potential impacts will be addressed through the application of environmental codes of practices, mine risk and safety procedures all envisioned in the project ESMF.</p> <p>Also, operational level impacts should also be considered. Water and Sanitation in the rest areas, offices and facilities related to the Customs should be functioning well hygienically. Offices should have emergency exits, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, guard rills, ramps for the disabled and etc. to be ensure Environmental Health and Safety issues during the facilities life time.</p>
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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	

## II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

### A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

<p><b>1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:</b></p> <p>There will be no potential large scale, significant and/ or irreversible impacts by the SCRTFP. Most potential environmental impacts are related to improvement of Afghan Customs facilities (such warehouses, Truck parking etc.), construction activities and the possible presence of mines. Assessment and mitigation of potential impacts will be addressed through the application of environmental codes of practices, mine risk and safety procedures detailed in the ESMF.</p>
<p><b>2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:</b></p> <p>No adverse long term impacts are foreseen. In fact the project is expected to have positive environmental impacts after completion of construction works, including a decrease in dust generation etc. and provision of rest area helping the cleanliness of the surrounding areas.</p>
<p><b>3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.</b></p> <p>NA</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Finance (MOF) is the implementing ministry, the Afghanistan Custom Department (ACD) is the implementing agency (IA) and the UNOPS is the implementing partner</p>

(IP). While ACD itself does not have the required capacity or skills to handle safeguard related issues, however ACD is utilizing the services of United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as the Implementing Partner (IP). As in the case of the ongoing Second Customs Reforms and Trade Facilitation Project, UNOPS shall be effectively managing procurement, fiduciary and other safeguards, and has the required capacity to address any safeguard issues if they arise. A Safeguards Focal Officer will be identified within the IP with responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the Environmental and Social Safeguards Framework. As per the requirements of the ESMF the project Focal Officer and other staff will be preparing ESMPs or action plans for implementation of the safeguards. The provisions of the ESMPs and other safeguards framework relevant items will be included in all works contracts and its proper implementation will be the responsibility of the Contractor(s) with oversight from the IP (UNOPS).

**5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.**

Implementing Agency - Afghan Customs Department (ACD)  
 Implementing Partner - United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)  
 NGOs  
 Provincial Authorities  
 Municipalities  
 Ministry of Information and Culture

Local Communities  
 Disclosure shall be made through local newspapers, TV, radio, websites and public announcements.

**B. Disclosure Requirements**

<b>Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other</b>	
Date of receipt by the Bank	14-Jan-2010
Date of submission to InfoShop	01-Feb-2010
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	////
"In country" Disclosure	
<i>Comments:</i>	
<b>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.</b>	
<b>If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:</b>	

**C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level**

<b>OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment</b>	
Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	Yes [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
<b>The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information</b>	

Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
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 [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
<b>All Safeguard Policies</b>	
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	Yes [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] NA [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]

### III. APPROVALS

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