

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

Report No.: **99507**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Georgia	Project ID:	P155543
Project Name:	Advancing Public Participation in the Audit Process in Georgia		
Team Leader(s):	Galina Alagardova		
Estimated Date of Approval:	30-Apr-2015		
Managing Unit:	GGO21	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Central government administration (30%), General public administration sector (70%)		
Theme(s):	Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (100%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.135	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0
Strengthening Accountability and the Fiduciary Environment			0.135
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The project's overall objective is to enhance the quality and credibility of public external audits in Georgia by mainstreaming citizen engagement into the external audit process. Specifically, the projects aims to:

1. Increase public awareness of how the role of State Audit Office of Georgia (SAOG) contributes to the efficient management of public resources;
2. Develop the capacities and skills of both SAOG and non-executive stakeholders (mainly CSOs, academics, parliamentarians, economic journalists) to engage constructively across throughout the audit cycle; and
3. Establish mechanisms to institutionalize participation of citizen participation and demand-side actors in external audit process.

C. Project Description

The project responds to a new global trend where Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) are increasingly

looking for innovative ways to engage citizens and leverage the capacity of civil society. It builds on the emerging global consensus that impact of external audit on strengthening overall PFM system can be improved through the involvement citizen and non-executive stakeholders.

The proposed activities with their outputs are divided into three components: (i) Multi-stakeholder Awareness Building (\$30,000); Capacity Building for Engagement Strategy and Action Plan (USD 75,000); and Knowledge Capture & Regional Learning (USD 20,000).

Component 1: Multi-stakeholder Awareness Building (USD 30,000)

The objective of this component is to develop the enabling environment for engagement of non-executive government stakeholders across the audit cycle by building internal and external stakeholder appreciation and readiness to mainstream citizen engagement in the audit process.

Component 2: Capacity Building for Engagement Strategy and Action Plan (USD 75,000)

The objective of this component is to leverage existing global knowledge to enhance the capacity of all stakeholders and to create the core technical conditions for the development and operationalization of a jointly defined strategy and action plan to engage non-state actors in the audit process.

Component 3: Knowledge Capture & Regional Learning (USD 20,000)

This component is intended to capture lessons from this project and facilitate learning, awareness building, and knowledge sharing with other countries in ECA. As an early mover on the SAI-citizen engagement approach in the region, this activity is expected to have important demonstration effects. SAOG will capture and document the process and disseminate the experience to serve as a model among other countries in the region.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE COMPONENTS THE SAFE PROGRAMM HAS ALLOCATED \$10,000 FOF BANKING SUPERVISION THROUGH A BETF.

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)
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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	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

Team Leader(s):	Name: Galina Alagardova	
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