

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	World	Project ID:	P157752
Project Name:	Enhancing Coherence and Integration of Economic and Social Statistics in Support of the Implementation of 2008 SNA		
Team Leader(s):	Maurice Nsabimana		
Estimated Date of Approval:	25-May-2016		
Managing Unit:	DECDG	Lending Instrument:	IPF
Sector(s):	General public administration sector (100%)		
Theme(s):	Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (40%), Other public sector governance (30%), Managing for development results (30%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.912	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Program to Support Statistical Capacity Building in ECA			0.912
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

In line with the Bank policy and strategy to identify the key areas in which support can best assist a country in achieving sustainable development and eliminating extreme poverty, the project aims to help countries to improve their capacity to produce consistent and coherent socio-economic statistics and ultimately to properly implement the 2008 SNA across the 12 EECCA countries and Mongolia, in order to advance the data foundation for measuring sustainable development, and to support evidence based policymaking and effective monitoring. Specific objectives include:

- (€ Further development and enhancement of national plans for the implementation of the 2008 SNA and supporting statistics. Improved availability and quality of statistics in priority areas identified in the regional and national implementation plans;
- (€ Improvement of price statistics for inflation measurement and for compiling national accounts aggregates at constant prices;
- (€ Improvement of statistical business registers, in particular concerning the quality and the coverage of national statistical business registers;
- (€ Improvement of statistics on the informal sector and remittances through extended use of

household surveys, with the final aim to improve the coverage and exhaustiveness of national accounts statistics.

C. Project Description

The proposed ECASTAT project will build on the activities and progress achieved so far in the work to support implementation of 2008 SNA and supporting economic statistics in the EECCA region.

The project will have the following four key activities, from 2017 to 2020:

1. Participation of experts focusing on underrepresented EECCA countries in the international statistical Expert Group meetings in Geneva;
2. Organization of regional workshops for experts from the EECCA countries;
3. Development of statistical methods/tools for integrating migration in household surveys;
4. Development of training materials.

The project activities will involve participation of experts particularly from underrepresented EECCA countries in the regular biennial Expert Group meetings that UNECE are organizing in cooperation with other international organizations. This includes the Expert Groups on national accounts, consumer price indices and business registers. The Expert Groups discuss a wide range of methodological issues in the respective areas with focus on practical implementation of international standards and recommendations and sharing of best practices.

The project will build on existing UNECE programs to support the implementation of 2008 SNA and supporting statistics in the region, as well as the global assessments of national statistical systems. It will draw on established partnerships with national and international statistical agencies involved in statistical capacity building activities in the region, and in particular, depending on the modules, the World Bank (WB), UNESCAP, IMF, Eurostat, OECD, EFTA, ILO, ROSSTAT, CIS-STAT and other relevant multilateral and bilateral partner organizations.

Thus the project will avoid overlap and duplications and build on synergies with existing and planned capacity building activities in the EECCA region. Coordination will be ensured through the UNECE Steering Group on National Accounts. To ensure the effective implementation of the project, activities will encourage the exchange of national good practices, undertake benchmark studies and stimulate the establishment of an active network of experts from the EECCA region.

All activities, documentation and training material will be provided in Russian and English.

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	The project is proposed to be as classified as Category C, given no environmental impacts are expected since the project consists of training activities that do not have potential negative environmental impact/risk associated issues.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	The project does not contemplate rehabilitation or new works in areas of natural habitats or that would significantly impact natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The project will not finance activities in forests or that could potentially affect forest resources or their management.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The project does not involve purchase or use of pesticides or finance any activities that could lead to changes in pesticide use or pest management practices.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	The project does not contemplate rehabilitation or new works that could potentially affect physical cultural resources.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	The project will strengthen the statistical capacity of government institutions, and as such will not finance any activities affecting areas where indigenous communities are present or to which they have a collective attachment.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The project will strengthen the statistical capacity of government institutions and as such will not finance any activities that might lead to land acquisition, resettlement, or the restriction of access to natural resources.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The project will neither support the construction or rehabilitation of dams nor will it support other investments which rely on services of existing dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project will not finance activities involving the use or potential pollution of international waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project will not finance activities in disputed areas as defined in the policy.

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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