

# INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

## CONCEPT STAGE

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### I. BASIC INFORMATION

#### A. Basic Project Data

Country:	OECS Countries	Project ID:	P154253
Project Name:	OECS Human Development Service Delivery Project (P154253)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Snjezana Plevko,Carmen Carpio,Harriet Nannyonjo		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	29-Aug-2016	Estimated Board Date:	15-Dec-2016
Managing Unit:	GSP04	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	General education sector (33%), Health (33%), Other social services (34%)		
Theme(s):	Social Safety Nets/Social Assistance & Social Care Services (34%), Injuries and non-communicable diseases (33%), Education for all ( 33%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	15.15	Total Bank Financing:	15.15
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Development Association (IDA)			15.15
Total			15.15
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

#### B. Project Objectives

The objective of the proposed Project is to strengthen human development service delivery systems.

#### C. Project Description

The Project will be structured around four components:

Component 1: Strengthen pedagogy for basic education teachers

This Component will improve pedagogy of basic education teachers by: (i) adapting teaching and learning standards, developed at a regional level with support from the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), to country level contexts; (ii) strengthening the capacity of teachers through training on effective pedagogical practices, formative assessment in line with learning standards and use of student learning data; (iii) printing and distribution of teacher's manuals and guidelines on effective pedagogical practices; (iv) establishing an on-line community of practice on effective pedagogical practices; and (v) developing capacity of school leaders to support teachers to improve pedagogy through the printing and distribution of a handbook for schools leaders and training.

#### Component 2: Strengthening health systems for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and emergency response

This Component will contribute to strengthening the responsiveness of service delivery systems to address the growing burden of NCDs and public health emergency threats. The Project aims to improve the ability of the public health system to deliver health services by: (i) focusing on the successful management of diabetes and hypertension through the piloting of results-based financing schemes in St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines; and (ii) strengthening in-country capacity to respond to public health emergencies in a timely and targeted manner by strengthening health workforce capacity on surveillance and reporting and improving health intelligence through strengthened epidemiological surveillance. Under (i), the Project will finance the development of a training curriculum and training of health workers, while under (ii) the Project will finance capitation payments to be made to the District Health Units.

This Component would introduce result-based financing (RBF), using results-adjusted capitation mechanisms to better align incentives to improve delivery of health services to address NCDs. Under the RBF mechanism, the Ministry of Health of St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines will enter into a performance contract with the District Health Units to deliver a package of priority NCD prevention interventions. The Ministry and District Units will agree on the targets to be achieved in two areas, coverage levels and performance related to NCD prevention services to be delivered. Capitation payments would be made on the basis of: (i) a roster of eligible individuals; and (ii) the achievement by District Health Units of targets (to be verified by a body external to the Ministry of Health (MOH)). The potential total beneficiary population is 10,828 individuals in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and 15,493 individuals in St. Lucia based on 2013 World Bank population data and 2014 diabetes prevalence, which is lower than hypertension prevalence. The final number of beneficiaries will be determined based on total funds available and final design of the RBF scheme.

#### Component 3: Building Responsive Social Protection Service Delivery Systems

This Component would strengthen SPL service delivery systems to ensure that programs and services are more efficient, better tailored to beneficiary needs, and more responsive to shocks and crises. The Component would support ongoing reform efforts in both countries through: (i) improvements of SPL service delivery instruments; (ii) strengthening human resource capacity for provision of SPL programs and services; and (iii) enhancement of institutional mechanisms for more efficient, coordinated, and transparent service delivery. The investments in SPL service delivery instruments would include assistance in development and strengthening of targeting mechanisms for social safety nets and labor market programs, management information systems (MIS), including labor market MIS (LMIS), central beneficiary registries, and payment mechanisms. The Component would also support capacity building activities, including training on key topics central to improved

responsiveness, including case management, improved delivery of skills, including training and certification of assessors, and supporting labor market assessments to provide informed data on labor supply and demand needs in OECS countries. Finally, the Component would develop institutional mechanisms and protocols for responsive SPL service delivery through, strengthening inter-institutional coordination mechanisms for SPL, introduction and/or strengthening of grievance mechanisms for SP programs, establishment of clear and coherent referral protocol for beneficiaries of SPL programs and services, and establishment of standards to deliver labor market programs and services through development of skills certification framework.

#### Component 4: Project Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation

This Component would finance activities related to the management of the Project to ensure its effective administration and implementation, and develop and put in place effective monitoring system. In particular the Component would finance: (i) project coordination in each of the countries involved; (ii) external technical verifications and audits; and (iii) the development and implementation of Project monitoring and evaluation systems for the Project. Bank financing would support project management through financing part of the incremental operating costs of the existing PCUs in both countries, as well as training to project staff, purchase of necessary office equipment, and independent project audits. The Project would also support the design and implementation of tools to monitor the results framework for the proposed Project. Bank financing would be provided for technical assistance, services and training of the staff engaged in monitoring.

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

N/A

#### **E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies**

N/A

#### **F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team**

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## **II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY**

<b>Safeguard Policies</b>	<b>Triggered?</b>	<b>Explanation (Optional)</b>
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	The Project is proposed as C category. None of the Project-supported activities are expected to lead to any adverse environmental impacts. The Project will not involve any civil works or other activities that have environmental or social implications as per the Bank's safeguard policies.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	This policy is not triggered since no impact is expected on natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	This policy is not triggered given that the project will not finance activities that affect forests.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	

		This policy is not triggered because the project will not finance the purchase or use of pesticides.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	The policy is not triggered because there are no project activities that will impact the quality or management of physical cultural resources as defined under the policy.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	Policy 4.10 is not triggered since there are not Indigenous Peoples within the project areas which meet the four criteria outlined in the Policy, specifically the criteria on attachment to ancestral lands.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	This policy is not triggered given that the project will not require land acquisition that would result in the impacts covered under OP 4.12.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	This policy is not triggered as the project will not finance any dams nor rely on the operations of existing dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	This policy is not triggered since the project will not finance activities that impact international waterways as defined by the policy.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	This policy is not triggered given that the project will not finance activities in disputed areas as defined by the policy.

### III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

**A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS:** 15-Apr-2016

**B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed.**

**The specific studies and their timing<sup>1</sup> should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:**

N/A

### IV. APPROVALS

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<sup>1</sup> Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.