

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Project ID:	P154253
Project Name:	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines HD Service Delivery Project (P154253)		
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Estimated Appraisal Date:	13-Feb-2017	Estimated Board Date:	25-May-2017
Managing Unit:	GSP04	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	10.70	Total Bank Financing:	10.70
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
International Development Association (IDA)			10.70
Total			10.70
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

The Project development objective of the Project is to strengthen service delivery in education, social protection, and labor.

C. Project Description

The Project will be structured around four components:

Component 1: Strengthening pedagogy for basic and special needs education and TVET teachers. This Component will aim at strengthening the capacity of teachers to deliver quality education by: (i) adapting the OECS teaching and learning standards developed at a regional level with support from the GPE to the country level contexts of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, (ii) providing training on effective pedagogical practices, formative assessment in line with the new learning standards and use

of student learning data to tailor teaching to students at different levels, (iii) printing and distribution of teacher manuals and guidelines on effective pedagogical practices, (iv) establishing an on-line community of practice on effective pedagogical practices, and (v) monitoring of teacher classroom practices through the use of classroom observation instruments.

Component 2: Building Responsive Social Protection Service Delivery Systems. This component will aim at strengthening service delivery systems for social safety nets, to ensure that programs and services are more efficient, better tailored to beneficiary needs and vulnerabilities, and more responsive to shocks and crises, through: (i) completing the design of, and operationalizing instruments to support targeting, information management and referrals; (ii) capacity building to administer and manage SSNs; and (iii) financing consultancies to strengthen the institutional framework and overall policy for SSN programs.

Component 3: Strengthening Labor Market Systems and Improving Skills Training of Poor and Vulnerable Populations. This Component will support country efforts to improve labor market outcomes through strengthening the skills certification framework and providing training that is responsive to market needs. In particular, it will: (i) strengthen the overall institutional and policy framework for the labor market; (ii) update the knowledge base for training delivery; (iii) improve the delivery of TVET education in schools; and (iv) provide direct delivery of training to poor unemployed adults and youth.

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 an effective monitoring system. In particular the Component would finance: (i) project coordination; (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 PCU, 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. Besides, the component will finance LCS data collection for an updated CPA.

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

N/A

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

No social safeguards are triggered by this project. Nevertheless, the Central Planning Division of the Ministry of Finance has historically managed the social development and social safeguards-related aspects of Bank-financed projects and the social team within Central Planning has the capacity and experience to manage social-development related issues and associated consultations that might arise.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
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 no Indigenous Peoples within the project areas which meet the four criteria outlined in the Policy (OP4.10). , specifically: self-identification; collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories; separate customary cultural, economic, social, or political institutions and; an indigenous language.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/ BP 4.12	No	This policy is not triggered given that the project will not finance any physical works and therefore no land acquisition that would result in the impacts covered under OP 4.12, is anticipated.
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: 10-Feb-2017

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:

N/A

¹ 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.

IV. APPROVALS

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