

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Moldova	Project ID:	P150357
Project Name:	Local Roads Improvement Project (P150357)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Maria Claudia Pachon, Simon David Ellis		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	10-Aug-2015	Estimated Board Date:	08-Oct-2015
Managing Unit:	GTI03	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Rural and Inter-Urban Roads and Highways (100%)		
Theme(s):	Rural services and infrastructure (80%), Decentralization (10%), Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise support (10%)		
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?			No
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	80.00	Total Bank Financing:	80.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development			15.00
International Development Association (IDA)			65.00
Total			80.00
Environmental Category:	B - Partial Assessment		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

2. Project Development Objective(s)

The project development objective is to improve accessibility to education, health and market facilities by providing a safe and sustainable local roads network in selected areas of Moldova.

3. Project Description

This local roads program will put more emphasis on building the management capacity of local roads both at the central and local levels. The proposed project would consist of two components totaling US\$ 80 million.

Component A: Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Local Roads Network. This component will finance the rehabilitation and upgrading of about 300 km of priority Local Roads. The focus will be to provide road access between villages and the national road network by developing cost-effective, coherent networks with good connectivity. The works will include rehabilitation and periodic maintenance works and upgrading economically justified roads to a sealed standard. These will be carried out across the regional road network and in the local road network in the selected raion(s) using a new and improved system of selection and prioritization of key local road works. An important part of the component will be road safety works in the proximity of schools and on road sections within communities. A key objective will be to provide safe access to schools for children who have been affected by the school consolidation program. This component will finance also finance supervision and independent technical audits for all civil works activities. Counterpart funds will be used to finance design works and the implementation of multi-year area wide maintenance contracts for the improved local roads corridors and connecting access roads.

Component B: Institutional strengthening (US\$5 million financed by IBRD and IDA). This component will finance a program of institutional strengthening to build capacity within the sector for efficiently and effectively maintaining and improving the regional and local road networks. The support to government institutions will be focused on building capacity for road network management in SRA and selected local authorities. This activity will finance a project management consultant who will support SRA in day to day management of the project but also provide specific services

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

Project location is still under consideration and will be defined throughout the project. 28 priority corridors for over 1,000 km have been identified as potential projects. The project will finance approximately 300km of local roads in Moldova.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	
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	Yes	
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>1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:</p> <p>The project will not finance construction of new roads or their major upgrading - the proposed activities are essentially road rehabilitation and maintenance within the “Right of Way” (ROW) areas. Thus expected environmental impacts related to air and water pollution, solid and hazardous wastes, labor security etc., are expected to be low, site specific and mostly temporarily. The impact on natural vegetation associated with operating the quarry and borrow areas, and constructing detour and access road to the borrow material pits and quarry sites, will not be applicable here – as there will be used the existing borrow/quarry sites which operate based on necessary licenses and permits.</p> <p>The project triggers only one WB OPs and specifically OP 4.01 on Environmental Assessment as the project will support a series of activities which will generate some environmental and social impacts. The OP/BP4.04 on Natural Habitats as well as OP. 4.36 on Forests would not be triggered as the project will not support any activities which might involve conversion of natural areas and forests or impacts on them as all project activities will be implemented on ROW. Similarly, there will be no impact on physical cultural resources as all proposed activities will be implemented on existing local roads and no expansion of them will be financed.</p> <p>The project triggers the OP 4.12. Although the proposed civil works will consist of road rehabilitation and maintenance within existing areas of ROW and no impact on agricultural or grazing lands is expected, this OP was triggered on a precautionary basis, since some of the roads that will be rehabilitated have not been selected yet. An RPF was therefore prepared and disclosed in country and on InfoShop, and consultations were carried out in Chisinau.</p>
<p>2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:</p> <p>Long term impacts of the project are consider positive. The project is designed to improve accessibility of rural communities to the basic services, and to markets. It will contribute also to reducing air pollution.</p>
<p>3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>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.</p>

To address specified above potential impacts the project beneficiary prepared an ESMF which specifies the EA rules and procedures and environmental requirements for the subprojects to be financed. This document covers the following: national and WB EA rules and procedures; procedures for environmental screening; guidance for preparing subprojects EMP Checklist for roads rehabilitation subprojects; possible mitigation measures for different types of sub-projects; requirements for monitoring and supervision of implementing of EMPs; implementing arrangements. The ESMF will be integrated into the Project's Operational Manual and will be used as part of all contracts involving selected subprojects. The subproject EMPs will be also integrated into the contracts for approved activities, both into specifications and bills of quantities and the Contractors will be required to include the cost in their financial bids and grant proposals.

The proposed Project will be implemented by the State Road Administration (SRA), being assisted by a Project Implementation Unit. Its responsibilities would include: procurement, financial management, contract management, project and program monitoring and evaluation, and reporting, as well as ensuring that all subprojects are subject to the EA as well as the civil works are implemented in accordance with the approved EMPs. SRA has extensive experience in successfully implementing World Bank and other IFIs projects (e.g. WB, EBRD, EIB implemented and/or roads rehabilitation projects in the country during last decade). It has in its staff an Environmental Specialist (ES), being responsible for coordination of all project safeguards issues. Similarly, the PIU will hire an ES which would be responsible for the EMF implementation.

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

The ESMF has been disclosed and consulted with all interested parties. The SRA has disseminated the draft summary EMF to the Ministry of Transportation and Road Industry, of Environment and Health and other relevant agencies for their review and comments. The full document in English and its Executive Summary and main supporting tables in Romanian on December 1 and 8, 2104 have been posted on SRA website for its access to wide public (www.asd.md). On December 18, 2014, the SRA organized a public consultation on the draft EMF. After the consultation, draft document was revised considering inputs from consulted parties. The final EMF was posted on the SRA website and disclosed in the World Bank Infoshop.

B. Disclosure Requirements

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other	
Date of receipt by the Bank	12-Jun-2015
Date of submission to InfoShop	18-Jun-2015
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	00000000
"In country" Disclosure	
Moldova	01-Dec-2014
<i>Comments:</i>	
Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process	
Date of receipt by the Bank	20-Apr-2015
Date of submission to InfoShop	21-Jul-2015

"In country" Disclosure	
Moldova	15-Apr-2015
<i>Comments:</i> www.asd.md	
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.	
If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:	

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment	
Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?	Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
If yes, then did the Regional Environment Unit or Practice Manager (PM) review and approve the EA report?	Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan?	Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
OP/BP 4.12 - Involuntary Resettlement	
Has a resettlement plan/abbreviated plan/policy framework/process framework (as appropriate) been prepared?	Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
If yes, then did the Regional unit responsible for safeguards or Practice Manager review the plan?	Yes [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information	
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"/>]
All Safeguard Policies	
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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