

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	World	Project ID:	P155263
Project Name:	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Validation and Data Support		
Team Leader(s):	Ekaterina Mikhaylova, Diana M. Corbin		
Estimated Date of Approval:	15-Jul-2015		
Managing Unit:	GEEDR	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	Public administration- Energy and mining (50%), Oil and gas (25%), Other Mining and Extractive Industries (25%)		
Theme(s):	Tax policy and administration (50%), Other accountability/anti-corruption (25%), Participation and civic engagement (25%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.9	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative			0.9
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

Proposed Objective is to facilitate global EITI implementation and compliance by supporting EITI validation process in calendar year 2015 and improving access to information through a public EITI website.

C. Project Description

The grant will finance validation of eight countries that are due for validation (or re-validation) in calendar year 2015 as well as improve EITI website.

Component 1: Validation. In 2013, Based on the decision of the EITI Board on August 21, 2013 (Board Circular 157) and EITI-MDTF donors agreed that validation would be managed at the international level and funded by the EITI-MDTF. Previously, EITI validation was paid for by the implementing countries. This was found to be sub-optimal, as it often presented a conflict of interest. The procedures were changed as part of the 2013 EITI Standard. There are 8 validations due in 2015 validation: 5 compliant countries (Azerbaijan, Timor Leste, Ghana, Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan) and 2

candidate countries (Solomon Islands and Sao Tome e Principe). In addition, it is likely that some countries (e.g., the Philippines) will request early validation in 2015.

The validation process is managed by International EITI Secretariat, who selects Validators and manages their contracts and payments. Validation work follows a standard terms of reference ToRs to produce standardized reports that are then reviewed considered by the Validation Committee of the EITI Board to make a recommendation to the Board to determine if the country will be declared EITI Compliant

Component 2: Improved access to EITI data through the EITI Website. The World Bank Group and the EITI International Secretariat have undertaken a number of activities to improve the access to and use of EITI data. Currently, most EITI data is “locked” in pdf documents, and often cannot easily be accessed and used to inform public debate. The summary data currently collected by the EITI International Secretariat (and made available at www.eiti.org) is quite general and doesn’t address the scope of disclosures under the revised EITI Standard.

There are several projects underway to address this challenge, including supporting implementing countries to make their EITI data more accessible in-country, and a number of projects aimed at developing EITI data standards that will improve access and comparability of data. Together with the IMF, the EITI International Secretariat has developed a summary data template that provides consistent and detailed information for all reports published in accordance with the EITI Standard.

Improvements to the EITI website will substantially increase the amount on EITI data that is made available at the global level. While the main use of the disclosed information takes place within each implementing country, the global EITI website play a key role in promoting the work of the EITI at the country level, and in supporting comparative analysis of EITI data.

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

This is a global program. EITI website is global outreach. Validations will include upto 8 countries across Asia, Africa, and Asia.

E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

There are no safeguards issues associated with this project.

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 technical assistance, no environmental impacts expected. Validation of EITI countries is a process based assessment of their compliance with EITI requirements.
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

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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.