

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Argentina	Project ID:	P161164
Project Name:	Argentina Open Data Readiness Assessments		
Team Leader(s):	Eva Clemente Miranda		
Estimated Date of Approval:	05-Sep-2016		
Managing Unit:	GGO16	Lending Instrument:	IPF
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.09986	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building			0.09986
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The objective is to support Argentina advance and strengthen the country's Open Data initiative, including open access to their national statistical data and other data. By opening data, Argentina will increase government transparency, provide information for evidence-based decision-making, improve public sector service delivery, increase economic opportunities and foster citizen engagement in public policies and projects. Open Data helps increase the use of statistics that governments produce, a key action item in the Busan Action Plan for Statistics.

C. Project Description

Open Data is one of the key pillars under the Busan Action Plan for Statistical Development. NSOs in developing countries and their NSDS have started to work on improved data dissemination, data documentation and data quality, all of which can be enhanced by the implementation of a national Open Data initiative. By opening data from a variety of public agencies to the wider public, data producers pay more attention to their quality standards and increased scrutiny of data leads to create both further pressures for quality improvement and assistance in doing so from other actors, particularly if appropriate feedback mechanisms are in place.

The project will support the Government of Argentina in the establishment of a National Open Data Initiative that will set up such mechanisms. Overall opening statistical and administrative records

data will extend their re-use and value, and will amplify the value of other improvements made as part of the NSDSs.

The proposed project will include three activities:

Activity #1 - Open Data Assessment and Action Plan

The funds will finance preparation of Open Data Readiness Assessment (ODRA) in Argentina and the development of the corresponding Open Data Action plan. The ODRA will be carried out in close collaboration with the recently created Ministry of Modernization which is also in charge of the Open Government and Innovation agendas. Additionally, the Open Data diagnosis will include the assessment of the availability of statistical data and provide priority actions for implementation with the Argentinian National Statistical Office during the loan project.

Argentina has recently requested the support of the WBG to prepare a new loan project for the Ministry of Modernization. During the identification mission conducted in early April 2016 for this upcoming loan project a subcomponent on Open Data was identified. The proposed ODRA help catalyze Argentina's Open Data agenda by providing (i) key diagnostic inputs, and (ii) an action plan.

Activity #2 - Open Data Action Plan Prioritization and Budget

This activity seeks to complement ODRA outputs by including a prioritization of actions and a detailed budget with estimated costs for quantifying the Open Data Action Plan resulted from the ODRA. This way, the design of the Government of Argentina's Open Data Program from will be informed in terms of (i) priority actions to be implemented according to impact and feasibility; and (ii) resources (financial and human) needed to implement the ODRA's action plan.

Activity #3 - Lessons learned from ODRA as a planning tool.

This activity will focus on extracting lessons learned from the experience of conducting an ODRA for catalyzing a National Open Data initiative. The objective is to provide inputs and inform governments about how ODRA methodology can be applied as a diagnostic and planning tool to support an Open Data initiative.

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	
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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