

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Kyrgyz Republic	Project ID:	P146970
Project Name:	Third Village Investment Project (P146970)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Asli Gurkan		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	19-Jan-2015	Estimated Board Date:	26-Mar-2015
Managing Unit:	GSURR	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Public administration- Other social services (100%)		
Theme(s):	Participation and civic engagement (55%), Rural services and infrastructure (45%)		
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:	12.00	Total Bank Financing:	12.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Development Association (IDA)			12.00
Total			12.00
Environmental Category:	B - Partial Assessment		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

2. Project Development Objective(s)

The higher order objective is to alleviate rural poverty by building the capacity of local-level institutions. This goal is to be addressed through the project development objective (PDO) of building local capacity for participatory development and improving access to quality community infrastructure services in targeted project areas.

3. Project Description

The third phase of the Village Investment Project will target local community members, local administration staff, and local council members who will receive direct capacity building support in participatory governance and participatory development (Component 1). The project will also support the design and implementation of sub-projects and micro-projects from participatory local investment plans (Component 2). Lastly, the project will finance the costs of the implementing agency for project management, specifically coordination and supervision of implementation activities, financial management, annual audits, and monitoring and evaluation (Component 3).

Component 1: Capacity Building

This component will support the achievement of the first part of the project development objective of building local capacity for participatory development and will target both local communities and local self-government bodies (local administrations and local councils). Project activities under this component are broadly divided into three sub-components: (i) community mobilization, (ii) training, and (iii) peer to peer learning. Targeted villages will be supported in developing local investment plans through a participatory process in which local communities assess local needs, and carry out participatory identification of priorities.

Component 2: Village Investments

This component will support and finance the design and implementation of community infrastructure projects drawn from local development plans of municipal districts (ayil aymaks). The project will finance a select number of community investments in four targeted regions of the country. The investments to be financed will be determined by a competitive selection process. The application packages to be submitted by interested ayil aymaks will be judged against a set of criteria, and those ranked the highest will have their priorities funded.

Ayil aymaks can apply for two types of funding:

- Sub-grants: (more than \$20,000). Funding for sub-projects may cover new construction, reconstruction, and major rehabilitation works. Although sub-projects will not have a specific size or fiduciary cap, there will be at least two sub-projects per oblast per cycle (or one sub-project that encompasses at least two ayil aymaks). Sub-project funding will make up 80 percent of the overall funding allocated to this component.
- Micro-grants: (\$20,000 or less). Micro grants will only be available to ayil aymaks that are classified by the central government as “subsidized” (i.e., they do not have budget for either capital expenditures or to meet their running costs). Micro-grants will fund repair works, beautification (landscaping, painting, etc.), and upgrading of facilities (procurement of new furniture, athletic equipment, information and communication technology, etc.). Micro-grants may consist of one or several smaller micro-projects, but their total combined amount will not exceed \$20,000. Micro-grant funding will make up 20 percent of the overall funding allocated to Component 2.

Component 3: Project Management

This component will finance the costs of the implementing agency for project management, specifically coordination and supervision of implementation activities, financial management, annual audits, and monitoring and evaluation.

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

The project will cover four out of seven regions of the country (Naryn, Issykul, Chui and Talas).

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	Effective measures have been put in place under the VIP-2 to address safeguards issues, and these measures were being applied and closely monitored under VIP-2 Additional Financing. They are laid out in the Environmental Management Framework and the Resettlement Policy Framework. Each community investment to be financed under the project will be reviewed for safeguard risks in line with the OP4.01. Implementation of environmental and social risk mitigation measures under the VIP-2 Additional Financing was carried out by the construction contractor firms and monitored by ARIS PIU staff (engineers). This practice will continue under VIP-3. Appropriate training will continue to be provided under VIP-3 to PIU field staff, local level officials, and community members.
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	This policy has not been triggered. However, as a precaution, the project team will conduct regular screenings (as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process) to identify potential physical cultural resources in project-affected areas. In case the EA screenings identify new physical and cultural resources in project-affected sites, the project team will require the PIU to adopt measures for avoiding or mitigating negative impacts.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	Indigenous peoples' as per OP 4.10 are not present in the project area.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes	Under Component 2, the project will finance grants for community level investments such as clinics, kindergartens, community centers, sports facilities,

		and bridges. The investments will be identified during project implementation based on community demand. Component 2 activities may result in the involuntary acquisition of land and other resettlement impacts detailed in OP 4.12. However such impacts are expected to be minor. Community-level investments with resettlement costs exceeding 1 percent of the sub-project amount will be excluded from the project.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	Yes	Component 2 of the Project is designed to finance Micro-Projects and Sub-Projects identified on a rolling basis during the project's life. Some of these activities may involve the rehabilitation of rural water supply and irrigation infrastructure. Some of these may draw water from or discharge into international waterways or their tributaries. Such international waterways include the Chui, Talas and Naryn rivers. For these reasons, OP 7.50 has been triggered. However, the activities proposed are of very limited and localized scale and restricted only those that involve minor additions, renovation and rehabilitation of already existing schemes at the community level. An exception to the riparian notification requirement has been obtained from the Regional Vice President. The criteria for the selection of Sub-projects and Micro-Projects will exclude those that propose rehabilitation or works on new (as opposed to existing) irrigation or water systems which may involve the use or potential pollution of international waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:

Safeguard issues and impacts are associated only with the Component 2 of the project. Implementation of some of the sub-projects and micro-projects under Component 2 may result in impacts envisioned in OP 4.12. However, such impacts are expected to be minor. The project will not finance any sub-projects and micro-projects that will have significant impacts. In the context of VIP-3, significant impact refers to the cases in which resettlement/land acquisition costs exceed 1 percent of the overall sub-project/micro-project amount.

<p>In regards to environmental impacts, the project team does not expect large scale, significant and/ or irreversible impacts. The potential impacts are likely to be small, insignificant and reversible, and they are normally expected in small/medium scale construction works. The impacts may include: generation of dust, noise and vibration; movement of the construction vehicles and machinery; piling of construction materials; and accumulation of demolition/construction waste. Other associated risks include improper disposal of construction waste, asbestos, minor operational or accidental spills of fuel and lubricants from the construction machinery, and improper reinstatement of construction sites upon completion of works.</p> <p>In regards to international waterways, minor rehabilitations of existing community water supply and irrigation systems could involve minor intakes or discharges into international waterways such as the Chui, Talas and Naryn rivers. In this regard OP 7.50 has been triggered but these small Micro-Projects and Sub-Projects will not adversely affect the quality or quantity of water flows to downstream riparian states, or lead to the changes in water intake and/or discharge. Any potential changes in the water quality during construction works would be mitigated through the implementation of Environmental Management Framework and site-specific EMPs.</p>
<p>2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:</p>
<p>From a land use perspective, involuntary land acquisition or temporary/permanent loss of access to land may be possible as a direct result of the project. However, majority of construction works are expected to be "rehabilitation" of existing facilities; thus, the project expects that the number of projects involving involuntary land acquisition or temporary/permanent loss of access to land will be minimal. The project will aim to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts from involuntary land acquisition and temporary/permanent loss of access to land.</p>
<p>3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.</p>
<p>The project will seek to avoid the involuntary acquisition of land and subsequent impacts as detailed in OP 4.12. Where involuntary acquisition of land cannot be avoided, the project will seek to minimize impacts by adopting such changes as shifts in alignment, reductions of site footprints, etc.</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>
<p>An Environmental Management Framework (EMF) including the mitigation measures for most type of construction works and impacts to international waterways has been prepared by the PIU, and will be followed by site-specific Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) that will be prepared for each sub-project that will be implemented. For micro-projects (majority of them are considered to be low risk because they involve minor rehabilitation of existing facilities or small-scale works), the EMP checklist-type format will be used for implementing specific mitigation and compliance measures. The implementation of the checklist-type format will be monitored by project staff, community safeguards volunteers and local government officials. The procedures to be followed are consistent with OP 4.01 and Kyrgyz national requirements and will ensure compliance with safeguards procedures and issues.</p> <p>The Borrower has prepared a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) to guide the preparation of site-specific Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) later. A framework approach has been adopted as the sub-project sites will not be known until project implementation is underway.</p>

<p>The Borrower has experience working on World Bank projects. The PIU has recruited an experienced safeguard specialist for VIP-3, who will be responsible for both social and environmental issues. The Borrower also has staff working on social mobilization - who will be able to support consultations during implementation - and has recently recruited a gender specialist. In addition, the VIP-3 design includes Community Development and Support Officers in addition to the regional community development officers who will receive training on environment, social, health and safety issues on a regular basis. Together with the Bank the Borrower will explore opportunities for training on safeguards during the course of project implementation.</p>
<p>5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.</p>
<p>The project is highly participatory and demand-driven. Primary stakeholders are community members and local authorities and local council members. Other stakeholders include civil society organizations representing or working on issues related to communities and local development, contractors, and national level ministries providing technical or recurrent support to infrastructure constructed/rehabilitated under the project. Consultations on general EMF and RPF were held on October 8 in the Chui region, attended by 72 people. Specific questions that were raised included compensation process and whether the project would be able to respond to the needs for poorer, subsidized communities. It was agreed, with the authorization of the World Bank's Regional Vice President, that the resettlement compensation will be financed out of project funds as a response to concerns raised by poorer municipalities that they may not have the needed funding for resettlement compensation. The finalized safeguards documents were disclosed in Infoshop and in country on December 17, 2014.</p>

B. Disclosure Requirements

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other	
Date of receipt by the Bank	29-Oct-2014
Date of submission to InfoShop	06-Nov-2014
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	////
"In country" Disclosure	
Kyrgyz Republic	17-Dec-2014
<i>Comments:</i>	
Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process	
Date of receipt by the Bank	05-Nov-2014
Date of submission to InfoShop	05-Nov-2014
"In country" Disclosure	
Kyrgyz Republic	05-Nov-2014
<i>Comments:</i>	
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"/>]
OP 7.50 - Projects on International Waterways	
Have the other riparians been notified of the project?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
If the project falls under one of the exceptions to the notification requirement, has this been cleared with the Legal Department, and the memo to the RVP prepared and sent?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
Has the RVP approved such an exception?	Yes [<input 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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