Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet (ISDS) Section I – Basic Information Date ISDS Updated: October 14, 2004 Report No.:AC1036 A. Basic Project Data A.1. Project Statistics Country: Romania Project ID: P078971 Project: HEALTH SECTOR REFORM APL II The Interval of the Interval of the ISDS (ISDS)

Total project cost (by component):

- 1. Maternity and Neonatal Care. (amount)
- 2. Emergency Care Services (amount)
- 3. Primary Health Care and Rural Medical Services (amount)
- 4. Policy and Planning (amount)
- 5. Project Management (amount)

Appraisal Date: October 18, 2004	Loant amount(US\$m):	
	IBRD: US\$80 million	
	(EURO 65 million equivalent)	
Board Date: December 16, 2004		
Other financing amounts by source:	Government of Romania: US\$47 million	
	(EURO38.19 million equivalent)	
	European Investment Bank: US\$80	
	million (EURO65 million equivalent)	
Managing Unit: ECSHD	Sector: Health (100%)	
Lending Instruments:	Adaptable Program Loan	
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Yes? [] No? [x]		
recovery?		
Environmental Category: B		

A.2. Project Objectives

The project will have the following objective: provide more accessible services, of increased quality and with improved health outcomes for those requiring maternity and newborn care, emergency medical care and rural primary health care.

The principal beneficiary groups would be the users of services targeted for improvement by the project: pregnant women and newborn, rural populations, and those needing emergency services. This objective is consistent with the overall program objectives defined at the beginning of APL phase 1.

In addition to the obvious benefits of reducing maternal and infant mortality, general mortality in rural areas, and overall improvement of quality of care, this project would demonstrate the impact of the rationalization approach across a vertical program throughout Romania. This would support more extensive implementation of rationalization plans developed in Phase I.

Proposed project performance indicators would include: perinatal mortality rate, deliveries attended at appropriate level of care, occupancy rate and length of stay in maternity services, utilization rate of primary care services in rural areas, survival rates of major emergencies arriving alive at the hospital emergency department, response time on emergency calls and dispatch effectiveness.

A.3. Project Description

The project has five components as following:

COMPONENT 1: Maternity and Neonatal Care Component (US\$ 129 million) This component will fund facility rehabilitation for maternity and neonatal care units, as well as medical and other equipment necessary for high quality neonatal and maternity services. Technical assistance and training will be provided to ensure implementation of best international practices, building on already existing partnerships between the Government and WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA. and bilateral donors (USAID and Swiss Cooperation). Support will be provided to improve the capacity of health care authorities and provider units to monitor service quality and access.

COMPONENT 2: Emergency Care Services (US\$ 60 million). This component would help to develop and implement integrated ambulance dispatch capability and upgrade hospital emergency areas. Both interventions are essential to maximizing the impact of the investments that have been made to date, and the effectiveness of the emergency medical services system generally.

COMPONENT 3: Primary Health Care and Rural Medical Services (US\$ 14.5 million). This component will focus on improvement of accessibility and quality of basic medical services in rural and small urban areas, and will support two of the most important activities included in the Primary Care Strategy recently approved by the Government:

COMPONENT 4: Planning and Regulation (US\$ 0.6 million). This component will support the development of National Health Accounts and the preparation of proposals for rationalization and service development projects, under the following two subcomponents:

COMPONENT 5: Project Management (US\$ 2.5 million). Component. would support the operation of the Project Management Unit and its extensions at the regional level, building up on the implementation arrangements of the first phase project and expanding the its responsibilities in order to properly cover the new activities related to the physical rehabilitation of the buildings infrastructure and the on site equipment delivery.

A.4. Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis:

The project will support limited minor rehabilitation of around 160 selected hospital units, mostly maternities, located throughout Romania as well as 40 hospital emergency departments. No major environmental issues or impacts are envisaged.

B. Check Environmental Category A [], B [x], C [], FI []

Comments:

The project will support limited civil works for the rehabilitation of hospital infrastructure of about 160 maternity and neonatal care hospital units. The project will furthermore support the provision of equipment and training for these maternities and neonatal units, emergency medical services units and primary health care practices throughout Romania.

C. Safeguard Policies Triggered

	Yes	No
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP/GP 4.01)	[x]	[]
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)	[]	[x]
Pest Management (OP 4.09)	[]	[x]
Cultural Property (draft OP 4.11 - OPN	F 1	[_w]
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<u>Involuntary Resettlement</u> (<u>OP/BP</u> 4.12)	[]	[x]
Indigenous Peoples (OD 4.20)	[]	[x]
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)	[]	[x]
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)	[]	[x]
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP/GP 7.60)*	[]	[x]
Projects on International Waterways	r 1	[x]
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Section II – Key Safeguard Issues and Their Management

D. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues.

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

The project will support the rehabilitation of 152 maternities and 7 Emergency Services Units of Pediatric hospitals. The main physical investment components for the proposed project are minor rehabilitation of existing maternity hospitals and hospital units, and refurbishment and equipping rehabilitated units with medical equipment, which will also be provided by the project. Furthermore, the project will provide medical equipment to selected primary health care facilities and emergency medical services facilities throughout Romania.

The immediate impact on the environment from the envisaged small scale rehabilitation works will be limited. Potential adverse environmental impacts are expected to be limited in scope and severity. Effects could comprise dust and noise related to demolition and construction; disposal of construction waste; inadequate handling of hazardous wastewater, waste gases and spillages of hazardous materials during operation of the building; and inadequate handling of medical waste, disposal of expired pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. These risks can be effectively anticipated in advance of project implementation and will be addressed by appropriate mitigation measures in the design and implementation process. The project is expected to have a beneficial impact to access and quality of health care services. The provision of updated equipment and renovation of facilities will have a positive impact on reducing energy consumption and the use of consumables for diagnostic and analytical procedures.

D.2 Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area.

No potential indirect and / or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area is expected.

D.3. Describe the treatment of alternatives (if relevant) n/a

D.4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described.

* By supporting the proposed project, the Bank does not intend to prejudice the final determination of the parties' claims on the disputed areas

During project preparation, experts financed from the PHRD grant carried out a survey on the expected scope of civil works and rehabilitation needs, including identification of the potential scope and nature of environmental impacts and appropriate mitigation measures. Furthermore, a review of the environmental laws and regulations relevant to the Project was conducted. Similarly, the capacity of the local environmental agencies for monitoring and enforcement was assessed. An Environmental Management Plan was prepared in consultation with the main stakeholders. The Environmental Management Plan has been translated into Romanian and was published on the website of the MoH on September 16, 2004. A stakeholder consultation meeting was held on September 20, 2004.

The borrower has successfully implemented the first phase of the APL, and appropriate supervision measures are already in place in the existing Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Health. In addition, an environmental specialist will be identified within the General Directorate of Public Health and Sanitary State Inspection, who would be responsible for coordination and supervision of the environmental management plan and risk mitigation measures to be undertaken in the project. The specialist would work closely with the regional project coordination and supervision staff and the PMU. S/he would (a) coordinate environmental training for staff, designers and local contractors; (b) disseminate existing environmental management guidelines and develop guidelines in relation to issues not covered by the existing regulations, in line with EU standards for implementation, monitoring and evaluation of mitigation measures; (c) ensure contracting for construction and supply of equipment includes reference to appropriate guidelines and standards; and (d) conduct periodic site visits to inspect and approve plans and monitor compliance.

In addition, PMU staff does include civil works specialists, who will be actively involved in the planning and supervision process of environmental issues during project implementation. A separate environmental impact assessment and site-specific screening process, as well as supervision of construction, is required by law for all civil works in Romania. Further details are described in the Environmental Management Plan, which will be part of the Project Operational Manual. Implementation of the EMP and relevant provisions by Romanian law would be supervised by the MoH and the District Public Health directorates.

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

Key stakeholders with regard to safeguard issues are the Ministry of Health, the Project Management Unit, the National Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, the General Department of Public Health, 42 county Public Health Authorities, management and staff of the participating health care providers, local communities, patients and contractors for civil works.

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F. Disclosure Requirements Date

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OD 4.20 - Indigenous Peoples:	Yes	No
Has a separate indigenous people development plan been prepared in	105	110
consultation with the Indigenous People?		X
If yes, then did the Regional Social Development Unit review and		
approve the plan?		X
If the whole project is designed to benefit IP, has the design been		
reviewed and approved by the Regional Social Development Unit?		X
OP/BP 4.12 - Involuntary Resettlement:	Yes	No
Has a resettlement action plan, policy framework or policy process		
been prepared?		X
If yes, then did the Regional Social Development Unit review and		
approve the plan / policy framework / policy process?		
<i>OP/BP 4.36 – Forests:</i>	Yes	No
Has the sector-wide analysis of policy and institutional issues and		
constraints been carried out?		X
Does the project design include satisfactory measures to overcome		
these constraints?		X
Does the project finance commercial harvesting, and if so, does it		
include provisions for certification system?		X
OP/BP 4.37 - Safety of Dams:	Yes	No
Have dam safety plans been prepared?		X
Have the TORs as well as composition for the independent Panel of		
Experts (POE) been reviewed and approved by the Bank?		X
Has an Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) been prepared and		
arrangements been made for public awareness and training?		X
OP 7.50 - Projects on International Waterways:	Yes	No
Have the other riparians been notified of the project?		X
If the project falls under one of the exceptions to the notification		
requirement, then has this been cleared with the Legal Department, and		X
the memo to the RVP prepared and sent?		
What are the reasons for the exception?		
Please explain:		
Has the RVP approved such an exception?		
OP 7.60 - Projects in Disputed Areas:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Has the memo conveying all pertinent information on the international		
aspects of the project, including the procedures to be followed, and the		v
recommendations for dealing with the issue, been prepared, cleared		X
with the Legal Department and sent to the RVP?		
Does the PAD/MOP include the standard disclaimer referred to in the		X
OP?		Λ
BP 17.50 - Public Disclosure:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World		X
Bank's Infoshop?		Λ
Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in		
a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-	X	
affected groups and local NGOs?		
All Safeguard Policies:	Yes	No
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional	X	

responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of the safeguard			
measures?			
Have safeguard measures costs been included in project cost?		X	
Will the safeguard measures costs be funded as part of project		x	
implementation?		Α	
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the			
monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures?		X	
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Task Team Leader:	Dominic S. Haazen	10/13/04	
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