

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Africa	Project ID:	P156774
Project Name:	STRENGTHENING DRR COORDINATION, PLANNING AND POLICY ADVISORY CAPACITY OF ECOWAS		
Team Leader(s):	Prashant Singh		
Estimated Date of Approval:	02-Nov-2015		
Managing Unit:	GSU19	Lending Instrument:	Lending Instrument
Sector(s):	General public administration sector (50%), Other social services (22%), Flood protection (28%)		
Theme(s):	Natural disaster management (100%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	1.285	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery			1.285
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The development objective is to strengthen the disaster resilience of West African states through regional collaboration and improved coordination, planning, policy advisory and knowledge dissemination capacity of ECOWAS.

The project will accelerate the effective implementation of an African Comprehensive disaster risk reduction and risk management framework in the ECOWAS region.

C. Project Description

The program for strengthening the DRR capacity of ECOWAS will be implemented in a combination of Bank Executed (BE) and Recipient Executed (RE) projects in three phases. This project paper describes the Recipient Executed activities of phase 1. ECOWAS implemented (RE) activities will allow ECOWAS to hire additional consultants for implementing the DRR program in West Africa as well as deepening the engagement on flood forecasting, policy implementation and post disaster recovery planning. RE implementation will also allow ECOWAS to acquire some of the urgently required equipment, such as network servers.

The project will consist of four components:

i. Strengthen DRM policies and institutions at national and regional level. The project will support ECOWAS and its member states in the first year to validate and adopt the Plan of Action 2015 – 2020 for DRR through a regional consultation workshop, which will translate lessons learnt from the WCDRR in Sendai in March 2015 to the ECOWAS context. This component will furthermore provide support for developing a strategy and institutional framework for national disaster management agencies and test the framework in at least two member countries.

Intermediate results indicators for this component include:

- The ECOWAS DRR Strategy and Plan of Action (2015 – 2030) is consulted, validated and adopted by member states;

- A regional common, operational framework for national disaster management / civil protection organizations is drafted and tested in at least two member states;

ii. Strengthen regional flood management capacity. This component will support identifying a harmonized framework for flood forecasting in West Africa over the entire four-year period of the project. In the first phase the project will review and update the 2010 study on impacts of transnational floods in West Africa and initiate the consultation with RBOs, technical and scientific institutions as well as NGO. In the second year a feasibility study on a regional flood forecasting mechanism will be launched, while piloting it in the second phase. It will help thinking through the necessary institutional arrangements, ensure stakeholder participation in the process and mainstream the results in sector policies.

The intermediate results indicators for this component include:

- The institutional and policy framework for flood management in West Africa is formulated and consulted with member states and stakeholder;

- A feasibility study for a regional flood forecasting mechanism is drafted and reviewed;

- A regional flood forecasting mechanism is tested in at least one trans boundary basin;

- The institutional capacity of ECOWAS to receive, process and disseminate flood and other disaster related information is strengthened;

iii. Enhance regional post disaster recovery planning. The project will provide comprehensive support to ECOWAS for better managing post disaster needs assessments and recovery planning, investing in capacity building, building regional (ECOWAS) guidance notes on recovery planning and assisting member states in establishing base line data for economic impact assessments and recovery planning.

The intermediate results indicators for this component include:

- At least two regional trainings (in English and French) on post disaster needs assessments are conducted;

- A roster of recovery experts is established;

iv. Capacity strengthening and coordination. The project will support ECOWAS with two technical specialists / project officers providing guidance and support to ECOWAS on disaster risk reduction. The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) will be supported with (i) Office running costs and local travel; (ii) Procurement and financial management software and training; (iii) Project assistant; (iv) Launch workshop; (v) Completion report and dissemination workshop; (vi) Specialized consultants and (vii) Renovating office space.

The intermediate results indicators for this component include:

- At least two senior DRM specialists are hired during the project implementation period;

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

The project is a technical assistance activity and will be implemented at and through the secretariat of the ECOWAS Commission. Certain activities, such as the proposed study on trans-boundary effects

of floods in West Africa will address issues, such as flooding in the 15 member states of ECOWAS. These studies will however remain at the level of detail of “pre-feasibility” studies. Besides office space renovations and the installation of servers inside the buildings of the ECOWAS secretariat in Abuja no activities will be implemented, which have any physical impact on any site.

E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

ECOWAS has already implemented already a number of World Bank financed projects in the previous years. Nevertheless, ECOWAS’ capacity to address and manage environmental and social safeguard related issues remains limited. Specifically, the Humanitarian Affairs Directorate of ECOWAS has not yet managed a World Bank financed project. The project will therefore establish a small Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to support the implementation of the project. If deemed necessary the PIU could be strengthened with specialists to take care of safeguard relevant issues during project implementation.

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 will not include any civil works except indoor renovation of office space of the DRR Division of ECOWAS. The studies conducted during the project will remain on the “pre-feasibility” level, which can’t be used for implementing any physical works, which would trigger OP/BP 4.01
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	Not applicable
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	Not applicable
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	Not applicable
Physical Cultural Resources OP/ BP 4.11	No	Not applicable
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	Not applicable
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The studies conducted during the project will remain on the “pre-feasibility” level, which can’t be used for imple-menting any concrete civil works, which would trigger OP/BP 4.12
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	Not applicable
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	Although the project will work on studies regarding trans-boundary flooding in West Africa, it will not involve any works or studies, which impact international waterways in the sense of OP/BP 7.50
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	Not applicable

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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