

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Afghanistan	Project ID:	P152975
		Parent Project ID:	P111943
Project Name:	Afghanistan Power System Development Project Additional Financing (P152975)		
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Task Team Leader(s):	Fanny Kathinka Missfeldt-Ringius, Jie Li		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	22-Jun-2015	Estimated Board Date:	06-Jul-2015
Managing Unit:	GEEDR	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Transmission and Distribution of Electricity (91%), Public administration-Energy and mining (9%)		
Theme(s):	Urban services and housing for the poor (100%)		
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:	15.00	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund			15.00
Total			15.00
Environmental Category:	B - Partial Assessment		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

2. Project Development Objective(s)

A. Original Project Development Objectives – Parent

The development objective of the project is to support : Increasing access to grid power and the quantity of available power to the consumers in the target areas of the urban centers at Pul-e-Khumri, Charikar, Gulbahar and Jabul-Seraj.

B. Current Project Development Objectives – Parent

The development objective of the project is to increase the number of electricity connections for the urban centers of Charikar, Gulbahar and Jabul-es-Seraj and Pul-e-Khumri in an institutionally efficient way.

C. Proposed Project Development Objectives – Additional Financing (AF)

The development objective of the project is to increase the number of electricity connections for the urban centers of Charikar, Gulbahar and Jabul-es-Seraj and Pul-e-Khumri and to improve the availability of power from Naghlu and Mahipar switchyards.

3. Project Description

The proposed additional loan would help finance the costs associated with (a) the supply of meter boxes and drop-lines to the houses for the rehabilitation of distribution networks at Charikar, Gulbahar and Jabul-es-Seraj and Pul-e-Khumri; (b) support to the implementing agency, Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS, the electricity utility) to supervise the rehabilitation of the switchyard at Naghlu; and (c) remaining cost of the rehabilitation of the switchyards at Naghlu and Mahipar hydropower plant. Under the AF the responsibility for implementing the project will be moved from the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) to the state-owned power utility company, DABS.

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

The additional financing will be used to fund goods for installation of the service drops to connect the distribution networks rehabilitated under the project to households in the areas of Charikar, Gulbahar, Jabul Saraj and Pul-e-Khumri. Also, the proposed AF will finance the cost for installation of Naghlu switchyard.

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	OP 4.01 on Environmental Assessment is triggered due to some adverse environmental and social impacts from the civil works planned under the proposed AF and assigned EA category “B.” The project provides additional financing to support the completion of the parent project under which the rehabilitation of distribution networks in Charikar, Gulbahar and Jabul-es-Seraj and Pul-e-Khumri areas was planned. Adverse environmental impacts are

		related to rehabilitation of Naghlu switchyard. Although these activities do not pose any irreversible impact to the environment, they may cause disruption of day to day life during the project implementation phase. To avoid and minimize the negative impact of the activities under this project, a site specific EMP will be prepared for the switchyard at Naghlu. DABS will ensure the proper implementation of recommended mitigation measures to avoid or minimize any adverse impact. These requirements are stipulated in the ESMF for the original project. The ESMF has been updated to reflect the change in implementation arrangements and has been disclosed to InfoShop on 22 June 2015.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	This policy is not triggered, because the project components are not expected to be in the area of any natural habitat or will not have any impact on it.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The project activities do not impact forests in any way, as defined by the policy.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The project will neither finance pesticides nor will they be used in the project.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	OP/BP 4.11 is not triggered because there is no indication of presence of physical cultural resources within the selected sites for the additional financing. However, the updated ESMF includes guidelines for the “Chance Find Procedure” to be applied according to National Afghan Law.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	This policy is not triggered as there are no Indigenous Peoples that meet the criteria of OP/BP 4.10 within the project area that could potentially benefit or be adversely affected by the Project's activities.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes	The activities under the additional financing are not expected to involve land acquisition impacts. However, the WB’s operational policy on Involuntary Resettlement (OP 4.12) is triggered as a precautionary measure. Based on the experience of the parent project, the rehabilitation and extension of distribution activities had caused some limited land/asset impacts such as impacts to crops, business and very limited land acquisition for pole location and indoor, or out-door transformer stations. The client agency had adopted appropriate measures to avoid land/assets impacts. The reports to date indicate, the installation of distribution activities mostly took place within the available right of way. The records on land acquisition also show that the affected families requested no compensation due to minor land/asset impacts. The updated ESMF includes guidelines for land/asset

		acquisition entitlements and compensation, which would be followed in the event they were needed. Since DABS is to take over the implementation responsibilities from MEW under the proposed additional financing, the ESMF developed and agreed upon with Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) has been revised and re-disclosed through InfoShop on 22 June 2015 and in-country through DABS' website. DABS has assigned a safeguards specialist to oversee compliance of social safeguards.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The project does not have any activity involving dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project does not involve any activity that will affect international waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project does not involve any activity in any known disputed area.

II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

<p>1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:</p> <p>There are no significant or long lasting potential or irreversible impacts associated with activities to be undertaken under the project. Although there is some construction work associated with the project which involves the rehabilitation of Naghlu switchyard, they are deemed as temporary and the negative impact will be avoided or minimized by proper implementation of the EMP, which will be prepared for Naghlu switchyard.</p> <p>An important aspect to be considered in all work sites is the strict follow up of health and safety measures to be undertaken for workers onsite. The additional financing activities are not expected to involve land acquisition impacts, because the installation of the service drops to connect the distribution networks to households will take place within the existing right of way. And the installation of Naghlu switchyard will be conducted within the premises of DABS. However the updated ESMF includes guidelines for land, asset acquisition entitlements and compensation in case any activity were to involve land acquisition.</p> <p>Overall, the social impacts of the AF activities are expected to be minor.</p>
<p>2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:</p> <p>Overall, the project would reduce losses, thus dependency on thermal fuels; significantly reduce the use of inefficient and polluting small local diesel generators of the consumers. The project is expected to have limited adverse environmental impacts, and has been rated as environmental category "B." The ESMF of the original project was updated to reflect the transfer of the project to DABS. The contractor will be asked to nominate one focal person to supervise and report implementation of environment and social safeguards. The overall impact of the project is expected to be significantly positive to the environment.</p>
<p>3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.</p> <p>Since the proposed additional financing is towards the excess costs of an existing contract for</p>

installation of Naghlu switchyard on DABS premises no alternatives were considered.
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>The responsibility for implementation is to be transferred from the current implementing agency, the Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW) to Afghanistan's power utility Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat (DABS). DABS, as an independent and autonomous company, has dedicated environmental and social safeguards team and has already assigned one of their safeguards experts to oversee compliance of social and environmental safeguards under the APSDP's additional financing. .</p> <p>DABS has the experience of working with Bank policies previously under NHRP. And the safeguards team has benefited from several training events organized by the Bank office in Kabul, including training in management of land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation organized jointly by BRAC University and the World Bank. The DABS safeguards focal point will take responsibility for overseeing the implementation of this project's ESMF provisions during preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all installation activities under the additional financing.</p> <p>The Chief Operating Officer (COO) of DABS will have overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with the requirements set out in the revised ESMF for the additional financing.</p> <p>The current findings from NHRP show the NHRP's safeguards capacity to implement the ESMF properly for the additional financing activities is fully adequate.</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>The major stakeholders are MEW, DABS, relevant NGOs, relevant private sector entities, and particularly the relevant local communities and customers of DABS. The safeguards focal officer will be responsible for undertaking meaningful consultations with the relevant stakeholders, including communities as necessary.</p>

B. Disclosure Requirements

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other	
Date of receipt by the Bank	22-Jun-2015
Date of submission to InfoShop	22-Jun-2015
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	00000000
"In country" Disclosure	
Afghanistan	22-Jun-2015
<i>Comments:</i>	
Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process	
Date of receipt by the Bank	22-Jun-2015
Date of submission to InfoShop	22-Jun-2015
"In country" Disclosure	
Afghanistan	22-Jun-2015
<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"/>]
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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