

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Tajikistan	Project ID:	P150381
Project Name:	Public Finance Management Modernization Project APL 2 (P150381)		
Task Team Leader:	Hassan Aliev		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	30-Oct-2014	Estimated Board Date:	02-Feb-2015
Managing Unit:	GGODR	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Public administration- Financial Sector (100%)		
Theme(s):	Public expenditure, financial management and procurement (100%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	10.00	Total Bank Financing:	10.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
BORROWER/RECIPIENT			0.00
International Development Association (IDA)			10.00
Total			10.00
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

The development objective of the project is to enhance the effectiveness of public sector management through strengthening policy coordination and strategic planning functions in the center of government and streamlining business processes in the public finance and public procurement management. Specific project activities include: (i) enhancing efficiency and transparency of public financial management through implementation of an automated FMIS with interfaces with related PFM functions and processes; (ii) strengthening institutionally and developing capacities of the Strategic Planning Department and Information Technology Unit in EoP to enhance effectiveness of

public sector management and implementing performance-based appraisal system for civil servants to provide them incentives for better performing of their duties, and (iii) improving public procurement performance through increased use of information technology to achieve efficiency, transparency, competition and better value of money.

C. Project Description

It is provided that the project would consist of four components, the implementation of which would be managed by the Ministry of Finance, President Administration and the Public Procurement Agency.

Component 1: PFM Modernization.

This component will aim to build capacity for PFM; enhance training management capacity; improve HR management; modernize the treasury by introducing new budget execution functions such as cash management, payroll management and assets management; upgrade of the current Ministry of Finance information system and integrate it with other PFM information systems; provide connection of budget organizations to the main information system of the Ministry of Finance; develop and adopt a new set of IPSAS standards.

Component 2: Improving Access to Government e-Services.

This component will aim at developing the Registry of Government Functions and Services; creating a Government single portal of e-services; integrating of information systems of public institutions through interaction with the government portal and gateway; improving the quality of public services and reducing the time of their delivery.

Component 3: Upgrade of e-Procurement Information System and Infrastructure.

This component will attempt to help the Public Procurement Agency with implementations of the Government e-Procurement Program via upgrading IT infrastructure and information system in the Public Procurement Agency. The Public Procurement Agency's information system will be integrated with the Ministry of Finance information system.

Component 4: Project Management.

This component would help coordinate project implementation, ensure the timely and efficient implementation of each activity, provide administrative and fiduciary assistance, and interact with all local and international entities involved in project execution.

Preliminary cost estimate for the proposed Bank-funded project is \$10 million.

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

The proposed project comprises of activities focused on improving public sector management. Activities will be undertaken in Dushanbe. No safeguard-related impacts are expected.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

Not applicable for this project as no safeguard-related impacts are expected.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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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

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 12-Nov-2014

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed.

The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:

n/a

IV. APPROVALS

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¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.