

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET  
APPRAISAL STAGE**

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**I. BASIC INFORMATION**

**1. Basic Project Data**

<b>Country:</b>	West Bank and Gaza	<b>Project ID:</b>	P150991
<b>Project Name:</b>	GZ-Integrated Cities and Urban Development Project (P150991)		
<b>Task Team Leader(s):</b>	Noriko Oe		
<b>Estimated Appraisal Date:</b>	20-Jun-2016	<b>Estimated Board Date:</b>	19-Sep-2016
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	GSU11	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	Investment Project Financing
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Sub-national government administration (50%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (10%), Urban Transport (40%)		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Urban services and housing for the poor (10%), Urban planning and housing policy (60%), Urban Economic Development (20%), City-wide Infrastructure and Service Delivery (10%)		
<b>Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?</b>			No
<b>Financing (In USD Million)</b>			
Total Project Cost:	5.00	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
<b>Financing Source</b>		<b>Amount</b>	
Borrower		0.00	
Special Financing		5.00	
Total		5.00	
<b>Environmental Category:</b>	B - Partial Assessment		
<b>Is this a Repeater project?</b>	No		

**2. Project Development Objective(s)**

The proposed PDO is to enhance the capacity of participating urban areas to plan for sustainable urban growth.

### 3. Project Description

#### Component 1: Planning for Sustainable Urban Growth.

This component strengthens the institutional and technical capacity of participating urban areas to plan for sustainable urban growth through, inter alia, the provision of TA, goods, and training. To ensure a robust process of collaboration among LGUs comprising of participating urban areas and their strong ownership and commitment, this component will first facilitate intra-urban area coordination mechanisms to be operational in all of the participating urban areas. Through the intra-urban area coordination mechanisms, the participating urban areas will be supported to conduct urban growth planning. The objective of capacity development support for urban growth planning is to enable the urban areas to respond to the needs of their growing population and private sector with more sustainability and efficiently planned urban spaces and infrastructure.

Sub-Component 1: Structured capacity development support for urban growth planning. This sub-component will equip the urban areas with, inter alia, the necessary information, tools, and analysis to achieve four milestones of urban growth planning: (i) establish and actively maintain intra-urban area mechanism; (ii) complete baseline assessment of existing urban extent; (iii) complete exercise for cost-analyzed urban growth scenarios for urban growth planning, and to publicize them; and (iv) modify respective member LGUs' plans based on the optimum urban growth scenario chosen at the urban area level.

Sub-Component 2: Demand-driven customized support for urban growth planning for the West Bank urban areas. While the urban growth planning exercises by the participating urban areas are progressing over the course of the project life, it is likely that interim opportunities to improve urban space management and services will be identified. Accordingly, this sub-component will provide the urban areas with, inter alia, TA, goods, and training, to conduct activities throughout the life of the project in order to continually encourage and maintain the momentum and ownership for the longer-term urban growth planning exercise. The support will be demand-driven and will be provided only if the urban areas steadily meet urban growth planning milestones (see Sub-Component 1), and the support content is justified to benefit the urban area as a whole. Such support may include, for example, TA to develop mini-bus time tables and suggested routes to ease traffic congestion and enhance predictability of public transportation.

Sub-Component 3: Demand-driven customized support for urban growth planning for Gaza City. This sub-component will provide Gaza City with, inter alia, TA, goods, and training, to conduct interim activities to improve urban space management and services over the course of the project. In the same manner as sub-component 2, the support will be demand-driven and will be provided only if Gaza City steadily meets urban growth planning milestones. Such support may include, for example, TA to conduct joint-neighborhoods public space cleaning campaigns.

#### Component 2: Project Implementation Support and Management Cost.

This component will finance training, operating costs, and goods necessary for the technical oversight and implementation support of the project to be performed by Technical Supervisor, Local Coordinators, existing Local Coordinator for the Ramallah-Al Bireh-Beitunia Joint Coordination Unit, and Gaza City representatives. This component will also finance the management fee of the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) that will manage procurement, finance, safeguard, and reporting for the project based on technical inputs from the Technical Supervisor

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

West Bank and Gaza - areas under Palestinian Authority's administrative responsibility. Particularly, the project is targeting 5 urban areas in West Bank and Gaza, namely, (1) Ramallah area, (2) Nablus area, (3) Hebron area, (4) Bethlehem area, and (5) Gaza city.

#### 5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	To safeguard for potential downstream environmental and social risks of the project activities, project is categorized as a category B and the instrument used is an environmental and social management framework (ESMF). This ESMF will screen all ICUD planning studies, exclude those with category A impacts, identify potential downstream environmental and social risks, and guide preparation of safeguards-specific studies in parallel to technical planning studies. More specifically, ToRs for the studies financed under the first and second components will contain provisions to examine the environmental and social implications of any policy changes, modifications in land use, detailed studies of specific infrastructure, and any issues of potential impact to beneficiaries.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	Sub-project screening forms will ensure exclusion of any studies with potential OP 4.04 impacts.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	Sub-project screening forms will ensure exclusion of any studies with potential OP 4.36 impacts
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	Sub-project screening forms will ensure exclusion of any studies with potential OP 4.09 impacts.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	Sub-project screening forms will ensure exclusion of any studies with known OP 4.11 impacts. Chance finds procedures will be included in every sub-project ESMF.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	N/A
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	As the ICUD only finances studies and training and there will be no land acquisition financed as part of this project or added at a later stage to this Project, the World Bank (WB) Policy on Involuntary Resettlement, OP 4.12, will not apply to ICUD. This project will not recommend, endorse, or facilitate future pipeline investments that are

		on private land as well as municipally owned land that has squatters/ users of the land for livelihoods. This is due to the delays that would be incurred for the implementation of investments if OP 4.12 were triggered. Additionally, because studies might lead to expropriation beyond the time of World Bank involvement, Recommended Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) Contents were prepared and attached as an Annex to the Environment and Social Safeguards Manual (which has been prepared, consulted on and disclosed prior to appraisal), to provide guidance on any potential involuntary land acquisition after the lifetime of this project.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	Sub-project screening forms will ensure exclusion of any studies with potential OP 4.37 impacts
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	Sub-project screening forms will ensure exclusion of any studies with potential OP 7.50 impacts
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	N/A

## II. Key Safeguard Policy Issues and Their Management

### A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

<p><b>1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:</b></p>
<p>As explained above in section 6, as the ICUD only finances studies and training. Therefore, as there will be no land acquisition financed as part of this project or added at a later stage to ICUD, the World Bank (WB) Policy on Involuntary Resettlement, OP 4.12, will not apply. This project will not recommend, endorse, or facilitate future pipeline investments that are on private land as well as municipally owned land that has squatters/ users of the land for livelihoods. This is due to the delays that would be incurred for the implementation of investments if OP 4.12 were triggered.</p>
<p><b>2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:</b></p>
<p>Because studies might lead to environmental and social impacts, and/or expropriation beyond the time of World Bank involvement, an ESMF has been prepared to screen for such impacts, Recommended Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) Contents and general ESIA ToRs per the Bank requirements have been attached as annexes to the ESMF to provide guidance on any potential impacts, and/or involuntary land acquisition after the lifetime of this project. The POM will detail the documentation of power of choice in cases of willing-seller willing-buyer and voluntary land donation (VLD).</p>
<p><b>3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.</b></p>
<p>See point 2 above.</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>
<p>The responsibility to oversee the safeguards compliance of the project will be given to the MDLF who has a long history with the Bank implementing operations of municipal development (i.e.,</p>

EMSRP, MDP1, MDP2, LGSIP). MDLF retains competent environmental and social staff familiar with Bank policies and have a good track record through previous operations. Through 22MDLF's role as the safeguards agent, all project-financed studies will be screened for downstream impacts, ToRs of the studies will contain provisions to ensure environmental and social implications are taken into considerations, and any necessary follow-up instruments such as specific ESMPs. Throughout the project duration, the MDLF will work closely with the MOLG and the beneficiary urban areas to ensure those aspects are adequately addressed.
<b>5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.</b>
The main stakeholders of this project are MOLG, and MDLF. As this project finances plans/studies, TA and goods, the principle beneficiaries include 16 municipalities, 14 VCs, and 6 refugee camps that comprise the targeted urban areas (Nablus, Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah areas, and Gaza City). The indirect beneficiaries include communities living in these urban areas.

### ***B. Disclosure Requirements***

<b>Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other</b>	
Date of receipt by the Bank	09-Jun-2016
Date of submission to InfoShop	15-Jun-2016
For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors	
"In country" Disclosure	
West Bank and Gaza	15-Jun-2016
<i>Comments:</i>	
<b>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.</b>	
<b>If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:</b>	

### ***C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level***

<b>OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment</b>	
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"/> ]
<b>The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information</b>	
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"/> ]
<b>All Safeguard Policies</b>	

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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