

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

CONCEPT STAGE

Report No.: ISDSC13165

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Belarus	Project ID:	P146997
Project Name:	BELARUS PFM MODERNIZATION PROJECT (P146997)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Oleksii Balabushko		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	07-Dec-2015	Estimated Board Date:	28-Mar-2016
Managing Unit:	GGODR	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	General public administration 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			0.00
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development			10.00
Total			10.00
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

12. This operation will support Government's PFM reforms, Financial Management Information System (FMIS) design and FMIS implementation as a series of investment projects financed by two IBRD credits. The project development objective (PDO) for the series is to improve efficiency and transparency of the national public finance management system of Belarus.

13. PDO for the first operation in this series is to develop a) the regulatory framework for budget preparation, execution, accounting and reporting and b) the specifications and implementation

arrangements for a new Financial Management Information System that will support implementation of the regulatory framework. The Second operation will focus on establishment of the new FMIS.

C. Project Description

The project is first in a series of two projects. Estimated amount of the 1st loan – USD 10 mln, estimated amount of the overall series– USD 100 million. Project aims at improving enabling environment to improve efficiency and transparency of the national PFM system of Belarus, including supporting essential budget reforms to streamline rules and procedures for budget preparation, execution, accounting and reporting and create the basis for establishment of the new FMIS. The project is expected to improve the ability to better plan the budget in medium term perspective, supporting establishment of internal control environment that facilitates focus on results, and improving reliability of financial data, which is essential for managing fiscal risks and decision-making. The project comprises of three components financing TA, change management activities and procurement of IT. The components are improvement in budget management rules and procedures; PFM IT solutions design and implementation , which includes preparation of bidding documents for FMIS and procurement of debt management software; change management, which includes support for project management, various types of capacity building and communication activities.

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

NA

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

NA

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

Robert H. Montgomery (GENDR)

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	The Project does not involve any physical work. The Project does not involve activities that could involve potential significant environmental and social impacts.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	The Project does not have any potential significant conversation or degradation of natural habitat.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	The Project does not affect forests, forest dependent communities not will it involve changes in the management of forests.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The Project does not involve the purchase or use of significant quantities of pesticides.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	The Project does not affect physical cultural resources.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	

Involuntary Resettlement OP/ BP 4.12	No	The Project does not involve any resettlement.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The Project does not support either construction or rehabilitation of dams or other investments, which rely on services of existing dams.
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The Project does not finance activities involving the use or potential pollution of international waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/ BP 7.60	No	The Project does not finance activities in disputed areas as defined in the policy.

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 30-Oct-2015

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:

Since the project only finances technical assistance, capacity building, project management and IT procurement, there are no safeguard-related studies planned.

IV. APPROVALS

Task Team Leader(s):	Name: Oleksii Balabushko	
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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.