



# Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary

## Appraisal Stage

### **(ESRS Appraisal Stage)**

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

**A. Basic Project Data**

Country	Region	Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)
Nigeria	WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA	P178727	
Project Name	Modernizing Financial and Data Management Systems in Borno State		
Practice Area (Lead)	Financing Instrument	Estimated Appraisal Date	Estimated Board Date
Governance	Investment Project Financing		7/11/2022
Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency(ies)		
Borno State Government	Borno State Ministry of Finance		

Proposed Development Objective

The proposed development objectives are to: (i) improve public financial management in Borno State through the implementation of a State Financial Management Information System (SFMIS), and (ii) improve data management in th State through the operationalization of a State Data Dash Board.

Financing (in USD Million)	Amount
Total Project Cost	3.50

**B. Is the project being prepared in a Situation of Urgent Need of Assistance or Capacity Constraints, as per Bank IPF Policy, para. 12?**

No

**C. Summary Description of Proposed Project [including overview of Country, Sectoral & Institutional Contexts and Relationship to CPF]**

The Project is designed around three components: the first of which is the PFM component to be used to modernize and provide technically assistance to the Treasury in Borno State, including the implementation of a financial management information system and building the requisite capacity for its operation. The second component will support the development of the State Data Center, particularly in providing the require ICT hard and soft ware, as well as helping build the required capacity for the operationalization of the center. The third component is project coordination at the State levels.



**D. Environmental and Social Overview**

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Nigeria is a multi-ethnic and diverse federation, made up of 36 autonomous States, a federal capital territory and 774 local governments. It is Africa’s largest country and economy, with over 200 million people and a nominal gross domestic product (GDP) of around US\$490 billion (2020). Though Nigeria has the potential to be a giant on the global stage, it has continued to perform very poorly on several critical indicators. With over 40 percent of Nigeria’s population living in poverty, the country has a poor Human Development Index (HDI), ranking 161st out of 189 countries in 2020. Fragility, conflict, and insecurity afflict many parts of the country, including insurgency in the North, while social exclusion, corruption and weak capacity in the public sector erode the trust that is the basis of the social contract between citizens and the State.

Borno state is part of the North East Geo-political region of Nigeria and has been at the epicenter of the Boko Haram insurgency. A greater percentage of the State territory is currently conflict-affected. As a result of the insurgency, most of the 27 local governments are operating from Maiduguri, the state capital, whose population has increased by over 1.5 million. The only two functional local governments are overwhelmed by the influx of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). For this reason, the project's location will be sited within Maiduguri, the state capital, in pre-existing Government buildings. There will be no civil works, and the project activities are related to improving financial and IT systems.

**D. 2. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity**

Ministry of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning in Borno State will be responsible for the supervision of the project activities within its jurisdiction, and will be accountable to a State Steering Committee to be established to provide overall guidance for the Project . The Borno state ministry of finance, budget and economic planning will establish a Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) as its main operational unit to manage and coordinate the project.. An environmental and social specialist should be part of the PCUU team, to be engaged by effectiveness in order to carry out the limited required tasks that may relate to the Social and environmental issues such as monitoring minor electrical works and doing any environmental screening prior to the installation of equipment. Should unanticipated additional support be needed, a short-term consultant will be recruited.

**II. SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (ES) RISKS AND IMPACTS**

**A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC)**

Moderate

**Environmental Risk Rating**

Low

The proposed project has a low environmental risk rating because there will be no civil works on the ground, no construction and therefore no environmental risks. The scope of work is restricted to the installation of new computers (both hardware and software) in pre-existing Government buildings. The installation will normally take place by IT experts and the extent of this installation may require the installation of wires, cables, and electrical

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sockets. Most of this can be done by a household level electrician. Other minor potential environmental risks and impacts related to occupational health and safety risks from the spread of Covid-19 as equipment is being installed or during face to face meetings in the course of the project. This risk could be easily mitigated following standard occupational health and safety measures. Currently, it is not expected that the new equipment will replace existing computer equipment and no e-waste will be generated. However, this risk will be re-assessed during the course of project implementation and if assessed as moderate, an e-waste management plan will be prepared to ensure that the old waste, particularly mercury, lead, and other dangerous components of a computer, are carefully disposed of or stored to avoid extraction methods for hazardous metals that negatively impact the air and waterways.

**Social Risk Rating**

Moderate

The proposed social risk classification is “Moderate given that the anticipated risks and impacts are minimal due to the scope of the project. Though the project objective is to improve public financial management and strengthen capacity of government to effectively use the financial management system in the state, there is the potential risk of threats of attack, vandalization or theft as the security situation in the state/terrain is currently rated high. Additionally noted is also inability of citizen, stakeholders and other nonstate actors (including CSOs/CBOs) to adequately monitor government spending. To address this potential risk, the project will incorporate a system / mechanism to ensure citizen’s involvement / engagement and active involvement of these stakeholders in the project. The project will also set up mechanism for presenting government financial information / reports of spending to the public and other stakeholders including Civil Society Organizations. To further promote understanding of social accountability and build trust in government system, the project will also support the establishment of a grievance redress mechanism which will be incorporated into the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). Potential labour and project-induced sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment (SEA/SH) risks are expected to be limited. ESCP will include a brief on labour management procedures, including grievance mechanism for workers, as well as and SEA/SH prevention and response measures relevant to the project.

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**B. Environment and Social Standards (ESSs) that Apply to the Activities Being Considered**

**B.1. General Assessment**

**ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts**

***Overview of the relevance of the Standard for the Project:***

The project's potential impacts are mostly positive as the installation of ICT and computers will improve the capacity of the government departments relating with the financial management and will contribute to improving service delivery strengthen transparency and accountability. The adverse impacts are limited and will include procurement of non energy-efficient ICT equipment and occupational health and safety risks associated with installation of ICT equipment and electrical cables, and risk of exposure to COVID-19 during installation of the facilities by the workers. Therefore, the project will conduct a) conduct environmental and social screening prior to installation of the computers / IFMIS equipment and b) Develop a simple occupational health and safety plan. E-waste is not envisioned at this stage given that the computers are not replacing pre-existing computers. The project will also set up mechanism for presenting government financial information / reports of spending to the public and other stakeholders including Civil Society Organizations. Should this change, project will need to prepare an e-waste management plan to ensure that the old waste, particularly mercury, lead, and other dangerous components of a



computer, are carefully disposed of or stored to avoid extraction methods for hazardous metals that negatively impact the air and waterways. These points will be outlined in the ESCP that will be prepared prior to Appraisal.

The management of social risks to ensure inclusion will be required especially on the proposed capacity building activities and support to oversee and administer the implementation of the project. Potential labor and SEA/SH risks are expected to be limited. ESCP will include a brief on labour management procedures, including grievance mechanism for workers, as well as SEA/SH prevention and response measures relevant to the project. The project will prepare a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to address all project related concerns from stakeholders and other project beneficiaries including issues related to SEA/SH/GBV and labour issues. This instrument will be consulted upon and disclosed prior to project implementation.

### **ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure**

Stakeholder engagement is a critical tool for social and environmental risk management and project sustainability. In consultation with the Bank, the client has prepared a draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) proportional to the nature and scale of the project and associated risks and impacts. The draft SEP will be disclosed as early as possible and prior to Appraisal. If major changes are made to the SEP, a revised SEP will be publicly disclosed as soon as possible. The SEP will include aspects of COVID-19 constraints and the related requirements to comply with the guidelines provided by the World Bank and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

The objective is to establish a systematic approach for stakeholder engagement, maintain a constructive relationship with them, considering stakeholders' views, promote and provide means for effective and inclusive engagement with interested parties throughout the project life-cycle, and ensure that appropriate project information is disclosed to stakeholders in a timely, understandable, accessible and appropriate manner. The project will also set up a project-specific Grievance Redress and Feedback Mechanism (GRM) for people to report concerns or complaints, if they feel unfairly treated or are affected by any of the project's components.

### **B.2. Specific Risks and Impacts**

**A brief description of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts relevant to the Project.**

#### **ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions**

The project will hire direct workers for the State Project Coordination Unit, primarily supply workers for the procurement of ICT equipment, and contracted workers for the installation of ICT equipment and training to civil servants on the Software Application. The number of these workers is expected to be low and the potential labour risks are hence expected to be limited. ESCP will include a brief on labour management procedures relevant to the project, including grievance mechanism for workers. A simple OHS plan will be prepared to address potential OHS risks associated with the installation of ICT equipment and their routine operation.

#### **ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management**



This standard is not relevant, and this is based on the objective of the project as stated above

**ESS4 Community Health and Safety**

This standard is not relevant, and this is based on the objective of the project as stated above

**ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement**

The standard is not relevant. Land acquisition, restrictions on land use and involuntary resettlement are not expected because of project activities.

**ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources**

Not relevant at this stage, as the project does not involve biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of living natural resources

**ESS7 Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities**

This standard is not relevant. There are no Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities in the project area.

**ESS8 Cultural Heritage**

Not relevant at this stage, as the project will not finance activities that will affect cultural heritage

**ESS9 Financial Intermediaries**

Not relevant. This project is not an FI operation.

**B.3 Other Relevant Project Risks**

There are no identifiable risk at this stage

**C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply**

**OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways**

No

The project is not on an international waterway and does not involve any international waterways

**OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas**

No

There are no disputed areas in the project area

**B.3. Reliance on Borrower’s policy, legal and institutional framework, relevant to the Project risks and impacts**



**Is this project being prepared for use of Borrower Framework?**

No

**Areas where “Use of Borrower Framework” is being considered:**

No. this project shall be guided by the World Bank’s ESF.

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