



Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary

Concept Stage

(ESRS Concept Stage)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country	Region	Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)
Angola	AFRICA EAST	P178043	
Project Name	Angola Strengthening Statistical Capacity		
Practice Area (Lead)	Financing Instrument	Estimated Appraisal Date	Estimated Board Date
Poverty and Equity	Investment Project Financing	1/17/2022	3/16/2022
Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency(ies)		
Republic of Angola	National Institute for Statistics of Angola (INE)		

Proposed Development Objective

The PDO is to support the national statistical system of Angola in the production and dissemination of timely and high-quality economic and social statistics for evidence-based policymaking.

Financing (in USD Million)	Amount
Total Project Cost	58.00

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 will be structured in three components: (1) Institutional Reform and Statistical Capacity Strengthening, (2) Data Production and Dissemination, and (3) Project Management and Monitoring and Evaluation.

D. Environmental and Social Overview

D.1. Detailed project location(s) and salient physical characteristics relevant to the E&S assessment [geographic, environmental, social]

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Angola is a large, sparsely populated country with a total land area of 1,246,700 square kilometers and a population of 28 million people, 44.1% of which resides in urban areas. The population growth rate is 3.3% nationally and 5% in urban areas. More than half of the population is female and 65% is less than 24 years old. The country is divided into 18 provinces, 163 municipalities and 509 communes, with Luanda being the capital city of Angola. The project is countrywide to be implemented in all the 18 provinces of Angola.

The project will support the modernization and building capacity of the national statistical system of Angola for the collection, production and dissemination of economic and social statistical data. The project does not finance any civil works/construction or activities that may expose workers and communities to significant risks to health and personal safety and is focused only on technical assistance (TA) and production of statistical data for some sectors, means that there are no specific physical characteristics to be highlighted in the scope of this project.

D. 2. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity

The Project will be implemented by Ministry of Economy and Planning (MEP) from Angola, through the Angolan National Institute for Statistics (INE). Despite the experience in implementation of the Angola Statistics Project (StatCap I) (P157671) representing significant progress in filling some of Angola’s most critical data gaps, the capacity of Angola’s national statistical system (NSS) is still limited and many of the challenges identified in the preparation of the StatCap remain relevant.

The human and infrastructure capacity of INE on environmental and social risk management is limited. Therefore, the proposed project will support INE through Component 3 in building environmental and social risk management capacity to undertake the basic functions of the project. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Angola Statistics Project will be maintained and will serve as the PIU for this Project. The PIU situated within INE will be headed by a project coordinator, who will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the project. The implementation experience and lessons from earlier projects will inform the capacity building approach to this project. This includes helping in the training and awareness-raising on environment and social risk management including stakeholder consultation, grievance management, and road safety measures. The Bank may offer training of relevant staff in these areas, in addition to providing implementation support throughout the preparation and implementation phases of the project. The project will include targeted institutional capacity building for improvement in the areas of inclusion and non-discrimination, data privacy and security, stakeholder engagement, OHS including premises hygiene and waste management. The project will recruit an environment and social officer.

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II. SCREENING OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (ES) RISKS AND IMPACTS

A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC)

Low

Environmental Risk Rating

Low

The proposed project finances capacity building, technical assistance and data production to strengthen the national statistical system without any on-the-ground activity with potential to negative and significant environmental risks or impacts. Direct environmental risks include potential occupational health and safety (OHS) concerns related to road safety for survey administrators, enumerators and communities, and production of waste, namely electronic



waste and paper, which will be the two ways used to gather information and to support any training or awareness actions. Another aspect that could cause environmental risks is the need to transport for data supervision teams across the country. These direct risks and impacts are likely to be minimal or negligible. No major downstream risks and impacts as an outcome of the implementation of the TA are anticipated as directly or indirectly causally linked to the project. Improved data collection in horticulture, forestry, or fishery will assist the government as one input among many in supporting the sustainable management of those resources over time.

Social Risk Rating

Low

Some of the activities to be financed by the project will involve the administration of socio-economic surveys, and hence the collection of personal information as well as information relating to economic activities, income, and household expenditures. While the interaction between workers involved in survey administration (e.g., enumerators) and citizens may create the potential for concerns regarding the collection of data, the time required to participate in surveys, or other issues potentially resulting in grievances, these risks can be effectively mitigated via the adequate training of personnel such as enumerators – and the inclusion of codes of conduct for project workers and contractors aimed to prevent cases of sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment (SEA/SH) and to address other (e.g., ethical) aspects of the survey administration work. There may be risks of exclusion of vulnerable groups (socially excluded groups, widows, youth, the poor, the illiterate or semi-literate). Consultations and the stakeholder engagement strategy must take into account the need to involve vulnerable individuals and households as project beneficiaries. COVID-19 transmission or unethical conduct by enumerators involved in carrying out household surveys as presents a risk, and likewise working conditions for enumerators present risks. A simple grievance redress mechanism (GRM) will be developed and implemented to receive and address grievances from affected households or other citizens and specific procedures shall be developed to receive and address grievances from project workers. At this stage the social risk of the Project is considered to be low.

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 potential risks identified will need to be assessed further during project preparation, and actively managed throughout the project's lifecycle. The project is likely to generate low direct and indirect environmental and social risks to workers, communities, and impacts on natural habitats. The main environmental risk related to this project are OHS (including road safety) and management of small quantities of waste (including paper and e-waste).

The project requires the participation of households, enterprises, and other citizens to take part in survey and data collection activities in all regions of Angola. For these operations, there will be health and safety concerns related to road safety for survey administrators, enumerators and communities, and inadequate awareness of communities regarding the purpose of the surveys and potential issues relating to data privacy. Further, the seasonal survey and data collection should take in to account the agricultural calendar of different rural areas of Angola, taking into consideration sowing and harvest periods, as agricultural activity is crucial for the livelihoods of a large proportion of the rural population in Angola.



Potential adverse risks to and impacts on human populations and/or the environment are likely to be minimal or negligible and therefore, no further environmental and social assessment is warranted beyond the instruments described below. The client will prepare an ESCP outlining commitments and actions to manage environmental and social risks, and which will include the preparation of a SEP (including GRM and IPPF) and LMP as well as designating E&S staff within the PIU.

For any technical assistance, when the specific activities are identified, the Client will prepare a ToR which will include E&S aspects. Such ToR shall be reviewed and cleared by the Bank. The project shall recruit an environmental and social officer to support the implementation of various activities.

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

Not relevant.

ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

ESS10 applies to this project, and as the project will be implemented throughout Angolan territory and require the participation of citizens, enterprises, and institutional stakeholders, a simple stakeholder engagement plan (SEP) shall be developed and implemented to ensure the dissemination of information about planned project activities and benefits as well as the involvement of local-, provincial-, and national-level institutional stakeholders. The SEP shall identify and map the relevant project stakeholders, outline the needs and methods of engagement for various types of stakeholders, and present a strategy and plan for stakeholder engagement throughout the project life cycle. Furthermore, the SEP shall outline a simple grievance redress mechanism (GRM) for addressing concerns or grievances which could arise from members of the community or other interested and affected parties. Specific provisions for a culturally appropriate consultation process with IP/SSAHUTLCs will be included in the SEP.

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

ESS2 is relevant as the Project will involve INE staff and other civil servants (direct workers) as well as enumerators and others contracted on a temporary basis for specific project activities (contracted workers). The project will require the recruitment of personnel for the administration of surveys, such as enumerators, who will work in direct contact with communities and may be exposed to occupational safety issues such as road accidents, and potential disagreements with survey respondents.

The project will prepare labor management procedures (LMP), in line with ESS2, which shall identify risks relating to labor and working conditions in the project as well as relevant national labor and related laws and regulations. The LMP will include provisions to mitigate risks related to employment discrimination (including gender-based discrimination), child or forced labor, and freedom of association by workers. A grievance redress mechanism (GRM) shall be developed and made available to project workers to ensure that concerns or grievances related to working conditions, wages, or issues of discrimination can be presented to the project and addressed. Occupational Health



and Safety (OHS) measures applicable to the project, including road safety, will be incorporated in the LMP. To mitigate risks relating to SEA/SH, a Code of Conduct will be developed for project workers and contractors and relevant awareness-raising and training activities will be implemented among project workers.

ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management

The project is expected to generate small quantities of waste (paper) and e-waste, which will include but not limited to certain types of electronic equipment (computers and tablets, etc.), consisting of a combination of batteries (typically lead-acid batteries). There have not been issues identified regarding resource efficiency in relation to the proposed project activities. These wastes will be managed in accordance with good international industry practice, as detailed in the ESCP.

ESS4 Community Health and Safety

The undertaking of surveys at the community and household level leads to interaction with communities, including in remote areas. The interaction with communities could cause potential risk with communities and households related to security concerns for project workers and participating community members. There is also a potential risk for the transmission communicable diseases (incl. COVID-19). Vehicular movements necessary for survey administration, particularly in rural areas, may pose risks for both community members and project workers.

It will be important that the project ensures the acceptance of the data collection process for the households and citizens participating in surveys, and that it ensures the confidentiality of answers provided, to prevent complaints or retaliation, and ensure community acceptance of the project. Interactions between survey enumerators engaged by the project and community members may result in a risk of sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment (SEA/SH). This risk shall be mitigated via information dissemination and awareness-raising as well as training of all project workers, and the development of a Code of Conduct for all project workers and contractors. Furthermore, the project GRM shall contain procedures to address grievances related to SEA/SH, with provisions for confidentiality and support to survivors.

ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

ESS5 is not relevant as no civil works are planned for this project, and thus land acquisition and involuntary resettlement are not envisaged.

ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

This ESS is not relevant, as the project's activities and components will not have any impact on the biodiversity and natural resources.



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

ESS7 is relevant at this stage, as it is expected that project activities will be implemented across all regions of Angola and these may include rural and remote areas, particularly in southern Angola, where Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities (IP/SSAHUTLCs) are present. A culturally-appropriate approach will be needed to engage with and involve such communities in surveys and other project activities, taking into account their particular relationship to land and other resources (e.g., pastoralists) and the degree of marginalization and vulnerability which characterizes such communities. A simplified Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) shall be developed within the SEP to guide engagement activities with IP/SSAHUTL communities.

ESS8 Cultural Heritage

This ESS is not relevant as the activities to be financed by the project are not anticipated to involve any civil works or impacts on tangible or non-tangible cultural resources.

ESS9 Financial Intermediaries

Not relevant.

C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply

OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways	No
OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas	No

III. WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE

A. Is a common approach being considered? No

Financing Partners

Not applicable.

B. Proposed Measures, Actions and Timing (Borrower’s commitments)

Actions to be completed prior to Bank Board Approval:

The following E&S Risk Management documents will be prepared and disclosed:
A SEP (including provisions for consultation with IP/SSAHUTLCs) and GRM, and specific measures to address risks relating to SEA/SH as well as the needs of vulnerable groups. A LMP will also be required.

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In addition, an Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) will be prepared and agreed on with the Bank.

Possible issues to be addressed in the Borrower Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP):

The ESCP will include key provisions on the commitment of the borrower in the preparation and implementation of the proposed project under each environmental and social standard. The ESCP will specify the borrower commitment to prepare a SEP (including provisions for consultation with IP/SSAHUTLCs), GRM, and LMP. The ESCP will include GIIP measures to manage small quantities of wastes. The ESCP will include a commitment and timeline for recruitment of an environmental and social officer.

C. Timing

Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage ESRS

06-Dec-2021

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