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Combined Project Information Documents / Integrated Safeguards Datasheet (PID/ISDS)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country Mali	Project ID P160505	Project Name Mali - Rural Mobility and Connectivity Project	Parent Project ID (if any)
Region AFRICA	Estimated Appraisal Date 08-May-2017	Estimated Board Date 17-Jul-2017	Practice Area (Lead) Transport & ICT
Financing Instrument Investment Project Financing	Borrower(s) REPUBLIC OF MALI	Implementing Agency Minister of Equipment and Accessibility	

Proposed Development Objective(s)

The Project Development Objective is to improve and sustain road access of farming communities to markets and basic services in the project area, and, in the event of an eligible crisis or emergency, to provide immediate and effective response to it.

Components

- Rural roads improvement
- Routine maintenance and road safety
- Operational support
- Contingent emergency response

Financing (in USD Million)

Financing Source	Amount
Borrower	6.00
International Development Association (IDA)	70.00
Total Project Cost	76.00

Environmental Assessment Category

B - Partial Assessment

Decision

The review did authorize the preparation to continue



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Other Decision (as needed)

B. Introduction and Context

Country Context

Sectoral and Institutional Context

C. Proposed Development Objective(s)

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Development Objective(s) (From PAD)

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Key Results

D. Project Description

E. Implementation

Institutional and Implementation Arrangements

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F. Project location and Salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

The proposed project will finance spot improvement and the routine maintenance of existing rural roads in the regions of Koulikoro and Sikasso. The exact locations of all the roads sections to be improved will not be



known before appraisal except the road sections of the first phase already identified.

G. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The project will cover 2 administrative regions in the southern part of the country and the spot improvement work will be rolled out in four phases. Among the road sections to be improved, the exact location of only the 5 road sections of phase I are known and the other phases are unknown. As consequence the borrower has prepared (1) an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) which cover the whole project, and (2) site specific ESIA for the 5 road sections of phase 1. Specific Environmental and Social instruments (ESIA, RAP) will be prepared as needed for the remainder of rural road segments (Phases 2 thru 4) once the specific locations are known
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	It is not expected that the project will impact natural habitats.
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes	The policy may apply since rural roads improvements may require compensatory reforestation and tree maintenance along the targeted roads. Should the policy be triggered, depending on the size and location of the area concerned and/or reforestation needed, a free standing Forest Management Plan may be warranted, otherwise the ESMF will include a separate chapter with the appropriate guidance and mitigation measures. The appropriate instrument once prepared, will be consulted upon, validated in-country and the World Bank, as well as publicly disclosed before project appraisal.
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	The project will not finance any acquisition,



		transport, storage or utilization of hazardous chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers or any similar products. It will not finance any pesticide application equipment either.
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	Yes	Rural road improvements may potentially impact cultural and historical heritage along the concerned roads. The ESMF will include the appropriate mitigation measures (chance find procedures) as well as clauses for contractors
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	There are no indigenous people in the project intervention area
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	Yes	It is expected that the construction limit of the spot improvement work will be within the existing right right and outside of rural settlements. Economic
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	The project will not finance any dam construction or activity associated with or dependant on an existing dam
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	The project will not finance any activity located on international waterways or that will use or potentially pollute such waterways.
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	The project intervention area does not include any disputed area.

KEY SAFEGUARD POLICY ISSUES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT

A. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:

1. The ESMF, RPF and the specific ESIA and RAPs found that, the project main adverse impacts are the following: destruction of trees along the right-of-way of the rural roads spot improvement works and borrow areas; alteration of the quality of the air by the uprising of dust; production of wastes (solid and liquid); increase of noise; risk of accidents for workers; temporary disruption of road traffic; risk of spreading sexually diseases including HIV/AIDS, increase of social conflicts, increase pressure on natural resources, water pollution due to hydrocarbons, land disputes, risk of uncontrolled population influx; risk of insecurity, in addition it was recognized that less than hundred persons will be affected by involuntary resettlement in the sense of OP.4.12. No physical displacements are expected.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area: Even it is not anticipated large scale indirect long term adverse impacts, it was recognized that cultural identity may change and inflation may increase.

3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts. The approach chosen (spot improvement) have minimum adverse impact compared to alternative such as full scale rehabilitation.



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.

Safeguards instruments: As the frameworks and specific instrument approaches were used based on the availability of the information related to the project sites, an ESMF and a RPF were prepared and disclosed by the borrower prior to appraisal. In addition, the borrower prepared a specific ESIA and RAP for the selected road spot improvement works sections for the first year of the project implementation. These two specific safeguard instruments were also prepared, approved and disclosed prior project appraisal.

Assessment of Borrower capacity: The Borrower had the opportunity to implement a similar project with the Bank. Most of the technical team and the Environmental Specialist that were involved in the implementation of the previous project are still in place. Nevertheless, it was noticed that, the environmental and social specialist will need an update on environmental and social project management. A social development specialist will need to be hired so that the PIU will be better staffed. The Environmental and social unit lacks logistics means to allow efficient implementation of the environmental and social safeguards. The Environmental and Social Unit will therefore be equipped (vehicle, GPS, cameras, etc). Specific training on environmental and social monitoring will be needed.

Institutional arrangement for Safeguards Processing. The overall responsibility of safeguards processing relies on the National Coordination Unit (NCU) within the Ministry in charge of rural Roads. This unit will work closely with the National Directorate of Sanitation, Noises and Pollution Control (DNACPN) within the Ministry of Environmental, Sanitation and Sustainable Development. More specifically, the NCU will maintain a position of an Environmental Safeguards Specialist (ESS) and will hire a Social Development Specialist during the whole duration of the project. The ESS and the Social Safeguard Specialist will be responsible for the fully implementation of the ESMF and the RPF. They will ensure that systematic screening of all subprojects as well as the development of any related additional site-specific safeguards documents (ESIA/ESMPs/ RAPs) are prepared and disclosed timely. The safeguards documents would be properly consulted upon and publicly disclosed both in-country and at the InfoShop prior to the start of the civil works. The safeguards team will also ensure that in all bidding documents, environmental prescriptions are systematically integrated.

5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.

Key stakeholders: The main key stakeholders were identified during the project preparation and are among other: project affected people, local authorities' representatives, traditional rulers and local nongovernmental organizations representatives. The project will update the existing consultation plan and it will be implemented according to the prescription provided through the ESMF.

Consultation and Disclosure of the safeguards documents: During the preparation of the ESMF, RPF and the specific ESIA and RAP, the client undertook a meaningful consultations with the main stakeholders. 533 persons were consulted during the preparation of the ESMF in Koulikoro and Sikasso regions. During the preparation of the ESIA/RAP for the first year road improvement section, 1397 were consulted in these two regions. The ESMF and RPF were disclosed in country and at the World Bank's InfoShop. During the preparation of additional specific safeguards documents, the same meaningful consultation will be undertaken and the documents disclosed in country and at the World Bank's InfoShop. During the whole duration of the project, the National Coordination Unit will maintain consultation with the main stakeholders.



B. Disclosure Requirements

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other

Date of receipt by the Bank	Date of submission to InfoShop	For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors
15-Mar-2017	27-Mar-2017	

"In country" Disclosure

Mali

14-Mar-2017

Comments

The ESMF was published on ministry of equipment and accessibility website <http://www.metd.gov.ml>

Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process

Date of receipt by the Bank	Date of submission to InfoShop
15-Mar-2017	28-Mar-2017

"In country" Disclosure

Mali

14-Mar-2017

Comments

The RPF was published on ministry of equipment and accessibility website <http://www.metd.gov.ml>

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level (to be filled in when the ISDS is finalized by the project decision meeting)

OP/BP/GP 4.01 - Environment Assessment

Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report?

Yes

If yes, then did the Regional Environment Unit or Practice Manager (PM) review and approve the EA report?

Yes

Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan?

Yes

OP/BP 4.11 - Physical Cultural Resources



Does the EA include adequate measures related to cultural property?

Yes

Does the credit/loan incorporate mechanisms to mitigate the potential adverse impacts on cultural property?

Yes

OP/BP 4.12 - Involuntary Resettlement

Has a resettlement plan/abbreviated plan/policy framework/process framework (as appropriate) been prepared?

Yes

If yes, then did the Regional unit responsible for safeguards or Practice Manager review the plan?

Yes

OP/BP 4.36 - Forests

Has the sector-wide analysis of policy and institutional issues and constraints been carried out?

No

Does the project design include satisfactory measures to overcome these constraints?

Yes

Does the project finance commercial harvesting, and if so, does it include provisions for certification system?

No

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information

Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?

Yes

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



All Safeguard Policies

Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?

Yes

Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?

Yes

Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?

Yes

Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?

Yes

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