



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)
Pacific Islands	EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC	P168122	
Project Name	Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Pacific Islands		
Practice Area (Lead)	Financing Instrument	Estimated Appraisal Date	Estimated Board Date
Poverty and Equity	Investment Project Financing	5/31/2019	8/30/2019
Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency(ies)		

Proposed Development Objective(s)

Program Level Development Objective To improve the quality and efficiency of welfare data collection, and accessibility to welfare data in the Pacific Island Countries. Country Project Development Objective To improve the efficiency of HIES implementation, quality of data production, and accessibility to welfare data in Tonga / Kiribati / the Solomon Islands. Regional Organization Project Development Objective To strengthen the capacity of SPC to foster innovation and promote improved statistics management practices in the region.

Financing (in USD Million)	Amount
Total Project Cost	10.00

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 'Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Pacific Islands' project will work with participating member countries to reduce the levels of data deprivation by supporting the adoption of improved methodologies and new technologies for data collection. The project will also support the regional organization, the Statistics for Development Division of the Pacific Community, to strengthen its skill set in operationalizing their 2018-2020 business plan.

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D. Environmental and Social Overview

D.1. Project location(s) and salient characteristics relevant to the ES assessment [geographic, environmental, social] Specific countries yet to be identified. Preliminary discussions are ongoing with Solomon Islands, Samoa and Tonga. The project will not involve any physical works. The main project activities are development of a methodology and program for data collection in the PICs; undertaking socio-economic surveys; developing a system for data storage and sharing; and institutional capacity building.

D. 2. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity

Project countries not known, and country level implementation agencies have not been identified. At the regional level, the Project will provide financing to the Statistics for Development Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC-SDD). Borrowers capacity to manage the E&S risks associated with the Project will be assessed during the ESA process and appropriate capacity building activities will be included within project design.

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

A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC)

Low

Environmental Risk Rating

Low

No physical works are proposed and the project does not involve analytical, advisory or other activities which could have or lead to downstream physical, social or environmental impacts. The collection, analysis, storage and sharing of anonymised data is unlikely to result in any significant E&S risks. Hence, no demand is expected for the Borrower’s staff and capacity to assess, manage and mitigate ES impacts

Social Risk Rating

Low

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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 is not expected to result in any negative E&S issues. The project could have positive impacts (through collection of data to inform Government) on vulnerable groups, reduction in discrimination, and indigenous peoples by helping to capture data and focus Government attention on vulnerable groups and indigenous peoples and address exclusion or discrimination.

Areas where reliance on the Borrower’s E&S Framework may be considered:

The use of E&S country systems is not anticipated at this stage. It is unlikely that the need or rationale for using Borrower ES systems will arise, but this may be reviewed during the ESA process, once the Project interventions are clearly identified.

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ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure

While the project will have no adverse ES impacts, the identification and outreach to stakeholders would be expected to be an important contribution to the project design. A stakeholder identification, mapping and characterization would be an important tool to understand the scope of potential beneficiaries, as well as the influence, attitude and interests of key stakeholders. The presence of IPs (under ESS7) will also be considered to ensure non exclusion and equal access to project benefits. The methodology and approach taken to data collection, analysis and storage will need to be clearly communicated to all relevant stakeholders. A stakeholder engagement plan (SEP), commensurate to the projects risks, will be prepared and disclosed prior to appraisal.

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

Worker conditions for data collectors, Governments and other agencies and contractors will be assessed to ensure alignment with ESS2. At this stage, the number and type of workers is unknown and will depend on the countries chosen, data collection methodology, sample size, and analysis and distribution needs. Timeframe for employment are also unknown. Labour management procedures will be prepared prior to the employment of any staff or workers, and will set out how the project will meet the requirements of ESS2.

ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management

Use of natural resources, generation of emissions and waste, and significant GHG production are not anticipated.

ESS4 Community Health and Safety

Provision of information by the community may present some minor issues in terms of data confidentiality. This will be assessed as part of the ESA process but is expected to be readily manageable within the methodology being developed for data collection, storage, management and processing. Data security may be an aspect to emphasize in project design and follow up with the Borrowers. No community health and safety issues are expected through project activities; nor will activities affect ecosystem services.

ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement

No land impacts are anticipated and involuntary land acquisition is not anticipated.

ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources

The project will not impact biodiversity or living natural resources.

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



The presence of IPs will depend on which countries are included in the Project. This will be confirmed during the ESA process. If IPs are identified, measures associated with data collection for indigenous people will be incorporated into project design.

ESS8 Cultural Heritage

The project will not impact physical or intangible cultural resources.

ESS9 Financial Intermediaries

The project will not include any financial intermediaries.

B.3 Other Relevant Project Risks

None

Should "Other Relevant Project Risks" be disclosable? No

C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply

OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways No

Project will not take place on (or along) international waterways.

OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas No

Project will not take place in disputed areas.

III. WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE

A. Is a common approach being considered? No

Financing Partners

None.

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

Actions to be completed prior to Bank Board Approval:

Incorporation of social and environmental issue considerations (inclusion, vulnerable people, indigenous peoples etc) in survey design and sampling.

Prior to appraisal, a SEP will be prepared to the satisfaction of the Bank. A Labour management plan (LMP) may be required depending on the timescale of recruitment of staff or contractors.

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

The TOR for survey design, sampling, analysis to incorporate social and environment issue considerations (inclusion, vulnerable people, indigenous peoples etc.) to be approved by Bank E&S team; the LMP may be a requirement of the

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ESCP to be implemented prior to the recruitment of staff; project activities implemented in line with ESF requirements; and inclusion of E&S considerations in project reporting.

C. Timing

Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage ESRS

01-Jun-2019

IV. WORLD BANK ES OVERSIGHT

Corporate advice/oversight will be provided by an Environmental and Social Standards Adviser (ESSA) during project preparation

No

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