

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET  
INITIATION/CONCEPT STAGE**

Report No.: 95484

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**I. BASIC INFORMATION**

**A. Basic Project Data**

<b>Country:</b>	WG&G	<b>Project ID:</b>	P150494
<b>Project Name:</b>	Gaza Sustainable Water Supply Program : Associated Works		
<b>Task Team Leader:</b>	Alexander McPhail		
<b>Estimated Date of Approval:</b>	November 11, 2015		
<b>Managing Unit:</b>	GWADR (09087)	<b>Lending Instrument:</b>	Recipient Executed Small Grant
<b>Sector(s):</b>	Water		
<b>Theme(s):</b>	Water Supply & Sanitation		
Fragile and/or Capacity Constraints [ X ]			
<b>Financing (in USD Million)</b>			
Total Project Cost:	US\$2.2 Million	Total Bank Financing:	US\$2.2 Million
Total Co-financing:	-0-	Financing Gap:	-0-
<b>Financing Source</b>			<b>Amount (\$ Million)</b>
BORROWER/RECIPIENT: Palestinian Water Authority			-0-
World Bank			2.2
Total			2.2
<b>Environmental Category</b>	A		
<b>Is this a Repeater project?</b>	No		
<b>Is this a Transferred project?</b>	Yes		

**B. Project Objectives**

To assist the Palestinian Water Authority to make the Gaza Sustainable Water Supply Program possible through the production of key studies, tender documents and institutional strengthening.

**C. Project Description**

This grant will finance the following activities under the overall Gaza Sustainable Water Supply

Program:

- i. A Project Implementation Consultant (PIC) to prepare tender documents, design a revised/updated non-revenue water reduction plan, and assist the PWA to tender and award a contract for construction of potable water networks, storage and pumping facilities in Gaza. This PIC could also optionally provide construction supervision;
- ii. A consultant to prepare an independent Environmental and Social Assessment Study for the Associated Works described above;
- iii. Key studies to better inform the Program, including a tariff study, a study to better understand the burden of infrastructure service bills on households in Gaza, and a stakeholder consultation plan;
- iv. Stakeholder consultation meetings and related materials, the translation of materials and studies; and
- v. Measures to strengthen the technical capacity of the PWA and Coastal Municipalities Water Utility.

The World Bank is not intending to use the grant to finance any goods or works for either the desalination plant or the Associated Works.

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

Project location is Gaza, which is located on the Mediterranean coast. Gaza is about 42 kilometers long and about 15 kilometers wide at its widest point. All planned infrastructure will be put in existing utility easements or, in very limited cases, on government land given for the purpose. Utility easements are well documented and known and there is adequate land available for all the planned infrastructure to be studied under the Program.

#### **E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Management**

The implementation agency for this grant is the Palestinian Water Authority, which is an established entity and that has experience with many World Bank grant financed water and sanitation projects. Currently, the PWA has two water supply and sanitation infrastructure projects ongoing in Gaza: 1) North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment Project (P117446); and 2) Gaza Water Supply & Sewage System Improvement Project (P101289). There are also two TA projects underway: 1) Gaza Sustainable Water Program Support Project (P144915); and 2) Gaza Water Sector Capacity Building Project (P117443).

The PWA has good environmental and social safeguard knowledge and is both familiar and experienced with World Bank safeguard policies and practices. It has an adequate number of experienced environment and safeguard professionals on staff. The PWA has less experience with the implementation of Resettlement Action Plans and Frameworks and for these, as well as for projects with complex safeguard aspects, the PWA requires regular supervision and guidance from World Bank safeguard specialists.

The Bank is continuing to increase safeguard capacity in the PWA, and mainly through the two ongoing technical assistance projects cited above.

#### **F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team**

Environmental Safeguards: Tracy Hart  
 Social Safeguards: John Butler

## II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	X	TOR for the ESIA will be cleared by the RSA prior to CD approval of the Project Paper.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04		
Forests OP/BP 4.36		
Pest Management OP 4.09		
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11		
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10		
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	tbd	It is not yet known if the land to be used for planned infrastructure contains occupants. The World Bank will not finance land acquisition. In the event that a RAP needs to be prepared, the TOR for the RAP will be cleared in advance by the RSA.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37		
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50		
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60		

## III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. As this is a small grant for Gaza executed by the Client, there will be no Appraisal. However, at the time of approval of the Project Paper by the Country Director, an updated ISDS will be prepared and disclosed.

B. The ESIA, to be financed under this small grant, is expected to be launched by July 1, 2015. A TOR for the ESIA will be cleared by the RSA prior to approval of the Project Paper by the Country Director. If it is determined that a RAP is required, then the TOR for the RAP will be cleared in advance by the RSA.

## IV. APPROVALS

Task Team Leader:	Name: Alexander McPhail	<i>AM</i> 31 MARCH 2015
Approved By:		

On behalf of Maged Hamed

Regional Safeguards Advisor:	Name: Maged M. Hamed	Date: March 31, 2015
Practice Manager:	Name: Steven Schonberger	Date: April 1, 2015

<sup>1</sup> 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.