

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET  
CONCEPT STAGE**

Report No.: AC4270

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**I. BASIC INFORMATION**

**A. Basic Project Data**

Country: India	Project ID: P105990
Project Name: West Bengal Improved Service Delivery by PRIs (ISDP)	
Task Team Leader: Roland White	
Estimated Appraisal Date: February 15, 2010	Estimated Board Date: April 29, 2010
Managing Unit: SASDU	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan
Sector: Sub-national government administration (100%)	
Theme: Decentralization (40%);Municipal governance and institution building (20%);Rural services and infrastructure (20%);Access to urban services and housing (20%)	
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	150.00
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0.00
Other financing amounts by source:	
<u>BORROWER/RECIPIENT</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

**B. Project Objectives [from section 2 of PCN]**

The project development objective is to help support the development of stronger, better capacitated and performing Gram Panchayats (GPs) delivering enhanced local services and infrastructure.

**C. Project Description [from section 3 of PCN]**

The project will finance the following four components:

Component 1: Block grant to GPs. A block (untied) grant flow from the state government directly to a significant fraction of GPs (around 800-1000, which is roughly a quarter of all GPs in the state) to support local development and service delivery activities. While GPs would have significant discretion over the use of this funding, the focus would be on the production and delivery of public goods and services. The universe of targeted GPs will be selected on the basis of criteria related to need, risk management, and the importance of leveraging off the foundations established by other programs. The grant flow will be structured in such a manner as to provide

a performance-oriented incentive for the strengthening of the institutional capacities and capabilities of the targeted GPs, and the deepening of bottom-up accountability;

Component 2: Capacity-building for PRIs. The GoWB (PRDD) has initiated a PRI capacity-building program using funds from its own and donor sources. The project will supplement this program in areas where additional resources are necessary and with a focus on linkages to the block grant component. While there will be a focus on linkages to the block grant component, this component will not be limited to local governments benefiting from Component 1;

Component 3: State government oversight and monitoring of PRIs. The GoWB's systems of performance monitoring of PRIs within the state are inadequate and do not provide sufficient information for proper oversight and management of the PRI system overall. The project will support the development of a comprehensive performance monitoring system, focused on the institutional performance of PRIs, for the PRDD;

Component 4: Program Management and Implementation. This component will support the management and implementation of the project.

**D. Project location (if known)**

The project will be implemented in approximately 800-1000 GPs in the West Bengal State.

**E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies [from PCN]**

The implementing agency (PRI and Rural Development Department) has in place a well-capacitated Society, the West Bengal State Rural Development Agency, to execute the project. Additional support will be provided to this Agency through the project, including capacity to ensure effective oversight of the environmental and social safeguard frameworks by beneficiary local authorities.

**F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists**

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**II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY**

<b>Safeguard Policies Triggered</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)</b>	<b>X</b>		
An Environmental Management Plan will be prepared.			
<b>Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Forests (OP/BP 4.36)</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Pest Management (OP 4.09)</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11)</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10)</b>			<b>X</b>
If and when Indigenous Peoples are found in the project areas an Indigenous Peoples Development Plan will be prepared.			
<b>Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)</b>	<b>X</b>		
Resettlement Action Plan will be prepared.			

<b>Safeguard Policies Triggered</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Environmental Category:** B - Partial Assessment

### **III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN**

- A. Target date for the Quality Enhancement Review (QER), at which time the PAD-stage ISDS would be prepared: 10/01/2009
- B. For simple projects that will not require a QER, the target date for preparing the PAD-stage ISDS: N/A
- C. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing<sup>1</sup> should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS.  
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### **IV. APPROVALS**

<i>Signed and submitted by:</i>		
<b>Task Team Leader:</b>	<b>Mr Roland White</b>	
<i>Approved by:</i>		
<b>Regional Safeguards Coordinator:</b>	<b>Mr Frederick Edmund Brusberg</b>	<b>07/07/2009</b>
<b>Comments: Cleared at PCN stage. Specific policies to be triggered to be determined. IP policy likely to be triggered. ESMF will be required.</b>		
<b>Sector Manager:</b>	<b>Mr Junaid Kamal Ahmad</b>	<b>07/07/2009</b>
<b>Comments: The team should focus on supporting and strengthening the country systems and the ability of PRIs to implement the country systems rather than take a project-specific approach.</b>		

<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.

