

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

1. Basic Project Data

Country:	Lebanon	Project ID:	P149242
Project Name:	Emergency Nat'l Poverty Targeting Proj (P149242)		
Task Team Leader:	Haneen Ismail Sayed		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	28-Feb-2014	Estimated Board Date:	16-May-2014
Managing Unit:	MNSSP	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Other social services (100%)		
Theme(s):	Social safety nets (50%), Social risk mitigation (25%), Vulnerability assessment and monitoring (25%)		
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)?			No
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	96.10	Total Bank Financing:	0.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			85.00
Lebanon Syrian Crisis Trust Fund			8.10
UN High Commissioner for Refugees			3.00
Total			96.10
Environmental Category:	C - Not Required		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

2. Project Development Objective(s)

The objective of the Project is to expand the coverage and enhance the social assistance package of the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP) to Lebanese affected by the Syrian crisis and all Lebanese households under the extreme poverty line.

3. Project Description

The Emergency NPTP project consists of two technical components and a fiduciary operations component. Specifically, the components are: (i) administration of the NPTP, (ii) provision of Social Assistance, and (iii) fiduciary Operations.

Component 1: Administration of the National Poverty Targeting Program (US\$14 million total cost, of which US\$3.9 million financed from TFL, and US\$6.9 million from the GOL for social workers)

This component's objective is to ensure an effective and efficient administration and implementation of the NPTP through its structures in the MOSA and the PCM, so that it can expand the coverage and enhance the social assistance to extremely poor Lebanese households and those affected by the Syrian crisis. This component will also improve the efficiency of the NPTP. To achieve its objective, this component will finance technical assistance for the following activities:

- Supporting the program management team in the MOSA and the PCM;
- Recertification of applicants including refining the program application forms and Proxy-Mean Testing (PMT) questionnaire;
- Upgrading the NPTP management information system (MIS);
- Refining the grievance and redress mechanism for improved efficiency and transparency;
- Monitoring and evaluation of the program, including evaluating the business processes of the NPTP, and implementation of short quantitative and qualitative surveys (beneficiary assessments, opinion polls on awareness, etc.);
- Carrying out an outreach campaign to enroll new beneficiaries particularly in the poorer and remote areas;
- Provision of technical assistance for the training, distribution, assessment and monitoring, and card management of the e-card food voucher component;
- Provision and maintenance of the e-cards for the food vouchers;
- Capacity building and training for NPTP staff and social workers;
- Provision and maintenance of IT and other equipment for the program; and
- Additional incentives for the NPTP social workers to enhance their productivity in the form of transportation and other allowances.

Component 2: Provision of Social Assistance (US\$203 million total cost, of which US\$3.6 million financed from TFL; US\$3 million from the UNHCR; US\$78 million from the GOL)

This component provides a package of social assistance benefits for 350,000 extremely poor Lebanese households and those affected by the Syrian crisis for a three year period. The package of assistance consists of: (i) comprehensive health coverage in public and private hospitals through the waiver of 10-15 percent copayments for hospitalization; (ii) comprehensive primary health care coverage at Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) primary health care facilities or at the MOSA Social Development Centers; (iii) coverage of chronic disease prescription medications; (iv) registration fee waivers and free books for students in primary and secondary public schools; and (v) basic food needs through the e-card food voucher program. In addition to addressing basic food needs of extremely poor Lebanese households, the introduction of the food component in this phase of the NPTP will help mitigate tensions between the Syrian refugee and Lebanese host communities by somewhat harmonizing benefits among them.

The GOL will continue to finance the costs of the health, medication, and education benefits, while

the project will finance the provision of e-card food vouchers for the 18,500 beneficiaries in the first year. Reaching the intended 50,000 e-card food voucher beneficiaries in the first year is subject to the availability of funds, and more specifically a financing gap of US\$11.3 million in the first year of the project. The e-card system is currently being implemented by the WFP for approximately 500,000 Syrian refugees. The NPTP will use the same system as that deployed by the WFP, with some modifications to align it with the implementation modality of the NPTP.

Component 3: Fiduciary Operations Team (FOT) (US\$0.6 million total cost, financed from TFL)

The Fiduciary Operations Team (FOT) will be responsible for implementation of the procurement and financial functions of the project, working closely with the teams in MOSA and the PCM who are implementing the program activities. The FOT will play two key roles in the project: (i) managing the procurement process through the various stages for all contracts (goods, consulting services, and operating costs), as well as updating and implementing the procurement plan; and (ii) handling financial management, including payments for all contracts, financial reporting, and ensuring external audits are undertaken in compliance with requirements. The FOT will be composed of: (i) Procurement Specialist, (ii) Procurement Officer, (iii) Financial Management Specialist, (iv) Procurement Assistant, and (v) an internal auditor.

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

National

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	This project will not involve any physical investments and will have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Given that, the Bank's OP 4.01 is not triggered and thus, no EA is required.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	The Bank's OP 4.12 policy does not apply to this project. The project components which are focused on the administrative aspects of the

		national poverty targeting program and additional activities in the areas of social assistance provision and establishing fiduciary and financial management controls are not expected to result in any adverse impacts related to the involuntary taking of land resulting in relocation or loss of shelter, loss of assets or access to assets, or loss of income/means of livelihoods.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

II. 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:
There are no social or environmental safeguards issues or impacts anticipated under this project. As described above, the Bank's social and environmental safeguards policies will not apply to this project.
2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
No potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated activities in the project area are expected under this project.
3. Describe any project alternatives (if relevant) considered to help avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
N/A
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.
N/A
5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.
N/A

B. Disclosure Requirements

If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources policies, the respective issues are to be addressed and disclosed as part of the Environmental Assessment/Audit/or EMP.
If in-country disclosure of any of the above documents is not expected, please explain why:

C. Compliance Monitoring Indicators at the Corporate Level

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information	
Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
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 [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
All Safeguard Policies	
Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]
Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents?	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input type="checkbox"/>] NA [<input type="checkbox"/>]

III. APPROVALS

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