

**INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATASHEET
APPRAISAL STAGE**

I. Basic Information

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1. Basic Project Data

Original Project ID: P090340	Original Project Name: Quality Education in the Rural Areas of Moldova	
Country: Moldova	Project ID: P129552	
Project Name: Quality Education in the Rural Areas of Moldova AF		
Task Team Leader: Scherezad Joya Monami Latif		
Estimated Appraisal Date: February 1, 2012	Estimated Board Date: March 20, 2012	
Managing Unit: ECCU2	Lending Instrument: Specific Investment Loan	
Sector: Primary education (50%);Secondary education (50%)		
Theme: Education for all (100%)		
IBRD Amount (US\$m.):	0	
IDA Amount (US\$m.):	1	
GEF Amount (US\$m.):	0	
PCF Amount (US\$m.):	0	
Other financing amounts by source:		
<u>BORROWER/RECIPIENT</u>		0.00
		0.00
Environmental Category: C - Not Required		
Repeater <input type="checkbox"/>		
Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency Recovery) or OP 8.00 (Rapid Response to Crises and Emergencies)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Project Objectives

The Quality Education in the Rural Areas of Moldova Project was designed to contribute to the Government of Moldova's goals of improving quality, access and efficiency of the education system. The Project Development Objective is to increase the quality of education in the rural areas of Moldova.

The proposed Additional Financing (AF) would support activities that are consistent with the Project's Development Objectives (PDO and the Country Partnership Strategy). The proposed Additional Financing would primarily finance supplementary technical assistance critical to ensuring the smooth implementation of the Government of Moldova's Education Reform Program. In the medium term, the Bank also envisions an IDA loan in the education sector in 2013. It is important to note that the Project has had a very strong effect on the development of the Government's Education Reform Program which mirrors the Project's development objectives of increasing the quality of education and improving the efficiency of the education sector.

3. Project Description

The original Project objective has already partially been achieved through the following components: (i) improving teaching and learning in rural schools; (ii) increasing access and equity in rural schools; (iii) increasing efficiency in the use of resources; (iv) strengthening education planning and monitoring.

The proposed Additional Financing would finance technical assistance in components (i), (iii) and (iv) through the following activities: (i) development of standards for receiving (hub) schools; (ii) development of a new teacher remuneration scheme; (iii) continued support to Moldova's capacities to participate in international assessments; (iv) capacity building and training of school directors in order to implement formula financing in schools; (v) capacity building towards the strengthening of the school mapping database; and (vi) continued support to communications/public relations activities to support the implementation of the school reform program.

4. Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis

The original Project did not finance any civil works and did not have any environmental issues. The proposed Additional Financing finances only technical assistance and The proposed AF would neither trigger a new safeguard nor change the current environmental category.

5. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

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6. Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No
Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01)		X
Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04)		X
Forests (OP/BP 4.36)		X
Pest Management (OP 4.09)		X
Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11)		X
Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10)		X
Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12)		X
Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37)		X
Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50)		
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X

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 safeguard issues or impacts associated with the original project or the proposed Additional Financing.

2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:
There will be no potential indirect and/or long term environmental or safeguard impact of the original project, or of the Additional Financing.

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 Date

Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other:

Was the document disclosed **prior to appraisal?**

Date of receipt by the Bank

Date of "in-country" disclosure

Date of submission to InfoShop

For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive

Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors

Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process:

Was the document disclosed **prior to appraisal?**

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Indigenous Peoples Plan/Planning Framework:

Was the document disclosed **prior to appraisal?**

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Pest Management Plan:

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*** If the project triggers the Pest Management and/or Physical Cultural Resources, 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:

N/A

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

The World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information

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

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? N/A

All Safeguard Policies

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

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

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

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

D. Approvals

<i>Signed and submitted by:</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
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Environmental Specialist: Social Development Specialist Additional Environmental and/or Social Development Specialist(s):		
<i>Approved by:</i>		
Sector Manager:	Mr Alberto Rodriguez	01/04/2012
Comments:		