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INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET
CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country: Kazakhstan	Project ID: P120985
Project Name: KAZSTAT: Strengthening the National Statistical System of Kazakhstan	
Task Team Leader: Mustafa Dinc	
Estimated Appraisal Date: May 10, 2010	Estimated Board Date: September 7, 2010
Managing Unit: DECDG	Lending Instrument: Adaptable Program Loan
Sector: General public administration sector (80%);Public administration- Other social services (20%)	
Theme: Economic statistics, modeling and forecasting (50%);Other public sector governance (30%);Poverty strategy, analysis and monitoring (20%)	
IBRD Amount (US$m.): 20.00 IDA Amount (US$m.): 0.00 GEF Amount (US$m.): 0.00 PCF Amount (US$m.): 0.00 Other financing amounts by source: Borrower 0.00 0.00	

B. Project Objectives [from section 2 of PCN]

The main objective of the project is to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the KNSS to provide relevant, timely and reliable data in line with the internationally accepted methodology and best practices. The project will upgrade the conceptual, methodological and analytical skills of the KNSS including ARKS and other data producer and user agencies of the country. This will position the ARKS to respond quickly and effectively to the new needs and priorities that will arise in the future. The main beneficiaries of the project outcomes are the KNSS, the Government and the general public as well as international development partners.

C. Project Description [from section 3 of PCN]

This project will be a Specific Investment Loan in the amount of $20 million for a period of five years, under the umbrella of the STATCAP Adaptable Program Loan (APL) to improve statistical capacity through a system-wide approach using the SMP as the basis for investments. The cornerstone of a STATCAP project is the development of a comprehensive and integrated national action plan for statistical capacity building, often linked to a National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) or a Statistical Master Plan (SMP), which is prepared through

consultation with both data providers and data users. Kazakhstan has met all requirements of STATCAP and the project components are designed to support the implementation of the SMP, and will be implemented in a coherent, consistent and well-sequenced manner.

The loan will finance procurement of IT equipment and software, training, consulting services and capacity building activities that were identified by the SMP as the priority areas in improving the national statistical system. These activities are grouped under six major components:

Institutional Development (improving organizational structure and operations of the statistical system)
Improve Information and Communication Systems and Physical Infrastructure
Improve Human Resources
Improve Statistical Infrastructure, standards and methodology
Improve User, Provider and Statistical Agency Relations
Improve Individual Subject Matter Programs and Methodologies

D. Project location (if known)

Urban (Astana and regional offices of ARKS)

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

N/A

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies Triggered	Yes	No	TBD
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)		X	
Projects in Disputed Areas (OP/BP 7.60)		X	

Environmental Category: C - Not Required

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Target date for the Quality Enhancement Review (QER), at which time the PAD-stage ISDS would be prepared: N/A

B. For simple projects that will not require a QER, the target date for preparing the PAD-stage ISDS: 05/06/2010

C. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing[1] should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS.
N/A

IV. APPROVALS

Signed and submitted by:		
Task Team Leader:	**Mr Mustafa Dinc**	**03/10/2010**
Approved by:		
Regional Safeguards Coordinator:	**Ms Agnes I. Kiss**	**03/16/2010**
Comments: The safeguards team endorsed the proposed assignment of Category C. Safeguards clearance of the project was transferred to DECDG, the Sector Manager will issue the final safeguards clearance memo.		
Sector Manager:	**Mr Misha V. Belkindas**	
Comments:		

[1] 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.