A. Basic Project Data

A.1. Project Statistics

Country: St. Vincent and the Grenadines  Project ID: P076799


Total project cost (by component):

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Total Baseline Cost  8.75

Physical Contingencies

Price Contingencies

Total Project Costs  8.75

Interest during construction

Front-end Fee

Total Financing Required

Appraisal Date: May 3, 2004  Loan/Credit amount($m):

IDA: 1.75
IDA: 1.75
IBRD: 3.5

Board Date: June 25, 2004

Other financing amounts by source:  ($m.)

Managing Unit: LCSHH  Sector: Health (100%)

Lending Instruments: Adaptable Program Loan

Is this project processed under OP 8.50 (Emergency recovery)?  Yes? [ ]  No? [ x]

Environmental Category: B  Safeguard Classification: S2

Project Objective:
Support the national program that aims to prevent and to control the spread of HIV/AIDS and to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the disease on the population. The project will use a two pronged strategy: targeting interventions at high risk groups and implementing non-targeted activities for the general population. Successful achievement of the development objective will:
(a) have high risk groups use safe sexual practices; (b) enhance knowledge in the general population of the negative societal and family impact of the disease; (c) prolong the lives of infected persons and provide care and support to their families; and (d) reduce the degree of stigma and discrimination associated with the disease.

A.3. Project Description

Component 1: Scaling up HIV/AIDS response by Civil Society Organizations. The project will
empower communities to respond effectively to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Civil society groups such as Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs), community based organizations (CBOs) faith-based organizations (FBOs) and the private sector have access to different groups including difficult-to-reach groups that are particularly high risk (commercial sex workers, men having sex with men, prisoners, truck drivers) and vulnerable groups (orphans and youth). Activities to be implemented by these organizations include: behavior change communication; support to orphans, provision of care for PLWHA; and distribution of condoms. The project will also finance capacity building for the CSOs.

Component 2. Scaling up the response by line ministries. The project will support Line Ministries to expand initiatives in accordance with priorities in the National Strategic Plan for AIDS 2004-2009. The project will support crosscutting activities focusing on prevention of HIV/AIDS and STIs through: training, information, education communication/ behavior communication; condom distribution; treatment and care for the infected and affected families; work place policy formulation including reduction of stigma and discrimination; and, HIV/AIDS impact assessments. There are also HIV/AIDS related interventions that are specific to each ministry’s external clients, for example, students, teachers and parents for the Ministry of Education, the hotel and restaurant industry for the Ministry of Tourism, and PLWHA’s, orphans and school drop outs for the Ministry of Social Development. Interventions will be tailored by each of the Ministries to their respective clients.

Component 3. Expanding Health Sector Prevention, Treatment and Care Services for HIV/AIDS. The project will support strengthening, upgrading and expansion of prevention, treatment and care services through the health care system. This will include upgrading of laboratories, voluntary counseling and testing rooms, training health care workers and counselors and provision of equipment, drugs, supplies, testing kits, condoms, and technical assistance in key areas: Information, Education, Communication/Behavior Change Communication; Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT); condoms distribution; Treatment (sexually transmitted diseases and opportunistic infections treatment including antiretroviral treatment; Laboratory services; and, Biomedical waste management.

Component 4. Institutional Capacity Strengthening, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research The project will support institutional capacity building for scaling up the response through financing of technical advisory services, training, staffing, equipment, goods and general operating costs for strengthening institutional capacity for coordinating and managing the Government’s National HIV/AIDS Program and; Strengthening program monitoring and evaluation.

A.4. Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis: The project will cover the whole country.

B. Check Environmental Category A [ ], B [X], C [ ], FI [ ]

Comments:

C. Safeguard Policies Triggered

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Section II – Key Safeguard Issues and Their Management

D. Summary of Key Safeguard Issues

D.1. Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts.

The proposed project has a Category “B” environmental rating. Overall, activities under the project are not expected to generate adverse environmental impacts. Some medical waste is expected to be generated from care and treatment activities.

D.2. Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area.

N/A

D.3. Describe the treatment of alternatives (if relevant)

N/A

D.4. Describe measures taken by the borrower to address safeguard issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described.

The Ministry of Health and Environment has oversight of biomedical waste management. In 2002, a National Biomedical waste Management Plan was prepared for St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This plan was a component of a larger World-Bank-funded program to address the problem of solid and ship-generated waste. The program covers six OECS countries and is coordinated by the Natural Resources Management Unit of the OECS. The plan was adopted by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Government in April 2002. The plan is under implementation.

The Ministry of Health and Environment, the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Water and Sewerage Authority and the health care facilities have the capacity to implement the waste management plan.

D.5. Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people.

The biomedical waste management report was prepared through consultations with technical staff in the St. Vincent Water and Sewerage Authority, health care workers at different health care facilities and officials of the Ministry of Health. Dissemination involved use of the official Government website and the official gazette.

F. Disclosure Requirements Date

| Environmental Assessment/Audit/Management Plan/Other: (To be completed) |
|---|---|---|
| Date of receipt by the Bank | 02/05/04 or Not Applicable |
| Date of “in-country” disclosure | 05/05/04 or Not Applicable |
| Date of submission to InfoShop | 05/05/04 or Not Applicable |
| For category A projects, date of distributing the Executive Summary of the EA to the Executive Directors | …/…/… or Not Applicable |

| Resettlement Action Plan/Framework/Policy Process: |
|---|---|---|
| Date of receipt by the Bank | …/…/… or Not Applicable N/A |
| Date of “in-country” disclosure | …/…/… or Not Applicable |
| Date of submission to InfoShop | …/…/… or Not Applicable |

* By supporting the proposed project, the Bank does not intend to prejudice the final determination of the parties' claims on the disputed areas
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**OP/BP 4.01 - Environment Assessment:**
- Does the project require a stand-alone EA (including EMP) report? **Yes**
- If yes, then did the Regional Environment Unit review and approve the EA report? **X**
- Are the cost and the accountabilities for the EMP incorporated in the credit/loan? **X**

**OP/BP 4.04 - Natural Habitats:**
- Would the project result in any significant conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats? **Yes**
- If the project would result in significant conversion or degradation of other (non-critical) natural habitats, does the project include mitigation measures acceptable to the Bank? **N/A**

**OP 4.09 - Pest Management:**
- Does the EA adequately address the pest management issues? **Yes**
- Is a separate PMP required? **N/A**
- If yes, are PMP requirements included in project design? **N/A**

**Draft OP 4.11 (OPN 11.03) - Cultural Property:**
- Does the EA include adequate measures? **Yes**
- Does the credit/loan incorporate mechanisms to mitigate the potential adverse impacts on physical cultural resources? **N/A**

**OD 4.20 - Indigenous Peoples:**
- Has a separate indigenous people development plan been prepared in consultation with the Indigenous People? **Yes**
- If yes, then did the Regional Social Development Unit review and approve the plan? **N/A**
- If the whole project is designed to benefit IP, has the design been reviewed and approved by the Regional Social Development Unit? **N/A**

**OP/BP 4.12 - Involuntary Resettlement:**
- Has a resettlement action plan, policy framework or policy process been prepared? **Yes**
- If yes, then did the Regional Social Development Unit review and approve the plan / policy framework / policy process? **N/A**

**OP/BP 4.36 – Forests:**
- Has the sector-wide analysis of policy and institutional issues and constraints been carried out? **Yes**
- Does the project design include satisfactory measures to overcome these constraints? **N/A**
Does the project finance commercial harvesting, and if so, does it include provisions for certification system?

**OP/BP 4.37 - Safety of Dams:**
- Have dam safety plans been prepared? Yes
- Have the TORs as well as composition for the independent Panel of Experts (POE) been reviewed and approved by the Bank? Yes
- Has an Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP) been prepared and arrangements been made for public awareness and training? Yes

**OP 7.50 - Projects on International Waterways:**
- Have the other riparians been notified of the project? Yes
- If the project falls under one of the exceptions to the notification requirement, then has this been cleared with the Legal Department, and the memo to the RVP prepared and sent? Yes
- What are the reasons for the exception? Please explain:
  - Has the RVP approved such an exception? Yes

**OP 7.60 - Projects in Disputed Areas:**
- Has the memo conveying all pertinent information on the international aspects of the project, including the procedures to be followed, and the recommendations for dealing with the issue, been prepared, cleared with the Legal Department and sent to the RVP? Yes
- Does the PAD/MOP include the standard disclaimer referred to in the OP? Yes

**BP 17.50 - Public Disclosure:**
- Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to the World Bank's Infoshop? Yes
- 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

**All Safeguard Policies:**
- Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of the safeguard measures? Yes
- Have safeguard measures costs been included in project cost? Yes
- Will the safeguard measures costs be funded as part of project implementation? Yes
- Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures? Yes
- Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents? Yes

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- Sector Manager: Evangeline Javier

**Comments:**