Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary

Concept Stage

(ESRS Concept Stage)

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

**A. Basic Project Data**

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<th>Country</th>
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<td>EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC</td>
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**Project Name**

Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Kiribati

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<th>Practice Area (Lead)</th>
<th>Financing Instrument</th>
<th>Estimated Appraisal Date</th>
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<td>Poverty and Equity</td>
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**Borrower(s)**

Republic of Kiribati

**Implementing Agency(ies)**

Kiribati National Statistics Office (KNSO)

**Proposed Development Objective(s)**

To improve the efficiency of HIES implementation, quality of data production, and accessibility to welfare data in Kiribati.

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<th>Financing (in USD Million)</th>
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<td>Total Project Cost</td>
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**B. Is the project being prepared in a Situation of Urgent Need of Assistance or Capacity Constraints, as per Bank IPF Policy, para. 12?**

No

**C. Summary Description of Proposed Project [including overview of Country, Sectoral & Institutional Contexts and Relationship to CPF]**

The 'Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in the Kiribati project will work with the client country to reduce the levels of data deprivation by supporting the adoption of improved methodologies and new technologies for data collection.

**D. Environmental and Social Overview**

D.1. Project location(s) and salient characteristics relevant to the ES assessment [geographic, environmental, social]
The specific location/s of the survey within Kiribati is not yet known. The project will not involve any physical works. The main project activities are development of a methodology and program for data collection in Kiribati, undertaking of socio-economic surveys, developing a system for data storage and sharing, and institutional capacity building.

D. 2. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity
The project will be implemented in Kiribati and forms part of a regional initiative, including Tonga and Solomon Islands. At the regional level, the Project will also provide financing to the Statistics for Development Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC-SDD). Borrowers capacity to manage the E&S risks associated with the Project will be assessed during the ESA process, including Kiribati National Statistics Office. Appropriate capacity building activities will be included within project design as necessary.

II. SCREENING OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (ES) RISKS AND IMPACTS

A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC)  Low

Environmental Risk Rating  Low
No physical works are proposed and the project does not involve analytical, advisory or other activities which could have or lead to downstream physical, social or environmental impacts. The collection, analysis, storage and sharing of anonymised data is unlikely to result in any significant E&S risks.

Social Risk Rating  Low
No physical works are proposed and the project does not involve analytical, advisory or other activities which could have or lead to downstream physical, social or environmental impacts. The collection, analysis, storage and sharing of anonymised data is unlikely to result in any significant E&S risks.

B. Environment and Social Standards (ESSs) that Apply to the Activities Being Considered

B.1. General Assessment

ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

Overview of the relevance of the Standard for the Project:
The project is not expected to result in any negative E&S issues.

The project could have positive impacts (through collection of data to inform Government) on vulnerable groups, reduction in discrimination, and indigenous peoples by helping to capture data and focus Government attention on vulnerable groups and indigenous peoples and address exclusion or discrimination.

Areas where “Use of Borrower Framework” is being considered:
The use of E&S country systems is not anticipated at this stage. It is unlikely that the need or rationale for using Borrower ES systems will arise, but this may be reviewed during the ESA process, once the Project interventions are clearly identified.

ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure
While the project will have no adverse ES impacts, the identification and outreach to stakeholders would be expected to be an important contribution to the project design. A stakeholder identification and characterization would be an important tool to understand the scope of potential beneficiaries, as well as the influence, attitude and interests of key stakeholders. The methodology and approach taken to data collection, analysis and storage will need to be clearly communicated to all relevant stakeholders. A stakeholder engagement plan (SEP), commensurate to the projects risks, will be prepared and disclosed prior to appraisal.

B.2. Specific Risks and Impacts

A brief description of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts relevant to the Project.

ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions
Worker conditions for data collectors, Governments and other agencies and contractors will be assessed to ensure alignment with ESS2. At this stage, the number and type of workers is unknown and will depend on the data collection methodology, sample size, and analysis and distribution needs. Timeframe for employment are also unknown though survey activities will not take place until 2023. Labour management procedures will be prepared prior to the employment of any staff or workers, and will set out how the project will meet the requirements of ESS2.

ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management
Use of natural resources, generation of emissions and waste, and significant GHG production are not anticipated.

ESS4 Community Health and Safety
Provision of information by the community may present some minor issues in terms of data confidentiality. This will be assessed as part of the ESA process but is expected to be readily manageable within the methodology being developed for data collection, storage, management and processing. Data security may be an aspect to emphasize in project design and follow up with the Borrowers. No community health and safety issues are expected through project activities; nor will activities affect ecosystem services.

ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement
No land impacts are anticipated and involuntary land acquisition is not anticipated.

ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources
The project will not impact biodiversity or living natural resources.

ESS7 Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities
This project will be implemented in Kiribati, where the population is homogenous and there are no groups or communities that meet the criteria for Indigenous Peoples.
ESS8 Cultural Heritage
The project will not impact physical or intangible cultural resources.

ESS9 Financial Intermediaries
The project does not involve financial intermediaries.

C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply

OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways
No

OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas
No

III. WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE

A. Is a common approach being considered?
No

Financing Partners
none

B. Proposed Measures, Actions and Timing (Borrower’s commitments)

Actions to be completed prior to Bank Board Approval:
Incorporation of social and environmental issue considerations (inclusion, vulnerable people, indigenous peoples etc) in survey design and sampling.
Prior to implementation, a SEP will be prepared to the satisfaction of the Bank. A Labour management plan (LMP) may be required depending on the timescale of recruitment of staff or contractors.

Possible issues to be addressed in the Borrower Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP):
The TOR for survey design, sampling, analysis to incorporate social and environment issue considerations (inclusion, vulnerable people, indigenous peoples etc.) to be approved by Bank E&S team; the LMP may be a requirement of the ESCP to be implemented prior to the recruitment of staff; project activities implemented in line with ESF requirements; and inclusion of E&S considerations in project reporting.

C. Timing

Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage ESRS
30-Dec-2019
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