

Environmental and Social Data Sheet

Overview

Project Name: URGENT FLOOD RELIEF AND PREVENTION
Project Number: 2010-0683
Country: Montenegro
Project Description: Reconstruction and restoring of basic road, water and sanitation infrastructure damaged by the December 2010 floods

EIA required: to be determined

Project included in Carbon Footprint Exercise: NO

Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment, including key issues and overall conclusion and recommendation

The project is a multi-sector (roads, water supply and sanitation) multi-scheme operation classified as a Framework Loan. As an official candidate country for membership to the European Union, the promoter is required to implement all the schemes in compliance with relevant EU environmental and social legislation and principles. Some of the schemes may eventually fall under Annex I or Annex II of the EIA Directive. The promoter will need to act according to the principles of the Habitats and Birds Directives, which have already been transposed into national law. Each individual scheme will be subject to screening as part of the allocation process.

Negative environmental impacts are expected to be minor and temporary. In cases of some of the sub-projects, the long term impacts are expected to be positive. By restoring and improving of vital infrastructure, the social impacts are estimated to be positive. Overall, the project is acceptable for Bank financing.

Environmental and Social Assessment

Environmental Assessment

If located within EU, the project would not require an SEA, as it is not part of a plan or programme, as defined in the SEA Directive.

The vast majority of the schemes would not fall under the provisions of either Annex II or Annex I of the EIA Directive 85/337/EEC, amended by Directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC. As part of the allocation process, each individual scheme will be screened and where relevant, copy of screening decisions or EIA would be required prior to allocation of Bank's funds.

Some schemes may be located in or in the vicinity of protected area or habitats, therefore potentially have negative impacts. Compliance with the provisions of the local Law and the principles of the Habitats Directive will be checked for each scheme prior to the allocation of Bank's funds.

The reconstruction will be performed in majority of cases on the same locations and with similar main parameters, therefore very small or no additional impacts. By reconstructing the damaged infrastructure, the project will have very small negative residual impacts. Minor and temporary negative impacts are expected during implementation.

Wherever possible, the new infrastructure will include adaptation measures to reduce the risk of future damages due to similar natural events.

Social Assessment, where applicable

The schemes are not likely to require any additional land take, or to change the social environment, therefore no population movements are expected. Each scheme will be assessed prior to the allocation of Bank's funds.

Montenegro has ratified all ILO conventions and the core standards are reflected in the local laws and regulations.

By restoring and improving of vital infrastructure and creating temporary employment, the social impacts of the project are estimated to be positive.

Other Environmental and Social Aspects

The project will be implemented by two promoters, namely the Traffic Directorate with the Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs and the Public Works Directorate within Ministry for Sustainable Development and Tourism, under the coordination of the Ministry of Finance (the Borrower).

The respective promoters will be responsible for monitoring of the implementation of the schemes in their portfolio, including the environmental and social aspects, as well as in communicating to the Bank any relevant information.

Public Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement,

Public consultations, as part of the EIA process will be held for all schemes where an EIA is deemed necessary and assessed prior to the allocation of Bank's funds.