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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Action on Disability and Development
ADL	Activities for Daily Living
AFR	Africa Region
CAS	Country Assistance Strategy
CBR	Community-Based Rehabilitation
CDD	Community Driven Development
CGA	Country Gender Assessment
CIR	Center for International Rehabilitation
CRC	Convention on the Rights of Children
CSA	Country Social Analysis
DAF	Disability Accommodation Fund
DALYs	Disability Adjusted Life Years
DD	Disability and Development
DfA	Design for All
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
DGF	Development Grant Facility
DPI	Disabled People's International
DPO	Disabled People's Organization
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAP	East Asia and Pacific Region
ECA	Europe and Central Asia Region
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EDF	European Disability Forum
EFA	Education for All
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (United Nations)
EU	European Union
GDP	Gross domestic product
GCLP	Global Child Labor Program
GPDD	Global Partnership on Disability and Development
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für technische Zusammenarbeit (German Technical Development Co-operation)
HDNSP	Human Development Network Social Protection Unit
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ICACBR	International Centre for the Advancement of Community Based Rehabilitation
ICF	International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health
ICIDH	International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities and Handicaps

ICR	Implementation Completion Report
ICRPD	International Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IDRM	International Disability Rights Monitor
IL	Independent Living
ILO	International Labor Organization
ISDS	Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet
LCR	Latin America and the Caribbean Region
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MNA	Middle East and North Africa
MPA	Methodology for Participatory Assessments
MTR	Mid-Term Review
NDC	National Disability Council
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OED	Operations Evaluation Department
OM	Operation Manual
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children\
PAD	Project Appraisal Document
PCF	Post-Conflict Fund
PCN	Project Concept Note
PCP	Primary Care Provider
PRS	Poverty Reduction Strategies
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
PSIA	Poverty and Social Impact Analysis
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
PWD	Person with Disabilities
RDA	Rapid Disability Assessment
SA	Social Assessment
SAR	South Asia Region
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
TFESSD	Trust Fund for Environment and Social Sustainable Development
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization

## PREFACE TO THE SOCIAL ANALYSIS GUIDANCE NOTE SERIES

The World Bank is committed to improving the quality of social analysis and participatory processes in its projects. This commitment is reflected in the strategy document for Social Development in the World Bank, *Empowering People by Transforming Institutions* that presents three strategic priorities: improved macro level processes, better grounding through research and capacity building, and better projects, which means improved development effectiveness of investment lending through a more comprehensive and efficient mainstreaming of social development into project-level processes and analyses, as well as strengthening the social development thematic portfolio.

As a means of systematizing this process, the Social Development Department has worked on developing guidance to Bank staff and clients on the application of social analysis and the integration of social dimensions within Bank operations. One outcome of this effort has been the *Social Analysis Sourcebook* (2003), which explores how Bank teams can assess the social context, and shows how governments and other stakeholders can undertake Social Assessments for specific projects. By explicitly addressing issues such as social diversity and gender, institutional norms and behavior, stakeholder analysis and participation, and social risk, projects are more likely to contribute to equitable and sustainable development.

Social Analysis in the World Bank has expanded over the last decade from primarily focusing on adverse impacts and compliance with social safeguard policies (involuntary resettlement, and impacts on indigenous peoples), to a more comprehensive social development framework for Bank-supported projects and programs. Although avoiding and mitigating adverse impacts of development interventions remains central to our work, these concerns are now a part of a broader focus on opportunities, constraints and risk to development that arise from the social context. More recently, this transition from “do no harm” to “do good” also reflects the vision of the new Sustainable Development Network.

While the focus of the Social Analysis Sourcebook is on incorporating social development issues into the project cycle, guidance is also offered on macro-level social analysis, including through Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA), which analyzes distributional impacts and the role that informal institutions, social relations, and power structures play in the reform process. At the country level, Country Social Analysis (CSA) informs the Bank’s portfolio, and provides inputs to the Bank’s Country Assistance Strategies (CAS), as well as to client countries’ Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS).

As a follow up to the Sourcebook, the Social Development Department is producing a series of sector- and theme-specific guidance notes for social analysis. The purpose is to ensure that advice related to social development issues is relevant and timely, addresses the key social concerns and opportunities in particular sectors, and is well integrated into the project cycle at all stages. The notes also discuss policy and institutional aspects of particular sectors. These aspects may in some cases be addressed through other instruments than projects, such as country-level policy dialogue, or Development Policy Loans.