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## CAMBODIA AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DIVERSIFICATION PROJECT (CASDP) ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF)

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AVCF	Agriculture Value Chain Facility
BPI	Business Plan
BPr	
CASDP	Business Proposal
	Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project
CSC	Consultation Supervision Consultant
DP	Development Plan
DUC	Dam Under Construction
E&S	Environmental and Social
EA	Environment Assessment
ECOP	Environmental Code of Practice
EHS	Environmental Health and Safety
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMA	External Monitoring Agency
EMC	Environmental Management Consultant
EPC	Environmental Protection Commitment
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
ESU	Environmental and Social Unit
EU	Environmental Unit
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FFS	Famer Field School
FSs	Feasibility Studies
FT-PRR	Famer Training on Pesticide Risk Reduction
GAP	Good Agricultural Practices
GDA	General Directorate of Agriculture
GDP	Good Domestic Product
GDR	General Department of Resettlement
GNI	Gross National Income
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
ICM	Integrated Crop Management
ICR	Implementation Completion and Results Report
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IPDP	Indigenous People Development Plan
IPPF	Indigenous People Planning Framework
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IPM	Irrigated Pest Management
IRC	Inter-Ministry Resettlement Committee
LACP	Lao Agriculture Commercialization Project
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries
MoC	Ministry of Commerce
MoE	Ministry of Environment
MolH	Ministry of Industry and Handicraft
MOWA	Ministry of Women Affairs
MOWA MoWRAM	

MRD	Ministry of Rural Development
MRD	Ministry of Rural Development
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheets
MSF	Micro Finance Institution/Bank
MTR	Midterm Term Review
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NSDP	National Strategic Development Plan
NTFP	Non-Timber Forest Products
ODA	Official Development Assistance
PAD	Project Appraisal Document
PAH	Project Affected Household
PAP	Project Affected People
PASO	Provincial Agriculture and Forestry Offices
PCO	Project Coordination Office
PCR	Physical Cultural Resource
PDO	Project Development Objective
PIM	Project Implementation Manual
PMP	Pesticide Management Plan
PMU	Project Management Unit
POM	Project Operations Manual
POs	Producer Organization
PRSC	Provincial Resettlement Sub-Committee
RDB	Rural Development Bank
REA	Regional Environmental Assessment
RGC	Royal Government of Cambodia
RAP	Resettlement Action Plan
RPF	Resettlement Policy Framework
SARD	Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
SEO	Safety and Environment Officer
SMAs	Small and Medium Agri-Business
ТА	Technical Assistance
TNA	Training Need Assessment
TWG-AW	Technical Working Group on Agriculture and Water
WB	World Bank
WTO	World Trade Organization

1. The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) was prepared by the project preparation team of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) with inputs from Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM), and Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF). The authors would like to express their gratitude to the World Bank tasks team for their support and guidance.

2. This ESMF was prepared as part of the Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project (CASDP) to be financed by the World Bank Group (WBG) through an International Development Association (IDA) loan and the Royal Government of Cambodia. It has been designed to ensure that Bank-financed projects do not result in adverse environmental and social risks and impacts during and after implementation. Project locations include both rural and urban provinces. An initial proposal for Project locations includes Battambang, Mondulkiri, Stung Treng, Ratanakiri, Preah Vihear, Siem Reap, Tboung Khmum, Kratie, Kampong Cham, Kandal, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, and Phnom Penh

3. This guidance aims at (i) Describe project background, (ii) Rationale for the environmental and social management framework, purpose and scope of the framework, (iii) Approach and methodology for developing the ESMF, and (iv) Structure of the ESMF. The goal of the guidance is to implement initial environmental impact assessment (IEIA), full environmental impact assessment (EIA), and to provide general guidelines and checklists. The Ministry of Environment is responsible for reviewing the EIA reports, the required follow-up, and monitoring. ESMF also aims at reducing the impacts of traditional agricultural farming practices (by promoting the application of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) and trialing more environmentally-friendly farming models.

4. Beside these major positive impacts, the project may also cause moderate negative impacts. The potential negative impacts have been assessed by means of site visits, discussions with local authorities and beneficiaries, and the use of secondary sources for information. The potential environmental issues and concerns identified were: (i) environmental effects of agricultural activities, (ii) infrastructure works, and (iii) solid waste management from agri-business processing.

5. The project/sub project screening report would identify the World Bank's environmental and social safeguard policies applicable to the project, also identifies when and how the Bank's Safeguard Policies are triggered or not triggered. This project triggers five environmental safeguard policies. Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01), Pest Management (OP/BP 4.09), Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11), Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37), and Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50). These safeguard policies are triggered because of the anticipated impacts from (i) TA and civil works such as irrigation investments, farm to market roads, farm mechanization, and infrastructure services and (ii) potential application of pesticides or chemicals for increased agricultural production under Components 1 and 2.

6. Social risk for the project is currently classified as moderate. Various levels and magnitude of potential social impacts are expected from the implementation of sub-projects depending on their scale and location, which are yet to be detailed. Based on the initial consultations with the potential beneficiaries regarding possible investments, the activities associated with development of infrastructure and potential impacts to land and water, and the need to ensure all communities will have opportunity to benefit, the Project will likely trigger the following two World Bank social safeguard policies: Indigenous Peoples (OP/BP 4.10) and Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12). -

7. The procedures for screening, review, clearance and implementation of sub-projects safeguard instruments are to ensure that environmental and social concerns are adequately addressed through the institutional arrangements and procedures used by the project for managing the identification, preparation, approval, and implementation of subprojects. ESMF procedures are clearly linked to the project-defined subproject cycle that can be readily included in the *Project Operational Manual*.

8. There are 4 key steps in subproject preparation during project implementation: Step 1: Safeguard screening and impacts assessment; Step 2: Development of safeguard documents as required including development of mitigation measures and public consultation; Step 3: Safeguard clearance and information disclosure; and Step 4: Implementation, monitoring, and reporting. The safeguard screening includes two steps, eligibility screening and technical screening for assessment of potential impacts, policies triggered and instruments to be prepared.

9. To manage social and environmental risks, MAFF--in collaboration with MoWRAM and MRD has prepared a resettlement policy framework, an Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework based on a preliminary social assessment, as well as an Environmental and Social Management Framework. Furthermore, environmental and social safeguards focal

persons have been appointed by MAFF, MoWRAM and MRD for the project preparation and implementation. The implementation of the environmental and social safeguards will follow the Project Implementation arrangement by following 'Government Structure', mainly guided/lead by MAFF), including units or agencies. Guidance on social and environmental safeguards will be provided by a high-level Project Steering Committee, chaired by MAFF. MAFF is the lead implementing agency, collaborating with MoWRAM, and MRD and their line departments as "co-implementers" of selective infrastructure. At central level, MAFF will be responsible for overall implementation and effectiveness, coordination with concerned ministries, including the environmental and social safeguards management.

10. The POM has sections on environmental issues/procedures, resettlement and compensation and ethnic minorities plans. These sections will provide links to: (i) subproject screening; (ii) appropriate mitigation actions and/or Environmental Code of Practice (ECOP); (iii) practical pre-tested safeguard forms used at field subproject level; (iv) development of supplemental tools/guidance; and (v) details on how monitoring and evaluation for safeguards will be undertaken.

11. Furthermore, this project established grievance redress committee(s) at the local (provincial, district, and commune) levels to be headed respectively by the Provincial Governor or Provincial Vice-Governor, Chief of District, and Chief of Commune. At the commune level, for the membership of the committee a representative from project affected households (PAH) shall be chosen from among the project affected people (PAP). In the case of indigenous communities, village level committees will be established and subject to a process of free, prior and informed consultation and will build on the unique decision-making structures of individual indigenous communities, as well as requirements for gender and intergenerational balance.

#### 1.0 Introduction to ESMF

12. This document is the ESMF for the proposed CASDP is prepared in conjunction with MAFF, MOWRAM, MEF and MRD for possible financing by the World Bank (WB or Bank).

## 1.1 Purpose of ESMF

1. The purpose of the ESMF is to ensure that CASDP's activities are screened for any negative social and environmental impacts and mitigating measures are taken into account in activity design and implementation. In other words, the ESMF is designed to ensure the CASDP's investments do not create or result in significant adverse impacts on local livelihoods and the environment, and that potential impacts are identified, avoided or at least minimized. In particular, the ESMF includes processes and guidelines aiming at:

- (a) Preventing and/or mitigating any environmental and social impact that may be resulting from the proposed activities,
- (b) Ensuring the long-term environmental sustainability of benefits from proposed activities by securing the natural resource base on which they depend, and
- (c) Facilitating, in a pro-active manner, activities that can be expected to lead to increased efficiency in the use and improved management of natural resources resulting in the stabilization and/or improvements in local environmental quality and human well-being as well.

## 2.0 The CASDP Project

## 2.1 Project Development Objectives

2. **Project Development Objective (PDO).** The PDO are to facilitate the development of diversified agriculture value chains in selected geographical areas in Cambodia, and to provide immediate and effective response in case of an eligible crisis or emergency.

3. **PDO level indicators.** The achievement of the first part of the PDO will be measured through the following indicators: (i) increase in the volume and value of gross sales at benefitting farms (percentage), (ii) increase in the value of gross sales of benefitting agribusinesses (percentage), and (iii) share of non-rice production area of participating farmers (percentage).

## 2.2 Project Components

4. The proposed CASDP comprises the following five components: (i) Enabling Agriculture Diversification; (ii) Supporting Public Infrastructure; (iii) Improving Agriculture Information Systems and Quality Control Management; (iv) Project Management, Coordination, and Monitoring and Evaluation; and (v) Contingent Emergency Response.

5. The proposed project is designed to enhance market opportunities through an inclusive, beneficiary-led, and market-driven approach leading to enhanced competitiveness and increased capacity to manage climate risks. The project will have four components, plus a fifth zero-allocation component for the case of an eligible crisis or emergency. The first two components are closely linked and represent the largest part of the investments and will be modular and scalable and adaptable to geographical areas and commodity/value chains. The third component focuses on institutional strengthening and seeks to enhance the impact of the investments made under the first two components in the medium and long term, ensuring sustainability and possible expansion of benefits across the country.

6. The compilation of value chain support, including extensive technical assistance (TA), productive infrastructure, and financial support services under Component 1, emphasizes the proposed project's close ties between direct support to farmers, producer organizations (POs), and small and medium agribusinesses (SMAs) and the public investments in roads and irrigation infrastructure under Component 2. All public infrastructure investments of Component 2 will be prioritized and implemented as described in selected diversification plans (DPIs) prepared under Component 1, applying new civil works codes that reduce vulnerability to climate risks.

7. **Component 1: Enabling Agriculture Diversification.** Component 1 will use a holistic value chain approach that is market and demand driven to build diversified competitive value chains, in which the POs and their members can access rewarding domestic and international markets, and SMAs (such as aggregators, processors, input suppliers, distributors, and wholesalers) can have access to better quality raw material on a consistent basis, while increasing their absorptive capacity and achieving the quality standards that the markets require. This component is competitive and mostly private sector driven, with the Government having mainly a facilitating role, while providing certain market-linked agricultural extension services (in which it has a comparative advantage) leading to the adoption of new technologies to increase productivity and to enhance resilience to climate risks. The farmers' POs and SMAs will be in a position to determine the type of services and infrastructure and the delivery mechanisms that responds to their needs.

8. **Subcomponent 1.1: Supporting the Preparation and Implementation of Diversified Agricultural Value Chains.** The subcomponent will finance (a) awareness raising campaigns, (b) support for teaming up of stakeholders, (c) support for the preparation and evaluation of Diversification Proposals (DPr); (d) support for the preparation and evaluation of a full-fledged DPI) for selected DPr; (e) implementation support, and (f) technical support.

9 Subcomponent 1.2: Financing Agriculture Diversification. To facilitate the financing of the productive investments and TA identified in the approved DPI and associated BPI, the project will set up a credit line, complemented by a matching grant facility predominantly intended for the POs, aiming to link to value chains. The financial instruments will underpin the overall thrust of the project, which is diversification into higher-value crops and commercialization of the agriculture sector. The financial instruments will therefore finance a broad range of investments at the farm/PO/SMA level as identified in the DPI and BPI, related to agriculture diversification, including processing equipment, on-farm irrigation equipment (drip, microjet, sprinkler, on-farm water storage, and so on), agricultural machinery, (cold) storage, vehicles, packaging and trading equipment, information and communications technology (ICT) solutions, agricultural inputs, and other eligible investments. Development for diversified, irrigated farming will focus on one or more blocks in the existing irrigation schemes where on-farm irrigation equipment will be installed. Diversified agriculture will for most sub-projects require pumped on-farm irrigation rather than gravity rice irrigation. The project will provide technical advice to beneficiaries to ensure that water and energy efficient technologies will be applied, in particular solar power. Some of the POs may develop small irrigation schemes outside the existing irrigation schemes. These schemes will typically be around 20 ha and will use groundwater or surface water from small streams. The credit line and matching grant facility will be available to finance viable schemes.

10. **Component 2: Supporting Public Infrastructure**. The component will support government/public actors providing demand-driven, improved infrastructure, such as rural roads and higher-order irrigation infrastructure, for which private sector services are generally not available or accessible. These include off-farm irrigation infrastructure and rural market access roads, identified by the stakeholders in the approved DPIs under Component 1, to improve the PO's ability to diversify crop production through improved and on-demand water availability and transport produce to the markets in an efficient manner that speeds up delivery and minimizes losses. The component will also finance consulting services for design and construction supervision. Climate-resilient engineering of construction works will be ensured. Removing bottlenecks for productive investments and the provision of public infrastructure is also part of the proposed project's efforts to facilitate MFD intervention by private sector stakeholders.

11. **Subcomponent 2.1: Supporting Irrigated Agriculture.** Many of the POs are expected to develop diversified agriculture in the existing irrigation schemes. Led by the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MoWRAM), the project will finance selective rehabilitation or upgrading of irrigation water conveyance and distribution systems identified in the DPI prepared under Subcomponent 1.1. The project will not invest in large-scale irrigation infrastructure, and investment support will be provided only in combination and coordination with other value chain diversification measures. Thus, investments under the project will be limited to selective canal lining, construction of control structures, installation of new gates, and so on to ensure that the water can reach the irrigation blocks where the POs practice diversified agriculture on a demand rather than supply-driven basis. It will also include the TA and training to water user communities and municipalities to strengthen their capacity to operate and maintain the financed irrigation infrastructure, and financing of consulting services, as needed, to design and supervise the infrastructure investments. Finally, the project will support the MoWRAM and MAFF with the introduction of modern technologies, such as remote sensing and drones, to improve irrigation water management and its monitoring.

12. *Subcomponent 2.2: Supporting Agriculture Roads.* Led by the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), the project will support the enhancement of connectivity through improving farm-to-market roads (rural roads) identified in the

DPI prepared under Subcomponent 1.1. Based on the needs described in the DPI, the existing rural roads will be improved, either paved or unpaved, to increase the impact on productivity and market access of investments delivered as part of Subcomponent 1.2 and contribute to the overall competitiveness of the agriculture sector. The engineering road design will follow adequate civil works codes taking into account the need to ensure resilience of the infrastructure to climate change and extreme weather events. Improved traffic flows on rehabilitated/upgraded roads will decrease GHG emissions per unit transported.

13. **Component 3: Improving Agriculture Information Systems and Quality Control Management.** The objective of Component 3 is to strengthen foundational knowledge, data analysis capacities, and regulatory delivery systems within the public sector and their implementation and enforcement. These will contribute to broad and transparent knowledge and improved decision making of public sector and private actors, with impacts reaching beyond the supported farmers, POs, and SMAs. Agriculture information and quality control management systems will benefit direct stakeholders as well as farmers, POs, and SMAs that operate in areas not included in the project communes and provinces. The component will also fund analytical and policy advisory work to guide government investments in support of agriculture sector development.

14. **Subcomponent 3.1: Agriculture Information System.** Funding will be provided for investments in the further development and improved use of soil/agroecological maps, agricultural early warning systems, food production and agricultural statistics/census data (agricultural market intelligence and marketing information systems), and potentially others. New technologies in ICT will be promoted to ensure broadest dissemination and best use of available data and information for public and private sector stakeholders' planning and decisions regarding climate smart production, processing, and marketing of agriculture products, and services and support will be given for market intelligence to identify medium- and long-term opportunities for suitable products. Funding will be provided for targeted information provision through new and appropriate technologies to reach the participating women farmers with limited access to written material. Information dissemination will include nutrition-related messages and materials relevant to strengthen the nutrition outcomes of the project.

15. **Subcomponent 3.2: Quality Control Management.** Investments to strengthen the effectiveness of plant protection and phytosanitary, animal health, and food safety surveillance, reporting, and inspectorate systems and systems to enforce agricultural input regulations will be supported. This will include support for the development of certification, licensing, and other quality control and management services, development and application of regulations on GAPs and organic products, good animal husbandry practices (GAHPs), use of geographic indicators, and so on.

16. **Component 4: Project Management, Coordination, and Monitoring and Evaluation.** As the lead executing agency (EA), the MAFF will be responsible for overall project management/coordination and for the implementation of all four components. The MAFF will closely cooperate with the technical units of the MRD and MoWRAM as implementing partners that will take responsibility for the construction of rural infrastructure. Support will be provided for the establishment of a MAFF-led project coordination and implementation unit and supported by the Secretariat of the Technical Working Group on Agriculture and Water (TWGAW). The establishment of a high-level Steering Committee is envisaged to advise on and deal with emerging cross-sectoral issues. The details are elaborated in the POM.

17. **Component 5: Contingent Emergency Response**. The objective of the contingent emergency response component, with a provisional zero allocation, is to allow for the reallocation of financing to provide immediate response to an eligible crisis or emergency, when/if needed. An Emergency Response Manual (ERM) will be developed for activities under this component, detailing streamlined FM, procurement, safeguard, and any other necessary implementation arrangements. In the event the component is triggered, the Results Framework would be revised through formal restructuring to include appropriate indicators related to the emergency response activities.

## 2.3 Project Beneficiaries and Locations

18. **Geographical targeting.** The project will operate in 12 provinces, plus in Phnom Penh. The provinces have been chosen for their suitable agroecological conditions for high-value products, with Phnom Penh as the location of many potentially participating SMAs. The provinces include Battambang, Mondulkiri, Stung Treng, Ratanakiri, Preah Vihear, Kampong Cham, Tboung Khmum, Kratie, Siem Reap, Kandal, Kampong Speu, and Kampong Chhnang. Six of these provinces have high rates of stunting and are expected to simultaneously benefit from interventions under the planned Cambodian Nutrition Project. Within the provinces, eligible project sites are expected to be located in areas with (a) existing,

organized, active producer groups; (b) reliable multi-season water availability; and (c) existing tracks with a distance of maximum 10 km to an all-weather road.

19. **Beneficiary targeting.** The project's direct beneficiaries are small and medium-size farmers, organized in POs or cooperatives, and showing potential and interest to develop their farming business; and SMAs that are interested in direct cooperation with farmers and POs to jointly develop their business/value chain. The project will have targeted information material and campaigns to reach out to female farmers and business owners. Additional indirect beneficiaries are all users of infrastructure improvements in market links, roads, and irrigation water. Improvements in data and information availability and access to quality assurance mechanisms (regulatory framework and infrastructure) will have sector-wide benefits.

## 3.0 Policy, Legal, and Administrative Framework

20. This section describes relevant national environmental and social management requirements, the Bank safeguards policies applicable to the Project and its subprojects, and the gap analysis between the government and the Bank policy requirements and measures for filling the gap.

## 3.1 Applicable National Laws and Regulations

21. This section describes the applicable national laws, decrees, circulars, decisions, and national technical regulations and standards. It is equally important that sector specific regulations on environment and social related to the project are described in this section.

22. Overall management of the environment is under the responsible of the Ministry of Environment (MoE), which was created in 1993. The MoE is responsible for implementation of the Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management. At the provincial and city levels, there are corresponding provincial/city environment departments. These local departments have the responsibility of enforcing the environmental legislation coming under the competence of the MoE. However, the daily operation functions of these departments would normally be under the direct control of the provincial authorities.

23. The framework law calls for an initial environmental impact assessment (IEIA) or full environmental impact assessment (EIA), depending on type and activity and the site of the project (Sub-Decree on IEIA/EIA process (article 1 and 2 of Sub-Decree of IEIA/EIA process), to be conducted for every private or public project, to be reviewed by the MoE before submission to the Government for a final decision. All proposed and existing activities are to be covered under this requirement.

## Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management Law

24. The Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management Law was enacted by the National Assembly and launched by the Preah Reach Kram/NS-RKM-1296/36. It was enacted on November 18, 1996. This law has the following objectives:

- (a) To protect and promote environment quality and public health through prevention, reduction and control of pollution,
- (b) To assess the environmental impacts of all proposed projects prior to the issuance of a decision by the Royal Government,
- (c) To ensure the rational and sustainable conservation, development, management and use of the natural resources of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- (d) To encourage and provide possibilities for the public to participate in the protection of environment and the management of the natural resources, and
- (e) To suppress any acts that cause harm to the environment.

25. Under this law the developers or project owners need to prepare an IEIA or EIA report for their proposed or existing development projects.

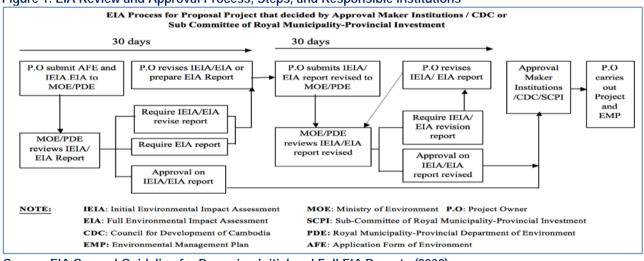
## Environmental Impact Assessment Sub-decree (1999)

26. According to the World Bank 's 2018 Advisory Services and Analytics (P164300), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Sub-decree (1999) and supporting guidelines developed in 2005, 2009, and 2017 include detailed provisions on the requirements, processes and institutional roles and responsibilities for conducting environmental and social (E&S) assessments. Environmental Impact Assessment Sub-decree (1999) requires an EIA to be conducted for "every private and public project or activity," reviewed by the Ministry of Environment (MoE), and submitted for a decision to the Royal Government, "except a special case, where a project will be approved by the Royal Government." Specifically, the EIA Sub-decree details the institutional responsibilities of the MoE and Provisional Departments of Environment (PDoE), procedures for reviewing and approving projects, and general penalties for non-compliance. It also promotes public participation and calls for project owners to develop an environmental management plan (EMP). Project proponents can comply with this law by completing either an Initial EIA or a full EIA, with Article 8 stating that only projects that "cause a serious impact" require a full EIA.

27. Sub-Decree No. 72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process dated August 1999. Key relevant Articles include as follows: The objectives of this Sub-Decree are:

- (a) To determine an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) upon every private and public project or activity, and it shall be reviewed by the Ministry of Environment (MoE), prior to the submission for a decision from the Royal Government;
- (b) To determine the type and size of the proposed project(s) and activities, including existing and ongoing activities in both private and public prior to undertaking the process of EIA;
- (c) Encourage public participation in the implementation of EIA process and take into account of their conceptual input and suggestion for re-consideration prior to the implementation of any project.

28. The General Guidelines for Preparing Initial and Full EIA Reports (2009) provides a table for evaluating minimal, moderate, and serious impacts; however, definitions or criteria for determining these levels of impact are absent in these Guidelines.1 The 2009 Guidelines do help to clarify the assessment review and approval process. In addition to setting the 30-day duration and mapping the steps required by responsible institutions (Figure 1), the Guidelines also list the specific content required in EIA reports, including a checklist of environmental2 and socio-economic3 impacts to analyze and a chapter on public participation<sup>4</sup>.



#### Figure 1. EIA Review and Approval Process, Steps, and Responsible Institutions

*Source*: EIA General Guideline for Preparing Initial and Full EIA Reports (2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The table in Annex 2 of in the EIA Guidelines (2009) covers physical and biological natural environmental resources as well as socio-economic resources across three stages (pre-operation, operation, closure).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forests (area, species, classification), fauna (rare and endangered species, migration), biodiversity, habitats, wetlands, soil, mineral resources, weather (temperature, rainfall, air speed and direction, air pressure, humidity), air quality, noise and vibration, hydrology (quality and quantity of surface and ground water, water current and flow).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Land use, water use, energy use, education, public health, cultural heritage (historical buildings, ancient temples, pagodas, customs/traditions, ethnic minorities, indigenous people, etc.), economic status (employment and income, primary and secondary), infrastructure system, demography and settlement, tourism area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In this chapter, project owners shall provide a description of public consultation on: (i) Dissemination for authorities and local communities about development projects; (ii) Commentaries from relevant ministries/institutions/ departments and local authorities; (iii) Commentaries from relevant NGOs; and (iv) Local people consultation.

29. According to a review by Sam Chanthy at AIT Thailand (2015), the Sub-Decree No. 72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment and the **General Guidelines for Preparing Initial and Full EIA Reports (2009)** merely mention the need for consultants, but do not characterise which entities are qualified to provide professional assessment services to clients. The ordinance under the leadership of the new Minister for Environment invited existing firms to reapply for their licences, and these were to be valid for five years.

## Water Pollution Control Sub-Decree

30. The sub-decree No 27 ANRK.BK on Water Pollution Control is dated 6 April 1999. The purpose of this sub-decree is to regulate water pollution control in order to prevent and reduce the water pollution of public water areas so that the protection of human health and the conservation of bio-diversity will be ensured, Article 1.

31. This sub-decree applies to all sources of pollution and all activities that cause pollution of public water areas, Article 2. The sub-decree also gives the pollution types, effluent standards, and water quality standards in different areas. Concerning the project some water quality standard for the public water areas will be applied.

## Solid Waste Management Sub-Decree

32. The sub-decree No 36 ANRK.BK on Solid Waste Management is dated 27 April 1999. The purpose of this subdecree is to regulate solid waste management in a proper technical manner and safe way in order to ensure the protection of human health and the conservation of bio-diversity.

33. This sub-decree applies to all activities related to disposal, storage, collection, transport, recycling, dumping of garbage and hazardous waste.

## Air Pollution Control Sub-Decree

34. The sub-decree N0 42 ANRK.BK on Air Pollution Control and Noise Disturbance dated July 10, 2000. This subdecree has a purpose to protect the environment quality and public health from air pollutants and noise pollution through monitoring, curb and mitigation activities. This sub-decree applies to all movable sources and immovable sources of air and noise pollution.

## National IPM Program, 1993

35. The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Cambodia was established in 1993 after conducting a national workshop on "Environment and IPM". The overall goal of National IPM program is to promote food security in Cambodia by enhancing the sustainability of intensified crop production system through the promotion of integrated crop management (ICM) skills at farm level. The objectives of this program are:

- (a) to reduce dependence on agricultural chemical, especially pesticides, in agricultural production and to minimize hazards to the human health, animals and environment,
- (b) to develop the capacity of farmers and agricultural technical officers in conducting training and experiments so that they are able to identify problems occurring in agricultural production and find appropriate solution to deal with the problem by themselves,
- (c) to educate farmers on agricultural technology by enhancing their knowledge on field ecology and by developing skills among farmers in monitoring and analyzing field situations that enable them to manage crops properly.

## 3.2 World Bank Safeguards Policies Triggered

36. This section should describe the applicable/relevant World Bank safeguard policies. The project/sub project screening report would identify the World Bank's environmental and social safeguard policies applicable to the project, also identifies when and how the Bank's Safeguard Policies are triggered or not triggered. The World Bank environmental assessment (EA) category assigned to the Project, and the key environmental and social issues identified under the safeguard policies are also discussed in this section. For each World Bank safeguards policy triggered by the project, a brief description is provided to explain why the policy is triggered, what the requirements of the policy are, and how the project will comply with these requirements. All safeguards policies triggered under the project need to be addressed.

37. *The project triggers five environmental safeguard policies.* Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01), Pest Management (OP 4.09), Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11), Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37) and Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50). These safeguard policies are triggered because of the anticipated impacts from (a) TA and civil works such as irrigation investments, farm to market roads, farm mechanization, and infrastructure services and (b) potential application of pesticides or chemicals for increased agricultural production.

38. *Environmental Assessment (OP/BP 4.01*). This policy is triggered due to technical assistance and potential adverse impacts under infrastructure investments including diversified and intensified agricultural production systems, increasing productivity and developing processed and high value food products and markets, providing, supporting infrastructure, tertiary roads and irrigation structure rehabilitation, and upgrading laboratories. Although the project location(s) are not yet pre-determined, the project is classified in category B as the impacts are potentially site-specific, localized, and reversible.

*39.* Aligned with *the* Interim Guidelines on the Application of safeguard Policies to Technical Assistance (TA) Activities under the Bank-Financed Projects (2014), the implementing agencies would integrate environmental and social safeguards aspects into the terms of references for interventions in technical assistance and financial services designed under the project.

40. *Performance Standards for Private Sector Activities (OP/BP 4.03)* is not triggered; however, participating financial intermediary (PFI) (i.e., via line of credit from RDB to the PFI) under the matching grant and credit line financing on-farm investments, agribusiness and enterprises will be required to comply with the environmental and social safeguards requirements of the World Bank. In this instance, PFIs are required to follow the ESMF, which includes: (a) requirements for sub-projects and for PFIs, which would receive credit lines; (b) applicable legal environmental and social protection requirements that may apply to the subprojects; (c) training and capacity building activities under Section 7; and (d) supervision and reporting requirements. All subprojects will be early screened on due diligence of exiting agribusiness and enterprises-- as required in Annex 10--to become project beneficiaries.

41. *Natural Habitats (OP/BP 4.04).* This policy is not triggered since civil works such as irrigation and road rehabilitation will be within agricultural areas or new areas that are anticipated to affect or encroach into any known natural habitats.

42. Forests (OP/BP 4.36). This policy is not triggered since civil works such as irrigation and road rehabilitation will be within agricultural areas or new areas that are anticipated to affect or encroach into any known natural habitats.

43. Pest Management (OP/BP 4.09). The project is promoting on GAPs and organic products, however, this policy is triggered because the project involves the usage of the purchase of pesticides, fertilizers, or chemical substances for the agricultural production. The Recipient has included a pesticide management plan (PMP) in the project-ESMF to address any potential risks from pesticide-related activities. Although, MAFF policies have promoted organic farming and nonpesticide based agriculture, the borrower has included pesticide management plan (PMP) in the project-ESMF to address any potential risks from pesticide-related activities. See the Pest Management Plan (PMP) in Annex 8. The PMP is prepared based on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles, describing the national regulatory framework, status of pest and disease control, monitoring and supervision mechanism. The PMP is comprised of three parts: (i) application of government regulation on pesticide control; (ii) training of the integrated pesticides concept and/or other approaches for the safe use of pesticides; and (iii) monitoring. The PMP specifies a range of actions to strengthen integrated pest management practices and awareness and includes capacity building and monitoring program to facilitate implementation. It is anticipated that there will be no procurement of pesticides under the project and that pesticide use, overall, will decline as a result with the introduction of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP). That said, pesticides are being used by farmers in the project area, so this plan will be applied to the project activities involving any changes in agricultural practices and/or rehabilitation of or development of existing irrigation schemes that may prompt farmers to increase their use of pesticides if no training or monitoring is provided. The plan is comprised of three parts: (i) application of government regulation on pesticide control; (ii) training of the integrated pesticides concept and/or other approaches for the safe use of pesticides; and (iii) monitoring.

44. *Physical Cultural Resources (OP/BP 4.11).* This policy is triggered as the project funds rural infrastructure such as road and irrigation rehabilitation, which can impact on unknown, physical cultural resources as defined by OP/BP 4.11. A chance find procedure of physical cultural resources has been integrated in the ESMF and will be included in the construction contracts as preventive measures.

45. *Safety of Dams (OP/BP 4.37).* This policy is triggered as the project finances irrigation rehabilitation that include investments which could be classified as "small dams" defined under OP/BP 4.37. The rehabilitation of small irrigation schemes not more than 15 meters in height is not expected to include medium to large scale dams. The sub-project owner (e.g. MoWRAM) adopted generic dam safety in the design and implementation of rehabilitation/ improvement of irrigation structures in accordance with OP/BP4.37. Senior irrigation engineer (or qualified irrigation specialist) of the World Bank will provide Support and supervision of the dam safety measures.

46. **Projects on International Waterways (OP/BP 7.50).** The policy is triggered because a number of irrigation schemes are abstracting water from tributaries of the Mekong River, an international waterway. However, the proposed project activities fall under the exception to the notification requirement under paragraph 7(a) of OP 7.50. Most of the project sites will be developed in existing irrigation schemes that are currently used for rice irrigation. Irrigation of rice is typically on a supply basis with low efficiencies. The project targets higher-value crops that need different irrigation from rice and the irrigation blocks will be equipped with efficient irrigation methods, including drip, microjet, and sprinkler irrigation. These irrigation methods are much more efficient than rice irrigation. The change from rice irrigation to higher-value and less water-demanding crops using more efficient irrigation methods will reduce the water use in that part of the scheme that will be developed for diversified agriculture. That saved water may either be used in other parts of the scheme or abstraction will reduce. However, there will be no adverse changes to water flows. The project development will either be neutral or there will be some positive changes to the quantity of water flows in the rivers as more water will remain in the river that will be available for downstream purposes. It is also expected that the water quality will not to be affected, but will possibly be improved, as integrated pest management practices will be introduced, and extension services will improve the farmers' agricultural practices.

47. A few POs may develop small irrigation schemes outside the existing irrigation schemes. These schemes will typically be around 20 ha and will use groundwater or surface water from small streams that will be non-international waterways.

48. *Project in Disputed Areas OP 7.60.* The project is not triggered. The project does not involve activities any disputed area.

49. The project should also consider the World Bank Group Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines<sup>5</sup> (known as the "EHS Guidelines"). The EHS Guidelines are technical reference documents with general and industry-specific examples of Good International Industry Practice. The EHS Guidelines contain the performance levels and measures that are normally acceptable to the World Bank Group and are generally considered to be achievable in new facilities at reasonable costs by existing technology. The environmental assessment process may recommend alternative (higher or lower) levels or measures, which, if acceptable to the World Bank, become project- or site-specific requirements.

#### Box 2. Social Safeguards Frameworks

*Indigenous People Planning Framework (IPPF)\**: The Indigenous Peoples policy (OP/BP 4.10) is designed to ensure that the development process fully respects the dignity, human rights, economies and cultures of Indigenous Peoples. When the Bank's screening indicates that Indigenous Peoples are likely to be present in, or have collective attachment to the project area, but their presence or collective attachment cannot be determined until the programs or subprojects are identified, the borrower prepares an IPPF, prior to appraisal. These measures need to be defined within an identifiable Indigenous People Development Plan (IPDP). The IPDP should be part of, or included with, the subproject application. In any case, an acceptable IPDP is required before a subproject can be finally approved and implemented.

**Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF)**\*\*: The Involuntary Resettlement policy (OP/BP 4.12) seeks to prevent severe long-term hardship, impoverishment, and environmental damage to the affected peoples during involuntary resettlement. When a project involves land acquisition and any changes in access to resources due to the project this policy applies. The Bank's policy requires an RPF to be prepared and submitted by the borrower prior to appraisal, conforming to the policy. The purpose of the RPF is to clarify resettlement principles, organizational arrangements, and design criteria to be applied to subprojects. The Bank's policy also requires a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for any subproject that involuntarily displaces people from land or productive resources, and the displacement results in: i) relocation, the loss of shelter, the loss of assets or access to assets important to production; ii) the loss of income sources or means of livelihood; or iii) the loss of access to locations that provide higher incomes or lower expenditures to businesses or persons.

50. When the Bank's safeguards policies on Involuntary Resettlement (OP/BP 4.12) and Indigenous People (OP/BP 4.10) triggered, it is very important that this section link to the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Indigenous People

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The EHS Guidelines can be consulted at <u>www.ifc.org/ifcext/enviro.nsf/Content/EnvironmentalGuidelines</u>.

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Planning Framework (IPPF), or Process Framework, if any are identified for the project. Although these frameworks and other related social safeguard instruments, short description of these frameworks is given in the box 2 below.

51. **Other safeguards.** The project is deemed to comply with Paragraph 15 of the Bank Policy: Investment Project Financing on 'Projects Involving Financial Intermediaries'. The compliance note explains the financial sector context for the proposed credit line, potential interest and demand for funds, as well as the key proposed terms and conditions. The respective documentation and compliance note have been prepared and approved. The compliance note is kept in the project file.

## 3.3 Gap Analysis

52. This section focuses on identification of gaps between the national safeguard system and relevant Bank safeguards. There are several differences the two systems which need some designed gap filling measures to be included in the ESMF. The World Bank safeguards policies and Cambodian legal framework on Environmental Assessment are generally aligned in principle and objective:

- (a) Both require screening of subproject investments to determine which level of social and environmental assessment (e.g. EMP, IEE or EIA) is needed;
- (b) Both require detailed ESIA for projects with more significant impacts (Category A), a less detailed EIA study for projects with less significant impacts (Category B) and no ESIA studies for projects likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts (Category C);
- (c) In the ESIA process, the environmental (including climate change, ecosystem services and no net loss concept) and social (including involuntary resettlement, cultural heritage and vulnerable groups) components are included under both systems;
- (d) Both include the mitigation hierarchy approach;
- (e) The Bank requires that stakeholder consultations be undertaken during planning, implementation and operational phases of the project which is equivalent to the mitigation requirements. In addition to ESIA, the national legal framework also regulates the approach towards environmental audit and inspection.
- (f) Although both MOE and WB requires ESMPs for Category B projects, the WB requires a standalone and more detailed document;
- (g) National legal framework does not include some of the instruments considered in OP 4.01such as the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA), the ESMF or the Process Framework (PF).
- (h) And lastly, under the national legislation, there is no specific regulation on integrated pest management or organic agricultural production.

53. A detailed gap analysis between RGC existing laws and regulation to the Bank safeguard policies is described in Annex 1. Table 1 provides an example of a gap analysis between RGC's EIA sub-degree and the Bank O.P.4.01.

Table 1. Gap analysis between the RGC legal/regulatory framework and the World Bank OP4.01 on environmental assessment policy.			
Subjects	OP 4.01	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
1.EA Process			
1.1 An EA considers natural and social aspects in an integrated manner that considers national and international obligations, treaties and agreements	Assess the adequacy of the applicable legal and institutional framework, including applicable international environmental agreements, and confirm that they provide that the cooperating government does not finance project activities that would contravene such international obligations.	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 6 – An environmental impact assessment shall be done on every project and activity, private or public, and shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Ministry of Environment before being submitted to the Royal Government for decision.</li> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 1 – An environmental impact assessment (EIA) shall be done on every project and activity, private or public, and</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be applied to ensure the sub-projects do not contravene any obligations, treaties or agreements whether or not an EA is a requirement under national regulations.

Subjects	OP 4.01	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
		<ul> <li>shall be reviewed by the Ministry of Environment before being submitted to the Royal Government for decision.</li> <li>Article 6 – The Project Sponsor shall conduct Initial Environmental Impact Assessment (IEIA) for the project required EIA as listed in an Annex of this Sub-Decree.</li> </ul>	
1.2. Assessment of project alternatives.	Provide for assessment of feasible investment, technical, and siting alternatives, including the "no action" alternative, potential impacts, feasibility of mitigating these impacts, their capital and recurrent costs, their suitability under local conditions, and their institutional, training and monitoring requirements associated with them.	Not included.	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to ensure that the assessment of the Project potential impacts review possible alternatives including the option o "no action".
1.3 Retention of project advisors.	The borrower should normally engage an advisory panel of independent, internationally recognized environmental specialists to advise on all aspects of the project relevant to the EA.	Not included.	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance should the borrower be advised that independent, internationally recognized environmental specialists be engaged to provide advice on the Project review.
2. Public Consultati	on and Disclosure		
2.1. The EA process must include public consultation and disclosure.	The Bank may, if appropriate, require public consultation and disclosure. The borrower consults project affected groups and local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 1 – The purposes of this law are:         <ul> <li>to encourage and enable the public to participate in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Article 16 – The Ministry of Environment, following a request from the public, shall provide information on its activities, and shall engage public participation in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>✓ Article 1 – Foster public participation in the environmental impact assessment process in recognition that their concerns should be considered in the project decision-making process.</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance on public consultation and disclosure such that project affected groups and local NGOs are informed.
3. Monitoring & Eva		Cub deeree #70 AND/ DV Environment	OD 4.01 Dollar Dress duras "
3.1 Internal and external independent monitoring are required	During project implementation, the borrower reports on (a) compliance with measures agreed with the Bank on the basis of the findings and results of the EA, including implementation of any ESMP.	<ul> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 3 – The Ministry of Environment shall: b/ take appropriate administrative, conduct surveillance and monitor to ensure that the Environmental Management Plan during project construction, operation, and closure,</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented. The Project Coordination Office (PCO) in close coordination with GDR- Inter-Ministry Resettlement Committee (IRC) will conduct internal monitoring on resettlement implementation and reporting requirements for the ESMMP implementation. The

Table 1. Gap analys	Table 1. Gap analysis between the RGC legal/regulatory framework and the World Bank OP4.01 on environmental assessment policy.		
Subjects	OP 4.01	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
		which contained in an approved EIA report be implemented by the Project Sponsor.	monitoring will include progress reports, status of the RAP implementation, information on location and numbers of people affected, compensation amounts paid by item, and assistance provided to PAHs. The report of monitoring results will be prepared by MRD and submitted to IRC and WB on a quarterly basis.

## 3.4 Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)

54. The introduction of GAPs, GAHPs, and GMPs, supported by the project, will not only strengthen the trade position of the participating POs and SMAs but also the sector as a whole. Improving awareness and providing training and access to respective certifications is crucial for producers, processors, and exporters. Strengthening the MAFF's role in the quality assurance system of agriculture and livestock products is expected to complement other projects' efforts and add additional value not only to the PAs under the CASDP.

55. GAP in Cambodia is currently focused on food safety, sustainability for the environment, and economic sustainability. A multiplicity of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) codes, standards and regulations have been developed in recent years by government, the food industry and producers' organizations, who have all aimed to codify agricultural practices at farm level for a range of commodities. Their purpose varies from fulfilment of trade and government regulatory requirements (with regard to food safety and quality), to more specific requirements of specialty or niche markets. The objective of these GAP codes, standards, and regulations include (to a varying degree):

- (a) ensuring safety and quality of produce in the food chain
- (b) capturing new market advantages by modifying supply chain governance
- (c) improving natural resources use, workers' health and working conditions, and/or
- (d) creating new market opportunities for farmers and exporters in developing countries.

56. Good Agricultural Practices are "practices that address environmental, economic and social sustainability for onfarm processes, and result in safe and quality food and non-food agricultural products" (FAO COAG 2003 GAP paper). These four 'pillars' of GAP (economic viability, environmental sustainability, social acceptability and food safety and quality) are included in most private and public sector standards, but the scope which they actually cover varies widely. The concept of Good Agricultural Practices may serve as a reference tool for deciding, at each step in the production process, on practices and/or outcomes that are environmentally sustainable and socially acceptable. The implementation of GAP should therefore contribute to Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD).

57. At present, agricultural farming in Cambodia is still largely subsistent or low input - low output. According to the government's NSDP, the future push of the agriculture sector is to increase agricultural growth to around 5% per annum through enhancement of the agricultural productivity, diversification and commercialization based on land-use planning, focusing on rice export promotion, and aiming to increase yields of key prioritized commodities for domestic consumption and export. This is the current trend and it will be accelerated in the coming years. However, agriculture commercialization in a country where 41.5% (2015) of the labor force is employed by the agriculture sector with majority landholdings below 1 hectare is not straightforward. This requires nuanced efforts to ensure the expected efficiency, equitability, and sustainability. Lessons learned from neighboring countries in the region indicated that increased use of inputs in farming do not necessarily result in increase in profits and incomes for farmers. Lessons from rice farming Vietnam showed that farmers used certified seeds and adopted sustainable farming practices (i.e. reduced fertilizers, pesticides, postharvest losses, and water use) could obtain higher profits about 20-30% thanks to higher quality of paddy, increased yield by 5-10 percent, and reduced production costs by 20-30 percent. Therefore, investments and efforts to improve quality and value of agricultural products and reduce postharvest losses and production costs for farmers should be the right direction to enhance competitiveness of farmers and sustainability of the agriculture sector in the long run.

#### 4.0 Social Analysis

## 4.1 Ethnicity in Cambodia

58. Indigenous People. Based on the latest population survey (Ministry of Planning 2013), there are 24 groups of indigenous minorities in Cambodia. The predominant dwelling areas of the indigenous populations are in the extremities of sparsely populated areas of the north and northeast of Cambodia: Kratie (Stieng, Kraol, Mel, Phnong, Kuoy, Thmaun), Mondulkiri (Phnong, Stieng, Kraol, Roong, Rhade), Ratanakiri (Tampuon, Jarai, Kreung, Brao, Lun, Kravet, Kachac), Stung Treng (Kuy, Phnong, Kravet, Kreung, Khmer Khe, Lun, Brao), Preah Vihear (Kuy), and Kampong Thom (Kuy); as well as the mountainous massifs in Koh Kong (Poar), Pursat (Poar), Kampong Speu (Suoy) and Sihanoukville (Saoch). These areas are mainly along the national borders of Viet Nam, Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), and Thailand. In contrast, the central areas and the banks of the Mekong River are the domain of the Khmer. The lack of population studies leads to a difficult situation in quantifying the number of ethnic groups in Cambodia. MRD stated that indigenous ethnic minorities may either live in their own communities within the broader Khmer communities or have fully integrated into Khmer communities but still retain some of their ethnic character and in some cases language. Fieldwork in potential provinces confirmed that those who self-identified as indigenous stated that they can communicate using the predominant Khmer language while still are able to use their indigenous language. Most of them stated that they have been living in the broader Khmer communities for more than a generation.

59. Ethnic Minority. As found in the population census, the Government stated that 264,600 people belonged to ethnic minority groups living in the country, or about 4% of the population. The Cham, also named Khmer Islam, were the second largest ethnic community in Cambodia after the Khmer majority. The Chinese community, with a population of 34,500, was the third largest group, and somewhat surprisingly, the fourth largest group was the highland ethnic peoples called the Phnong or Mnong. The Vietnamese community was classified as the seventh largest group. Until 1992, the ethnic Chinese and Vietnamese were classified as ethnic Cambodian groups alongside the indigenous minorities and the Cham.

60. Except for Phnom Penh, all proposed project provinces are areas where MRD recognized the presence of ethnic minority households, either living within or maintaining separate communities or agricultural lands within the broader Khmer communities. It is therefore very likely that during project implementation, some sub-project activities will include some ethic minority households. However, given the nature of proposed project interventions and the livelihood patterns of ethnic minorities in the project provinces, potential social risks related to them are considered minor, and mainly relate to the need to consult on civil works and to adapt and translate training materials on issues such as pesticide use, agricultural related information as well as the various awareness raising packages.

## 4.2 Agricultural Sector in Cambodia

61. In realizing the importance of agricultural sector in supporting economic growth, ensuring equity and food security, and enhancing rural economic development, the government has adopted a three-pronged strategy: (i) productivity enhancement, diversification and agricultural commercialization through implementing a package of interrelated measures which include infrastructure building and enhancement (roads, irrigation, energy/ electricity, and Information and Communication Technologies; (ii) improvement in the provision of extension services; and (iii) improved agricultural inputs, land management reform, finance, marketing, farmer organization, and institutional building and coordination. The Agricultural Sector Strategic Development Plan 2014-2018 highlighted the government's goals of enhancing agricultural productivity, diversification and commercialization.

62. The Ministry of Planning and MAFF published the Census of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Cambodia in 2015. The report found that 2.2 million households are engaged in agricultural activities. Of these households, 85% (1.87 million) were reported to be growing crops in agricultural holdings. The agriculture sector contributes 34% of national GDP and employs 63% of the entire labor force (8.2 million persons). Total agricultural land (arable and permanent) is estimated at 4.5 million ha: 3.99 million of arable land and 0.51 million of permanent crops. The production areas of most crops (rice, vegetables, maize, black pepper) have increased continuously, with rubber and cassava tripling. The production areas of sugarcane, oil palm, rambutan, durian and maize have also markedly expanded, while some crops, such as sweet potato, mung bean, sesame, jute, coffee and guava have declined.

63. The cropping systems in Cambodia have been recorded mainly for rice, which is planted in both wet and dry seasons. Wet-season rice (2,567,723 ha) is mainly rainfed lowland (80%), upland (2%) and deep-water/floating (2%). Dry-

season rice (484,697 ha, 16%) is planted largely in low-lying areas where irrigation is available, particularly in the areas flooded by the Mekong River (including the Tonle Sab Lake Zone). Cambodian farmers also plant other crops in the rice-based cropping systems—vegetables, legumes, fruit trees and so on—as part of crop rotation, mixed cropping and individual. Rice-mung bean or mung bean-rice is the common rotation practiced by farmers in Kampong Speu, Takeo, Kandal and Kampong Chhnang. In the plateau and mountainous areas, there are industrial crops and fruit trees such as rubber tree, oil palm, sugarcane, black pepper, cassava, mango, rambutan, longan. At the early stage of growing rubber trees, farmers intercrop some legumes, particularly soybean, mung bean and peanut, which are also planted largely in the plateau area.

64. To improve productivity and diversification, there is still a large need for both technical and financial support, as well as the participation of all concerned stakeholders in order to promote and increase the access to agricultural extension services, irrigation systems, climate resilient seeds and cultivation techniques and appropriate uses of agricultural input supplies and credit supports. The selected 10 varieties of rice seed for productivity enhancement piloted by MAFF have not been extended comprehensively to all famers. In addition, the quantity of those 10 rice seed varieties is still not sufficient for supplying to the farmers. MAFF aims to overcome this over time by state research farms supplying seed to Seed Producer Groups who will supply farmers.

65. Cambodia suffers from frequent natural disasters, mainly floods, drought and severe storms, which claim lives and destroy infrastructure, houses and harvests. From 2010 to 2013, as many as 452,211 ha (equivalent to 15% of the rice crop) was destroyed by drought, flood and insects (MAFF 2006-2013). In 2011, Cambodia experienced the worst floods of the last decade. It was reported by the FAO (2012) that 60,000 households (roughly 25%) of flood affected families in 18 provinces were made food insecure, which was manifested in high levels of chronic and acute child malnutrition. In 2009, typhoon Ketsana hit Cambodia between September 29 and October 5. Fourteen out of 24 provinces were affected by the storm and subsequent flash floods. The typhoon left 43 people dead and 67 people severely injured. It destroyed the homes and livelihoods of some 49,000 families (about 1.4% of Cambodia, located in the western part of the country (Kampot, Sihanoukville and Koh Kong provinces) where rice and other crops are grown, is experiencing the rising level of salinity in their soil resulting in the reduction of water uptake (like the effect of drought). Furthermore, the increase in sea level as a result of climate change means that more coastal rice fields will be exposed to sea water, which will also affect the production of other local crops.

## 4.3 Women in Agriculture

66. As reported in the 2015 Census, agriculture is an important source of employment for the large group of men and women (75% women) who are mainly engaged in subsistence production in small farms. The majority of rural Cambodian women work in agriculture on their own land or carry out unpaid agricultural work. There are 2.3 million agricultural households in Cambodia, of which 80% (1,618,588) are male headed and 20% female headed (412,510). Women farmers play a crucial role in the translation of the products of the agriculture sector into food and nutritional security for their households. Women are responsible for food production, selection and preparation and for the care and feeding of children and are the key to food security for their households. Women are increasingly involved in commercially-oriented agricultural products. They are involved as collectors and/or traders and are the principal retail sellers, working in markets at local, provincial and national levels. In addition, women are active partners in input supply agro-business, dealing directly with clients, providing information and knowledge on use of inputs, fertilizers and pesticides.

67. Document reviews and interviews conducted confirmed that gender-based constraints to land registration comprise: problems accessing information about the land titling process, difficulties for female headed household to obtain paperwork that prove their single status hinder their ability to register land, gender imbalance in control and decision making. The 2015 Census found that around 85% of the total agricultural households in Cambodia have access to agricultural land, with an average area of agricultural land per agricultural household of 1.637 hectares. Men account for 1.4 million or 73% of all holders while women holders stand for 0.5 million or 27%.

68. The agricultural census also found that women farmers increasingly supply local markets with traditional and highvalue produce. However, compared to men, women still face disadvantages, including lower mobility, lower level of literacy, less access to training, less access to market information, and less access to productive resources. Lower financial literacy of women than men and travel safety are identified as main gender gaps in Cambodia to access to markets for women. Evidences also suggest that men may take over production and marketing when it becomes financially lucrative to do so. To market their produce, women farmers in Cambodia need timely, reliable and accessible market information. Loan finance and credit are also essential so that women smallholder farmers can pay for inputs, improve farming, and develop small business enterprises to empower themselves economically and support their families. Collective action can play a significant role for women stallholder farmers to increase productivity and access to markets. Furthermore, initiatives to facilitate access to market need to take account of and address the gender specific constraints on women smallholder farmers and agrobusiness entrepreneurs. Hence, strengthening their access to markets requires targeted value chain analysis and interventions.

69. Traditionally, the first stages of rice cultivation are male-designated, and the latter stages are female designated. Men generally perform land preparation tasks, while seedling preparation and weeding are commonly assigned to women. Other activities - harvesting, uprooting, transplanting and marketing- are generally shared tasks. These roles are presently changing with the adoption of mechanized farming and migration of young men out of rural areas. Women therefore are increasingly more involved in all farming tasks such as land preparation, irrigation, threshing, and recruitment of labor, farm management and trading. Women farmers' contribution to growing secondary crops such as vegetables and raising livestock is even greater. Grown and raised mainly in-home gardens, these crops and livestock provide essential nutrients and contribute to households' food security. Hence, local markets increasingly offer a good opportunity to women to earn income through small scale sales of vegetable crops and livestock.

70. **Indigenous People in Agricultural Sector.** According to MRD, one of the most distinct characteristics of an ethnic indigenous community is their livelihood strategy, which is based on agricultural production, comprising slash-and-burn (swidden) cultivation, wetland rice cultivation, pig and chicken raising, gathering food from the forest, hunting, and fishing. They also undertake a little manufacture and sale of goods and labor work. Most indigenous farmers in northeastern Cambodia are still using their traditional farming technique: semi-nomadic, slash-and-burn cultivation. Although some of them began lowland rice farming after the integration process in the 1960s, they still keep swidden fields where they farm upland rice and other crops as a form of food security. Very few crops are grown inside the village because it is difficult to protect them from domestic animals, which are usually allowed to roam free. Rice is the central staple crop of the swidden system, but other crops are also grown for subsistence use within the household, including vegetables, root crops, gourds, fruits, and non-food crops like tobacco and cotton. Animal raising, usually cattle, pigs, and chickens, is done either for sacrifices, income generation, or food.

71. During the Khmer Rouge period, indigenous people learned that the lowland rice farming technique of their neighboring lowland Khmer provided higher yields and required less work than their highland technique. Some villagers have been developing lowland rice fields with help from NGOs or by imitating others. After 1979 some of them reverted to swidden agriculture because of technical or other problems. The indigenous communities have also been seeking other livelihood alternatives, such as growing fruit trees and other high-demand cash crops like coffee, cashew nuts, green beans, jackfruit, and durian. However, poor road infrastructure and market support have dampened their motivation.

72. Fieldwork in potential provinces found that access to water is top of the list in terms of challenge for farmers, both local communities and indigenous people. Other challenges identified by representatives of indigenous people in interviews include:

- (a) Intensive forms of agricultural technology are replacing indigenous people's traditional farm practices. There has also been a rapid shift from common-property to private land ownership, usually catalyzed by private companies and influential personalities. This problem is also the result of the lack of indigenous people's participation in these decision-making processes; their communities not being aware of their rights as stated in the Cambodian laws and relevant international conventions.
- (b) In terms of agricultural value chain: lack of understanding of the market and value of their produce (i.e. Rice is normally 1,200 Riel per kg, but indigenous people often sell it for 700 Riel per kilo); meeting market requirement in terms of produce (i.e. not the right size, color, etc.) and thus cheaper price for produce; literacy (most indigenous people are illiterate and thus not able to access to market information propose solution, use radio); inability to make plan.
- (c) Debt is highlighted many times as the major threat for indigenous people across Cambodia at the moment. Debt from micro-finance comes with 3% interest rate per month, much higher the standard 1.8% per month. Indigenous

people are often not aware of this due to their inability to read contracts (illiteracy), they think 3% is low. Some indigenous people borrow from middle-men (loan shark), with the interest up to 15 to 20% a month. They often repay the middle-men with their produce at whatever price that is determined by the middlemen or with their lands, resulting in them moving further into the forest areas.

#### 5.0 Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures

73. For the projects that do not have all subprojects identified during project preparation, there are some ways that potential positive and adverse impacts and mitigation measures can still be determined for the preparation of ESMF.

74. In addition, the EHS Guidelines of the World Bank Group, which contain the performance levels and measures that are generally considered to be achievable in new facilities by existing technology at reasonable costs, can also be used as technical reference for identifying project impacts and mitigation measures. Furthermore, Cambodia Environmental Impact Assessment Website<sup>6</sup> provides regulation and general guidelines on EIAs that can be used for predicting impacts and mitigation measures of various project investments. Impacts that occur during different project phases must be identified. A good practice is to create a table of impacts before construction, during construction, operation, and decommissioning. Impact should include biophysical, health, gender, resettlement, ethnic minorities, cultural resources, potential for cumulative impacts.

75. The section on project potential impacts can be divided into three subsections: (i) Potential positive impacts; (ii) Potential negative impacts; (iii) Potential cumulative impacts if relevant. Likewise, the section on project mitigation measures should also address all the impacts identified including enhancement opportunities.

## 5.1 Potential Impacts

76. The project is expected to bring about major positive impacts as the overall objectives of Project activities are to increase the competitiveness of agricultural products and create better access to more stable markets for farmers, thus improving income security for farmers. Project activities aim at reducing the impacts of traditional agricultural farming practices by promoting the application of IPM and GAP.

77. Beside these major positive impacts, the project may also cause moderate negative impacts. The potential negative impacts have been assessed by means of site visits, discussions with local authorities and beneficiaries, and the use of secondary sources for information. This section summarizes the potential environmental impacts and required mitigation, which will be incorporated into Environmental Management Plans prepared for any subprojects, as required. The potential environmental issues and concerns identified were: (i) environmental effects of agricultural activities, (ii) infrastructure works, and (iii) solid waste management from agri-business processing. An example of adverse impacts of infrastructure investments are described in Table 6.1.

	Potential Impacts/ Risks	Description of the issues/risks	Typical activities that cause the potential impacts/risks
CONS	TRUCTION PHASE		
1.	Damages or loss of vegetation cover and trees	Vegetation cover and/or trees at the construction site (road, drainage system, irrigation infrastructure etc.) or any other location to be used by the Project may be removed or disturbed during construction phase. This impact can be avoided, minimized or mitigated.	<ul> <li>site clearance for construction site, camps,</li> <li>construction material exploitation and/or storage</li> </ul>
2.	Loss or degradation of valuable natural/ ecological resources	<ul> <li>If sand, gravel and stones from river bed is extracted, flowing pattern of river may be seriously affected. The river may scour around bridge piers and abutments and endanger their stability. The river may erode other sections of the river beds and banks and thereby cause serious problems elsewhere</li> <li>Some sites may be very important to local communities in cultural/religious/ historical/archaeological aspects.</li> <li>If construction takes place at or nearby such sensitive socio-environmental features, threats or serious/ permanent damages may be caused to such sites.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Site clearance</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Extraction natural resource for construction materials at important sites particularly gravel from river beds, etc.</li> </ul>

#### Table 6.1: Potential adverse impacts of infrastructure services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Cambodia EIA website is available at http://www.moe.gov.kh/

Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project (CASDP) - Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) Project Operations Manual, Annex 9

	Potential Impacts/ Risks	Description of the issues/risks	Typical activities that cause the potential impacts/risks
		<ul> <li>Human access to undisturbed area may cause damages to (from plant collection/removal, wildlife catching, hunting, fire setting, littering, etc.) damage to vegetation cover as habitats of wildlife or cause fire risks.</li> </ul>	
3.	Degrade existing landscape	These impacts may occur when vegetation cover/top soil is removed, or a man-made structure are introduced into least disturbed nature, or when new structures obstruct view to existing beautiful landscape	<ul> <li>Site clearance</li> <li>Construction of new facilities in areas with beautiful/valuable landscape</li> </ul>
4.	Unsuccessful land acquisition	Small amounts of land may need to be acquired either by donation or through compensation for agriculture, livestock and fisheries activities as well as small-scale productive infrastructure (e.g. post-harvest processing equipment, storage facilities and poultry shed, etc.).	<ul> <li>Presence of contractor at the work site</li> <li>Construction commencement or ongoing activity</li> </ul>
5.	Physical Cultural Resources are present at a sub-project location	During the planning or construction of a sub-project, physical, cultural, and religious resources are identified	<ul> <li>site clearance for construction site, camps, construction material exploitation and/or storage</li> </ul>
6.	Solid Waste generation	<ul> <li>Excavation works generate waste</li> <li>Waste is also be generated from unused materials: timber/glass/metal, packaging materials or by the workers: lunch containers, leftover food, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Excavation</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Workers daily domestic activities</li> </ul>
7.	Wastewater generation	<ul> <li>Wastewater generated by workers from washing and toileting.</li> <li>Uncontrolled generation of wastewater may cause environmental pollution, nuisance, and health concerns to workers and the public</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Excavation</li> <li>Use of construction materials</li> <li>Workers domestic activities at the sites</li> </ul>
8.	Chemicals, hazardous wastes generation	<ul> <li>Used Oil, paints, lubricant, batteries, and asbestos-containing materials are toxic.</li> <li>Some of the solid waste may be cross-contaminated with oil, paints, etc. that may be toxic and pose public health risk</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Site clearance</li><li>Vehicle maintenance</li><li>Painting</li></ul>
9.	Dust, air pollution	Exposure to high level of dust and smoke may have health impact: affect respiratory system, eyes	<ul> <li>Site clearance</li> <li>Excavation</li> <li>Running engine Machinery</li> <li>Construction material loading and unloading</li> </ul>
10.	Noise and Vibration	<ul> <li>Noise disturb hearing/listening activities and may cause stress/headaches</li> <li>Vibration may cause cracks /damages to existing structures</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Pile driving</li><li>Soil compaction</li></ul>
11.	Increased erosion risks/siltation/ sedimentation	<ul> <li>Slope become less stable when ground surface is disturbed; water can run faster and can erode the soil on bare slop where vegetation cover does not exist. Therefore, erosion, land slide risks would be increase if a building is located on a hilly slope or construction activities disturb slops.</li> <li>The eroded top soil will end up at downslope then being wash down further by rain water causing highly turbid water and river bed/stream siltation/sedimentation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Site clearance</li> <li>excavation activities create unsealed/barren area without vegetation cover during and after construction</li> <li>Construction works carried out on steep and/or weak slops</li> </ul>
12.	Water quality degradation	<ul> <li>Waste and wastewater, construction materials from construction may be leaked or disposed of into water sources nearby construction sites or downstream of construction sites.</li> <li>Water quality in streams and rivers may also be degraded if soil from slopes in the catchment run into water bodies due to erosion/landslide initiated by earthworks at the sites.</li> <li>Careless water uses activities by workers, for example washing working tools directly at water sources.</li> <li>Oil, fuel or any other liquid substance used during construction, including on-site machinery maintenance, may be leaked or spilled into the soil. Then rainwater may wash such contaminant to nearby water bodies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construction of bridges on streams, river beds</li> <li>Construction waste and waste water discharge</li> <li>Tools and machinery washing and maintenance</li> </ul>
13.	Impacts Cultural sites such as church, historical site, grave yard, etc.	<ul> <li>Cultural sites may be affected with dust, noise from material and waste loading/disposals</li> <li>Some artefacts may expose during execution of earthworks at the sites</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dust and noise generated activities</li> <li>Loading/unloading construction materials and wastes</li> </ul>
14.	Social disturbance to local community: ✓ traffic/ transportation	<ul> <li>If the works are carried out on or near existing road or drainage system, construction activities may disturb or disrupt traffic on the existing roads.</li> <li>Excavation may also cause loss to vegetation cover or disturbance to the ground</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Site clearance</li> <li>Excavation</li> <li>Machinery operation</li> <li>Temporary blockage of rivers/streams/ existing</li> </ul>

	Potential Impacts/ Risks	Description of the issues/risks	Typical activities that cause the potential impacts/risks
	<ul> <li>water supply</li> <li>irrigation</li> <li>farming</li> <li>Community meetings events/ etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Excavation works may disrupt the operations thus the services provided by local existing facilities such as water supply, drainage, power supply etc. if the pipes/lines cross excavated areas</li> <li>Stockpiles formed from excavated materials</li> <li>If construction activities take place near farming area, access to farm land may be interrupted; materials, waste, and wastewater from construction sites may enter farms causing productivity reduction and social conflicts</li> <li>If a construction site is located near community center, material loads or noise from material cutting, drilling, welding, may block access to community centers or disturb hearings in public meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>irrigation canal for construction</li> <li>Temporary block of road for construction of connection section to new alignment</li> </ul>
15.	Health/ sanitation /hygiene in local community	<ul> <li>Stagnant water formed from disturbed area at construction site is favor for mosquito breeding, which is a vector of water-borne diseases</li> <li>Waste generated from workers staying at the site may attract vermin and insects</li> <li>Wastewater generation may cause nuisance and health risks to human</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Excavation create holes or low laying spots</li> </ul>
16.	Safety risk to community	Construction-related activities may cause safety risks for local community, particularly children if they access to open holes or present at the site during materials transports/loading/unloading.	<ul> <li>Transportation of materials/wastes</li> <li>Materials loading/unloading</li> <li>Excavated holes</li> <li>Machinery operations</li> </ul>
17.	Workers health and safety	Unprotected holes at the sites, exposure to traffic at road side, improperly installed electrical wires, operating and handling of construction plants, machinery and tools may cause safety risks to workers	<ul> <li>General construction activities, operations of tools and plants</li> </ul>
OPEI	RATION PHASE		· ·
1.	Water/soil pollution	Leakage or discharge of wastes and wastewater generated from the facilities provided	Water use activities taking place at buildings/ shelters
2.	Water/soil pollution	<ul> <li>Effluent from septic tank can pollute groundwater or surface water, particularly if piped to an open drain</li> <li>Partly treated effluent from septic tank can easily pollute the groundwater in the dug well, even after many years;</li> <li>Polluted surface water from around the septic tank may percolate into the groundwater</li> </ul>	Sanitation facility
3.	Visual impacts	if the facility outstands in public area and degrade the surrounding landscape value	Sanitation/ drainage facilities
4.	Nuisance, odor, Unhygienic condition, public health risks	<ul> <li>Septic tank effluent is smelly thus may cause nuisance to the public when being felt/seen</li> <li>Septic tank effluent is only partially treated thus can spread infection and disease thus pose health risk.</li> <li>Lack of proper drain around public taps create muddy mess around the tap or in the yard. Standing water become mosquito breeding ground and cause inconvenience for water users</li> <li>Open or missing facet can spill a lot of water in a day. Valuable water that other users may need is wasted</li> </ul>	Sanitation
6.	Unhygienic condition, public health risks	Muddy condition/siltation at public tap lead to unhygienic conditions and/or mosquitoes breeding	Water supply
7.	Conflict with downstream water demands	When inflow water is partly stored at upstream of a water source by one group of water users, other groups may have less access to the water they need and that may need to social conflict between different community groups.	Water supply
8.	Weather extreme events/natural disasters such as storms.	<ul> <li>Weather extreme events or natural disasters can damage the facilities provided by the project or interrupt the services provided by these facilities.</li> <li>In some cases, weather extreme events such as cyclones may not directly cause damages to the facilities but damages the objects in the surroundings and these objects cause damages to the facilities provided by the Project, for example tree fallings into water towers</li> </ul>	Torrential rain

78. The World Bank Interim Guidelines on the Application of safeguard Policies to Technical Assistance Activities (2014) will be applied for in the terms of references for soft activities such as awareness raising campaigns, planning and prioritization interventions related to agriculture information system, regulatory delivery systems ... etc. with an aim to promote positive impacts under this ESMF.

#### 6.0 Procedures for Review and Clearance

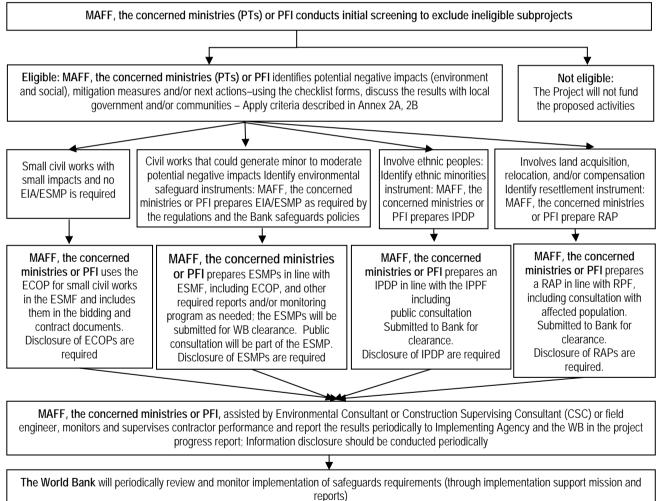
79. This section describes the process for ensuring that environmental and social concerns are adequately addressed through the institutional arrangements and procedures used by the project for managing the identification, preparation, approval, and implementation of subprojects. ESMF procedures are clearly linked to the project-defined subproject cycle that can be readily included in the *Project Operational Manual or Project Implementation Manual*.

80. This section of the ESMF can be broken into 4 key steps in subproject preparation during project implementation are safeguard screening and impact assessment. The safeguard screening includes two steps, eligibility screening and technical screening for assessment of potential impacts, policies triggered and instruments to be prepared.

- (a) Step 1: Safeguard screening and impacts assessment;
- (b) Step 2: Development of safeguard documents as required including development of mitigation measures and public consultation;
- (c) Step 3: Safeguard clearance and information disclosure; and
- (d) Step 4: Implementation, monitoring, and reporting.

81. Typical safeguard actions to be by MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) during the ESMF process are illustrated in the flow chart Figure 3-1. The same process is applied to subprojects under the PFIs or credit lines.

#### Figure 3-1 Schematic Flowchart for Safeguard Actions for Subprojects



#### Step 1. Safeguard Screening and Impact Assessment

## 6.1 Eligibility screening

82. The principle of avoidance usually applies for subprojects that can create significant loss or damage to nationally important physical cultural resources, critical natural habitats, and critical natural forests. These subprojects would not likely be eligible for financing under the project. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) is responsible for eligibility screening of subprojects. In any cases, ineligibility criteria and screening should not be used to avoid triggering the policy. The purpose of eligibility screening is to avoid adverse social and environmental impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated by project or that are prohibited by a Bank policy, or by international conventions. Ineligibility criteria, which vary from project to project, could include: (i) prohibition under the Bank policy, e.g., significant degradation or conversion of critical natural habitats, critical natural forests, etc.; (ii) contravention of the country obligations under relevant international environmental treaties and, e.g., Montreal Protocol or Stockholm Convention, etc.; (iii) environment and social impacts so complex and adverse that are beyond the capacity of the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) to manage. A subproject that fall under one of the ineligibility criteria will not be eligible for project financing. Screening will be based on an assessment of project components and site sensitivity. List of non-eligible activities is in **Annex 2.1**.

## 6.2 Screening checklist (Determination of sub-project Category and Safeguard Instrument Requirement)

83. After subprojects are determined to be eligible for financing, an environmental and social (E&S) screening checklist will be carried out. The purposes of the E&S screening are to: (i) identify the World Bank safeguard policies triggered; (ii) classify subprojects into B or C categories as per site sensitivity matrix in Table 19 and Guidance to classify level of impact from the sub-project activities; and (iii) to determine if the safeguard instrument needs to be prepared for the sub-project. Category A sub-projects are not expected and should not be eligible for project financing unless the project has been restructured to Category A.

84. The screening also provides brief descriptions of the nature and extent of potential negative impacts on natural and environmental resources and local people related to land acquisition, resettlement, land donation, and/or involvement with ethnic minority. For the Category C sub-project, no safeguard instrument will be required and Table 3 form in Annex 5 will be filled up as an attachment to the sub-project proposal. For the sub-project type that requires IEE, it is likely to be classified as Category B sub-project. However, it is unlikely that the proposed sub-project activities i.e. irrigation canal improvement, rice mill and its storage facilities improvement, vegetable packaging facilities improvement and agriculture farming will be required IEE. Table 1 Annex 5 will be used to screen agriculture farming sub-project. Table 2 Annex 5 will be used to screen project category for the proposed improved value-added facilities such as rice mill, storage facilities and vegetable packaging facilities.

85. The ES screening checklist of each subproject is intended for the use of MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) so that they can determine the appropriate type of safeguards documentation that will be required by the World Bank for the subproject, in conformance with the ESMF for the Project. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) is encouraged to send this checklist to the World Bank Task Team Leader (TTL) to ensure that the Bank agrees with the results of the screening prior to the Client's hiring of consultants to prepare safeguard documents. subproject screening checklist is in Annex 2.2.

## Step 2. Development of mitigation measures and public consultation

86. After an E&S screening was conducted and the sub-project Category was identified, the sub-project category B detailed impact assessment will be carried out. The purpose of the impact assessment is to identify from the level of the impact and determine the type of safeguard instrument that needs to be prepared for the subproject (e.g. EIA or IEE, or ESMP or ECOP). The impact assessment will be used as an input to set scope of mitigation measures. The impact assessment will give the environment and social issues due importance in the decision-making process by clearly evaluating the environmental and social consequences of the proposed sub-project before action is taken. Early identification and characterization of critical environmental and social impacts allows the public and the government to form a view about the environmental and social acceptability of a proposed development sub-project and what conditions should apply to mitigate or minimize those risks and impacts. The scope of the impact assessment will depend on the screening results. Data collection, field survey, and consultation with local communities and affected population will be carried out.

87. As the project activities are small scale in nature, it is unlikely that the proposed sub-project activities will be classified as Category A, which are not expected.

88. The key steps of impact assessment are: planning, scoping, impact assessment and consultation. The impact assessment will clarify: (i) how will the subproject activity give rise to an impact? (ii) how likely is it that an impact will occur? (iii) what will be the consequence of each impact? and (iv) what will be the spatial and temporal extent of each impact? The assessment of impacts largely depends on the extent and duration of change, the number of people or size of the resource affected and their sensitivity to the change. Potential impacts can be both negative and positive (beneficial), and the methodology defined in Step 3 will be applied to define both beneficial and adverse potential impacts and propose mitigation measures.

89. Appropriate mitigation measures (of negative impacts) should be identified according to the nature and extent of the potential negative impacts for each phase of the subproject, pre-construction, construction, operation and decommissioning where pertinent.

## 6.3 The World Bank Requirements:

- (a) For a category A project, a full EA, which is normally an EIA, is needed in accordance with the specific requirements of the Bank's EA policy and procedure for Category A projects. EA for a Category A project examines the project's potential negative and positive environmental impacts, compares them with those of feasible alternatives (including the "without project" situation), and recommends any measures needed to prevent, minimize, mitigate, or compensate for adverse impacts and improve environmental performance. The scope of EA for a Category A EA, it examines the project's potential negative and positive environmental impacts and recommends any measures needed to prevent, minimize, mitigate, or compensate for adverse impacts project to project, but it is narrower than that of Category A EA. Like Category A EA, it examines the project's potential negative and positive environmental impacts and recommends any measures needed to prevent, minimize, mitigate, or compensate for adverse impacts and improve environmental performance. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required for a Category C project.
- (b) Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP): A project's ESMP consists of the set of mitigation, monitoring, and institutional measures to be taken during implementation and operation to eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels. The plan also includes the actions needed to implement these measures. ESMPs are essential elements of EA reports for Category A projects; for many Category B projects, the EA may result in a management plan only. To prepare a management plan, the borrower and its EA design team (i) identify the set of responses to potentially adverse impacts; (ii) determine requirements for ensuring that those responses are made effectively and in a timely manner; and (iii) describe the means for meeting those requirements.

## 6.4 Preparation of ESMP and public consultation.

90. An ESMP describes the basic principles and activities to be carried out to mitigate potential negative impacts. ESMP will briefly describe the subproject description; environmental and social background of the subproject area, including a good map showing locations of the subproject and site-specific activities and/or process as appropriate; the potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures; and the implementation and monitoring arrangement and budget. A generic outline of an ESMP is provided in Annex C of OP 4.01 and is included in Annex 4. Public consultation is to be carried out as part of the ESMP preparation. For each subproject, the ESMP will clearly define actions to assess and mitigate associated risks as well as to mitigate potential impacts during site clearance and construction and to reduce the risks during operation. At a minimum the ESMP will include a standard ECOP (Annex 5) and site-specific mitigation measures, including environmental monitoring program. Technical guidelines for the preparation and example of an ESMP are provided in Annex 4.

## Step 3. Review, Approval, Public Consultation, and Disclosure of Subproject Safeguards Instruments

## 6.5 Review and Approval of Safeguards Instruments

91. *Government's review and approval.* If a subproject requires review and approval according to the government EA sub-degree and guidelines, the subproject owner will prepare and submit initial or full Environmental Impact Assessment (e.g. IEE/EIA) reports as required for review and secure the approval by relevant government authorities before subproject

appraisal. The MOE's EIA Department will review and approve on the initial or full Environmental Impact Assessment reports, in accordance with the procedures and process of review and comment.

92. *World Bank's review and clearance.* The procedures for the Bank's safeguards review and clearance of subprojects prepared during implementation are described in the ESMF. These procedures may vary from project to project depending on client capacity and complexities of issues involved in the sub-project. The ESMF consultant and MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) should consult with the Bank environmental specialist of these processes. These procedures must cover: (i) screening of sub-project sfor their potential social and environmental impacts; (ii) assignment of environmental category to each sub-project using the criteria stated in OP 4.01; (iii) development of relevant safeguards instruments in accordance with Bank policies and national laws; (iv) implementation arrangements and institutional capacity needed to implement safeguards instruments; and (v) roles of client and the Bank for review and clearance of safeguards instruments.

## 6.6 Public Consultation:

93. Preparation and implementation of the subproject safeguards documents during project preparation need to follow the Bank requirements for public consultation under OP 4.01. The objectives of consultation are to generate public awareness by providing information about a sub-project to all stakeholders, particularly the sub-projects affected persons (PAPs) in a timely manner and to provide opportunity to the stakeholders to voice their opinions and concerns on different aspects of the project. Consultation would help facilitate and streamline decision making whilst fostering an atmosphere of understanding among individuals, groups and organizations, who could affect or be affected by the subprojects.

94. Consultation is a continuous process by which opinion from public is sought on matters affecting them. The opinions and suggestions of the stakeholders would assist PAFO in taking appropriate decisions for effective environmental and social management of the sub-projects. It would help facilitate and streamline decision making whilst fostering an atmosphere of understanding among individuals, groups and organizations, who could affect or be affected by the sub-projects. The specific objectives of public consultation are:

- (a) To keep stakeholders informed about the sub-projects at different stages of implementation,
- (b) To address the environmental and social concerns/impacts, and device mitigation measures considering the opinion/ suggestions of the stakeholders,
- (c) To generate and document broad community support for the sub-projects,
- (d) To improve communications among interested parties; and
- (e) To establish formal complaint submittal/resolution mechanisms.

95. At least 2 stages consultation with the project affected people, project beneficiary and relevant stakeholders will need to be carried out. The first stage consultation for environmental and social impact assessment is required during the subproject E&S screening level. And second level consultation should be carried out once the impacts are clearly identified and draft management plan are prepared. If required, more than two consultations should be carried out. The following are the guidelines for carrying out consultation.

## 6.7 Disclosure of safeguard instruments

96. All subprojects prepared site-specific instruments such as IEEs/EAs/ESMPs, RAPs and IPDPs during project implementation must be disclosed locally in a timely manner, before approval of these subprojects, in an accessible place and in a form and language understandable to key stakeholders. Sub-project-specific Category A EAs, RAPs, and IPDPs in English must be disclosed in the Bank Infoshop and in the country (e.g. websites of implementing agencies). An Executive Summary of the EIA for a Category A subproject (covering all safeguard instruments produced for the sub-project) should also be prepared and disclosed in both English and the national language. The Executive Summaries of EAs for Category A subprojects must also be distributed to the Board of Executive Directors before the departure of the appraisal mission.

## Step 4. Implementation, Supervision, Monitoring, and Reporting

97. Depending on design, a project may have two levels of implementation, at project and subproject level

## 6.8 At Project Level

98. MAFF and their concerned ministries (PTs) assigned to take the lead in overseeing and monitoring of the implementation of subprojects and this unit will periodically supervise and monitor the safeguard implementation performance and include the progress/results in the Project Progress Report. The MAFF and their concerned ministries (PTs) will report on (i) compliance with measures agreed with the Bank on the basis of the findings and results of the EA, including implementation of any ESMP, as set out in the project documents; (ii) the status of mitigative measures; and (iii) the findings of monitoring programs.

99. The MAFF and their concerned ministries (PTs) will set up an Environmental and Social Unit (ESU) responsible for effective and timely implementation of safeguard activities and assign one senior staff and at least one full time safeguard staff to be responsible for managing and monitoring of the environmental and social impacts of subprojects throughout the project period. Main responsibilities of an ESU will include, but will not be limited to, (i) enforcing compliance, including supervision and monitoring, of all environment and social aspects; (ii) representing the subproject owner for all matters related to the project safeguards; and (iii) be responsible for overall coordination of subproject ESMP implementation. Information regarding the safeguard measures and performance should be periodically disclosed to the public. Depending on the capacity of PCO, an Environmental Management Consultant (EMC) may be hired to assist ESU in performing it tasks.

## 6.9 At Subproject Level

100. During project implementation, the subproject owner is responsible for each subproject will be responsible for ensuring effective implementation of safeguard measures (EMPs/ECOP, water quality monitoring etc.) in close consultation with local authorities and local communities. The subproject owner will assign at least one full time staff (as the safeguard focal point) to be responsible for forging effective implementation of ESMP/ECOPs of subproject. The subproject owner will be responsible for incorporating ESMPs/ECOPs into included in bidding and contractual documents. During construction, the subproject owner will assign the Environmental Consultant or Construction Supervising Consultant (CSC) or field engineer to be responsibility for monitoring and supervision of ESMP/ECOPs implementation by contractor on a daily basis (see Terms of References in Annex 9). The results will be part of the subproject progress report and the safeguard focal point will be responsible for ensuring proper documentation of safeguard activities.

#### 7.0 Implementation Arrangement

## 7.1. Responsibility for ESMF Implementation

101. The ESMF implementation will follow the project implementation arrangements. The MAFF will be responsible for overall safeguards implementation and effectiveness coordination, management, and reporting with the relevant ministries for related public infrastructure, credit lines, and TA activities. Guidance on social and environmental safeguards will be provided by a high-level Project Steering Committee, chaired by MAFF.

102. MAFF is the lead implementing agency, collaborating with MoWRAM and MRD and their line departments as "coimplementers" of selective infrastructure. At central level, MAFF will be responsible for overall implementation and effectiveness, coordination with concerned ministries and credit line investors or owners. MAFF will be responsible for overall safeguards implementation and effectiveness coordination, management and reporting with the relevance ministries for a related public infrastructure. Furthermore, environmental and social safeguards focal persons have been appointed by MAFF, MoWRAM, MRD and MEF for the project preparation and implementation. They will monitor and record the ESMF implementation.

103. For the credit line, officers in the RDB and PFIs will be trained in the application of the World Bank's environmental and social safeguards requirements, to investment proposals. For the PFI officers, the focus will be on conducting due diligence on the environmental and social performance of enterprises participating in the credit line and screening investment proposals for potential adverse environmental and social impacts. For the RDB, this will also include training on conducting due diligence on the PFIs, in terms of their track record in environmental and social risk management, and supervising the performance of the PFIs on the implementation of the requirements of the ESMFs. In addition, the Matching Grant Approval Committee will include the MAFF environmental and social safeguards focal persons, who will be responsible for verifying and documenting that the environmental and social safegaurds requirements of the project have been complied with, before approving matching grants.

104. The Steering Committee<sup>7</sup> will deal with policy issues, legal and regulatory framework issues and decisions including social and environmental safeguards. The SC will be the last resort for solving conflicts and complaints about social and environmental safeguard implementation and reporting that cannot be resolved by technical project teams or through the intervention of the Project Management Team. Steering Committee meetings will be supported by the Project Management Team and its secretarial support services.

105. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), supported through the TWG Secretariat, will be responsible for the overall coordination of ESMF implementation and reporting, including the agreed reporting to World Bank. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will be led by a Coordinator from MAFF. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will also include members from the main technical units involved in project implementation, including social and environmental safeguard focal points. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will work under direct guidance of the Project Director appointed by MAFF.

106. MAFF's social and environmental safeguard focal points and consultants will be responsible for implementing ESMF and social and environmental safeguards requirements of the technical advisory services in coordination and collaboration with other line ministries and departments, and with management and advisory support from the TWGAW (Secretariat).

107. MoWRAM's social and environmental safeguard focal points and consultants are responsible for integrating social and environmental safeguards into the detailed planning and implementation of irrigation works as part of the approved business plans.

108. PFI and RBD Officers will be trained in the application of the World Bank's environmental and social safeguards requirements. For the PFIs, the focus will be on conducting due-diligence on the environmental and social performance of enterprises participating in the credit line, and screening investment proposals for potential adverse environmental and social impacts. For RDB, this will also include training on conducting due-diligence on PFIs, in terms of their track record environmental and social risk management, and on supervising the performance of the PFI's on the implementation of the ESMF requirements. In addition, the Matching Grant Approval Committee will include the MAFF Environmental and Social Safeguards Focal Persons, who will be responsible for verifying and documenting that the environmental and social safeguards requirements of the project have been complied with, prior to approving matching grants.

109. MRD's social and environmental safeguard focal points and consultants are responsible for integrating social and environmental safeguards into rehabilitation and upgrading works on any rural roads (e.g. market access roads) and where decided, including market infrastructure.

110. An Environmental and social safeguards budget of 400,000US\$ is allocated by the project for the safeguard's consultants and to further safeguards capacity building activities to the focal persons. The Environmental and social consultants, who will work closely with MAFF, MRD and MoWRAM to provide support to prepare E&S screening of each sub-project and prepare appropriate sub-project safeguard instruments such as ESMP.

Community/	Responsibilities
agencies	
	<ul> <li>The IA will be responsible for overseeing the project implementation including ESMF implementation and environmental performance of the project.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>MAFF and the concerned ministries, representative of the IA (PTs), will be responsible for monitoring the overall project implementation, including environmental compliance of the project. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will have the final responsibility for ESMF implementation and environmental performance of the project during both the construction and operational phases.</li> </ul>
Project Implementing Agency (IA) and PTs	<ul> <li>MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will: i) closely coordinate with local authorities in the participation of the community during project preparation and implementation; ii) monitor and supervise ESMP implementation including incorporation of ESMP into the detailed technical designs and bidding and contractual documents; iii) ensure that an environmental management system is set up and functions properly; iv) be in charge of reporting on ESMP implementation to the IA and the World Bank.</li> </ul>

Table 7-1. Institutional responsibilities for the Project and Subproject safeguard implementation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Steering Committee under MAFF leadership includes, Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MoWRAM), Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), and TWGAW Co-Chair. Where and as needed, coordination and implementation support and advise could and would be requested from Development Partner's donor facilitator, Ministry of Industry and Handicraft (MoIH), Ministry of Commerce (MoC), Ministry of Women Affair (MoWA), Microfinance Institution (MFI)/banks, and Rural Development Bank (RDB) representation.

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	<ul> <li>In order to be effective in the implementation process, MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will establish an Environmental Unit with at least two environmental staff to help with the environmental aspects of the project.</li> </ul>
Environmental Unit (EU) or Environmental safeguards focal points under PTs	• The EU is responsible for monitoring the implementation of WB's environmental safeguard policies in all stages and process of the project. Specifically, this unit will be responsible for: (i) screening subprojects against eligibility criteria, for environment and social impacts, policies triggered and instrument/s to be prepared; (ii) reviewing the subproject EIAs/EPCs and EMPs prepared by consultants to ensure quality of the documents; (iii) helping MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) incorporate EMPs into the detailed technical designs and civil works bidding and contractual documents; (iv) helping MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) incorporate responsibilities for ESMP monitoring and supervision into the TORs, bidding and contractual documents for CSC and IEMC; (v) providing relevant inputs to the consultant selection process; (vi) reviewing reports submitted by the CSC and IEMC; (vii) conducting periodic site checks; (viii) advising MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) on solutions to environmental issues of the project; and (ix) preparing environmental performance section on the progress and review reports to be submitted to the Implementing Agency and the Bank.
subproject owner/IAs	<ul> <li>As the subproject owner, MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) is responsible for implementation of the all the ESMP activities to be carried out under the Project, including fostering effective coordination and cooperation between contractor, local authorities, and local communities during construction phase. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will be assisted by the Environmental Consultant or Construction Supervising Consultant (CSC) or field engineer.</li> </ul>
Environmental Consultant or Construction Supervising Consultant (CSC) or field engineer	<ul> <li>The CSC, collaborating with the assigned environmental safeguards focal points, will be responsible for routine supervising and monitoring all construction activities and for ensuring that Contractors comply with the requirements of the contracts and the EMP. The CSC shall engage sufficient number of qualified staff (e.g. Environmental Engineers) with adequate knowledge on environmental protection and construction project management to perform the required duties and to supervise the Contractor's performance.</li> <li>The CSC also assists MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) in reporting and maintaining close coordination with the local community.</li> </ul>
Contractor	<ul> <li>Based on the approved ESMP and environmental specifications/requirements in the bidding and contractual documents, the Contractor is responsible for establishing a site-specific ESMP for each construction site area, submit the plan to the subproject owner/implementing agency and CSC for review and approval before commencement of construction. In addition, it is required that the Contractor get all permissions for construction (traffic control and diversion, excavation, labor safety, etc. before civil works) following current regulations.</li> <li>The contractor is required to appoint a competent individual as the contractor's on-site <i>Safety and Environment Officer</i> (<i>SEO</i>) who will be responsible for monitoring the contractor's compliance with the ESMP requirements and the environmental specifications.</li> <li>Take actions to mitigate all potential negative impacts in line with the objective described in the ESMP.</li> <li>Actively communicate with local residents and take actions to prevent disturbance during construction.</li> <li>Ensure that all staff and workers understand the procedure and their tasks in the environmental management program.</li> <li>Report to local authority and MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) on any difficulties and their solutions.</li> </ul>
Local community	<ul> <li>Community has the right and responsibility to routinely monitor environmental performance during construction to ensure that their rights and safety are adequately protected and that the mitigation measures are effectively implemented by contractors and the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs)/SUBPROJECT OWNER. In case of unexpected problems, they will report to CSC/ MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs)/SUBPROJECT OWNER.</li> </ul>
Sub-national level: Province, District and Commune	<ul> <li>Liaise with contractor and national implementing agency to disseminate mitigation measures and coordinate for complaints from local community people regarding ESMP implementation.</li> </ul>
Participating financial intermediary (PFI)	<ul> <li>For PFI officers, the focus will be on conducting due-diligence on the environmental and social performance of enterprises participating in the credit line, and screening investment proposals for potential adverse environmental and social impacts. For RDB, this will also include training on conducting due-diligence on PFIs, in terms of their track record environmental and social risk management, and on supervising the performance of the PFI's on the implementation of the ESMF requirements. See also Annex 10</li> <li>Matching Grant Approval Committee will include the MAFF Environmental and Social Safeguards Focal Persons, who will be responsible for verifying and documenting that the environmental and social safeguards requirements of the project have been complied with, prior to approving matching grants.</li> </ul>

## 7.2 Reporting Arrangements

111. Reporting on ESMF implementation is not done separately. The safeguard performance will be included in subproject and project progress reports. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) with assistance from the CSC will include safeguard performance at subproject level to MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) periodically. At the project level, MAFF

and the concerned ministries (PTs) will prepare safeguard performance report twice per year to be included in the progress report describing the project compliance with the ESMF and other safeguard requirements.

#### 8.0 Capacity Building and Training

112. To ensure that the ESMF is effectively implemented, the Implementing Agencies (IA) should be assessed for its capacity to manage environmental and social impacts and risks and to implement national laws and the World Bank's requirements.

113. To ensure that capacity for safeguard planning and implementation, it is vital that a project allocates sufficient resources to training, capacity building and technical assistance, especially in the early years. These efforts will not only benefit the Bank project but will also build local capacity to undertake other development initiatives funded locally or by other donors.

#### 8.1 Institutional Capacity Assessment

114. An assessment of the existing institutional capacity to implement the ESMF is presented in this section. It assesses, at a minimum, the adequacy of:

- (a) the national institutional structure, and its authorities at all relevant levels, to address environmental and social management issues specific to the project and subprojects;
- (b) existing laws, policies and regulations for environmental and social management, including those for administering permits and licenses;
- (c) the number and qualifications of staff (civil servants, community organizations, external consultants) to carry out their ESMF responsibilities;
- (d) budget resources to support staff in their work.

#### 8.2 Training

115. The ESMF specifies that, as part of project preparation, a training needs assessment (TNA) may be carried out. The TNA will consider all participants who will have responsibilities for implementing the ESMF. It will distinguish among their different training needs in terms of raised awareness, sensitization to the issues, and detailed technical training:

- (a) *Awareness-raising* for participants who need to appreciate the significance or relevance of environmental and social issues.
- (b) *Sensitization to the issues* for participants who need to be familiar enough with the issues that they can make informed and specific requests for technical assistance; and
- (c) Detailed technical training for participants who will need to analyze potentially adverse environmental and social impacts, to prescribe mitigation approaches and measures, and to prepare and supervise the implementation of management plans. This training will address such matters as community participation methods; environmental analysis; using the ESMF checklist; preparing ESMPs, RAPs, PMPs, IPDPs. etc.; ESMF reporting; and subproject supervision and monitoring.

116. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) have planned to organize for the three training needs. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will provide a detailed agenda and specification of resource needs (venue, trainers, materials, etc.) for each type of training activity. It also accounts for the extent of project by planning to implement the training schedule.

#### 9.0 ESMF Implementation Budget

117. This section of the ESMF consolidates and presents the estimated budget needed for MAFF, the concerned ministries and PFIs to implement the ESMF. As the technical details of sub-projects have not yet been finalized for the project investments, an estimated lump sum amount has been designated to address the potential number of IEE, ECOP which will have to be prepared as well as monitoring requirements for the ESMF. The ESMF implementation budget includes:

(a) Institutional development activities.

- (b) The training program for MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), PFI officers, consultants, communities and local authorities to implement their ESMF responsibilities.
- (c) Technical assistance to local authorities if needed.
- (d) Allowances for the preparation of subproject ESMPs, RAPs, IPDPs, etc. (The costs of implementing these plans is included in the subproject budgets).
- (e) Monitoring and site visits
- (f) Semi-annual reports to be sent to the Bank

118. ESMF implementation cost will include the development of the specific site-specific safeguards instruments, including staff costs, travel, consultation workshops, translation and trainings. The total indicative cost reviewed by the World Bank and MRD is estimated at 400,000 USD (Table 1), which will be supported by a combination of IDA and counterpart financing, from the project management component.

	Tak	ble 1 ESMF implementation costs
No.	Description	Indicative Cost, (USD)
1.	National Environment Safeguards Specialist/consultant	102,000
2.	National Social Safeguards Specialist/consultant	102,000
3.	National Travel to provinces	25,000
4.	National Travel for public consultation on Safeguard in Provinces	10,000
5.	Translation of Safeguard Documents	10,000
6.	National Training Workshop in Phnom Penh	8,000
7.	National Training workshop in provinces	9,000
8.	Contingency (10%)	39,000
TOTAL		400,000

#### 10.0 Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

119. Communities and individuals who believe that they are adversely affected by a World Bank (WB) supported project may submit complaints to existing project-level grievance redress mechanisms or the WB's Grievance Redress Service (GRS). The GRS ensures that complaints received are promptly reviewed in order to address project-related concerns. Project affected communities and individuals may submit their complaint to the WB's independent Inspection Panel which determines whether harm occurred, or could occur, as a result of WB non-compliance with its policies and procedures. Complaints may be submitted at any time after concerns have been brought directly to the World Bank's attention, and Bank Management has been given an opportunity to respond. For information on how to submit complaints to the World Bank's corporate Grievance Redress Service (GRS), please visit http://www.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/grievance-redress-service. For information on how to submit complaints to the World Bank Inspection Panel, please visit www.inspectionpanel.org.

120. The section should describe the mechanism to receive and facilitate resolution of affected peoples' concerns, complaints, and grievances about the project's performance, including concerning environmental and social impacts and issues. The grievance mechanism should address affected people's concerns and complaints promptly, using a transparent process that is responsive, culturally appropriate, and readily accessible to all segments of the affected people at no costs and without retribution. The mechanism should not impede access to the country's judicial or administrative remedies. The redress mechanism should be communicated to the communities and included in relevant project documents (e.g. Project Operational Manual).

121. For this project, the project will establish grievance redress committee(s) at the local (provincial, district, and commune) levels to be headed respectively by the Provincial Governor or Provincial Vice-Governor, Chief of District, and Chief of Commune. At the commune level, for the membership of the committee, a representative from project affected households (PAH) shall be chosen from among the project affected people (PAP). In the case of indigenous communities, village level committees will be established and subject to a process of free, prior and informed consultation and will build on the unique decision-making structures of individual indigenous communities, as well as requirements for gender and intergenerational balance. These committees will receive, evaluate and facilitate the resolution of PAP and PAH concerns, complaints and grievances. The grievance redress committees will function, for the benefit of PAP and PAH, during the entire life of the sub-project(s), including the defects liability periods.

122. Grievances from PAP and PAH in connection with the implementation of the RAP will be handled through negotiation with the aim of achieving consensus. Complaints have the option of passing through four stages before potentially being elevated to a court of law as a last resort. In addition to the mechanisms below, and at the prerogative of the PAP and PAH, grievances may be taken to other mediating bodies, such as a council of elders, monks at a local pagoda, or any other dispute resolution body recognized by the PAP and PAH.

123. **First Stage**, **Village Level**. An aggrieved PAH may bring his/her complaint to village complaints committee established under the IPDP. The committee should attempt to resolve the complaint within **15 days** following the lodging of the complaint by the aggrieved PAH. The composition of the group will vary depending on the village, and be subject to a process of free, prior and informed consultation, will build on the unique decision-making structures of individual indigenous communities, as well as requirements for gender and intergenerational balance. If after 15 days the aggrieved PAH does not hear from Village or if the PAH is not satisfied with the decision taken during the first stage, the complaint may be brought to the District Office either in writing or verbally.

124. Second Stage, Commune Level. An aggrieved PAH may bring his/her complaint to the commune leader. The commune leader will call for a meeting of the group to decide on a course of action to resolve the complaint within 15 days, following the lodging of complaint by the aggrieved PAH. The group meeting should consist of the commune leader, representative(s) from Provincial Resettlement Sub-Committee Working Group (PRSC-WG) district offices, and the aggrieved PAH. The commune leader is responsible for documenting and maintaining files of all complaints that are processed. If after 15 days the aggrieved PAH does not hear from Village or Commune authorities, or if the PAH is not satisfied with the decision taken during the first stage, the complaint may be brought to the District Office either in writing or verbally. In the case of PAH from indigenous making a complaint, they will be accompanied by a facilitator paid for by the project, who is conversant in the relevant language, and who will serve as an advocate for the aggrieved PAH during the process.

125. Third Stage, District Office. The District office has 15 days within which to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of all concerned. If the complaints cannot be solved in this stage, the district office will bring the case to the Provincial Grievance Redress Committee. In the case of PAH from indigenous community making a complaint, they will be accompanied by a facilitator paid for by the project, who is conversant in the relevant language, and who will serve as an advocate for the aggrieved PAH during the process.

126. **Fourth Stage**, **Provincial Grievance Redress Committee**. The Provincial Grievance Redress Committee, which consists of the Provincial Governor or Deputy Governor as the committee chairman and Directors of relevant Provincial Departments as members (which will be established in each province prior to DMS), meets with the aggrieved party and tries to resolve the complaint. The Committee may ask the PRSC-WG for a review of the DMS by the External Monitoring Agency (EMA). Within 30 days of the submission of the grievance to the Provincial Grievance Redress Committee a written decision must be made, and a copy of the decision sent to IRC, MRD and the PAH. In the case of PAH from indigenous community making a complaint, they will be accompanied by a facilitator paid for by the project, who is conversant in the relevant language, and who will serve as an advocate for the aggrieved PAH during the process.

127. **Final Stage**, the Court Procedures. If the aggrieved PAH is not satisfied with proposed remedies developed by the Provincial Grievance Redress Committee based on agreed policies in the RPF-RAP, the committee shall file administrative procedures against the PAH with the participation of provincial prosecutors. The case will be brought to the Provincial Court and the same will be litigated under the rules of the court. At the same time, the PAH can bring the case to the Provincial court. During litigation of the case, RGC will ask the court that the project proceed without disruption while the case is being heard. If any party is not satisfied with the ruling of the provincial court, that party can bring the case to a higher court. The RGC shall implement the decision of the court.

## 11.0 ESMF Consultation and Disclosure

128. *Consultation during ESMF preparation.* MAFF, MRD and MoRAM organized a public consultation at Tonle Basac II Hotel on 20 July 2018. See list of participants in Annex 11. The public consultation is specifically required by the World Bank' s environmental and social safeguard policies and the government's sub-decree **No 72 ANRK.BK** on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process dated 11 August 1999. The consultation covered country laws and regulations relevant to the consultation and disclosure process and was used to inform and involve stakeholders in the environmental and social process. Key comments are to encourage the sub-owners to continue meaning public consultations, good agriculture practice and proper pesticide management measures during the project implementation and supervision. The comments are addressed in Section 3, Section 5 and Annex 9.

129. *Disclosure of the ESMF*. MAFF disclosed the draft ESMF on its website *http://www.maff.gov.kh/newsletter/2269-cambodia-agricultural-sector-diversification-project.html* **10 days before** the consultation on **20 July 2018**. The updated ESMF, integrating the consultation comments, was disclosed in MAFF's website and the Bank website prior to the project appraisal.

## Annex 1: Gap analysis between the RGC regulatory framework and the World Bank

Subjects	World Bank OP 4.01	Royal Government of Cambodia	Gap/Project Measures
		(RGC)	
1.EA Process 1.1 An EA considers natural and social aspects in an integrated manner that considers national and international obligations, treaties and agreements	Assess the adequacy of the applicable legal and institutional framework, including applicable international environmental agreements, and confirm that they provide that the cooperating government does not finance project activities that would contravene such international obligations.	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 6 – An environmental impact assessment shall be done on every project and activity, private or public, and shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Ministry of Environment before being submitted to the Royal Government for decision.</li> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 1 – An environmental impact assessment (EIA) shall be done on every project and activity, private or public, and shall be reviewed by the Ministry of Environment before being submitted to the Royal Government for decision.</li> <li>Article 6 – The Project Sponsor shall conduct Initial Environmental Impact Assessment (IEIA) for the project required EIA as listed in an Annex of this Sub-Decree.</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be applied to ensure the sub-projects do not contravene any obligations, treaties or agreements whether or not an EA is a requirement under national regulations.
1.2. Assessment of project alternatives.	Provide for assessment of feasible investment, technical, and siting alternatives, including the "no action" alternative, potential impacts, feasibility of mitigating these impacts, their capital and recurrent costs, their suitability under local conditions, and their institutional, training and monitoring requirements associated with them.	Not included.	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to ensure that the assessment of the Project potential impacts review possible alternatives including the option of "no action".
1.EA Process			
<ol> <li>1.3 Retention of project advisors.</li> <li>2. Public Consultatio</li> </ol>	The borrower should normally engage an advisory panel of independent, internationally recognized environmental specialists to advise on all aspects of the project relevant to the EA.	Not included.	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance should the borrower be advised that independent, internationally recognized environmental specialists be engaged to provide advice on the Project review.
2.1. The EA process	n and Disclosure The Bank may, if appropriate,	Law on Environmental Protection and	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be
must include public consultation and disclosure.	require public consultation and disclosure. The borrower consults project affected groups and local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).	<ul> <li>Article 1 – The purposes of this law are:</li> <li>✓ to encourage and enable the public to participate in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> <li>Article 16 – The Ministry of Environment, following a request from the public, shall provide information on its activities, and shall engage public</li> </ul>	implemented to provide guidance on public consultation and disclosure such that project affected groups and local NGOs are informed.

Subjects	World Bank OP 4.01	Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC)	Gap/Project Measures
		<ul> <li>participation in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 1 – Foster public participation in the environmental impact assessment process in recognition that their concerns should be considered in the project decision-making process.</li> </ul>	
3. Monitoring & Eval	uation	project decision-making process.	
3.1 Internal and external independent monitoring are required	During project implementation, the borrower reports on (a) compliance with measures agreed with the Bank on the basis of the findings and results of the EA, including implementation of any EMP.	<ul> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 3 – The Ministry of Environment shall: b/ take appropriate administrative, conduct surveillance and monitor to ensure that the Environmental Management Plan during project construction, operation, and closure, which contained in an approved EIA report be implemented by the Project Sponsor.</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented. The PCO in close coordination with GDR-IRC will conduct internal monitoring on resettlement implementation and reporting requirements for the ESMMP implementation. The monitoring will include progress reports, status of the RAP implementation, information on location and numbers of people affected, compensation amounts paid by item, and assistance provided to PAHs. The report of monitoring results will be prepared by MRD and submitted to IRC and WB on a quarterly basis.

# Table 2 Gap analysis between the RGC legal/regulatory framework and the World Bank OP4.04.

Subjects	OP 4.04	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
1.Promote Environme	entally Sustainable Development		
1.1 Use a precautionary approach to ensure environmentally sustainable development.	The Bank supports, and expects borrowers to apply, a precautionary approach to natural resource management to ensure opportunities for environmentally sustainable development.	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 1 – The purposes of this law are:</li> <li>✓ to ensure the rational and sustainable conservation, development, management, and use of the natural resources of the Kingdom of Cambodia.</li> <li>✓ to suppress any acts that cause harm to the environment.</li> <li>Article 3 – The National Environmental plan is a plan of environmental protection and sustainable natural resource management for implementation throughout the Kingdom of Cambodia.</li> </ul>	OP 4.04 Policy Procedures will be implemented to apply a precautionary approach that complements the national regulation that ensures the rational and sustainable conservation, development, management, and use of the natural resources.
1.2 Avoid significant conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats.	The Bank does not support projects that, in the Bank's opinion, involve the significant conversion or degradation of natural habitats.	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 8 – Natural resource protected areas, which include national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, protected landscape areas, (and) multiple use areas, shall be determined by Royal Decree.</li> </ul>	Though critical habitats are not proposed to be within the sub- project footprints, OP 4.04 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance on avoiding the conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats which could be directly or indirectly affected by the sub-projects.
1.3 Using lands already converted	Wherever feasible, Bank-financed projects are sited on lands already converted.	Not included.	OP 4.04 Policy Procedures will be implemented to ensure that the

Subjects	OP 4.04	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
from natural habitats to minimize impacts.			sub-projects are designed to be sited on converted lands.
1.4 Provide for the use of appropriate expertise for the design and implementation of mitigation and monitoring plans.	If there are potential institutional capacity problems, the project includes components that develop the capacity of national and local institutions for effective environmental planning and management. The mitigation measures specified for the project may be used to enhance the practical field capacity of national and local institutions.	Not included.	OP 4.04 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance should the borrower be advised that independent, internationally recognized environmental specialists be engaged to provide advice on the Project review.
2. Public Consultation	n and Disclosure		
2.1 Consult key stakeholders and NGOs as well as disclose draft mitigation plan in a timely manner, before appraisal formally begins, in an accessible place and in a form and language understandable to key stakeholders.	The Bank expects the borrower to take into account the views, roles, and rights of groups, including local nongovernmental organizations and local communities, affected by Bank- financed projects involving natural habitats, and to involve such people in planning, designing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating such projects.	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 1 – The purposes of this law are: ✓ to encourage and enable the public to participate in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> <li>Article 16 – The Ministry of Environment, following a request from the public, shall provide information on its activities, and shall engage public participation in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 1 – Foster public participation in the environmental impact assessment process in recognition that their concerns should be considered in the project decision-making process.</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance on public consultation and disclosure such that project affected groups and local NGOs are informed.

# Table 3 Gap analysis between the RGC legal/regulatory framework and the World Bank OP4.11.

Subjects	OP 4.11	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
1.Preservation of Physical	Cultural Resources		
1.2 As part of the EA, as appropriate, conduct field based surveys, using qualified specialists to consult concerned government authorities, relevant non-governmental organizations, relevant experts and local people in documenting the presence and significance of Physical Cultural Resource (PCR).	To develop the TORs for the EA, the borrower, in consultation with the Bank, relevant experts, and relevant project-affected groups, identifies the likely physical cultural resources issues, if any, to be taken into account by the EA.	<ul> <li>The Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia:</li> <li>Article 69 – The State shall preserve ancient monuments and artifacts and restore historic sites.</li> <li>Law on the Protection of Cultural Heritage:</li> <li>Article 7 – Listing in the inventory consists of keeping a record of public and private cultural property which, while not necessarily requiring immediate classification, is nonetheless of some importance from a scientific, historical, artistic or religious point of view.</li> </ul>	OP 4.11 Policy Procedures will be implemented to ensure that qualified specialists are engaged in the site assessments to identify likely PCR issues.
1.2 For materials that may be discovered during project implementation, provide for the use of "chance find" procedures in the context of the PCR	The borrower develops a physical cultural resources management plan that includes measures for avoiding or mitigating any adverse impacts on physical cultural resources,	<ul> <li>Law on the Protection of Cultural Heritage:</li> <li>Article 37 – When construction work or any other activity brings to light cultural property such as monuments, ruins, ancient objects, remains of inhabited sites, ancient burial sites, engravings or any</li> </ul>	OP 4.11 Policy Procedures will be implemented to guide the preparation of a PCR management

Subjects	OP 4.11	RGC	Gap/Project Measures
management plan or PCR component of the environmental management plan.	provisions for managing chance find, any necessary measures for strengthening institutional capacity, and a monitoring system to track the progress of these activities.	property likely to be of interest in the study of prehistory, history, archaeology, ethnology, paleontology or other branches of science dealing with the past or of human sciences in general, the person finding the property and the owner of the site where it was discovered are obliged to stop the construction work and immediately make a declaration to the local police, who shall transmit it to the Governor of the province without delay. The Governor shall in turn inform the competent authority and shall take the measures necessary to ensure the protection of the objects and the site.	plan should cultural resources be discovered during sub-project construction activities.
2. Public Consultation and	Disclosure		
2.1 Disclose draft mitigation plans as part of the EA or equivalent process, in a timely manner, before appraisal formally begins, in an accessible place and in a form and language that are understandable to key stakeholders.	As part of the public consultations required in the EA process, the consultative process for the physical cultural resources component normally includes relevant project-affected groups, concerned government authorities, and relevant nongovernmental organizations in documenting the presence and significance of physical cultural resources, assessing potential impacts, and exploring avoidance and mitigation options. The findings of the physical cultural resources component of the EA are disclosed as part of, and in the same manner as, the EA report.	<ul> <li>Law on Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Management:</li> <li>Article 1 – The purposes of this law are: <ul> <li>to encourage and enable the public to participate in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Article 16 – The Ministry of Environment, following a request from the public, shall provide information on its activities, and shall engage public participation in environmental protection and natural resource management.</li> <li>Sub-decree #72 ANRK.BK on Environmental Impact Assessment Process (1999):</li> <li>Article 1 – Foster public participation in the environmental impact assessment process in recognition that their concerns should be considered in the project decision-making process.</li> </ul>	OP 4.01 Policy Procedures will be implemented to provide guidance on public consultation and disclosure such that project affected groups and local NGOs are informed.

The following activities are prohibited under the LACP (ineligible or the "Non-eligibility list") in order to avoid adverse irreversible impacts on the environment and people, the following activities are explicitly excluded from funding:

- (a) Relocation and/or demolition of any permanent houses or business.
- (b) Use of LACP investment or subproject as an incentive and/or a tool to support and/or implement involuntary resettlement of local people and village consolidation.
- (c) Land acquisition that affect more than 200 persons or 20 households.
- (d) New settlements or expansion of existing settlements inside "Total Protected Zone" as defined in a government decree.
- (e) Likely creation of adverse impacts on ethnic groups within the village and/or in neighboring villages or unacceptable to ethnic groups living in an ethnic homogenous village or a village of mixed ethnic composition.
- (f) Imposing ideas and changing priorities identified by the community and endorsed at the Kumban level meeting without community consultation, prior review and clearance from the PMT.
- (g) Damage or loss to cultural property, including sites having archeological (prehistoric), paleontological, historical, religious, cultural and unique natural values.
- (h) Resources access restriction that could not be mitigated and will result in adverse impacts on the livelihoods of ethnic groups and disadvantage peoples.
- (i) New roads, road rehabilitation, road surfacing, or track upgrading, new irrigation system, of any kind inside natural habitats and existing or proposed protected areas.
- (j) Purchase of guns; chain saws; asbestos, dynamites, destructive hunting and fishing gears and other investments detrimental to the environment.
- (k) Purchase of banned pesticides, insecticides, herbicides and other unbanned pesticides, unbanned insecticides and unbanned herbicides and dangerous chemicals exceeding the amount required to treat efficiently the infected area. However, if pest invasion occurs, small amount of eligible and registered pesticides in Lao PDR is allowed if supplemented by additional training of farmers to ensure pesticide safe uses in line with World Bank's policies and procedures (Bank clearance is needed). And no pesticides, insecticides and herbicides will be allowed in the buffer zone of protected area, protected forest and natural habitats.
- (I) Forestry operations, including logging, harvesting or processing of timber and non-timber forest products (NTFP).
- (m) Unsustainable exploitation of natural resources.
- (n) Introduction of non-native species, unless these are already present in the vicinity or known from similar settings to be non-invasive.
- (o) Significant conversion or degradation of natural habitat or where the conservation and/or environmental gains do not clearly outweigh any potential losses.
- (p) Production or trade in any product or activity deemed illegal under Lao PDR laws or regulations or international conventions and agreements, or subject to international bans.
- (q) Labor and working conditions involving harmful, exploitative, involuntary or compulsory forms of labor, forced labor<sup>8</sup>, child labor<sup>9</sup> or significant occupational health and safety issues.
- (r) Trade in any products with businesses engaged in exploitative environmental or social behavior.
- (s) Subprojects that will use or induce the use of hazardous materials (including asbestos) or any banned chemicals.

#### Preference list

- (a) promote rotation farming and sustainable agriculture practices
- (b) promote conservation of water resources
- (c) promote utilization of natural/organic pesticide from herb instead of chemical pesticide as well as IPM
- (d) promote skill development to increase income revenue
- (e) promote improvement of rice mill equip with dust control system

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Forced labor means all work or service, not voluntarily performed, that is extracted from an individual under threat of force or penalty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Harmful child labor means the employment of children that is economically exploitive, or is likely to be hazardous to, or to interfere with, the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health, or physical, mental, spiritual, moral, or social development.

This subproject screening checklist is intended for the use of SUBPROJECT OWNER such as MAFF and concerned ministries (PTs) so that they can determine the appropriate type of safeguards documentation that will be required by the World Bank for the subproject, in conformance with the ESMF.

## NAME OF PROJECT

Subproject Name:Subproject Location:(e.g. region, district, etc.)Type of activity:(e.g. new construction, rehabilitation, periodic maintenance)Subproject Owner and Address:Environmental Category of the Main Project:(e.g., A or B)

# 1. Eligibility Screening

1. Eligibility screening is conducted to determine if a subproject is eligible for funding under the project. To avoid significant adverse environmental and social impacts, some projects may include criteria for ineligibility or have an ineligible activity list to screen out subprojects. These criteria or the ineligible list are included in the ESMF and during the project implementation subprojects are screened against these criteria. See Annex 2.1.

2. In addition, there are certain sub-projects that the Bank does not fund at all (consult the Bank safegaurds policies). Please note that the owner of the subproject is expected to comply with all national legislation and standards and with obligations (standards, restrictions or similar) of the country under international conventions, treaties, agreements and protocols.

## 2. Technical Environmental Screening

3. The technical environmental screening of each proposed subproject is to determine the appropriate extent and type of EA. The outcome of this screening is used to classify the subprojects into one of three categories, depending on the type, location, sensitivity, and scale of the subproject and the nature and magnitude of its potential environmental impacts (OP 4.01, paragraph 8).

- (a) Category A: A proposed sub-project is classified as Category A if it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts that are sensitive, diverse, or unprecedented. These impacts may affect an area broader than the sites or facilities subject to physical works.
- (b) Category B: A proposed subproject is classified as Category B if its potential adverse environmental impacts on human populations or environmentally important areas - including wetlands, forests, grasslands, and other natural habitats - are less adverse than those of Category A projects. These impacts are site-specific; few if any of them are irreversible; and in most cases mitigatory measures can be designed more readily than for Category A projects.
- (c) Category C: A proposed project is classified as Category C if it is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required for a Category C project.

#### Notes:

- (a) Category A Screening Criteria is applied for precautious purpose. The expected answer is "no" to all questions.
- (b) Since the main project has been categorized as a Category B (and not Category A), then any subproject is presumed to be in Category B or C.

# 2.1 Category A Screening Criteria

4. The following set of screening questions is intended to determine if the subproject has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts (i.e., is the subproject a Category A).

Table 1. Category A Screening Criteria							
Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks				
1. Does the subproject have the potential to cause significant a	adverse i	mpacts t	o natural or critical natural habitats?				
Leads to loss or degradation of sensitive Natural Habitats defined as: land and water areas where (i) the ecosystems' bio-logical communities are formed largely by native plant and animal species, and (ii) human activity has not essentially modified the area's primary ecological functions. Important natural habitats may occur in tropical humid, dry, and cloud forests; temperate and boreal forests; mediterranean-type shrub lands; natural arid and semi-arid lands; mangrove swamps, coastal marshes, and other wetlands; estuaries; sea grass beds; coral reefs; freshwater lakes and rivers; alpine and sub alpine environments, including herb fields, grasslands, and paramos; and tropical and temperate grasslands.			Indicate location and type of natural habitat and the kind of impacts that could occur, e.g. loss of habitat and how much, loss of ecosystem services, effects on the quality of the habitat. State why these impacts are or are not significant. Note that the Bank does not support projects involving the significant conversion of natural habitats unless there are no feasible alternatives for the project and its siting, and comprehensive analysis demonstrates that overall benefits from the project substantially outweigh the environmental costs.				
Leads to loss or degradation of Critical natural habitat, i.e., habitat that is legally protected, officially proposed for protection, or unprotected but of known high conservation value. Critical habitats include existing protected areas and areas officially proposed by governments as protected areas (e.g., reserves that meet the criteria of the World Conservation Union [IUCN] classifications, areas initially recognized as protected by traditional local communities (e.g., sacred groves), and sites that maintain conditions vital for the viability of these protected areas. Sites may include areas with known high suitability for bio-diversity conservation; and sites that are critical for rare, vulnerable, migratory, or endangered species.			Note that the Bank cannot fund any projects that result in significant conversion or degradation of critical natural habitats. Indicate location and type of critical natural habitat and state why they are or are not significant.				
2. Does the subproject have the potential to cause significant a	adverse i	mpacts t	o physical cultural resources?				
Leads to loss or degradation of physical cultural resources, defined as movable or immovable objects, sites, structures, groups of structures, and natural features and landscapes that have archaeological, paleontological, historical, architectural, religious, aesthetic, or other cultural significance. They may be located in urban or rural settings, above or below ground, or under water. Their cultural interest may be at the local, provincial or national level, or within the international community.			Describe location and type of cultural resources and the kind of impacts that could occur. State the level of protection (local, provincial, national or international). Are any of these sites considered important to preserve in situ, meaning that the resources should not be removed from their current location? State why impacts are or are not significant.				
Potentially results in a contravention of national legislation, or national obligations under relevant international environmental treaties and agreements, including the UNESCO World Heritage Convention or affect sites with known and important tourism or scientific interest.			Describe any impacts that might contravene national or international legislation concerning cultural resources. If considered not significant, explain why.				
3. Does the subproject have the potential to cause significant a ethnic minorities?	adverse i	mpacts o	on the lands and related natural resources used by				
Potentially result in impacts on lands or territories that are traditionally owned, or customarily used or occupied, and where access to natural resources is vital to the sustainability of cultures and livelihoods of minority peoples. Potentially impact the cultural and spiritual values attributed to such lands and resources or impact natural resources management and the long-term sustainability of the affected resources.			Describe the type and extent of impacts and the significance of alterations to the resources of the affected minorities. Note that an Ethnic Minority Development Plan will also be required in accordance with World Bank OP 4.10.				
4. Does the subproject have the potential to cause significant a	adverse e	effects to	populations subject to physical displacement?				
Leads to physical displacement of populations dependent upon lands or use of specific use of resources that would be difficult to replace or restore? Otherwise lead to difficult issues in the ability of the subproject to restore livelihoods?			Indicate the numbers of households affected and the resources that will be difficult to replace in order to achieve livelihood restoration. Note that a Resettlement Action Plan will need to be prepared in accordance with World Bank OP 4.12.				
5. Does the subproject entail the construction of a large dam?	1	1					

<ul> <li>Does the subproject require construction of a dam that is:</li> <li>15 meters or more in height</li> <li>between 10 and 15 meters in height with special design complexitiesfor example, an unusually large flood-handling requirement, location in a zone of high seismicity, foundations that are complex and difficult to prepare, or retention of toxic materials.</li> <li>under 10 meters in height but expected to become large dams during the operation of the subproject?</li> <li>Does the operation of the subproject rely on the performance of:</li> <li>an existing dam or a dam under construction (DUC);</li> <li>power stations or water supply systems that draw directly from a reservoir controlled by an existing dam or a DUC;</li> <li>diversion dams or hydraulic structures downstream from an existing dam or a DUC, where failure of the upstream dam could</li> </ul>	Describe the issues and note the requirements of OP 2.37 concerning the appointment of an Independent Panel of Experts.         If yes, this may not always mean that a Category A EIA is required, but special care must be taken, because the Bank has specific requirements to ensure the safety of the performance of the existing dam or dam under construction. Bank requires inspection and evaluation of dam or DUC, its performance and operation and maintenance procedures, and
cause extensive damage to or failure of the new Bank-funded structure and irrigation or water supply projects that will depend on the storage and operation of an existing dam or a DUC for their supply of water and could not function if the dam failed.	recommendations for any remedial work or safety- related measures; previous assessments can also be evaluated.
6. Does the subproject entail the procurement or use of pestic	ides?
Do the formulations of the products fall in World Health Organization classes IA and IB, or are there formulations of products in Class II?	If yes, this may not always mean that a Category A EIA is required, but special care must be taken. The Bank will not finance such products, if (a) the country lacks restrictions on their distribution and use; or (b) they are likely to be used by, or be accessible to, lay personnel, farmers, or others without training, equipment, and facilities to handle, store, and apply these products properly.
7. Does the subproject have the potential to cause irreversible	e impacts or impacts that are not easily mitigated?
Leads to loss of aquifer recharge areas, affects the quality of water storage and catchments responsible for potable water supply to major population centers.	Name the water bodies affected and describe magnitude of impacts.
Leads to any impacts such that the duration of the impacts is relatively permanent, affects an extensive geographic area or impacts have a high intensity.	Describe any impacts considered to be permanent, affecting a large geographic area (define) and high intensity impacts.
8. Does the subproject have the potential to result in a broad of	diversity of significant adverse impacts?
Multiple sites in different locations affected each of which could cause significant losses of habitat, resources, land or deterioration of the quality of resources.	Identify and describe all affected locations.
Potential, significant adverse impacts likely to extend beyond the sites or facilities for the physical works.	Identify and describe the types of impacts extending beyond the sites or facilities of the physical works.
Transboundary impacts (other than minor alterations to an ongoing waterway activity).	Describe the magnitude of the transboundary impacts.
Need for new access roads, tunnels, canals, power transmission corridors, pipelines, or borrow and disposal areas in currently undeveloped areas.	Describe all activities that are new that are required for the main activity to function.
Interruption of migratory patterns of wildlife, animal herds or pastoralists, nomads or semi-nomads.	Describe how migrations of people and animals are affected.
9. Is the subproject unprecedented?	
9. Is the subproject unprecedented?         Unprecedented at the national level?	Describe why and what aspects are unprecedented.
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Unprecedented at the national level?	Describe why and what aspects are unprecedented.
Unprecedented at the provincial level? Unprecedented at the provincial level?	Describe why and what aspects are unprecedented.

5. If the answer is yes to any of the above screening questions, the subproject is likely to be considered a Category A and an EIA meeting World Bank standard, including an EMP, will be required. The PCO is advised to discuss the results of this screening with the TTL, before starting environmental and social studies of the subproject. There are some differences in the Bank and the government requirements for a Bank category A project in terms of preparation of TORs, consultation, content and structures of the EIA report. Two separate EIAs to satisfy the Bank and the government requirements will be needed.

**Note:** If the main project has not been categorized as a Category A, then any subproject where the answer is "yes" to the screening questions cannot be funded unless the project was restructured to Category A.

# 2.2 Category C Screening Criteria

6. The following set of screening questions is intended to determine if the subproject has the potential to cause minimal or no adverse impacts (i.e., is a Category C).

	Table 2. Category C Screening Criteria							
Sci	reening Questions	Υ	Ν	Remarks				
1.	Subproject activities are limited to training, technical assistance and capacity building.			Describe activities.				
2.	Training, technical assistance and capacity building do not require use of chemicals, biological agents, pesticides.			Support this statement.				
3.	There is no infrastructure to be demolished or built.			Support this statement.				
4.	There are no interventions that would affect land, water, air, flora, fauna or humans.			Support this statement.				
5.	If scientific research is being performed, the research is of such a nature that no hazardous or toxic wastes are created, and the research does not involve recombinant DNA or other research that would create dangerous agents should they be released from contained, laboratory conditions			If yes, discuss with the World Bank environmental specialists.				

# 2.3 Category B Screening

7. Many of the subprojects to be proposed will be Category B. They may have similar types of impacts to Category A, but the impacts are not irreversible, and they are less extensive, less intensive, less adverse, more easily mitigated, not likely controversial and not unprecedented.

8. After the screening for Category A and Category C are applied and if the conclusion is reached that the subproject is not A and is not C, then the subproject should be categorized as B.

9. Category B also requires an EIA or other EA instrument in accordance with the WB OP 4.01. The PCO will apply the criteria of the national regulation to determine whether to prepare an EIA or an EPC in according with the Law on Environmental Protection and associated EA Decree and Circular. In most cases, an ESMP consistent with World Bank policy will be required (see Annex 4). For other case, a simplified ESMP or an ECOP should suffice.

10. The issues that may need to be addressed in a Category B safeguards document are variable and will depend upon the type of subproject, its location and surrounding land uses and the kinds of construction and operational procedures that will be used.

# 2.4 Environmental and Social Impact Checklist

Table 3 presents a checklist, the purpose of which is to assist the borrower in preparing the EA instrument, including the ESMP.

	Does the subproject entail these impacts?	No	Low	Medium	High	Not known	Remarks
1.	Encroachment on historical/cultural areas						
2.	Encroachment on an ecosystem (e.g. natural habitat sensitive or protected area, national park, nature reserve etc)						Describe and briefly assess impact's leve
3.	Disfiguration of landscape and increased waste generation						
4.	Removal of vegetation cover or cutting down of trees during clearance for construction						
5.	Change of surface water quality or water flows (e.g. Increase water turbidity due to run- off, waste water from camp sites and erosion, and construction waste) or long- term.						Indicate how and when this occurs.
6.	Increased dust level or add pollutants to the air during construction						Indicate how and when this occurs
7.	Increased noise and/or vibration						Indicate how and when this occurs
8.	Resettlement of households? If yes, how many households?						
9.	Use of resettlement site that is environmentally and/or culturally sensitive						Briefly describe the potential impacts
10.	Risk of disease dissemination from construction workers to the local peoples (and vice versa)?						Note estimated number of workers to be hired for project construction in the commune/district and what kind of disease they might introduce or acquire.
11.	Potential for conflict between construction workers and local peoples (and vice versa)?						
12.	Use of explosive and hazardous chemicals						
13.	Use of sites where, in the past, there were accidents incurred due to landmines or explosive materials remaining from the war						
14.	Construction that could cause disturbance to the transportation, traffic routes, or waterway transport?						
15.	Construction that could cause any damage to the existing local roads, bridges or other rural infrastructures?						
16.	Soil excavation during subproject's construction so as to cause soil erosion						
17.	Need to open new, temporary or permanent, access roads?						Estimate number of and length of temporary or permanent access roads and their locations
18.	Separation or fragmentation of habitats of flora and fauna?						Describe how.
19.	Long-term impacts on air quality						

20.	Accident risks for workers and community during construction phase						
21.	Use of hazardous or toxic materials and generation of hazardous wastes						
22.	Risks to safety and human health						Describe how.
Does	the subproject entail land acquisition or restriction of acc	ess to res	sources?				
23.	Acquisition (temporarily or permanently) of land (public or private) for its development						List land areas for permanent and temporary land acquisition, type of soils, duration and purpose of acquisition
24.	Use land that is currently occupied or regularly used for productive purposes (e.g., gardening, farming, pasture, fishing locations, forests)						
25.	Displacement of individuals, families or businesses						
26.	Temporary or permanent loss of crops, fruit trees or household infrastructure						
27.	Involuntary restriction of access by people to legally designated parks and protected areas						
If the	answer to any of the questions 23-27 is "Yes", please consult t	he ESMF;	preparatio	n of a Rese	ttlement Pla	an (RP) is like	ely required.
	the subproject entail effects on ethnic minority peoples?			-			
28.	Ethnic minority groups are living within the boundaries of, or nearby, the subproject.						
29.	Members of these ethnic minority groups in the area potentially could benefit or be harmed from the project.						
If the requi	answer to questions 28 or 29 is "Yes", please consult the ESM red.	F; and pre	eparation of	f an Indigen	ous People	Developmer	nt Plan (IPDP) is likely
Does	the subproject entail construction of or depend upon a da	im?					
30.	Involve the construction of a large dam?		-	-			See Table 1 for definition of a large dam.
31.	Depend on water supplied from an existing dam or weir or a dam under construction?						Describe the functional relationship between the subproject and the existing dam or a dam under construction.
If the	answer to question 30 or 31 is "Yes", please consult the ESMF	; a Dam S	Safety Repo	ort (DSR) wi	ll likely be r	equired.	
Does	the subproject entail procurement or use of pesticides?						
32.	What is the World Health Organization's classification of the formulation of the specific pesticides to be used?						See Table 1 for additional information on pesticides. To deal with this issue, one must know the types of pesticides proposed.
If the	answer to question 32 is yes, please consult the ESMF; a Pes	t Manager	nent Plan (	PMP) will lik	ely be requ	iired.	

11. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) needs to submit the screening report to the World Bank for review regarding the categorization.

# A. Introduction

1. An Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is a part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process in Bank-financed projects. The procedures in OP 4.01, Annex C, which describes the EMP, are mandatory.

2. "A subproject's ESMP of the set of **mitigation**, **monitoring**, **and institutional** measures to be taken during implementation and operation to eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels. The plan also includes the actions needed to implement these measures."

3. The ESMP provides an essential link to different instruments in conjunction with EIAs for category A, B, and FI projects, or the ESMF when subprojects are not known in advance; the link between the impacts predicted and mitigation measures specified within an EIA and construction and operational activities. The ESMP outlines the anticipated environmental impacts of projects, the measures to be undertaken to mitigate these impacts, responsibilities for mitigation, time scales, costs of mitigation, and sources of funding. Furthermore, ESMP lays the framework for continued assessment of potential impacts through the application of monitoring and auditing and consideration of the institutional measures appropriate to accomplish the ESMP.

4. This guidance aims to provide a reference for preparing ESMPs for a range of types and scales of development projects/subprojects in different biophysical, social, economic and governance contexts. This guidance identifies the policy framework for preparing ESMPs for Bank-financed activities, outlines the main components of ESMPs, and discusses means to ensure that commitments within the ESMP are carried through to implementation and operation. This guidance is not intended to replace any WB safeguards policy or government regulation.

5. This guidance is directed at project implementing agencies including MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), environmental impacts assessment consultants, environmental specialists, project proponents, financial institutions and other parties interested in or affected by ESMP processes.

## B. When an ESMP is needed (Category A, B, FI)

6. The government EIA regulation does not require project proponents to prepare a separate ESMP but an Environmental Management and Monitoring Program (EMMP) as a part of an EIA. The EMMP includes project implementation phases, project activities, associated environmental impacts, mitigation measures, cost for mitigation measures, timeline for implementation measures, implementation arrangement, and responsibility for supervision. The EMMP also includes a monitoring program for monitoring of waste emission, ambient environment quality, and other impacts caused by project. An EMMP is not specifically required for an environmental protection commitment (EPC), but a set mitigation measures, waste treatment facilities, and an environmental monitoring program are required.

7. The Bank's ESMP) is an instrument that details: a) all anticipated adverse environmental impacts (including those involving indigenous people or involuntary resettlement); b) the mitigation measures to be taken during the implementation and operation of a project to eliminate or offset adverse environmental impacts, or to reduce them to acceptable levels; c) monitoring objectives and type of monitoring with linkages to the impacts assessed in the EA report and the mitigation measures described in the ESMP; d) the actions needed including institutional arrangements to implement these measures; e) capacity development and training to support timely and effective implementation of environmental project components and mitigation measures; and f) implementation schedule and cost estimates for implementing the ESMP, and g) integration of the ESMP with project. In comparison with the government EMMP, components of ESMP are expressed in more detail; include capacity building, and forging ESMP integration into the project's overall planning, design, budget, and implementation.

8. The ESMP is an integral part of Category A EAs (irrespective of other instruments used). EAs for Category B projects may also result in an ESMP. The ESMP is a valuable tool to: i) define details of who, what, where and when environmental management and mitigation measures are to be implemented; ii) provide government agencies and their contractors, developers and other stakeholders better on-site environmental management control over the life of a project; iii) allow a proponent to ensure their contractors fulfill environmental obligations on their behalf, and; iv) demonstrate due diligence. In addition, the ESMP is often required as part of tendering for projects.

9. Typically, use of an ESMP only applies to smaller projects not affecting environmentally sensitive areas, which present issues that are narrow in scope, well defined, and well understood. For small and very small subprojects with very limited and narrow environmental impacts, using simple general mitigation measures such as an environmental code of practice (ECOP) (see Annex 5 for such a kind of ECOP) alone should suffice for addressing environmental impacts. ECOP can also be used in conjunction with ESMP for addressing general limited construction impacts.

10. The ESMP is a "living document" that should be focused on continual improvement and should be updated when there are changes in project design or emerging environmental issues.

# C. Objectives of ESMP

11. The ESMP outlines the mitigation, monitoring, and institutional measures to be taken during project implementation and operation to avoid or control adverse environmental impacts, and the actions needed to implement these measures. It provides the link between alternative mitigation measures evaluated and described within the EIA/EPC report and ensuring that such measures are implemented. While project design should incorporate environmental sustainability to the extent possible, the ESMP deals with environmental issues that cannot be avoided through design. Therefore, the objectives of an ESMP should include:

- (a) Ensuring compliance with the applicable provincial, national, laws, regulations, standards, and guidelines;
- (b) Ensuring that there is sufficient allocation of resources on the project budget for implementation of EMP-related activities;
- (c) Ensuring that environmental risks associated with a project property managed;
- (d) Responding to emerging and unforeseen environmental issues not identified in the project EIA; and
- (e) Providing feedback for continual improvement in environmental performance.

12. The ESMP is a basis for negotiation and reaching agreement between the Bank and borrowers on a project's key social and environmental performance. Its implementation becomes a legal obligation of the Borrower (in Loan Agreement) and contractors (in contracts).

13. An ESMP can be a site or project-specific plan developed to ensure that appropriate environmental management practices are followed during a project construction or operation phase. A project ESMP is developed by the client, while a site-specific ESMP or a construction ESMP is usually prepared by contractors, in accordance with requirements of bidding documents (to which it is good practice to attach the project ESMP). This guidance covers project ESMP.

# D. Who Should Prepare an ESMP

14. A project proponent retains primary responsibility for the environmental performance of its projects. As such, the proponent is responsible for ensuring the preparation and implementation of an acceptable project ESMP whether for construction or operation. In most cases, during the project preparation, the Bank would provide both the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and an ESMP consultant with technical assistance for preparation of the ESMP. During appraisal, the Bank reviews the ESMP with the borrower, to assess the adequacy of the institutions responsible for environmental management, to ensure that the ESMP is adequately budgeted, and to determine whether the mitigation measures are properly addressed in project design and economic analysis.

15. During project implementation, subproject ESMPs or ECOPs will be prepared in accordance with the guidelines and requires of the project ESMF. The project ESMF details and explains the role and necessity of preparing a subproject ESMP during implementation.

16. During a project construction and/or operation, implementation of a project or subproject ESMP is often passed on to contractor by a contract specification or a requirement. While an ESMP may be implemented by a contractor, the responsibility for implementing the conditions of approval of the project (i.e., the EIA needs to be approved by relevant authority as a condition for approval of the project) lies with the proponent.

17. During project implementation, the Bank bases supervision of the project's environmental aspects on the findings and recommendations of the EA, including measures set out in the loan agreement, the ESMP, and other project documents. For low-risk projects, the Bank may conduct post review of subproject ESMPs during implementation.

# E. Components of ESMP

- 18. In order to achieve the above objectives, the generic scope of an ESMP should include the following:
  - (a) Definition of the environmental management objectives to be realized during the life of a project (i.e. preconstruction, construction, operation and/or decommissioning phases) in order to enhance benefits and minimize adverse environmental impacts.
  - (b) Description of the detailed actions needed to achieve these objectives, including how they will be achieved, by whom, by when, with what resources, with what monitoring/verification, and to what target or performance level. Mechanisms must also be provided to address changes in the project implementation, emergencies or unexpected events, and the associated approval processes.
  - (c) Clarification of institutional structures, roles, communication and reporting processes required as part of the implementation of the ESMP.
  - (d) Description of the link between the ESMP and associated legislated requirements.
  - (e) Description of requirements for record keeping, reporting, review, auditing and updating of the ESMP.

19. There is no standard format for ESMPs. The format needs to fit the circumstances in which the ESMP is being developed and the requirements which it is designed to meet. For each mitigative measure, it can often be useful to summarize these in a table that shows for each who is responsible, the location or part of project to which the measure applies, the timing, the budget and the monitoring to verify that the measure is achieving its intended target. There are also additional monitoring needs (unrelated to whether mitigative measures are working as intended). These also can be put into a summary table showing who is responsible, the reason for the measure and part of project to which it applies, the timing, the reporting related to the monitoring and the costs. The level of detail in the ESMP may vary from a few pages for a project with low environmental risks, to a substantial document for a large-scale complex category A project with potentially high environmental risks.

20. The ESMP should be formulated in such a way that it is easy to use. References within the plan should be clearly and readily identifiable. Also, the main text of the ESMP needs to be kept as clear and concise as possible, with detailed information relegated to annexes. The ESMP should identify linkages to other relevant plans relating to the project, such as plans dealing with resettlement or indigenous peoples issues.

21. Although the scope and content of an ESMP will be a function of both the significance of a project's potential impacts and also a project's site, there are common elements that should be included in all ESMPs. These elements, which are suggested for a medium to high risk project, are described in detailed below:

# Box 1. Common elements of an ESMP and its content

# 22. Introduction - provide brief but concise information on

- (a) the ESMP context: describe how the ESMP fits into the overall planning process of the project, listing project/subproject environmental studies such as EIA/EPC, approval documentation.
- (b) the ESMP's connection with the ESMF (if relevant) and the Project
- (c) the objectives of the ESMP: describe what the ESMP is trying to achieve. The objective should be project specific, not broad policy statements. The project-specific ESMP shall form part of the project contract specifications.

# 23. Policy, legal and administrative framework

- (a) 2.1 GOV's regulations provide brief description of GOV regulations related to EIA and technical regulations and standards applied to the subproject.
- (b) 2.2 WB's safeguard policy *list WB safeguard policies triggered.*

24. *Project description* – project/subproject objective and description should be provided in enough detailed to define the nature and scope of the project. These include:

- (a) project location: site location should be described with location of the activities provided including location maps showing location in the project area as well as details at the subproject level.
- (b) Construction/operation activities: the description may include a brief description of construction and operation processes; working or operating hours, including details of any activities required to be undertaken outside the hours; employment numbers and type; the plant and equipment to be used; the location and site facilities and worker camps; bill of quantities for civil works.
- (c) Timing and scheduling: anticipated commencement and completion dates should be indicated. If the project is to be completed in stages, then separate dates for each stage should be provided.

25. **Baseline data** – provide key information on the environmental background of the subproject as well as its connection with the project area, including maps. Focus should be given to provide clear data on topography, major land use and water uses, soil types, flow of water, and water quality/pollution. Brief description on socioeconomic condition and EM (if relevant) should also be provided. Photos showing existing conditions of project sites should be included.

26. **Potential impacts and mitigation measures.** This section summarizes the predicted positive and negative impacts associated with the proposed project/subproject, particularly those presenting impacts of medium to high significance. A summary should be provided of the predicted positive and negative impacts associated with the proposed project that require management actions (i.e. mitigation of negative impacts or enhancement of positive impacts). The necessary information for this section should be obtained from the EIA process, including the EIA and EPC reports.

27. The impacts should be described for pre-construction, construction, and operation phases. Using a matrix format could help understanding connection between the impacts and mitigation better. Cross-referencing to the EIA/EPCs reports or other documentation is recommended, so that additional detail can readily be referenced. While commonly-known social and environmental impacts and risks of construction activities can be addressed through Environmental Codes of Practices (ECOP), specific mitigation measures should also be proposed to address sub-project specific impacts predicted based on site-specific conditions and typology of investments. Some measures can be proposed for incorporation into engineering design to address potential impacts/risks and/or bring about added values of the works provided (e.g. road/access path improvement combined with canal lining). Mitigation measures should include communication program and grievance redress mechanism to address social impacts. Make sure that this section response to appropriate suggestions and adequately addresses the issues and concerns raised by communities as recorded in the consultation summary presented in Section 8. See Table 1 for a sample mitigation measures matrix.

Phase	Issue	Mitigation Measure	Locations for mitigation measures	Applicable Standard (e.g. country, WB, EU)	Cost of Mitigation	Responsible party	Verification Required to determine effectiveness of measures
Design/Pre- Construction							
Construction							
Operation							
Decommissioning							

# Table 1: Example of a Mitigation measure matrix

28. Depending on impacts of a project, Physical Cultural Resources (OP 4.11) or Pest Management (OP 4.09) may be triggered and physical cultural resources and pest management plans may need to be developed and included in the ESMP.

29. **Monitoring** – Monitoring of ESMP implementation would encompass environmental compliance monitoring and environmental monitoring during project implementation as described in detail below:

- (a) Environmental compliance monitoring includes a system for tracking environmental compliance of contractors such as checking the performance of contractors or government institutions against commitments expressed in formal documents, such as contract specifications or loan agreements.
- (b) The objectives of environmental monitoring is: a) to measure the effectiveness of mitigating actions (e.g. if there is a mitigating action to control noise during construction, the monitoring plan should include noise measurements during construction); b) To meet Borrower's environmental requirement; and c) to respond to concerns which may arise during public consultation (e.g. noise, heat, odor, etc.), even if the monitoring is not associated with a real environmental issue (it would show good faith by the Borrower). The monitoring program should clearly indicate the linkages between impacts identified in the EA report, indicators to be measured, methods to be used, sampling locations, frequency of measurements, detection limits (where appropriate), and definition of thresholds that will signal the need for corrective actions, and so forth. The cost of environmental monitoring should be estimated and included in sub-project's total investment costs. One cannot overemphasize the importance of monitoring and collecting data that is useful and will actually be used. There is no value in spending money to collect data that is not properly analyzed, that is not reported and even if reported, no actions can or will be taken. It is a good rule of thumb to know the kinds of analysis to which the data will be subjected before collecting the data to ensure that one can do the anticipated analyses.

Phase		How is parameter to be monitored/ type of monitoring equipment?	 of monitoring plan
Pre-construction			
Construction			
Operation			
Decommissioning			

*30.* See Table 2 below for an example of how monitoring is structured.

# Table 2: An example of monitoring plan

#### 31. **EMP Implementation arrangements**: The following subsections are recommended.

- (a) Responsibility for ESMP implementation: Describes how the implementing agency plans to assign responsibilities to assure proper flow and use of environmental information for efficient and effective environmental management. For a Bank financed project, the stakeholders involved in ESMP implementation and monitoring usually include the project implementing agency, the PCO, construction contractors, construction supervision consultant (CSC), independent environmental monitoring consultant (IEMC), local environmental management authorities, NGOs, and communities. Each player should be assigned with practical responsibilities. Good coordination among these actors ensures effective implementation of the ESMP. Responsibilities of the CSC and IEMC for monitoring and supervision of ESMP compliance during construction and supervision should be indicated in some details. Generic Terms of Reference for CSC and IEMC should be included in the ESMP as annexes.
- (b) Incorporation of ESMP into detailed technical design and bidding and contractual document: It is the bidding and contractual documents should include ESMP requirements documents to ensure that obligations are clearly communicated to contractors. The bidding documents might also include environmental criteria as part of the basis for selecting contractors. Contractors should also be obliged to follow appropriate environmental, health, and safety standards to reduce associated risks during construction and operation. Therefore, this section should also elaborate on how PCO and its staff will incorporate ESMP into the project detailed design and tendering documents. ESMP experience as basis for qualification to be added.

- (c) Environmental compliance framework: During project implementation, the borrower reports on compliance with environmental commitments, the status of mitigative measures, and the findings of monitoring programs as specified in the project documents. The Bank bases supervision of the project's environmental aspects on the ESMP as set out in the legal agreements for the project. This subsection elaborates on the environmental duties of the contractor and its safety and environment officer, compliance with legal and contractual requirements, and environmental supervision during construction supervision, and a penalty framework.
- (d) Reporting procedures: Procedures to provide information on the progress and results of mitigation and monitoring measures should be clearly specified. As a minimum, the recipients of such information should include those with responsibility for ensuring timely implementation of mitigation measures, and for undertaking remedial actions in response to breaches of monitoring thresholds. In addition, the structure, content and timing of reporting to the Bank should be designed to facilitate supervision. Responsibility of different actors for reporting and the type of reports should also be clearly indicated.

32. *Institutional Strengthening Plan:* Describes institutional needs to assure successful implementation of the mitigation and monitoring plans. This may include equipment purchases, training, consultant services, and special studies. Most projects would mainly require capacity strengthening in ESMP implementation through training for different stakeholders.

33. All relevant stakeholders should undergo general environmental awareness training and training about their responsibilities under the ESMP. The training should ensure that they understand their obligation to exercise proper environmental management during project implementation. Environmental training should include: a site induction, familiarization with the requirements of the ESMP; environmental emergency response training; familiarization with site environmental control; targeted environmental training for specific personnel such as environmental staff of MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), safety and environment officer of the contractor, construction supervision engineer.

34. The need for additional or revised training should be identified and implemented from the outputs of monitoring and reviewing the ESMP. Records of all training should be maintained and include: who was trained; when the person was trained; the name of the trainer; and a general description of the training content.

35. *Estimated Budget for ESMP Implementation* - These should be specified for both the initial investment and recurring expenses for implementing all measures contained in the ESMP, integrated into the total project costs, and factored into loan negotiations. It is important to capture all costs - including administrative, training, environmental monitoring and supervision, costs for mitigation measures to be implemented by contractors, costs for additional environmental studies, and operational and maintenance costs. The aim is to satisfactorily mitigate adverse impacts at least cost. The costs of preparing an ESMP, which are borne by the borrower, vary depending on factors such as the complexity of potential impacts, the extent to which international consultants are used, and the need to prepare separate ESMPs for sub-projects.

# Consultation

36. The ESMP should clearly describe and justify the proposed mitigation measures to facilitate public consultation. Consultation with affected people and NGOs should be integral to all Category A and B projects in order to understand the acceptability of proposed mitigation measures to affected groups. In some situations, the development of environmental awareness amongst stakeholders is important to ensuring effective consultation on the ESMP. Where projects involve land acquisition or resettlement, these issues should be fully addressed in Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), and where appropriate in Indigenous People Development Plan (IPDP).

37. The consultation process can also be used help to design achievable mitigation measures. This process is particularly important depends on the by-in of the affected people. particularly where their success depends on buy-in or actions on their part (re-write this sentence). Where appropriate, this may be supported by including formal requirements within the TOR for public participation in developing the ESMP.

38. Public consultation of ESMP should be an integral part of EIA/EPC consultation. In case, consultation has not been conducted or not adequately carried out during EIA/EPC preparation process, it must be undertaken to capture on the feedbacks of the affected people and communities.

39. This section provides summary on consultation activities to stakeholders, particularly affected households, on the final draft ESMP at project/subproject level. This summary should indicate the date and location where consultation meeting took place, the number of participants from affected households/the numbers of female and ethnic minority participants, and suggestions, concerns raised and responses. Locations and dates of ESMP to be disclosed should be provided.

# Disclosure of the ESMP

40. Information disclosure: According to the Bank's policy on access to information, all draft safeguard instruments, including the ESMP, are disclosed locally in an accessible place and in a form and language understandable to key stakeholders and in English at the InfoShop before the appraisal mission. ESMP is locally disclosed.

# F. Summary

41. The user should use this guidance in conjunction with the ESMF Toolkits, the project ESMF, and other project environmental and social safeguards instruments. It is very important that the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and ESMP consultant work closely with other project safeguards consultants, the Bank project's Task Team Leader, and the Bank safeguards staff in developing the ESMP and in ensuring that it is done with the required quality.

#### Annex 4: Environmental Code of Practice (ECOPs) for Small Civil Works or Infrastructure Investments

#### 1. Objectives

1. This Environmental Codes of Practice (ECOP) is prepared to manage small environmental impacts during construction. The ECOPs will apply to manage small scale infrastructure investments subproject. ECOP will be a mandatory part of construction contract or bidding documents so that contractor complies with environmental covenants. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and construction supervisors will be responsible for monitoring of compliance with ECOP and preparing the required reports.

## 2. Responsibilities

2. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and Contractors are the key entities responsible for implementation of this ECOP. Key responsibilities of MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and the contractors are as follows:

## (a) MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs)

MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) is responsible for ensuring that the ECOP is effectively implemented. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will assign a qualified staff to be responsible for checking implementation compliance of Contractors, include the following: (i) monitoring the contractors' compliance with the environmental plan, (ii) taking remedial actions in the event of non-compliance and/or adverse impacts occur, (iii) investigating complaints, evaluating and identifying corrective measures; (iv) advising to the Contractor on environment improvement, awareness, proactive pollution prevention measures; and (v) monitoring the activities of Contractors on replying to complaints.

# (b) Contractor

- Contractor is responsible for carrying out civil works and informs MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), local authority and community about construction plan and risks associated with civil works. As such, contractor is responsible for implementing agreed measures to mitigate environmental risks associated with its civil works.
- Contractor is required to obey other national relevant legal regulations and laws.

#### Part 1 – Contractor's Responsibilities

3. This is an example and is not necessarily a full treatment of all requirements for a specific project. For example, there might be reason to have contractor deal with STDs, medical and hazardous waste s (e.g., oil from vehicle or furnace repair and similar, oily rags).

ISSUES/RISKS		MITIGATION MEASURE				
1. Dust generati pollution	ion/ Air (a)	<ul> <li>The Contractor implement dust control measures to ensure that the generation of dust is minimized and is not perceived as a nuisance by local residents, maintain a safe working environment, such as:</li> <li>water dusty roads and construction sites;</li> <li>covering of material stockpiles;</li> <li>Material loads covered and secured during transportation to prevent the scattering of soil, sand, materials, or dust;</li> <li>Exposed soil and material stockpiles shall be protected against wind erosion.</li> </ul>				
2. Noise and vib	pration (a)	All vehicles must have appropriate "Certificate of conformity from inspection of quality, technical safety and environmental protection" following Decision No. 35/2005/QD-BGTVT; to avoid exceeding noise emission from poorly maintained machines.				
3. Water pollution	on (a) (b)	Portable or constructed toilets must be provided on site for construction workers. Wastewater from toilets as well as kitchens, showers, sinks, etc. shall be discharged into a conservancy tank for removal from the site or discharged into municipal sewerage systems; there should be no direct discharges to any water body. Wastewater over permissible values set by relevant national technical standards/regulations must be collected in a conservancy tank and removed from site by licensed waste collectors.				

ISSUES/RISKS	MITIGATION MEASURE
	(c) At completion of construction works, water collection tanks and septic tanks shall be covered and effectively sealed off.
4. Drainage and sedimentation	(a) The Contractor shall follow the detailed drainage design included in the construction plans, to ensure drainage system is always maintained cleared of mud and other obstructions.
Sedimentation	<ul><li>(b) Areas of the site not disturbed by construction activities shall be maintained in their existing conditions.</li></ul>
5. Solid waste	<ul> <li>(a) At all places of work, the Contractor shall provide litter bins, containers and refuse collection facilities.</li> <li>(b) Solid waste may be temporarily stored on site in a designated area approved by the Construction Supervision Consultant and relevant local authorities prior to collection and disposal.</li> <li>(c) Waste storage containers shall be covered, tip-proof, weatherproof and scavenger proof.</li> <li>(d) No burning, on-site burying or dumping of solid waste shall occur.</li> <li>(e) Recyclable materials such as wooden plates for trench works, steel, scaffolding material, site holding, packaging material, etc. shall be collected and separated on-site from other waste sources for reuse, for use as fill, or for sale.</li> <li>(c) If not removed off site, solid waste or construction debris shall be disposed of only at sites identified and approved by the Construction Supervision Consultant and included in the solid waste plan. Under no circumstances shall the contractor dispose of any material in environmentally sensitive areas, such as in areas of natural habitat or in watercourses.</li> </ul>
6. Chemical or hazardous wastes	<ul> <li>(a) Used oil and grease shall be removed from site and sold to an approved used oil recycling company.</li> <li>(b) Used oil, lubricants, cleaning materials, etc. from the maintenance of vehicles and machinery shall be collected in holding tanks and removed from site by a specialized oil recycling company for disposal at an approved hazardous waste site.</li> <li>(c) Unused or rejected tar or bituminous products shall be returned to the supplier's production plant.</li> <li>(d) Store chemicals in safe manner, such as roofing, fenced and appropriate labeling.</li> </ul>
7. Disruption of vegetative cover and ecological resources	<ul> <li>(a) Areas to be cleared should be minimized as much as possible.</li> <li>(b) The Contractor shall remove topsoil from all areas where topsoil will be impacted on by rehabilitation activities, including temporary activities such as storage and stockpiling, etc.; the stripped topsoil shall be stockpiled in areas agreed with the Construction Supervision Consultant for later use in re-vegetation and shall be adequately protected.</li> <li>(c) The application of chemicals for vegetation clearing is not permitted.</li> <li>(d) Prohibit cutting of any tree unless explicitly authorized in the vegetation clearing plan.</li> <li>(e) When needed, erect temporary protective fencing to efficiently protect the preserved trees before commencement of any works within the site.</li> <li>(f) The Contractor shall ensure that no hunting, trapping shooting, poisoning of fauna takes place.</li> </ul>
8. Traffic management	<ul> <li>(a) Before construction, carry out consultations with local government and community and with traffic police.</li> <li>(b) Significant increases in number of vehicle trips must be covered in a construction plan previously approved. Routing, especially of heavy vehicles, needs to take into account sensitive sites such as schools, hospitals, and markets.</li> <li>(c) Installation of lighting at night must be done if this is necessary to ensure safe traffic circulation.</li> <li>(d) Place signs around the construction areas to facilitate traffic movement, provide directions to various components of the works, and provide safety advice and warning.</li> <li>(e) Employing safe traffic control measures, including road/rivers/canal signs and flag persons to warn of dangerous conditions.</li> <li>(f) Avoid material transportation for construction during rush hour.</li> <li>(g) Signpost shall be installed appropriately in both water-ways and roads where necessary.</li> </ul>
9. Interruption of utility services	<ul> <li>(a) Provide information to affected households on working schedules as well as planned disruptions of water/power at least 2 days in advance.</li> <li>(b) Any damages to existing utility systems of cable shall be reported to authorities and repaired as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
10. Restoration of affected areas	<ul> <li>(a) Cleared areas such as disposal areas, site facilities, workers' camps, stockpiles areas, working platforms and any areas temporarily occupied during construction of the project works shall be restored using landscaping, adequate drainage and revegetation.</li> <li>(b) Trees shall be planted at exposed land and on slopes to prevent or reduce land collapse and keep stability of slopes.</li> <li>(c) Soil contaminated with chemicals or hazardous substances shall be removed and transported and buried in waste disposal areas.</li> </ul>
11. Worker and public Safety	(a) Training workers on occupational safety regulations and provide sufficient protective clothing for workers in accordance with applicable national laws.
Juicty	<ul><li>(b) Install fences, barriers, dangerous warning/prohibition site around the construction area which showing</li></ul>

ISSUES/RISKS	MITIGATION MEASURE				
	<ul> <li>(c) The contractor shall provide safety measures as installation of fences, barriers warning signs, lighting system against traffic accidents as well as other risk to people and sensitive areas.</li> <li>(d) If previous assessments indicate there could be unexploded ordnance (UXO), clearance must be done by qualified personnel and as per detailed plans approved by the Construction Engineer,</li> </ul>				
12. Communication with local communities	<ul> <li>(a) the contractor shall coordinate with local authorities (leaders of local communes, leader of villages) for agreed schedules of construction activities at areas nearby sensitive places or at sensitive times (e.g., religious festival days).</li> <li>(b) Disseminate project information to affected parties (for example local authority, enterprises and affected households, etc.) through community meetings before construction commencement.</li> <li>(c) Provide a community relations contact from whom interested parties can receive information on site activities, project status and project implementation results.</li> <li>(d) Inform local residents about construction and work schedules, interruption of services, traffic detour routes and provisional bus routes, blasting and demolition, as appropriate.</li> <li>(e) Notification boards shall be erected at all construction sites providing information about the project, as well as contact information about the site managers, environmental staff, health and safety staff, telephone numbers and other contact information so that any affected people can have the channel to voice their concerns and suggestions.</li> </ul>				
13. Chance find procedures	<ul> <li>(a) If the Contractor discovers archeological sites, historical sites, remains and objects, including graveyards and/or individual graves during excavation or construction, the Contractor shall:</li> <li>Stop the construction activities in the area of the chance find;</li> <li>Delineate the discovered site or area;</li> <li>Secure the site to prevent any damage or loss of removable objects. In cases of removable antiquities or sensitive remains, a night guard shall be arranged until the responsible local authorities or the Department of Culture and Information takes over;</li> <li>Notify the Construction Supervision Consultant who in turn will notify responsible local or national authorities in charge of the Cultural Property (within 24 hours or less);</li> <li>Relevant local or national authorities would be in charge of protecting and preserving the site before deciding on subsequent appropriate procedures. This would require a preliminary evaluation of the findings to be performed. The significance and importance of the findings should be assessed according to the various criteria relevant to cultural heritage; those include the aesthetic, historic, scientific or research, social and economic values;</li> <li>Decisions on how to handle the finding shall be taken by the responsible authorities. This could include changes in the layout (such as when finding an irremovable remain of cultural or archeological importance) conservation, preservation, restoration and salvage;</li> <li>If the cultural sites and/or relics are of high value and site preservation is recommended by the professionals and required by the cultural relics authority, the Project's Owner will need to make necessary design changes to accommodate the request and preserve the site;</li> <li>Decisions concerning the management of the finding shall be communicated in writing by relevant authorities;</li> <li>Construction works could resume only after permission is granted from the responsible local authorities;</li> </ul>				

# Part 2 – Contractor's Workers Environmental Code of Conducts

4. This is an example for typical project, but that for a specific project, some other requirements might be relevant. For example, washing hands protocol, agreeing to attend STD workshops.

DO:	DO NOT
<ul> <li>Use the toilet facilities provided – Report dirty or full facilities.</li> <li>Clear your work areas of litter and building rubbish at the end of each day - Use the waste bins provided and ensure that litter will not blow away.</li> <li>Report all fuel or oil spills immediately and stop the spill from continuing.</li> <li>Smoke in designated areas only and dispose of cigarettes and matches carefully. (Littering is an offence.)</li> <li>Confine work and storage of equipment to within the immediate work area.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Remove or damage vegetation without direct instruction.</li> <li>Make any fires;</li> <li>Poach, Injure, Trap, Feed or Harm any Animals – this includes birds, frogs, snakes, etc.;</li> <li>Enter any fenced off or marked area;</li> <li>Drive recklessly or above speed limit;</li> <li>Allow waste, liter, oils or foreign materials into the stream;</li> <li>Litter or leave food lying around;</li> <li>Cut trees for any reason outside the approved construction area;</li> <li>Buy any wild animals for food;</li> <li>Use unapproved toxic materials, including lead-based paints, asbestos, etc.;</li> <li>Disturb anything with architectural or historical value;</li> <li>Use of firearms (Except authorized security guards);</li> <li>Use of alcohol by workers during work hours;</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Use all safety equipment and comply with all safety procedures.</li> <li>Prevent contamination of streams and water channels.</li> <li>Ensure a working fire extinguisher is immediately at hand if any "Hot Work" is undertaken e.g. welding, grinding, gas cutting etc.</li> <li>Report any injury of workers or animals.</li> <li>Drive on designated routes only.</li> <li>Prevent excessive dust and noise.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wash cars or machinery in streams or creek;</li> <li>Do any maintenance (Change or oils and filters) of cars and equipment outside authorized areas;</li> <li>Dispose trash in unauthorized places;</li> <li>Have caged wild animals (Especially birds) in camps;</li> <li>Work without safety equipment (Including boots and helmets)</li> <li>Create nuisances and disturbances in or near communities;</li> <li>Use rivers and streams for washing cloths;</li> <li>Dispose indiscriminately rubbish or construction wastes or rubble;</li> <li>Spill potential pollutants, such as petroleum products;</li> <li>Collect firewood;</li> <li>Do explosive and chemical fishing;</li> <li>Use latrines outside the designated facilities; and</li> <li>Burn wastes and/or cleared vegetation.</li> </ul>
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## Annex 5: An example of Environmental Specifications for a Category B Project/Subproject

1. The environmental management requirements in construction of (ABC bidding package) have been established and presented clearly in the ESMP (detailed in Annex 3, ESMP – Environmental mitigation measures). The Contractor need to carefully read and fully understand all requirements included in the contractor's bid: (The name of the Civil Works Package...) of the Project.

## I. Overview

2. In order to avoid negative effects into the environment and local community, as well as minimizing damaging impacts to the environment during the construction and operation stages of the project, Contractor and workers are required to observe the mitigation measures as mentioned below:

- (a) "Environmental Management Plan for the Project...".
- (b) The technical specifications, procedures and the most popular practices are presented in this Annex.

## II. Overall requirements of Contractor for environmental management

- 3. Contractor need to include, but not limited the following responsibilities:
  - (a) In compliance with the legal regulations about the current national environment.
  - (b) Working in scope of requirements in the contract and the conditions in the bidding documents.
  - (c) Assign the representative of the construction team to participate in the site inspection operations by the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), CSC or the DONRE as well as implement all corrective actions to overcome the environmental issues as guidance provided by the Supervision Engineer.
  - (d) Provide and update information for MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) about activities, assignments that can contribute or continue to cause the significant harmful impacts into the environment.
  - (e) In case of instruction by the Supervision Engineer and MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), the Contractor must stop the construction activities that causes adverse impacts, also propose and conduct the environmental remedial actions and implementation other construction methods (if required) to minimize the negative environmental impacts.
  - (f) Establish and maintain an Environmental and Safety Board which consists of Construction team leader or Viceteam leader and Safety and Environmental Officer (SEO) with the purpose of receiving and dealing with the complaints, objections, argument and displeased of the local community caused by the construction operation. SEO is responsible to record all of complaints, resolve methods and results into the complained register. The register needs to keep at the construction office and available for review by the supervision engineer and MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs).

#### III. Responsibilities of Contractor in ESMP implementation:

4. The construction Contractor has responsibility in compliance with the technical specifications of the ESMP, (name of the project to be inserted here) and regulations about the current environmental management, included but not limited the following items:

- (a) The mitigation measures presented in Section 8.0. The mitigation measures for environmental impacts of the ESMP and prepare budget for implementing the mitigation measures.
- (b) Based on ESMP, Contractor developed the detail plan for implementing the environmental management. The detail plan includes the following components:
  - Management Plan for worker camps.
  - Management Plan of the overall construction operation.
  - Plan for management and storage of construction materials (including the dangerously chemicals)
  - Solid waste and waste water management plan (including construction and household waste)
  - Plan for management and mitigation of noise and dust.
  - Plan for management and mitigation of impacts to vegetation and wild animals.

- Plan for environmental landscape restoration
- Healthy and safety ensuring plan at the construction.
- Erosion and soil aggrandizement controlling plan.
- Safety plan during the construction stage and training for workers about environmental management and community relations.
- Rules and regulations about living activities of staffs and workers at the construction sites.
- Emergency Problem Treatment Plan.
- Management and Monitoring Plan for Report Process.

5. The detail measure of plan needs to satisfy the following requirements: to implement the particular mitigation measures: who implement (people, team, etc), how to implement (labours, machines, equipment, etc.) and cost? (Contractor should choose the paragraphs and diagrams representation for good application in the future). This plan shall be completed and submitted together with the bidding document.

- (a) Ensuring that at least one supervisor is available in compliance with ESMP before and during the construction time.
- (b) Ensuring that all of the construction activities will be approved in document of the relevant authorities.
- (c) Ensuring that all of staff and workers understand through their process and duties.
- (d) In compliance with requirements about the environmental management monitoring and reporting in ESMP and inform to MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) about the difficulties and solutions.
- (e) Inform to the local authority and MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) in case of environmental problems and co-ordinate with the relevant institutions and stakeholders for resolving.

# IV. Safety and Environmental Officer of Contractor:

6. Each contractor will nominate a Safety and Environmental Officer (SEO) to work full-time at the construction site. Requirements for a SEO include an undergraduate degree in Environmental Major, at least 3 years of working experience in environmental management, training and monitoring at the infrastructure construction project. Additionally, SEO should have a good knowledge about national Environmental Legal Regulations and has participated to the labor safety and sanitation training class that organized by Department of Labor- Invalids and Social Affairs and have the labor safety and sanitation certificate.

7. SEO have the responsibilities for implementing and managing ESMP of Contractor. Tasks of SEO will include, but not limit the following activities:

- (a) Training and developing environmental awareness for workers of Contractors within 2 weeks after the contractor is mobilized. The training is repeating every six months. The additional trainings will be implemented under the guidance of Environmental Supervision Engineer.
- (b) Conduct the internal environmental monitoring at the site to check the construction activity implementation of contractors, equipment and implementation methods to manage the environmental pollution and evaluate the efficiency of the mitigation measures into the environmental impacts.
- (c) Internal monitoring the implementation of environmental mitigation measures and in compliance of contractors with the environmental protection measures to prevent and control pollution; the committed requirements in the contract; guidelines of the contractor(s) on environmental improvement, environmental awareness and also proactive measures to prevent pollution.
- (d) Conduct an investigation and propose the mitigation measures for the contractor(s) in case of incompliance/ infringe the ESMP; monitoring and implementing the environmental mitigation measures.
- (e) Evaluate the success of the ESMP implementation to estimate effectively the cost and adequacy of the implemented mitigation measures.
- (f) Survey after receiving the complaint, thence evaluate and select the corrective actions.
- (g) Conduct the additional monitoring activities, based on the concrete guidelines of the monitoring engineer and/ or MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs); and
- (h) Contact and implement all activities under the co-ordination or guidance of the Contractor Leader, Environmental Supervision Engineer, Supervision Engineer, PCO, representatives of the provincial environmental management offices, local authority about all of environmental problems if necessary.
- (i) Establish the regularly reports for the environmental implementation of package according to the frequency as mentioned in the ESMP.

(j) All of the internal monitoring as well as other activities of SEO should be minutes and updated frequently into the environmental implementation monitoring diary of Contractor. This diary is used for normally checking by the supervision engineer to evaluate the effect of SEO.

# V. Monitoring the environmental implementation of Contractor:

8. Client will sign a contract with the Consultant to carry out the task of Supervision Engineer. Consultant will apply the environmental and monitoring activities of the package. The environmental monitoring engineer of construction/execution monitoring Consultant is responsible to monitor daily the implementation of measures, in order to minimize environmental impact and safety of the Contractor. The construction monitoring Consultant will carry out the following main tasks:

- (a) Before the construction stage, make sure that all of the compensation process for land, works on land and relocation and/ or recovery/ donation of land as well as the clearance of landmines and UXO have been completed.
- (b) Review and approve the detail plan for implementing the ESMP by Contractor before the construction operation.
- (c) During the construction process, monitoring closely the compliance with implementing of the environmental and safety mitigation measures.
- (d) Confirm the compliance with the ESMP of Contractor and check any negative effect or damage caused by the contractor. If necessary, establish a request statement for contractor to compensate/ restore the construction site, as provided in the contract. The implementation of environmental management issues of the Contractor shall be mentioned in the progress report of the sub-projects.

## VI. Compliance Framework:

- (a) The contractors are not allowed to implement the construction activities, including preparation of construction within the project scope in advance the detail plan of ESMP are reviewed and approved by the construction supervision consultant and environmental official of the Client.
- (b) The Client is mandatory the Contractor in compliance with the contract provision including compliance with ESMP and the detail implementation plan of ESMP. In case of incompliance with ESMP, Client will require the Contractor to bring out the suitable measures.
- (c) In order to ensure in compliance with the environmental standards of the sub- project, Client is allowed to hire the third party to solve the problems in case the Contractor could not implement the remedies on time, leading to the negative effects into the environment, as follow:
  - For insignificant mistakes (such as minor impact/ damage, temporary and repairable), Client or the
    representative of Client (Supervision Consultant) will notify the Contractor to correct the problems as required
    in the ESMP within 48 hours after receiving the official report. If the mistakes are satisfactorily repaired during
    that time, no more action should be undertaken. Supervision consultants have the right to extend more 24
    hours in the limited time for recovery, under the conditions that the Contractor has implemented activities but
    not completed the prescribed time, due to irresistible conditions that mentioned in the contract.
  - For major violations, it is required about 72 hours for repairing, the Client through the supervision consultant will announce the violation and require the Contractor to rectify within the prescribed time by their budget. If the Contractor fails to complete corrective work according to the specified time, they will be punished by financial punishment (*cost punishment* is calculated by the cost of remedying damage)

According to the evaluation of the Supervision Consultant, if the Contractor fails to resolve the problems in environmental management or the contractor conduct reparing unsatisfactorily within the specified period of time (48 hours or 72 hours), the investors have the capacity to arrange for another contractor (third-party) to implement the suitable measures and deduct money for this task from the contract with the contractor in the next payment.

## Annex 6: Guidance on Supervision of ESMP Implementation

## I. Principles

1. *Borrower's Role.* The borrower prepares the Project for which it seeks Investment Project Financing. The Project's scope, objectives, and the borrower's contractual rights and obligations are set out in the legal agreements with the Bank. The obligations include the requirement to carry out the Project with due diligence, maintain appropriate implementation monitoring and evaluation arrangements, and comply with procurement, financial management, disbursement, social and environmental obligations. The borrower measures and reports against the achievement of the Project development objectives and results and provides agreed financial and audit reports. The borrower is expected to deal in a timely and effective manner with actual or alleged problems or violations (individual or systemic) in these areas.

2. Bank's Role. During Project implementation, the Bank monitors borrower compliance with the borrower's obligations as set out in the legal agreements and provides implementation support to the borrower by reviewing the borrower's information on Project implementation progress, progress toward achievement of the Project's development objectives and related results and updates the risks and related management measures. Implementation support and monitoring carried out by the Bank during the implementation period ends at the completion of the Project. Project Implementation support covers monitoring, evaluative review, reporting, and technical assistance activities.

3. The Bank bases supervision of the project's environmental aspects on the findings and recommendations of the EA, including measures set out in the legal agreements, any ESMP, and other project documents.

## II. Supervision Objectives:

4. The supervision objectives for environmental safeguards or ESMP implementation during project implementation are imbedded in the following project implementation supervision objectives:

- (a) ascertain the project is implemented with due diligence to achieve its development objectives in conformity with the legal agreements, including environmental covenants;
- (b) identify environmental and social problems promptly as they arise during implementation and find ways to resolve them;
- (c) propose to the Bank changes in project design, as appropriate, as the project evolves, or environmental circumstances change;
- (d) identify the key environmental risks to project sustainability and propose appropriate risk management strategies and actions to the Bank; and
- (e) prepare the Borrower's Implementation Completion Report which includes a section on safeguard compliance, and to draw lessons to improve the design of future projects for better environmental outcome.

# III. Pre-Construction Phase

#### 3.1. Incorporation of ESMP into the project operational manual

5. Incorporation of ESMP into the project operational manual is done only at the project level, not at the subproject level. Usually the Project Operational Manual (POM) will be developed during the project appraisal and before negotiation. Any POM would include a section on environmental safeguards. It is critically important to avoid copying and pasting sections from the ESMP into sections or annexes of the Project Operational Manual. This has been documented to be ineffective. Rather, the developer of the ESMP, or the Environmental Staff of the PCO should be engaged to work with the project and modify and adapt the ESMP into the POM. It is also useful to look for other POM in the country and for other similar Bank projects and identify those POM that have practical safeguard related components. Suggested content of a POM is provided in the box below.

# **Brief Project Description**

- (a) overview/ objectives
- (b) environmental context
- (c) policy considerations
- (d) project components (specifying road length, development sites, etc)
- (e) project management: coordination/implementation arrangements

# Potential Environmental Impacts of the Project Components

- (a) overall orders of magnitude/area of influence
- (b) direct, indirect and cumulative impacts
- (c) critical environmental/social issues cumulative

# **Environmental Safeguards**

- (a) objectives (mainstreaming compliance)
- (a) safeguards triggered by the project components; cross -referencing with pesticide management plan, resettlement action plan, etc)
- (b) monitoring / evaluating the application of the safeguards relevant country environmental legislation / regulations.
- (c) Role of national environment agency e.g., approving sub-projects, monitoring/supervision, etc.

# **Environmental Management Plan or Variant**

(a) mitigation measures

- (b) monitoring requirements; key issues/actions, M&E performance indicators
- (c) institutional arrangements/responsibilities, including coordination, staffing and strengthening capability
- (d) scheduling of measures/reporting
- (e) Cost

# Monitoring/Reporting Plan

- (a) key issues/actions for management
- (b) quarterly/annual reports
- (c) M&E performance indicators

# Institutional arrangements

(a) Institutional arrangement

6. As a good practice, right after the effectiveness of the loan, MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will organize a project launching workshop. At this workshop, the Bank will provide short training on project management including environmental safeguards of the project. The environmental staff of the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and related consultants, if already recruited, need to attend the training to get a first sense of how ESMP will be implemented during project implementation. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) should organize a short training on ESMP of each subproject at the local level for the affected local communities and authorities, and the contractor.

# 3.3. Project environmental management system

7. Usually project environmental management system is considered and included in the ESMP to ensure that the project complies with environmental safeguard requirements. This system, which is designed for project and subproject level, includes an environmental management unit of MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), environmental officer (EO) of the Construction Supervision Consultant/ Supervision Engineer (CSC), Safety and Environmental Officer (SEO) of the Contractor, and Independent Environmental Monitoring Consultant (IEMC), relevant authorities, and the community. Depending on the level of environmental risk of the project, an IEMC may not be needed. However, regardless of the risk level, environmental staff of the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), EO, and SEO play a crucial role in ensuring the project safeguard compliance.

8. Responsibility of these players should be clearly indicated in the ESMP. The PCO needs to follow the ESMP and ensure that this system is up and functions when the related consultant and contractor are mobilized.

# 3.4. During Detailed Design

9. One of the objectives of the EA process is to identify any environmental issue that can be incorporated into the project design at the early stage of project preparation to enhance positive impact and avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential negative impacts. During project implementation, which starts after the loan agreement becomes effective, the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) needs to ensure that relevant mitigation measures in the ESMP are considered and incorporated in the detailed technical design as appropriate. The steps for this are:

- (a) MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) include requirements for ESMP consideration in the TORs for the detailed technical consultant;
- (b) MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) include ESMP in the bidding package for detailed technical design;
- (c) the detailed technical design consultant refers to finding in the ESMP during design process; and
- (d) MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) monitor to ensure that relevant mitigation measures in the ESMP are addressed in the technical design.

# 3.5. Preparation of Bidding and Contractual Documents for Civil Work

10. The ESMP is valueless unless it can be implemented as intended. This can only be achieved if the ESMP is attached to the tender and contract documents as part of the specifications to be heeded by the contractor and is addressed by the contractor at the time of bidding. This allows the ESMP to be incorporated into the tender and contract process and ensure that:

- (a) The ESMP is addressed as a condition of the contract,
- (b) The ESMP is properly costed, and
- (c) Management systems are established to complying with the ESMP.

11. If the ESMP is not properly meshed with the tender and contract documents, the contractor may claim that compliance with it is not a part of the work requirements. Including the ESMP in the tender and contract documents is thus a proactive requirement. Otherwise, after the contract has been awarded, it will be too late to enforce the ESMP's provisions.

12. The Bank uses standard bidding documents of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) for works package. Within this document, there are two places where the environmental management and monitoring requirements can be put: Part B of Particular Conditions, as supplemental requirements under Sub-Clause 4.18 – Protection of the Environment; Specification, as environmental specifications (usually coded as Specification 01700 – Environmental Management Plan).

13. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) cannot change the content of General Conditions of Contract because it contains clauses and language that are internationally recognized. But, fortunately, in the event of any disagreement between the sections on General Conditions and Particular Conditions or Specifications, Particular Conditions and Specifications always prevail.

14. Particular Conditions Section provides the detailed of the project's design requirements. So, for example, if there are particular requirements for landscaping requirements for re-vegetating a slope or a particular design for sediment basin that must be included, this is where the detailed specifications are provided. This section can also include particular performance standards, so if there is a temporary wastewater treatment system required during construction, MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) can include the acceptable parameters for discharge from the system.

15. Environmental clauses should be explicit and state: what needs to be done; where it needs to be done; when and how the actions will take place; and, who is responsible. PCO in collaboration with the environment specialists of its Environmental Management Unit, engineers, and technicians should use contract conditions and specifications to ensure that the contractor implements mitigation measures effectively.

16. Close coordination between the environmental and technical teams ensures inclusion of mitigation measures in the design of the project. Design engineers should address mitigation measures in their technical documents (e.g., bill of quantities, drawings and technical specifications), but it should be noted that some documents may refer to general mitigation measures that have to be followed by the technical team and contractor.

17. To better ensure the implementation of environmental requirements, the ESMP or variant may be attached as a legal condition to contract documents or a set of environmental clauses may be prepared and placed directly into contract documents.

18. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) also need to ensure that penalties are imposed in the contract with different level of non-compliance.

- 19. The following levels of non-compliance are suggested:
  - (a) Noncompliance level I: A noncompliance situation not consistent with the requirements of the concession agreement, but not believed to represent an immediate or severe environmental or social risks. Repeated Level I concerns may become Level II concerns if left corrected.
  - (b) Noncompliance Level II: A noncompliance situation that has not yet resulted in clearly identified damage or irreversible impact, but with potential significance requires expeditious corrective action and site-specific attention to prevent sever effects. Repeated Level II concerns may become Level III concerns if left unattended.
  - (c) Noncompliance Level III: A critical noncompliance situation, typically including observed significant environmental or social damage or reasonable expectation of very severe impending damage. Intentional disregard of specific prohibitions is also classified as Level III concern.

21. Alternatives include clauses that give the owner the option the owner option to undertake the corrective action and pass on the cost to the contractor plus 15%.

22. When evaluating bid proposals PCO needs to look at the approach the contractor will use to for environmental management during construction, its previous experiences, and the cost for environmental mitigation.

# IV. Construction Phase

24. During construction phase of the project monitoring and supervision of the ESMP are undertaken by relevant stakeholders.

# The Contractor:

25. During the construction phase, the construction Contractor has responsibility in compliance with the technical specifications of the ESMP and related national environmental management and technical regulations. Based on the environmental requirements in the contract, the Contractor will prepare detailed site-specific environmental management plans (SEMP) for addressing construction related impacts. These SEMPs may include Management Plan for worker camps; Management Plan of the overall construction operation, Solid waste and waste water management plan, Plan for management and mitigation of noise and dust, Plan for management and mitigation of impacts to vegetation and wild animals, Plan for environmental landscape restoration, and other plans. These SEMP must be reviewed and approved by the CSC and the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) before commencement of the construction.

26. The contractor will nominate a Safety and Environmental Officer (SEO) to work full-time at the construction site to monitor implementation of these plans on the ground. The SEO needs to create a log book for internal monitoring and control and regularly reports on the environmental performance of the contractor as required in the contract.

# Construction Supervision Consultant:

27. The CSC will undertake supervision of physical work that involves day to day monitoring of physical progress of the works, application of conditions of contract, enforcement of specifications, measuring of works with contractor's representatives, quality control in form of materials testing at laboratory and on site, certification of work done, preparation

of interim payment certificates, control of material and equipment on site, issuing of site instructions and variation orders and settlement of disputes (arbitration, conciliation, etc.).

28. The CSC is also responsible to supervise implementation of mitigation measures carried out by the contractor on a daily basis as required by the conditions of the contract. The environmental specialist of the CSC will develop a methodology and appropriate tools for ESMP compliance supervision. Specifically, the CSC will supervise preparation and implementation of the SEMPs. A log book for daily environmental supervision is also maintained by the CSC. In addition to ESMP supervision, the CSC may also be tasked activities during construction to enhance environmental management capacity of the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) and the contractor.

# MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs):

29. The project owner holds the final responsibility for the environmental performance of the project. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs), representative of the project owner, will be responsible for monitoring the overall project implementation, including environmental compliance of the project during construction phase. MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will have the final responsibility for ESMP implementation and environmental performance of the project during both the construction and operational phases.

30. Specifically, MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will: (i) closely coordinate with local authorities in the participation of the community during project implementation; (ii) monitor and supervise ESMP implementation including incorporation of ESMP into the detailed technical designs and bidding and contractual documents; (iii) ensure that an environmental management system is set up and functions properly; (iv) be in charge of reporting on ESMP implementation to the project owner and the World Bank.

31. In order to be effective in the implementation process, MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will establish an Environmental Unit (EU) as mentioned above with at least two environmental staff to help with the environmental aspects of the project. The EU is responsible for monitoring the implementation of WB's environmental safeguard policies in construction stage. Specifically, this unit will be responsible for: (i) reviewing different reports submitted by the Contractor, CSC, and IEMC to ensure their quality and taking actions recommended in these reports; (ii) conducting periodic site checks; (iii) advising MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) on solutions to environmental issues of the project; and (iv) preparing environmental performance section on the progress and review reports to be submitted to the project owner and the Bank.

32. The EU can base on the ESMP supervision forms of the CSC to develop a consolidated form for monitor ESMP implementation.

# V. Reporting

# 5.1. Reporting by MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs)

34. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) are responsible for careful review of these reports and ensure their good quality before submitting to the Bank for no objection. There is a bad practice that some MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) just pass on the consultant report to the Bank without having a look at it. It is crucial that the PCO review findings of the reports for action and follow up on any safeguards issue and ESMP noncompliance that the Contractor needs to undertake to rectify.

# Semi-annual report

38. During project implementation, the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) reports on (i) compliance with measures agreed with the Bank on the basis of the findings and results of the EA, including implementation of any ESMP, as set out in the project documents; (ii) the status of mitigatory measures; and (iii) the findings of monitoring programs.

39. Specifically, the Progress Report from the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) submitted to the Bank before a Bank mission must include sufficient information on:

- (a) preparation and disclosures of environmental safeguards instruments for subprojects;
- (b) incorporation of new subproject ESMPs in the bidding and contractual documents;

- (c) monitoring and supervision of ESMP implementation by the contractor, the construction supervision engineer, and the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs);
- (d) the status and compliance with mitigation measures in the ESMP; and
- (e) any challenges in safeguard implementation, solutions, and lessons learned.

# Mid-term Review

- 40. During the mid-term review (MTR), MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) will:
  - (a) Assess the impacts from any changes in project design or new components introduced as a result of any restructuring and, if required, agree upon revised safeguards management plan, monitoring and reporting requirements.
  - (b) Pay special attention (MTR) to issues of non-compliance. In case of any non-compliance or unresolved safeguards issues propose additional measures with Bank.
  - (c) Agree on revisions to safeguard management plans, monitoring requirements and reporting if relevant.
  - (d) Document these issues in the progress report for MTR to be submitted to the Bank.

## Project Implementation Completion and Results Report

41. After the completion of the Project, or in certain cases of additional financing or in certain cases of series of projects, prior to the Project completion, the Bank prepares an implementation completion and results report (ICR). The ICR covers, among other things, the degree to which the Project development objectives and results have been achieved and the overall Project performance, taking into consideration the Project operating environment. The ICR incorporates the borrower's evaluation of the Project, its own performance and the performance of the Bank, if available.

42. The borrower is responsible for preparing and submitting to the Bank its own completion report. The completion report/summary should include, among other section, a section on safeguard compliance. The overall objective of this section is to review of safeguard outcomes and lessons learned. This section summarizes:

- (a) key safeguard issues in the operation;
- (b) compliance with the Bank safeguard policy and procedural requirements;
- (c) any problems that arose and their resolution, as applicable; and
- (d) any significant deviations or waivers from the Bank safeguards/fiduciary policies and procedures.

# 5.2. Reporting by CSC

35. Reporting requirements, including inception report and supervision reports and their contents and frequency of submission, for the CSC should be clearly stated in the TORs for the consultant. Unlike the IEMC, the CSC is responsible for day-to-day supervision of ESMP implementation by the contractor. Therefore, usually it submits weekly and monthly reports to the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs). In addition, the CSC may report to the MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) on a case-by-case basis for any noncompliance that needs immediate attention of the project owner.

36. The MAFF and the concerned ministries (PTs) are supposed to pay special attention in reviewing findings of the CSC report on ESMP implementation for action and follow up on any safeguards issue and ESMP noncompliance that the Contractor needs to undertake to rectify.

# 5.3. Reporting by Contractor

37. The contractor reports against the conditions set forth in the contract, which also include reporting on ESMP implementation and compliance.

## Annex 7: TORs of Environmental Safeguards Supervision Consultant and Social Safeguards Supervision Consultant

## Terms of Reference

#### Environmental Safequards Supervision Consultant or Construction Supervision Consultant

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#### Objective of the Assignment

1. The purpose of this assignment is to ensure the successful implementation of the project's Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and provide implementing agencies: MAFF, MRD and MoWRAM with hands-on supports for ESMF implementation, monitoring, reporting and capacity building needs.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities**

2. The **consultant shall** assist with all activities related to the ESMF requirements. The Consultant is to provide professional technical services to help ensure Environmental Safeguards compliance during the agriculture and infrastructure design and implementation phases. Specifically, the Consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:

- (a) Ensure the provisions of ESMF are integrated in the Project and sub-project implementation, monitoring and reporting arrangements; and liaise with the World Bank task team to proactively ensure adequate integration of environmental safeguards consideration;
- (b) Provide technical oversight for the screening of sub-projects identified under the project, ensuring the screening process complies with the ESMF; and advice on the site-specific safeguard instruments required such as the sub-project Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).
- (c) Provide technical oversight, guidance and quality control for the preparation of needed environmental safeguards requirements for sub-projects;
- (d) Assist the implementing agencies with the review of contractors' proposals regarding environmental safeguard requirements and identify gaps not covered by the proposed mitigation and environmental measures and/or budget;
- (e) Assess the capacities for safeguards screening, implementation, and supervision/monitoring of safeguard focal points and other relevant staff in the implementing agencies; define a comprehensive training plan; provide on the job training and supervision particularly in the preparation and implementation of adequate environmental safeguards instruments including ESMP;
- (f) Support the design, preparation, and implementation of the Environmental Safeguard Training Program for the Project coordinating as necessary with safeguards capacity building initiatives taking place;
- (g) Advise implementing agencies on stakeholder and community engagement, including grievance redress mechanism (GRM) establishment to ensure the effectiveness of the GRM;
- (h) Ensure that World Bank recommendations on environmental safeguards implementation are taken up and reported;
- (i) Coordinate with the environmental safeguard focal points and engineers to review and clear contractor's ESMP of sub-project;
- (j) Supervise the Contractor's performance, and handling of site-specific environmental and social issues, and provide corrective instructions if needed;
- (k) Prepare periodical environmental monitoring reports, including reports on ESMP implementation status and prepare statement of environmental safeguards supervision during the implementation phase; and
- (I) Other tasks as required by the project

#### Selection Criteria

- (a) At least a Bachelor's degree in environmental management, environmental engineering, social science, or urban planning or related fields;
- (b) Minimum 5-year experience regarding to the compliance of environmental safeguards policies including environmental risks management
- (c) Experience in moderating and facilitating group discussions in public preferred
- (d) Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Khmer languages

(e) Knowledge and experience of working with environmental safeguard policies of the World Bank and/or Asian Development Bank preferred.

# Timeframe

3. The assignment is 12 months with possible extension depending on performance assessment.

## Implementation Arrangements

4. The consultant will report directly to the Project Manager/delegated authority and will work closely with environmental and social safeguard focal points of the implementing agencies as well as the to-be-recruited Social Safeguards Consultant. The Consultant will be based at MAFF. MAFF will provide Office facilities and internet access...etc. The Consultant shall bring his or her own laptop to carry out the assignment.

#### B. Terms of Reference Social Safeguards Supervision Consultant

## Objective of the Assignment

1. The purpose of this assignment is to ensure the successful implementation of the project's Social safeguards including Resettlement Policies Framework (RPF) and Indigenous People Policies Framework (IPPF). And this assignment is also to provide implementing agencies: MAFF, MRD and MOWRAM with hands-on supports for RPF implementation, monitoring, reporting and capacity building needs.

## Roles and Responsibilities

2. The **consultant shall** assist with all activities related to the RPF requirements. The Consultant is to provide professional technical services to help ensure Social Safeguards compliance during the agriculture and infrastructure design and implementation phases. Specifically, the Consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:

- (a) Ensure the provisions of RPF are integrated in the Project and sub-project implementation, monitoring and reporting arrangements; and liaise with the World Bank task team to proactively ensure adequate integration of social safeguards consideration;
- (b) Provide technical oversight for the screening of sub-projects identified under the project, ensuring the screening process complies with the RPF; and advice on the site-specific safeguard instruments required such as the sub-project Social Safeguard Management Plan.
- (c) Provide technical oversight, guidance and quality control for the preparation of needed social safeguards requirements for sub-projects;
- (d) Assist the implementing agencies with the review of contractors' proposals regarding social safeguard requirements and identify gaps not covered by the proposed mitigation and social safeguard measures and/or budget;
- (e) Assess the capacities for safeguards screening, implementation, and supervision/monitoring of safeguard focal points and other relevant staff in the implementing agencies; define a comprehensive training plan; provide on the job training and supervision particularly in the preparation and implementation of adequate social safeguards instruments including ESMP;
- (f) Support the design, preparation, and implementation of the Social Safeguard Training Program for the Project coordinating as necessary with safeguards capacity building initiatives taking place;
- (g) Advise implementing agencies on stakeholder and community engagement, including grievance redress mechanism (GRM) establishment to ensure the effectiveness of the GRM;
- (h) Ensure that World Bank recommendations on Social safeguards implementation are taken up and reported;
- (i) Coordinate with the social safeguard focal points and engineers to review and clear contractor's ESMP of subproject;
- (j) Supervise the Contractor's performance, and handling of site-specific environmental and social issues, and provide corrective instructions if needed;
- (k) Prepare periodical social safeguard monitoring reports, including reports on ESMP implementation status and prepare statement of social safeguards supervision during the implementation phase; and
- (I) Other tasks as required by the project

# Selection Criteria

- (a) At least a Bachelor's degree in social safeguard management, social science, or related fields;
- (b) Minimum 5-year experience regarding to the compliance of social safeguards policies including social safeguard risks management
- (c) Experience in moderating and facilitating group discussions in public preferred
- (d) Excellent written and oral communication skills in English and Khmer languages
- (e) Knowledge and experience of working with social safeguard policies of the World Bank and/or Asian Development Bank preferred.

# Timeframe

# 3. The assignment is 12 months with possible extension depending on performance assessment. Implementation Arrangements

4. The consultant will report directly to the Project Manager/delegated authority and will work closely with social safeguard focal points of the implementing agencies as well as the to-be-recruited Social Safeguards Consultant. The Consultant will be based at MAFF. MAFF will provide Office facilities and internet access...etc. The Consultant shall bring his or her own laptop to carry out the assignment.

1. The Pest Management Plan (PMP) aims to provide basic knowledge to the national, provincial and district government, the CASDP team, consultants, village officials, private and public sector agencies with adequate guidance for effectively addressing the safeguard issues in line with OP 4.09. The process will be implemented as part of the CASDP project cycle and fully integrated into the subproject selection, approval, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation process. The CASDP does not include procurement of pesticides, but the ESMF identifies key issues related to the existing use of pesticide and chemical fertilizers and identified mitigation measures required in relation to prohibited items, training, and guidelines on safe use and disposal of pesticides. The PMP will be applicable for all CASDP activities related mostly to:

2. Improved Agriculture Efficiency and Sustainability, which supports (a) Adopting good varieties and quality seeds, (b) Promoting good agriculture practices, (c) Providing critical infrastructure, and (d) Strengthening public services delivery.

3. Enhanced Agriculture Commercialization, which supports: (a) Establishing Agriculture Value Chain Facility (AVCF), (b) Linking farmers to markets, and (c) Improving the enabling environment.

4. Village visits indicted that chemical-based fertilizers and pesticides are currently being used in the project areas, particularly in instances where monoculture is practiced.

5. Responsible agency: The CASDP staff at central and local levels will be responsible for implementation of the PMP and ensuring full compliance, including keeping proper documentation in the project file for possible review by the World Bank.

6. This document is considered a living document and could be modified and changed as it is appropriated. Close consultation with the World Bank and clearance of the revised PMP will be necessary.

# SECTION I. POLICY AND REGULATIONS

# World Bank's safeguard policy on pest management (OP 4.09)

7. OP 4.09 (pest management). The policy requires projects involving procurement of pesticide to prepare and implement a Pest Management Plan to ensure that the handling, transportation, usage, disposal of pesticide be safe for both human and the environment. The CASDP will not promote the procurement of any chemical pesticides or herbicides. However, if pest invasion occurs, small amount of eligible and registered pesticides in the project provinces is allowed if supplemented by additional training of farmers to ensure pesticide safe uses in line with World bank's policies (OP 4.09). And, given that the project is designed to promote the reduction in chemical pesticide and fertilizer use in existing farm land by enhancing sustainable farming practices, this simplified Pest Management Plan was prepared, along with a negative list. While the project will not procure and promote use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, which are included in the noneligibility list, it may be unrealistic to completely prevent all farmers from applying chemical inputs. Specifically, rehabilitation of irrigation, building of small irrigation/agriculture production, and/or control of infestation of diseases may involve the use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides. To mitigate this potential impact, this simplified PMP has been prepared outlining clear regulations and procedures for management of pesticides and/or toxic chemical as well as providing knowledge and training on health impacts and safe use of pesticides and/or, when possible, promotion of non-chemical use alternatives such as organic farming. The simplified PMP is informed by the Regulation on the Control of Pesticides in Cambodia (2014) as well as guidelines on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

8. The CASDP will work closely with agriculture sector to apply the Conservation Agricultural Technology approved by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) in 2006 for the agricultural activities. This PMP is adopted and simplified from the PMP prepared for PRF III project.

#### Government regulation related to pest management

9. Pest management practices in Cambodia have been promoted through the expansion of the National Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program by both the government and NGOs. These bodies have worked together to establish a Pesticide Reduction Network to develop awareness of the risks associated with pesticide use amongst farmers.

10. Furthermore, MAFF has been engaged in examining and implementing various international legal guidelines and instruments relating to regulating the trade, distribution and use of pesticides in Cambodia. These include pledged adherence to the FAO Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and the WTO sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

11. After the Law on Management of Pesticides and Fertilizers was promulgated as Royal Kram Number 0112/005 on 14th January 2012, MAFF developed 5 Prakas in relation to Procedures for Registration and Business Operations as follows:

- (a) Prakas No. 415/MAFF dated 17 August 2012, on Procedures and Standard Requirements for Fertilizer Registrations;
- (b) Prakas No. 456/MAFF dated 19 October 2012, on Procedures and Standard Requirements for Pesticide Registrations;
- (c) Prakas N. 484/MAFF dated 26 November 2012, on List of Pesticides in the Kingdom of Cambodia;
- (d) Prakas No. 119/MAFF, dated 11 April 2013, on Procedures for Management of Fertilizers for Business Operations;
- (e) Prakas No. 120/MAFF dated 11 April 2013, on Procedures for Management of Pesticides for Business Operations.
- (f) The Department of Agriculture Legislation and GDA under MAFF is mandated to oversee all pesticide use.

## Implementation arrangement and budget

(a) Planning and implementation

12. CASDP staff at central level will be responsible for providing training to CASDP staff at province and local level facilitator during the consultation and planning stage. Budget for training will be included in the subproject cost or capacity building as appropriate.

(b) Monitoring

13. CASDP staff will: a) ensure the procured pesticide is not in the non-eligibility list provided in Annex 1: b) ensure procured pesticides are properly kept and transport them to the target area; c) ensure training delivery to the user before distribution; and d) monitor compliance usage of pesticide according to the MAF's regulation number 2860/MAF (in Annex 2). The World Bank and CASDP team at central will carry out a joint Implementation Support Mission in every six months' period to review the compliance. The World Bank will use its Pest Management Guidebook as a standard to monitor compliance of the use of pesticide procured under the project.

1. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) refers to the careful consideration of all available pest control techniques and subsequent integration of appropriate measures that discourage the development of pest populations and keep pesticides and other interventions to levels that are economically justified and reduce or minimize risks to human health and the environment. IPM emphasizes the growth of a healthy crop with the least possible disruption to agro-ecosystems and encourages natural pest control mechanisms.

2. Under the Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry, the Plant Protection Centre and its branches in the provinces as well as the Agricultural Extension Centers at district level are the authorities coordinating and working on Integrated Pest Management Programs. The National IPM program was initiated with assistance from FAO, DANIDA and other donors since the early 1990s and is largely being continued national resources.

3. IPM activities implemented by these local authorities and technical backstopping by experts from GDA include conducting field surveys, preparing forecasts, monitoring and checking the progress of main pest development in the field. Using the forecast based on the timing, scale and level of damages that the main pest(s) may cause, the provincial plant protection authorities recommend policies, plans, and measures for pest management.

4. They also conduct training to farmers to carry out sets of integrated measures such as pest identification, pest control, conduct pest analysis, pest list and pest surveillance, measure to control and apply chemical and botanical control agent, promote the application of biological measures for pest management, reduce chemicals and practice sustainable IPM. They also provide training for farmers on proper use of chemical pesticide to ensure high efficiency for pest management, safe for human beings, farm pests and the environment. These authorities also carry out communication campaigns on plant protections and quarantine legislations and advance IPM technics to the farmers etc.

5. Running costs of these plant protection agencies has been state fund allocations. Their staff also have also working in projects and programs financed from other sources for research and to conduct additional trainings for farmers annually.

6. Pesticide Use and IPM implementation in Project Provinces: GDA survey in 2014 and nation-wide inspections in 2013 of pesticide and herbicide suppliers in provincial capitals and other main distribution hubs, indicate that the most commonly sold products include: abamectin, chlorpyrifos, cypermethrin, glyphosate, imidacloprid. In the Northern provinces, where a large part of the herbicide use is on corn and rubber plantations, the main products sold are the herbicides Glyphosate, Paraquat and Atrazine. Nowadays, on Rice and Maize cultivation farmers don't use pesticide accept some vegetables. These inspections have also shown that the most problematic highly hazardous products, such as monocrotophos, methyl parathion, methamidophos, mevinphos, endosulfan, etc., are no longer found on the market with the exception of the occasional old bottle. The only banned products that still are found regularly are paraquat and methomyl. This is because these products were banned only recently (2010) and are still permitted in the neighboring countries from where they are informally brought in by users or retailers. The banning of highly hazardous pesticides in China does not seem to have led to dumping of old stocks in Cambodia. There are no known large stocks of obsolete pesticides.

7. Insecticides are used mainly on vegetables (such as Long Yard Bean, Chilly, Cabbage, Chinese Cabbage) marketable high-value crops and plantation crops, notably rubber. Field surveys by the national IPM program and GDA indicate there still is wide-spread abuse of pesticides among farmers. Lack of knowledge among farmers is a major constraint. Abuse includes mixing without justification (just to be sure), use of wrong pesticides, use of wrong dosages, etc. Adequate protective gear is hardly being used. Shops often have gloves and masks for sale, but these tend to be inadequate for protection against hazardous chemicals. Buyers of pesticides rarely also buy protective gear and shops do not provide it for free. Half used pesticide bottles or packages are often stored within the house or near homesteads, often in easy reach of children. Empty pesticide containers are often discarded at the border of fields or in drainage ditches.

8. The GDA Plant Protection Centre (and its national IPM program) has developed a 3-day curriculum for a Farmer Training on Pesticide Risk Reduction (FT-PRR) which is intended to raise awareness, develop capacity and help rural communities formulate and implement their own action plans for pesticide risk reduction. As of June 2014, some 4,900 Lao farmers (including 1,600 women) have participated in FT-PRR courses in 149 villages of 34 Districts in 9 provinces.

9. Season-long Integrated Pest Management training through Farmers Field Schools (FFS) often includes these short-duration FT-PRR courses. These FFSs allow farmers to learn about and adopt Integrated Pest Management as to reduce overuse of pesticides in crop production.

10. The National IPM Program has implemented 806 season-long IPM Farmers Field Schools, with over 24,350 rice, vegetable and fruit farmers trained. More, however, remains to be done. Pesticide Risk Reduction and IPM adoption at farm level remains a priority for the Government.

11. As per the International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides, the following rules are observed for IPM:

12. The standards of conduct set forth in this Code: 1.7.6. are designed to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) (including integrated vector management for public health pests);

13. Concerted efforts should be made by governments to develop and promote the use of IPM. Furthermore, lending institutions, donor agencies and governments should support the development of national IPM policies and improved IPM concepts and practices. These should be based on scientific and other strategies that promote increased participation of farmers (including women's groups), extension agents and on-farm researchers.

14. All stakeholders, including farmers and farmer associations, IPM researchers, extension agents, crop consultants, food industry, manufacturers of biological and chemical pesticides and application equipment, environmentalists and representatives of consumer groups should play a proactive role in the development and promotion of IPM.

15. Governments, with the support of relevant international and regional organizations, should encourage and promote research on, and the development of, alternatives posing fewer risks: biological control agents and techniques, non-chemical pesticides and pesticides that are, as far as possible or desirable, target-specific, that degrade into innocuous constituent parts or metabolites after use and are of low risk to humans and the environment.

16. Governments should: 5.1.7 provide extension and advisory services and farmers' organizations with adequate information about practical IPM strategies and methods, as well as the range of pesticide products available for use.

17. Governments should: 8.1.4 ensure that any pesticide subsidies or donations do not lead to excessive or unjustified use which may divert interest from more sustainable alternative measures.

18. Pest Management Plan

19. It is anticipated that there will be no procurement of pesticides under the project and that pesticide use, overall, will decline as a result with the introduction of good agricultural practices. That said, pesticides are being used by farmers in the project area, so this plan will be applied to the project activities involving any changes in agricultural practices and/or rehabilitation of or development of existing irrigation schemes that may prompt farmers to increase their use of pesticides if no training or monitoring is provided. The plan is comprised of three parts: (i) application of government regulation on pesticide control; (ii) training of the integrated pesticides concept and/or other approaches for the safe use of pesticides; and (iii) monitoring. A full overview of Regulation Number 2860/MAF is available in Annex 2, and a simplified PMP is available in Annex 3. Both should be consulted for any subprojects under the CASDP.

# Annex 10: Screening Form for Due Diligence of Existing Agribusinesses and enterprises

1. This form must be filled out by the person designating for review the environmental and social (E&S) aspects of credit line grant/loan applications, and the information should be gathered from the enterprise itself, and verified through a review of local media and consultation with local authorities. If the answer is yes to any of the question in this due diligence form, then the World Bank task team should be consulted before a decision is made on whether or not to finance the proposal.

Environmental and Social Safeguards Due Diliger	nce for Existing Agribusiness					
1. Contact Information						
<ul> <li>Is there any staff assigned by the company to be responsible for environment and social safeguard review and monitoring?</li> <li>Yes INO</li> <li>If yes, please provide name and information for contact.</li> </ul>	Name: Tel:					
2. Screening and determination of envi	ironmental category					
<ul> <li>Confirm this sub-project is not in negative list</li> <li>Is this a category B or category C Sub-project?</li> <li>B □ C</li> </ul>	□ Yes Category C – proceed without any further E&S due diligence and submit Table 3 Form Category B – continue with this Form contents					
3. Compliance to Environmental Social Safegu	ards Laws and Regulations					
Has the sub-project proponent acquired all permits/approvals from authorities (Ministry of Environment (MOE))? □ Yes □ No	List					
• Has the enterprise had any environmental incidents in the last 2 years that requires notification to the regulator?						
• Has the enterprise been issued with, in the last 2 years, any violation of environmental permits, licenses or improvement notices by the regulator?						
• Has the enterprise had any health and safety incidents or accidents, including fatalities, in the last 2 years involving death or multiple serious injuries and/or significant environmental damage?						
• Has the site/Company has all the relevant permits/approval from government authorities and key environmental operating permits, for example Consent to Operate and Hazardous Waste Authorization if applicable?						
4. Consultation with Neighbors an	nd Households					
• If there is going to be construction, building, expansion and has business consulted with those potentially impacted?	□ yes □ no Brief description					
<ul> <li>Is the business involved in any recent (last 5 years) or ongoing land related disputes with neighboring villages or households</li> </ul>	□ yes □ no Brief description					

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water) disputes with neighboring villages or households.	
5. Environmental Aspe	ects
<ul> <li>What are the key potential impacts and/or risks</li> <li>✓ Check box is applicable</li> <li>Use of hazardous material, chemicals</li> <li>Generation of hazardous wastes</li> <li>Use of wood/lumber</li> </ul>	Provide comments about severity and measures to reduce minimize, avoid such impacts. Please indicate if the Business will use any applicable mitigation checklist/management plan. List what checklist, Guidance or ECOP
<ul> <li>Discharge of wastewater from business</li> <li>Air emissions</li> <li>Noise issues from business</li> </ul>	will be used. Please attach any document. There are sample of ECOPs for four type of sub-project activities under this ESMF.
<ul> <li>Do national or local environmental regulations require this business to prepare any environmental or social impact assessment reports or review?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>yes</li> <li>no</li> <li>If the IEE report under Lao PDR legislation will be required, the sub-project proponent may proceed to process the sub-project proposal, but will not disburse until the IEE is reviewed and approved by World Bank and the applicant provides a notice of approval from MOE or PONRE.</li> <li>An environmental and social impact audit may be carried out on proposed sub-project as well as on existing facilities to ensure compliance of existing facilities and operations with relevant environmental and social laws, regulations and applicable World Bank policies requirements. This includes the environmental and social impacts from past/on-going activities and sub-project proposals.</li> </ul>
6. Occupational health and	d safety
• Will this business pose a serious risk of major accidents (such as fires, explosions, release of toxic or hazardous chemicals)?	□ yes □ no If yes, what measures are in place to address
Has the business suffered significant work-related accidents     (leading to serious injuries or fatalities) during the last five years?	
<ul> <li>Does the business require a health, safety and/or emergency response plan?</li> </ul>	□ yes □ no If yes, are there permits, inspections, certifications?
Are proper safety measures in place for workers?	□ yes □ no If yes, what measures are in place if no, what are the issues of concern
7. Labor	
What is the expected size of the workforce?	
What is their minimum work age for this business?	□ yes □ no (describe)

• Are there any recent (last 5 years) or outstanding labor disputes?	□ yes □ no If yes, describe
• Have there been any accusation of discriminatory work practices (e.g. against women, ethnic minorities or women) during the last five years?	
8. Conclusion	
Other Information	Comments:
• Any other information which may be useful, e.g. information from customers' clients and competitors, quality of supervision by regulatory authorities, any complaint record, etc.	
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## Annex 11: List of Participants for ESMF Consultation Workshop on 20 July 2018

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