3A. PREPARING AN IEE

Location • Month Year

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

SESSION OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, you will be familiar with:
1. Content and organization of the IEE
2. Information required to prepare IEE
3. Process of reviewing proposed activities and evaluating potential environmental impacts
4. IEE review and approval process

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IEE TEMPLATE

Use new standardized, cross-bureau—"global"—template to prepare IEEs

Includes:
- Detailed Cover Sheet
  - Summary of Findings
  - Signature Page
- Project/Activity Description
- Baseline Environmental Information
- Analysis of Potential Environmental Risk
- Environmental Determinations
- Conditions and Mitigation Measures
- Limitations/Revisions

Publically available on GEMS project Web site:
http://www.usaidgems.org/compliance.htm

IEE INCLUDES CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT

- Climate Risk Management (CRM) is a required element of the IEE
  - Consistent with Executive Order 13677: Climate-Resilient International Development (30 Sep. 2014)

- CRM typically integrated as part of Environmental Determinations (Section 4)
  - Global template includes a table

- CRM analysis in IEE should draw on any mission-level climate risk assessments
  - Climate mitigation approaches are added to IEE and specific measures "flowed down"

- Compels preparer to consider climate impacts on proposed activities and opportunities to strengthen resilience.

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FIVE BASIC RULES OF GOOD IEES

- Make a determination for each activity

- Specify a mitigation ("condition") for each impact

- Make mitigation commensurate to impacts

- Use clear, uncluttered language

- Don't copy blindly—"cut and paste"

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INFORMATION SOURCES

- Project documentation
  - PAD
  - Concept Note
  - Scope of Work

- Regional or country information
  - 118/119 Assessments
  - Non USAID reports

- Existing EC documentation that is relevant to you project or activity
  - Current or previous IEEs
- Stakeholders!
- Aim for effectiveness without sacrificing quality or sound decision making

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MAKING A DETERMINATION

- Negative Determination
  - No significant adverse environmental impacts
- Negative Determination with Conditions
  - With specified mitigation and monitoring, significant adverse environmental impacts unlikely
- Positive Determination
  - Significant adverse impacts are possible
- Deferral
  - Not enough information to evaluation impacts

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… AND IMPLICATIONS OF EACH

With approval of IEE …

- Negative Determination
  - Activity passes environmental review
- Negative Determination with Conditions
  - With the inclusion of the specified mitigation and monitoring, the activity passes environmental review
- Positive Determination
  - Do full Environmental Assessment or redesign activity
- Deferral
  - You cannot implement the activity until the IEE is finalized

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IEE REVIEW AND APPROVAL

- Illustrative review and approval chain is:
  - A/COR
  - Technical Team Leader/Office Director
  - Mission Env. Officer
  - Regional Env. Advisor
  - Mission Director
    - required per Reg. 216
  - Bureau Env. Officer
    - Required per Reg. 216

- IEE development can be an iterative process
  - Not a 'rubber-stamp' approval process
  - Expect MEO and BEO feedback in particular

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