

Session 17.

Roles, Responsibilities and Resources

Technical presentation and dialogue

Summary

Now that we understand the importance of ESDM and environmental compliance in project implementation, we may wonder how our job or position fits into this process. This session explains key roles and responsibilities of USAID staff and IPs, and summarizes a number of important concepts introduced throughout the workshop. *All concern the processes, roles and responsibilities for environmental compliance in missions and operating units.*

Key topics are:

- How environmental compliance is mainstreamed (integrated throughout) Agency operations by the Automated Directives System (ADS).
- The roles and responsibilities of USAID staff and IPs with respect to the environmental compliance of USAID projects.
- The importance of incorporating best-practice Environmental Compliance Language (ECL) in solicitations and awards and the benefits of using the ECL tool for this purpose.
- Resources available to support environmental compliance and ESDM.

IP and USAID environmental compliance roles and responsibilities post-award are summarized in the following table:

| Project stage | Implementing Partner | USAID |
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| Workplan & PMP Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops EMMP Integrates EMMP into budget and workplan Determines environmental compliance reporting | <p>Review and approval of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the EMMP (for responsiveness to IEE/EA conditions and sufficiency of monitoring); 2. the budget/workplan (to verify that EMMP implementation is planned and funded); and 3. the reporting framework to assure that environmental reporting requirements are met. |
| Implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of EMMP Reporting on EMMP implementation | <p>Ongoing review of partner progress reports to monitor EMMP implementation</p> <p>Field visits—at a minimum, all visits should integrate a quick check for significant environmental design/management problems. For environmentally sensitive activities, specific visits should be made to verify EMMP implementation.</p> |

Objective

Understand environmental compliance roles and responsibilities of USAID staff and IPs and the tools and resources available to facilitate environmental compliance.