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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT (ES3)

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ABOUT ES3

ES3 (8/2023-8/2028) is a global USAID mission support contract providing on-request support to implementation of USAID's environmental and social (E&S) safeguards and related program cycle requirements to any mission or operating unit (OU) that wishes to buy in for ES3 services. This includes support to legal and policy mandates such as 22 CFR 216, ADS 204, FAA 118/119, and ADS 201mat and ADS201mal, among others. ES3 also supports the maintenance of USAID's environmental procedures website and environmental compliance database (ECD).

ES3 offers a consistent, quality approach to safeguards support across the Agency. It is intended to minimize duplication of systems and efforts, facilitate sharing of lessons learned, reduce compliance risks, provide training, facilitate capacity building and reduce transaction costs of missions and operating units that seek access to E&S safeguarding and related services. USAID's Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security manages ES3.

ES3 SERVICES

ES3 has a broad scope, allowing it to cover most foreseeable E&S safeguarding support needs. Services are divided into three categories: **training**; **technical assistance**; and **knowledge management, learning, and communications**. *The following lists of services are not exhaustive; consult the ES3 COR for details.*



Training

Planning, design and delivery of in-person, virtual and online training to USAID staff and partners in E&S safeguarding, environmentally sound and climate-smart design and/or specialized topics such as safe pesticide use and health care waste management. Assessments of training needs and training programs in these areas.



Technical Assistance

Guidance, Tools & Systems. Development of E&S best practice/compliance guidance for individual activities or projects/portfolios. Development of information technology and other tools to support E&S safeguards implementation, monitoring and evaluation—from OU portfolio to project level.

22 CFR 216 & Climate Risk Management (CRM) Documentation. Development and review of: Initial Environmental Examinations (IEEs), Scoping Statements, Environmental Assessments (EAs) and programmatic EAs, including entailed CRM analyses; Pesticide Evaluation Reports and Safer Use Action Plans (PERSUAPs) and other pesticide analyses; Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plans (EMMPs); Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Reports (EMMRs).

Compliance Assessments, Field Monitoring & Evaluation. E&S safeguards implementation reviews, from OU portfolio to activity and site levels, including field monitoring. Includes Environmental Procedures Best Practices Reviews (BPRs).

Environmental Management in Disaster Assistance. Support to disaster/humanitarian assistance, e.g., through proactive planning or development of post-disaster rapid environmental assessments.

Bureau/Mission Environment Officer (BEO/MEO) & Regional Environmental Advisor Support.

FAA 118/119 Biodiversity & Tropical Forest Analyses.

Performance Evaluations of Environmental Activities.

Strengthening Partnerships and Collaboration for Environment.

Other Analyses. Scoping, development and review of biosafety reviews; health and social impact assessments; climate vulnerability assessments; sustainability reviews of multilateral development bank project proposals; and others.



Knowledge Management, Learning & Communications

Dissemination of E&S management guidance; development of strategic E&S communications plans and communications materials; management of E&S safeguards-related databases, websites, and Google sites.

TEAM & CONTRACT INFORMATION

Award: 7200AA23C00089/47QRAD20DU148

Period of Performance: August 2023–August 2028

Ceiling: \$45.9 million | Quarterly buy-ins

Implementing Partners: **Cadmus** (prime contractor), Environmental Incentives (major subcontractor), Cross-Cultural Consulting Services, EnCompass, Forum One, Kestrel Tellevate, Marstel-Day, NORC, Cloudburst.

Regional Resource Partners: Center for Environmental Consulting and Auditing, Environmental Counselors, Inc., EcoConServ, ENREM Consulting Ltd., Guinee Ecologie, Secretariat for Environmental Assessment in Central Africa (SEACA), Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA), Sun Mountain International

WORK WITH ES3

Missions and OUs interested in accessing ES3 services should contact their BEO and the COR.

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