



SDNRP- Ministry of Mines PMU



UP TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT (Date: January / 2013)

Social Issues Progress

Poverty & Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) for Afghanistan-

Had many rounds of discussions with PSIA team from WB Washington office regarding conducting PSIA in mining sector in Afghanistan. PSIA is an approach to analyze the distributional impacts of policy reforms on different social groups, particularly the poor and vulnerable.

The issues related to developing an inclusive mining sector in Afghanistan were discussed at length including the new legislation and policies to facilitate inclusive social and economic development in the mining sector in the country. Details with regard to a perception survey to be organized by the PSIA team in some of mine area like Aynak, Hajigak etc were also worked out. PSIA team was also requested to extend this survey to other projects as well like Nooraba & Samti gold mine, Qara Zaghan Gold Mine and Amu Darya project. The questionnaire for the survey was also reviewed and finalized.

Discussion on Social Accountability Model

Coordination meeting was held with WB, IRC and Aynak Authority to finalize the modalities of implementation of social accountability model at Aynak. This included issues like mobilizing CDCs at Aynak, capacity building of communities regarding grievance redressal mechanism, finalizing work plan of IRC etc. The Social Accountability Model is under implementation at Aynak from November 2012. Review meetings will be held every two weeks with IRC to assess progress of their work.

Coordination meeting regarding Community Development Agreements

Issues related to enhancing capacity of Ministry staff to implement CDAs at mine sites were discussed with WB Kabul office and ASI. It was decided that a year-long training program covering all important departments of the Ministry will be developed by the Social Department to enhance understanding about CDAs. The training will be imparted in house once a week for 2-3 hours and will be of continuous nature to reinforce these issues among Ministry officials.

Review of ESIA of Amu Darya project

Social department held meetings with staff of Amu Darya project to discuss important social issues at Amu Darya project like employment of staff from local communities, compensation to those persons whose agricultural land is getting affected by the machinery etc used in the project. It was decided that a joint team from the social department and Amu Darya project will visit the project site in December to get the first hand feel of these issues. It was also decided that the issues related to employment will be taken up with Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs.

Further ESIA of Amu Darya submitted by the company is under review by the Social Department with regard to social development activities and CSR proposed by the company.

Detailed comments prepared on Global Witness report

Detailed comments were prepared from Ministry's side for Global Witness report on Copper Bottomed. These included progress with respect to resettlement and compensation issues, grievance redressal mechanisms and other issues like CDA's capacity development of the affected communities, civil society outreach to local communities in mining areas etc.

Progress of implementation of RAP-

Many meetings were held with officials of Aynak Authority

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| | <p>to review the progress of implementation of Resettlement Action Plan prepared by the Ministry for 5 villages in January 2012. Payment of compensation amount is underway at Aynak though it is quite slow due to clearance from local courts which is a time taking process. Land at Asa Baba will be allotted to affected families as soon as the proposal is cleared by the ministry of Urban Development which is expected to come through very soon.</p> <p>In the meanwhile IRC ha started capacity building of local communities on issues like building safe houses, personal hygiene and health issues, need for education. They have also initiated mobilizing them in CDCs.</p> <p>Report of the initial social impact assessment of the closure of illegal coal mines at Bamiyan</p> <p>A team of inspectors from the Ministry visited the site of illegal coal mines which were closed by the Ministry in June 2012. Survey covering 150 respondents has been carried out by the inspections department of the Ministry to assess the impact of closure of illegal mines at Bamiyan. The results are being tabulated by the social department and a complete report will be submitted very soon.</p> |
| <p>Mes Aynak Archeological Progress</p> | <p>As the weather remains comparatively mild work on site has moved on from the removal of snow to the continued excavation and extension of areas of excavation. Excavation is relatively slow as the numbers of workmen are still very limited; the hope is that numbers will increase over the coming weeks.</p> <p>An attempt is being made to open up two new excavation areas on the mid slopes of the mountain.</p> <p>The removal of accumulated spoil heaps by machinery has begun again.</p> <p>The protective roofing over rooms with fragile relics such as stupas, wall paintings and statuary has been completed,</p> |

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| | <p>and proving to be successful at keeping the weather out.</p> <p>The slow pace of excavation work is allowing the International Team to catch up on a backlog of recording in the form of drawn plans and elevations, photography and contesting. Archiving of this data is ongoing.</p> <p>A comprehensive digital plan of all the archaeological remains in the Red Zone has been carried out and being regularly updated. This will form the basis for a Geographic Information System (GIS) where all digitized archaeological information will be presented.</p> <p>The digitization of individual site plans is well underway. These will be used alongside site photography to illustrate the interim site reports which are in the process of being produced.</p> <p>The problem associated with the storage of the conservation chemicals (which need to be stored at a constant temperature) may be resolved, as discussed with MoIC the ideal location appears to be the cave network in the mountain which maintains a constant temperature.</p> |
| <p>Policy Support to Ministry of Mines</p> | <p>Capacity building programs, which is a conceptual approach to development, has been one of the key programs of the Ministry of Mines. Many programs i.e. trainings have been carried out by international advisors and other international organizations to develop the capacity of local staff in different areas within the MoM.</p> <p>During January term, I along with the technical international advisor reviewed the list of foreign trainers for developing a one-week program for the internal staff of the Ministry. The Australian group, by the financial support of the World Bank, has been approved. The one-week training is fixed for the month of February. The list of participants has been finalized and sent to the World Bank.</p> <p>Each organization must have a legal framework which provides guidance on the background status, regulation and</p> |

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| | <p>policies that regulate overall activities of the staff. During month of January, I worked on draft of the legal framework, prepared by the legal department, and comments and suggestions were given.</p> <p>Further, I, during January term, developed many presentations on leadership for which I am responsible to deliver them to specific staff of Policy and Promotion Department for the rest of the month and upcoming days.</p> |
| <p>Aynak Compliance Monitoring Project</p> | <p>The Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) and Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) have not been submitted to the Ministry of Mines (MOM). During the preparation of the BFS, technical issues arose which have significant impact on the project and on the contractual obligations of both parties. These issues require being resolved before the BFS can be completed. The MOM and the mining company are in discussion of these issues, with a clear understanding of each other's position, and both parties are fully confident that the technical issues will be resolved so that the BFS can be completed and that the project may proceed.</p> <p>The Compliance Monitoring team is working closely with MOM officials and is providing advice on the technical issues of concern. MOM and its consultants, with World Bank assistance, are prepared for the process of evaluation and ultimate approval of the BFS and ESIA once they are submitted.</p> <p>The delay in the completion of the feasibility study allows additional time for the completion of archaeological excavations, landmine clearing and resettlement activities.</p> |
| <p>Environmental Issues Support to NEPA</p> | <p>Advisers at NEPA continued to provide technical support to EIA Board of Experts and EIA and SD division of NEPA in the evaluation of the submitted ESIA reports for NEPA's approval. More checklists on different stages of EIA are being developed to facilitate the EIA and SD division and EIA Board of Experts in the evaluation process.</p> <p>As Afghanistan has recently become party to the Kyoto Protocol, a half day interaction meeting (7th January, 2013) involving officials of NEPA on the rules and regulations</p> |

regarding CDM, CDM procedures, opportunities for Afghanistan to benefit from the CDM, and immediate steps to be taken by NEPA to facilitate the CDM procedures in Afghanistan was organized.

A draft strategy for making the brick kiln sector more environment friendly was prepared based on the comparative performance of different technologies used in the region and their possibilities for being registered as CDM project. A detailed presentation of the strategy was also developed to present to the stakeholders meetings mainly the brick kiln owners in Kabul.

Provided technical support to NEPA in preparing the draft comments and inputs on the Draft National Energy Policy of Afghanistan to be discussed in details at the NEPA in-house meetings to make the official comments on the draft policy from NEPA.

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Mining Standard (established in the second meeting of NEPA-MOM Environment and Social Advisory Board meeting of January 09, 2013) was held at NEPA to initiate the initial review of the previous works on mining standards. Provided technical support to ANSA Environmental Standards Technical Committee headed by NEPA.

Technical inputs provided to NEPA to facilitate NEPA's participation in the "Intergovernmental Science and Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services", "Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to prepare the globally legally binding instruments on Mercury", and "Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2013".

A brief inspection report of a iron scrapes based iron mills industry in Kabul is prepared to facilitate the works of inter-ministerial task force.

Presentation on Air Quality Management Strategy for Afghanistan was made at the meeting of High Level Commission on Air Pollution on January 27, 2013 with the objective of briefing the initiations of the work to high level representations of line ministries and seek guidance on the to be developed strategy on air quality management in Afghanistan.

**NRRCP “National and Regional
Resource Corridor Program”**

The first collected data was sent to First Survey & Design Company of China Railway Limited (FSDI). The process of data collection is continuing.

The results of analysis of pre feasibility study Torkha - Hairatan was presented to representatives of various ministries/organizations (i.e., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Urban Development Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Civil Aviation, Ministry of Economy, National Environmental Protection Agency, Central Statistics Office, Afghanistan National Standardization Authority and Ministry of Economy) in the conference hall of the Ministry of Mines during a gathering.

Reviewed a 60 page of Afghan National Railway Plan (ANRP) and wrote comments to the document to be discussed during a 2-day workshop in Washington D.C.

Studied Executive Summaries of Afghanistan: Commercial Market Feasibility Analysis, Terrain and Freight Rail Corridor Feasibility Analysis, and Legal and Regulatory Framework drafted by the U.S. Embassy to be discussed during a 2-day workshop in Washington D.C.

Prepared a pre-cautionary power point presentation pertaining NRRCP and the comments on ANRP as mentioned above. To be presented during the 2-day workshop in Washington D.C.

Studying and finalizing Gas consumption options, namely, power generation and gas transmission and distribution to Kabul, for gas available in the North

- Studying experience of power generation from gas in other countries
- Studying gas transmission and Distribution experience in other countries
- Looking for available data for cost estimations for pipeline transmission and network for Afghanistan

- Studying about LNG option and its feasibility

- Holding a meeting with TFBSO regarding gas pipeline to Mazar

Commenting on report prepared for Qlaeech Coal Reserve by MJAM

Based on request, shared information about the Livelihood Fit to Purpose Fact Sheet and NRRCP Fact Sheet to the Director General of Private Sector Development of Ministry of Commerce and Industries.

Follow up meeting with Director of Aynak Authority about the mechanism and procedures of involving local businesses to MCC business opportunities.

Follow up meeting with Director of Amu Darya Authority to discuss the specific points raised by the Parliament Member of Sari-Pul about Sari-Pul local companies capacity assessment.

Prepared a detailed and comprehensive mechanism for assessing the Sari-Pul local companies for possible involvement to CNCPCIW's business opportunities.

Contacted Director of Economy of Sari-Pul province for the list of local companies, drafted letter to Governor of Sari Pul for this inquiry.