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Life-of-Project Environmental Compliance and Environmentally Sound Design & Management:

A training workshop for USAID Staff

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Start	End		Session
8:30 – 9:15		1	Introductions, overview & expectations
9:15 – 10:30		2	What is Environment? and Why Environmentally Sound Design and Management? (ESDM) <i>Arriving at a common understanding of environment and motivating ESDM as a necessary and explicit objective for effective development.</i>
10:30 – 10:45			TEA BREAK
10:45 – 11:15		3	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and ESDM <i>Overview of the EIA process; why EIA is the internationally accepted standard framework for achieving ESDM in project-based development</i>
11:15 – 11:30		4	USAID'S Environmental Procedures : The Big Picture <i>Key LOP environmental compliance requirements created by Reg. 216 and the ADS. Collectively, these EIA-based procedures are intended to assure that ESDM receives explicit and systematic attention over LOP.</i>
11:30 – 12:30		5	Transect Walk <i>Undertaken close to the venue to practice baseline observation skills</i>
12:30 – 13:30			LUNCH + field visit sign-up
13:30 – 13:45		5	Transect Walk Debrief
13:45 – 15:00		6	Core EIA Skills <i>Principles of Baseline Characterization; Determining Adverse Impacts/Issues of concerns; Mitigation and Monitoring.</i>
15:00 – 15:30		7	Practicing Core EIA Skills, Using the Small-Scale Guidelines: a Virtual Field Visit (briefing and plenary work)
15:30 – 15:45			TEA BREAK
15:45 – 16:30		7	Practicing Core EIA Skills, Using the Small-Scale Guidelines: a Virtual Field Visit (group work)
16:30 – 17:30		8, 9a	Local context + field visit briefing <i>Critical information about environmental, social and economic context for effective field review in the area. (Invited experts)</i>

Tuesday 12 May 2009

Start	End	Session
8:30 – 13:30	9b	FIELD VISIT: CORE EIA SKILLS <i>Baseline situation assessment, identification of potential/ongoing impacts</i>
PACK LUNCH during FIELD VISIT		
13:30 – 14:30	9c	FIELD VISIT Classroom follow-up <i>(In field visit groups) Evaluation of impacts observed in the field, design of mitigation measures.</i>
14:30 – 15:15	10a	Intro to Reg. 216 <i>Reg 216 sets out USAID's mandatory pre-obligation EIA process. Environmental mitigation and monitoring conditions established by this process become required elements of activity design and implementation.</i>
TEA BREAK		
15:30 – 16:30	10b	Reg 216 screening exercise <i>Group exercise using the on-line IEE Assistant tool.</i>
16:30 – 17:15	11	Effective IEEs: Well-written, Well-considered. <i>Presentation/discussion on what constitutes a well-considered, well-written IEE</i>
17:15 – 17:30	12a	Field visit briefing & prep

Wednesday 13 May 2009

Start	End	Session
8:45 – 9:00		Review of Day 2 & Orientation to Day 3
9:00 – 13:30	12b	FIELD VISIT: IEE Review <i>Field visit to evaluate the adequacy of a provided "draft IEE" with respect to key elements of an effective IEE.</i>
PACK LUNCH during field visit		
13:30 – 14:30	12c	Field visit: Classroom follow-up <i>Working groups articulate a critique of the draft IEE provided Plenary discussion focuses on IEE implementation</i>
14:30 – 15:00	13	Implementing IEE & EA Conditions: Principles and Tools <i>Effective IEEs are implemented. This requires that a complete EMMP exists, budgets and workplans implement the EMMP, and that PMPs measure EMMP implementation. The session briefs (1) these requirements; (2) the basic concept of the EMMP, (3) the key tool to easily generate env compliance language for procurement instruments, and (4) environmental M&M verification tools developed for particular programs/missions.</i>
TEA BREAK		
15:15 – 16:00	13	Implementing IEE & EA Conditions: Principles and Tools <i>cont'd</i>
16:00 – 17:15	ST	Special Topic: Medical Waste--Env, Management & Compliance Special Topic: Food For Peace/DCHA environmental policy & compliance
17:15 – 17:30	14a	Field visit briefing & prep

Thursday 14 May 2009

Start	End		Session
8:30 – 12:30		14b	FIELD VISIT: EMMP development <i>Being able to critique, design and audit against EMMPs is a core skill ESDM/LOP Compliance for CTOs, MEOs, Activity Managers. The field visit builds & practices these skills. (3 Groups)</i>
12:30 – 13:30			LUNCH
13:30 – 14:45		14c	Field Visit: Classroom Follow-up <i>Informed by their field observations, working groups develop an EMMP responsive to the IEE conditions. Groups report-out in Plenary.</i>
14:45 – 15:00		ST	Expert Briefing: DDT/Pesticides: recent S African research on human bioaccumulation
15:00 – 15:15			TEA BREAK
15:15 – 17:30		ST	Special Topic: PMI Advisor's Panel Special Topic: RLA Panel

Friday 15 May 2009

Start	End		Session
8:30 – 10:15		ST	Special Topic: Subproject Procedures Special Topic: Mission Env Compliance Best Practice Reviews (BPRs) Special Topic: EMCAB Briefing
10:05 – 10:30		15	REAs & other resources for ESDM and Compliance
10:30 – 10:45			TEA BREAK
10:45 – 11:50		16	Resolving Questions, Taking stock, effecting change <i>Resolving the more complicated questions/issues that have arisen during the workshop. Taking stock of gaps and shortfalls in current mission processes, identifying ways forward & priorities for REA, BEO support,</i>
11:50 – 12:05		17	Evaluation
12:05 – 12:30			Certificates & Closing