

Environment Expert

Duty Station: Project Implementation Unit (PIU), Planning & Development Department, Muzaffarabad.

Tasks:

The Environment Expert will be focal person managing all Environmental related matters of the Project “Disaster and Climate Resilience Improvement” and responsible for the following duties and responsibilities;

- Compliance with national and local environmental legislation and requirements under State and World Bank Operational Policies relating to environmental safeguards;
- Compliance with AJ&K Environmental Protection Act promulgated in 2000, Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations 2009.
- Implementation of conditions and criteria described in the Environmental and Social Management Framework prepared for the project.

Scope of Work

The Environment Specialist will provide technical support and assistance to the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and line Departments in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of environmental safeguard related tasks, documentation and EMPs for the subprojects.

Detailed Tasks

- Review subprojects details and visit the subproject sites.
- Carryout environmental assessment in accordance with the World Bank safeguard policies and ESFM and prepare environmental checklists and classify subprojects that have not been yet classified according to World Bank’s environmental categorization criteria.
- Based on the checklists, Environmental Protection Act, 2000 requirements and World Bank safeguard policies, prepare IEEs and Environmental Management Plans (EMP).
- Share the IEE report/EMPs with World Bank as part of the approval process of subproject.
- Provide support to the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for ensuring that EMPs are included in Tender documents.
- Ensure that all regulatory clearances are obtained before starting civil works for the subproject.
- Carry out environmental monitoring and ensure that the EMPs, including all proposed mitigation measures and monitoring programs are properly implemented during the subproject implementation.
- Support the PIU in monitoring of subprojects and preparation of Bi-annual Environmental Monitoring Reports on prescribed format, to be submitted to the World Bank.

- In case of unpredicted environmental impacts occurring during project, prepare and implement a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
- In the case that a Category B subproject needs to have its siting or alignment changed or its environmental classification reconfirmed, review it to determine whether a 144 Annex – 5 supplementary study is required. If so, carry out the study and implement any amendments to the original EMP.
- Ensure that meaningful public consultations (including both men and women) are undertaken with affected groups and local NGOs. The list of people attending the consultation, time and locations, subjects discussed during consultation are to be Recorded in a systematic manner.
- Support the PIU in information sharing and disclosure of environmental safeguard documents (including any CAPs prepared in cases of change to original project design) as required.
- Provide training on environmental management, and health and safety aspects to project staff.
- Support the PIU and line departments, in any other tasks as may be required for ensuring compliance with the SPS 2009 on environmental safeguards.

Deliverables

The Environment expert will be responsible for preparing and submitting all environments related documentation including (but not limited to) the following documents/reports:

- Environmental checklists for each subproject
- Environmental assessment reports as required (IEE, EIA, EMP) for each subproject
- Periodic environmental monitoring reports
- Corrective Action Plans where required.

Qualifications and Experience

Masters degree in Environmental Sciences/management/design or a related discipline is required with a minimum of 5 years of experience in environmental management and monitoring of projects, environmental assessment and/or design and implementation of environmental mitigation measures.

Salary and Benefits:

Market based competitive salary (lump-sum with no other benefits) based on qualification and experience will be offered.

Duration

Initially for twelve months, extendable (if required).