

INITIAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Country:	Kyrgyz Republic	Project Title:	Toktogul Rehabilitation Phase 3 Project
Lending/Financing Modality:	Project	Department/ Division:	Central and West Asia Department Energy Division

I. POVERTY IMPACT AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS

A. Links to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy and Country Partnership Strategy

The Kyrgyz Republic's National Strategy of Sustainable Development (2013–2017) places strategic importance on the energy sector to obtain sustainable human development. The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Country Partnership Strategy 2013-2017 supports the National Strategy of Sustainable Development for the Kyrgyz Republic (2013–2017) and emphasized the importance of technical and financial rehabilitation of the energy sector.

The project is indicatively programmed for 2016 in the draft Country Operations Business Plan (2016–2018) which is under preparation. The project is also an integral part of the energy strategy agreed under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program.

B. Poverty Targeting

General Intervention Individual or Household (TI-H) Geographic (TI-G) Non-Income MDGs (TI-M1, M2, etc.)

The project benefits the general public through improving the reliability of power supply and strengthening the financial performance of the energy sector.

C. Poverty and Social Analysis

1. Key issues and potential beneficiaries.

The project will benefit the general population of the Kyrgyz Republic and, to some extent, the population of neighboring countries through improved reliability of electricity supply.

2. Impact channels and expected systemic changes.

The project will benefit the population from the Kara-Kul area as short-term skilled and unskilled workers will be hired to carry out the rehabilitation work. Training will be provided to the power plant staff and workers.

3. Focus of (and resources allocated in) the due diligence.

The Electric Power Plants (EPP) will ensure compliance with core labor standards and or national labor laws. The due diligence consultant will update the existing social and poverty analysis to assess impact channels of the project.

4. Specific analysis for policy-based lending.

N/A

II. GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT

1. What are the key gender issues in the sector/subsector that are likely to be relevant to this project or program?

Power interruptions and energy shortages increase women's time poverty as women spend more time to gather fuel for lighting, cooking, and heating. This in turn, leaves women little time for educational and training pursuits, income-generating activities, and even leisure. The use of traditional fuels also expose women and children—who spend more time at home than men—to indoor pollution. This again, impacts on women, as they are traditionally expected to look after sick members of the family.

2. Does the proposed project or program have the potential to make a contribution to the promotion of gender equity and/or empowerment of women by providing women's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources, assets, and participation in decision making?

Yes No Please explain.

The project will not have direct gender equality benefits. Indirectly, however, the project will improve households' access to energy, which in turn is expected to reduce the burden and drudgery of women performing housework, by reducing the time needed to collect traditional fuel and enabling households with appliances to use them more often. Improved access to electricity will also improve the services provided by health centers and schools, by making heating more efficient and electricity-run equipment more reliable, which will improve health and educational outcomes of household members, and indirectly helping women who are responsible for looking after the health and welfare of family members. Improved energy access also has the potential for women to start energy-based livelihoods.

<p>3. Could the proposed project have an adverse impact on women and/or girls or widen gender inequality? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Please explain</p> <p>The project will not adversely affect women. On the contrary, it will provide indirect benefits to women and girls.</p>
<p>4. Indicate the intended gender mainstreaming category: <input type="checkbox"/> GEN (gender equity theme) <input type="checkbox"/> EGM (effective gender mainstreaming) <input type="checkbox"/> SGE (some gender elements) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NGE (no gender elements)</p> <p>The project involves rehabilitation of an existing hydropower plant, and thus, has no direct gender equality benefits</p>
<p>III. PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT</p>
<p>1. Who are the main stakeholders of the project, including beneficiaries and negatively affected people? Identify how they will participate in the project design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Energy and Industry – overseeing the energy sector. • EPP – owners of Toktogul hydroelectric power plant to be rehabilitated under the project. • General public surrounding Toktogul Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP) – public consultation will be carried out to meet the local communities and describe the goal and target of the project. <p>2. How can the project contribute (in a systemic way) to engaging and empowering stakeholders and beneficiaries, particularly, the poor, vulnerable and excluded groups? What issues in the project design require participation of the poor and excluded?</p> <p>Rehabilitation of Toktogul HPP will require consultation with the population residing near the project site including Civil Society Organization. However, all works will be conducted within the existing HPP compounds and the project does not entail change in water use patterns or volume.</p> <p>3. What are the key, active, and relevant civil society organizations in the project area? What is the level of civil society organization participation in the project design?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H Information generation and sharing <input type="checkbox"/> L Consultation <input type="checkbox"/> L Collaboration <input type="checkbox"/> L Partnership</p> <p>4. Are there issues during project design for which participation of the poor and excluded is important? What are they and how shall they be addressed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Rehabilitation of Toktogul HPP will require consultation with the population residing near the project site. However, all works will be conducted within the existing HPP compounds and the project does not entail change in water use patterns or volume.</p>
<p>IV. SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS</p>
<p>A. Involuntary Resettlement Category <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> FI</p> <p>1. Does the project have the potential to involve involuntary land acquisition resulting in physical and economic displacement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>All works are conducted within the existing HPP compounds; no involuntary resettlement and land acquisition envisaged.</p> <p>2. What action plan is required to address involuntary resettlement as part of the due diligence process?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement plan <input type="checkbox"/> Resettlement framework <input type="checkbox"/> Social impact matrix <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental and social management system arrangement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>B. Indigenous Peoples Category <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> FI</p> <p>1. Does the proposed project have the potential to directly or indirectly affect the dignity, human rights, livelihood systems, or culture of indigenous peoples? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>2. Does it affect the territories or natural and cultural resources indigenous peoples own, use, occupy, or claim, as their ancestral domain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>No indigenous people identified.</p> <p>3. Will the project require broad community support of affected indigenous communities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>No indigenous people identified.</p> <p>4. What action plan is required to address risks to indigenous peoples as part of the due diligence process?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous peoples plan <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous peoples planning framework <input type="checkbox"/> Social Impact matrix <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental and social management system arrangement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p>V. OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES AND RISKS</p>
<p>1. What other social issues and risks should be considered in the project design?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Creating decent jobs and employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adhering to core labor standards <input type="checkbox"/> Labor retrenchment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spread of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in human trafficking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordability</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase in unplanned migration <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in vulnerability to natural disasters <input type="checkbox"/> Creating political instability <input type="checkbox"/> Creating internal social conflicts <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify _____
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<p>2. How are these additional social issues and risks going to be addressed in the project design?</p> <p>EPP to ensure compliance with core labor standards and or national labor laws. A social and poverty analysis will be conducted to assess impact channels of the project and identify opportunities to develop inclusive design features to assure that all segments of the population benefit from this project.</p>
VI. DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT
<p>1. Do the terms of reference for the due diligence contain key information needed to be gathered during due diligence process to better analyze (i) poverty and social impact; (ii) gender impact, (iii) participation dimensions; (iv) social safeguards; and (vi) other social risks. Are the relevant specialists identified?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. What resources (e.g., consultants, survey budget, and workshop) are allocated for conducting poverty, social and/or gender analysis and participation plan during the due diligence?</p> <p>A national safeguard specialist will be recruited; to prepare the initial environmental examination report, due diligence report, and social and poverty analysis.</p>