

INITIAL POVERTY AND SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Country:	Kyrgyz Republic	Project Title:	Uch Kurgan Hydropower Plant Modernization Project
Lending/Financing Modality:	Project	Department/ Division:	Central and West Asia Department Energy Division

I. POVERTY IMPACT AND SOCIAL DIMENSIONS
<p>A. Links to the National Poverty Reduction Strategy and Country Partnership Strategy</p> <p>The Kyrgyz Republic's National Sustainable Development Strategy (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.</p> <p>The project is indicatively programmed for 2019 in the Country Operations Business Plan (2017–2019). The project is also an integral part of the energy strategy agreed under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Program.</p>
<p>B. Targeting Classification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or Household (TI-H) <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic (TI-G) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Income MDGs (TI-M1, M2, etc.)</p> <p>The project benefits the general public through improving the reliability of power supply and strengthening the financial performance of the energy sector.</p>
<p>C. Poverty and Social Analysis</p> <p>1. Key issues and potential beneficiaries.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. Impact channels and expected systemic changes.</p> <p>The project will benefit the population from the Jalal-Abad area as short-term skilled and unskilled workers will be hired to carry out the rehabilitation and excavation works. Training will be provided to the power plant staff and workers.</p> <p>3. Focus of (and resources allocated in) the due diligence.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. Specific analysis for policy-based lending.</p> <p>N/A</p>
II. GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT
<p>1. What are the key gender issues in the sector/subsector that are likely to be relevant to this project or program?</p> <p>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 PPTA will conduct a rapid gender analysis and will assess opportunities to design project intervention, which will promote women employment and career development as part of small hydro capacity development.</p>
<p>2. Does the proposed project or program have the potential to make a contribution to the promotion of gender equality and/or empowerment of women by providing women's access to and use of opportunities, services, resources, assets, and participation in decision making?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Please explain.</p> <p>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?

Yes No Please explain

The project will not adversely affect women. On the contrary, it will provide indirect benefits to women and girls.

4. Indicate the intended gender mainstreaming category:

GEN (gender equity theme) EGM (effective gender mainstreaming)
 SGE (some gender elements) NGE (no gender elements)

III. PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT

1. Who are the main stakeholders of the project, including beneficiaries and negatively affected people? Identify how they will participate in the project design.

- State Committee for Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use – overseeing the energy sector.
- EPP – owners of Uch-Kurgan hydroelectric power plant to be rehabilitated under the project.
- General public surrounding Uch-Kurgan Hydropower Plant (HPP) – public consultation will be carried out to meet the local communities and describe the goal and target of the project.

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?

This project consists of excavation of sedimentation in reservoir, construction of bridge and rehabilitation of HPP works with at least 4 years of construction period, in case of excavation and construction of bridge works will need the simple and unskilled processes requiring a lot of laborers which will help the poor, vulnerable and excluded groups get a job.

In case of rehabilitation of Uch-Kurgan 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.

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?

H Information generation and sharing L Consultation L Collaboration L Partnership

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? Yes No

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IV. SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

A. Involuntary Resettlement Category A B C FI

1. Does the project have the potential to involve involuntary land acquisition resulting in physical and economic displacement? Yes No

Uch Kurgan HPP modernization will not require land acquisition since the modernization work will be within the territory of the existing power plants. Disposal of sedimentation can be used for agriculture land or should be moved into spoil bank. EPP will provide land for spoil bank without resettlement issues.

New small HPP development may require land acquisition/involuntary resettlement. As part of the project preparation due diligence, the project team will reconfirm the extent of any land acquisition and/or involuntary resettlement, and if there is, appropriate measures will be discussed and agreed with EPP.

2. What action plan is required to address involuntary resettlement as part of the due diligence process?

Resettlement plan Resettlement framework Social impact matrix
 Environmental and social management system arrangement None

EPP will provide land for spoil bank of sedimentation disposal without resettlement issues.

B. Indigenous Peoples Category A B C FI

1. Does the proposed project have the potential to directly or indirectly affect the dignity, human rights, livelihood systems, or culture of indigenous peoples? Yes No

2. Does it affect the territories or natural and cultural resources indigenous peoples own, use, occupy, or claim, as their ancestral domain? Yes No

No indigenous people identified.

3. Will the project require broad community support of affected indigenous communities? Yes No

No indigenous people identified.

4. What action plan is required to address risks to indigenous peoples as part of the due diligence process?

Indigenous peoples plan Indigenous peoples planning framework Social Impact matrix

Environmental and social management system arrangement None

V. OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES AND RISKS

1. What other social issues and risks should be considered in the project design?

Creating decent jobs and employment Adhering to core labor standards Labor retrenchment

Spread of communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS Increase in human trafficking Affordability

Increase in unplanned migration Increase in vulnerability to natural disasters Creating political instability

Creating internal social conflicts Others, please specify _____

Low

2. How are these additional social issues and risks going to be addressed in the project design?

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VI. DUE DILIGENCE RESOURCE REQUIREMENT

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?

Yes No

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?

International safeguard specialist, national safeguard specialist and national social safeguard specialist will be recruited for the preparation of poverty assessment and gender analysis, and relevant Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan (LARP) as appropriate.