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Pakistan: Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (Tranche 4)

Subproject 5: Procurement of goods for the construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan

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ABBREVIATIONS

AC	Alternating Current
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AOI	Area of Influence
DISCO	Distribution Company
EARF	Environmental Assessment and Review Framework
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment'
EHS Guidelines	The World Bank Group's Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines
EHS Manager	Environmental, Health, and Safety Manager (under ESIC)
EMF	electromagnetic field
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
EPA	Environment Protection Agency
ESIC	Environment and Social Impact Cell
ETL	Electricity Transmission Line
FMC	Facility Management Consultant
FMC-IESS	FMC's International Environmental Safeguards Specialist
FMC-NESS	FMC's National Environmental Safeguards Specialist
FMC-NEI	FMC's National Environmental Inspector
GSHAP	Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program
HSE	Health, Safety and Environment
HTLS	high-temperature low sag
IBAT	Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool
ICNIRP	International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
LARP	Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan
MEPCO	Multan Electric Power Company
MFF	Multi Tranche Financing Facility
NEQS	National Environmental Quality Standards
NOC	No Objection Certificate

NTDC	National Transmission and Despatch Company
PBC	Pakistan Building Code
Pak-Act	Pakistan Environmental Protection Act (1997)
PEPA	Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency
PEQS	Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS)
PM	Particulate Matter
PMU	Project Management Unit
Punjab EPA	Punjab Environmental Protection Agency
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
RoW	Right of Way
SEPA	Sindh Environmental Protection Agency
SEPCO	Sukkur Electric Power Company
SEQS	Sindh Environmental Quality Standards
SPS	Safeguard Policy Statement (2009)
SSEMP	Site-specific EMP
USEPA	Environmental Protection Agency in the United States of America
WAPDA	Water & Power Development Authority
WHO	World Health Organization

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

$\mu g/m^3$	Microgram per cubic meter
amsl	Above mean sea level
dB(A)	decibels (A-weighted)
km	Kilometer
km2	Square kilometer
m	Meter
m3/sec	Cubic meter per second

CONVERSIONS

1 meter	= 3.28 feet
1 hectare	= 2.47 acre

NOTES

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1. Environmental Assessment and Review Framework (EARF)2 was prepared for MFF II in May 2016. This EARF is applicable for subprojects under MFF II and Tranche-I, funded by ADB. The EARF outlines the policy, procedures, and institutional requirements for preparing the subprojects. These subprojects need to be processed under ADB Safeguards Policy Statement (2009) (SPS).

2. Under Tranche 4 Readiness, National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) is planning to construct new 220 kV ETLs, construction of a grid station, augmentation of 10 existing grid stations and procurement of grid station equipment, through 6 Subprojects listed hereunder:

    1) Subproject 1 is the turnkey contract for design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of approximately 70 km of 220kV double circuit transmission line for looping in/out of the proposed Hala Road -Jamshoro single circuit transmission line at 220kV Mirpur Khas New Grid Station
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    4) Subproject 4 involves procurement of goods for the construction of a new 220kV Jamrud grid station and approximately 20 km of the associated 220kV Jamrud-Sheikh Muhammadi transmission line in the south-western area of Pakistan.
    5) Subproject 5 involves procurement of goods for the construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and about 150 km of 220kV Rahim Yar – Bahawalpur transmission lines and extension of 220kV Daharki and 220kV Bahawalpur grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalpur grid stations in the south-eastern area of Pakistan
    6) Subproject 6 involves procurement of goods for operation and maintenance of NTDC assets to reduce the grid stations breakouts (550kV, 245kV, and 145kV circuit breakers and replacement of one 500/220 kV, 450 MVA Auto Transformer Bank (ATB) at the existing 500 kV Rawat Grid Station.

3. This document is the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) for the proposed construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid

[1] 48078-002: Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program | Asian Development Bank (adb.org)
[2] Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program: Environmental Assessment and Review Framework | Asian Development Bank (adb.org)

stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan, under Subproject 5. The Project passes through two provinces; Sindh and Punjab.

Legal and Policy Framework

4. For the part of ETL in Sindh province, Sindh Environmental Protection Act (Sindh-Act, 2014) is the basic legislative tool empowering the government to frame regulations for the protection of the environment in Sindh province. Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) is responsible to implement the provisions of Sindh-Act (2014). Sindh Environmental Protection Agency Review of Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations 2014) provides the necessary details on the preparation, submission, and review of the IEE and the EIA. The categorization of projects for IEE and EIA is one of the main components of Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations (2014). The ETL Projects with 11 kV or higher are kept in Schedule II of the regulations and thus an EIA is required for such projects.

5. For the part of ETL in Punjab province, Punjab Environmental Protection Act (Punjab-Act, 1997 amended in 2012) is the basic legislative tool empowering the government to frame regulations for the protection of the environment in Punjab province. Punjab Environmental Protection Agency (Punjab EPA) is responsible to implement the provisions of the applicable law: Punjab-Act (1997). The act applies to a broad range of issues and extends to air, water, industrial liquid effluent, marine, and noise pollution, as well as to the handling of hazardous wastes. The *Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency Review of Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations* (federal IEE-EIA Regulations, 2000)[3] provides the necessary details on the preparation, submission, and review of the IEE and the EIA. The categorization of projects for IEE and EIA is one of the main components of Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations (2014). The ETL Projects with 11kV or higher are kept in Schedule II of the regulations and thus an EIA is required for such projects.

6. NDTC will prepare EIA separately for Sindh and Punjab provinces, and submitted to respective provincial EPA, to obtain environmental approval or no objection certificate (NOC) before commencement of any civil works.

7. The applicable laws bind the Agencies (SEPA and Punjab EPA) to inform the proponent (NTDC in this case) on the approval in four months from the date of filing EIA, failing which the EIA shall be deemed to have been approved as per relevant IEE–EIA Regulations to the extent to which it does not contravene the provisions of the environmental act of the province and the rules and regulations.

8. According to ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) (SPS), Tranche 4 is classified as Category B for environment, therefore requires an IEE. IEEs are prepared, following the EARF (footnote 2) prepared for MFF II, respectively for Subprojects 1, 2, 4 and 5, while environmental audit report (of existing facility) was prepared for Subprojects 3 and 6. This IEE covers part (construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan) of Subproject 5.

Project Description

9. Subproject 5 involves procurement of goods for the construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and about 150 km of 220kV Rahim Yar – Bahawalpur transmission lines and extension of 220kV Daharki and 220kV Bahawalpur grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalpur grid stations in the south-eastern area of Pakistan. This IEE covers construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim

[3] https://environment.gov.pk/SiteImage/Misc/files/Regulations/IEE%20EIA%20Regulation%202000.pdf

Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan. The ETL passes through two districts namely Ghotki district in Sindh province and Rahim Yar Khan district in Punjab province.

10. The Project area of influence (AoI, 1.5 km left and right of ETL) consists of agricultural land (88%) and settlements (8.5%). The rest of the land is comprised of barren lands, roads, and water bodies.

11. The Project proponent (NTDC) plans to have the tranche-4 completed within 2 to 3 years, after completing the necessary arrangements, on the fast track.

Description of Environment

12. A summary of the existing environmental condition of the Project area is presented below.

Physical Environment

13. The topography in the Project area, passing through the districts of Ghotki and Rahimyar Khan is flat. The land elevation varies from 63 m, msl (mean sea level) in Daharki district to 78 m msl in Rahimyar Khan district.

14. The Project area has irrigated cropping of wheat, gram, oilseed, and pulses in Rabi and cotton, sugar-cane rice, and millets in Kharif with perennial/seasonal canal supplies supplemented by canals and tube wells.

15. The soil up to 10 m, topsoil in the Project area is generally silty and sandy loam associated with the active flood plain, upper areas of the flood plain are calcareous loamy and clayey.

16. According to this classification in Pakistan Building Code (PBC), the Project is located in Zone 2A indicating in the zone has low to moderate earthquake risk.

17. The climate of the Project area is extremely hot and dry in the summer season where temperatures are above 45 ^{o}C, while winters are dry and cold with minimum temperatures falling as low as 5 ^{o}C. Rain fall is very low with maximum rainfall during the Monsoon season.

18. The Project area falls in a riverine area where people are highly dependent on the Indus River, Panjnad and canal system to meet their agricultural and domestic water needs. Tube wells and groundwater is used mostly for domestic use, especially for drinking. Guddu Barrage with a designed withdrawal capacity of 36,500 Cusecs and canals provides water for the southern region of the Project area.

19. The groundwater in the Project area is fresh and potable. All sampling locations had drinking water parameters within the set guidelines of Sindh Environmental Quality Standards (SEQS), Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS) and World Health Organization (WHO).

20. Primary data collected for air quality shows that measured values were within the respective PEQS and SEQS limits.

21. Primary data was measured for sound level values at three locations. The locations' measured noise levels were within the SEQS, PEQS, and International Finance Corporation (IFC) guidelines for both daytime and nighttime.

Fauna and Flora

22. Rahimyar khan's area is physically varied and has three key physical features: a desert region known as Cholistan, a riverside area, and an area that is irrigated by canals. Consequently, it has a diversified natural environment.

23. The primary land use in the majority of the area is irrigated farming of wheat, gram, oilseed, and pulses in Rabi and cotton, sugarcane, rice, and millets in Kharif.

24. The remaining land is largely utilized for grazing and is uncultivated. *Prosopis spicigera*, *Acacia jacquemontii*, *Salvadora oleoides*, *Capparis aphylla*, *Tamarix articulata*, *Tamarix sp*., *Calotropis procera* are among the natural vegetation. Other species include *Desmostachya bipinnata*, *Alhagi camelorum*, *Acacia arabica*, *Zizyphus jujuba,* and *Tamarix diocia*.

25. The Ghotki district's geography is split into three physical regions: the desert area, the cultivable area, and the flood plains (Katcha). Wheat, cotton, vegetables, and fruits are the major crops in the study area.

26. The climate is appropriate for growing vegetable crops and fruits such as dates, bananas, mangoes, carrots, lemons, reddish, cabbage, onion, spinach, green chilies, etc.

27. There are several types of plants that can withstand dryness, including cactuses and succulents (Agaves spp.), Aerva javanica, Calligonum polygonoides, Crotalaria burhia, Capparis decidua, Dipterygium glaucum, Tephrosia villosa, Aristida adscensionis, Cassia, Tephrosia uniflora and Cassia italic. Mixed vegetation of shrubs and plants, such as Typha spp., Hydrilla verticillata, Paspalum distichum, Polygonum hyaropier, Urticularia lotus, Nelumbium nuciferum, Desmostachya bininata, Phragmites karka, Saccharum bengalensis and Tamarix indica were also reported to be present in the Desert zone.

28. During the current survey in the AoI, the dominated plant species such as Dalbergia sissoo, Acacia nilotica, Typha domingensis, Tamarix aphylla, Saccharum bengalense, and Calotropis procera were found. Among plant species, the large size plant species were mostly observed in the agriculture fields and vegetation type habitats.

29. Mammals species found in the wider area of the study area include Golden Jackal Canis aureus, Red Fox Vulpes, Desert Fox Vulpes bengalensis, Small Indian Mongoose Herpestes javanicus, Jungle Cat Felis chaus, Indian Crested Porcupine Hystrix indica, Small Indian Civet Viverricula indica, Wild Boar Sus scrofa, Short-tailed Mole Rat Nesokia indica, and Desert Hare Lepus nigricollis.

30. The Five Striped Palm Squirrel was the most abundant mammalian species in the Project area. This species was observed in all three habitats of the Project area during the current survey.

31. Conservational important birds species found in the wider area included White-rumped Vulture Gyps bengalensis which is globally listed as Critically Endangered. The Endangered species found in the wider area of the Project included Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensi, and Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus. Of the bird species reported from the Project area, River Tern *Sterna aurantia* is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

Socioeconomic Environment

32. According to the census of 2017, the total population of Ghotki district is 1,646,318, and Rahim Yar Khan district is 4,814,006. Based on the 2.4% population growth rate of Pakistan, the estimated population for the year 2022 for Ghotki district is 1,843,876 and Rahim Yar Khan is 5,391,687.

33. Sindhi and Punjabi are the mother tongues spoken in the project areas. However, Urdu, Saraiki and Balochi are also spoken.

34. Natural gas (or Sui Gas) is available to 60% of the household in the project area, however, it has emerged as the need of the entire project area.

35. Potable drinking water supply is available to 45% of the houses and people are only relying on the groundwater, extracted either manually through a hand pump or electrically through the electric pump.

36. The electricity supply is available to almost all the villages and settlements along the line route. Electricity is provided by the Sukkur Electric Power Company (SEPCO) and Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO).

37. The Project area is a predominantly agricultural-dependent livelihood. However, there are several industries including cotton ginning and pressing, flour mills, textile weaving, sugar, poultry feeds, rice mills, seed processing, fans/coolers, seed processing, fertilizer, cement products, soap, detergent etc.

Environmental Management Plan

38. An environmental management plan (EMP), which establishes the linkages between the environmental and social impacts, mitigation strategy and the agencies responsible for execution. The EMP covers:

- A comprehensive listing of mitigation measures (actions).
- The institution(s)/ person(s) responsible for implementation of specific actions.
- The parameters to be monitored to ensure the effective implementation of the actions.
- A timescale for the implementation of actions has been indicated subject to the project life cycle.
- A plan for impact mitigation and monitoring for the construction and operation activities.

39. Proposed Project activities were reviewed and their potential impacts on the physical, biological, and socio-economic environment were assessed. Where appropriate, mitigation measures have been proposed to keep potential adverse environmental impacts within acceptable limits.

40. An EMP has been developed in this report to effectively implement the mitigation measures identified in the impact assessment. Contractor will develop Site-specific EMP (SSEMP) based on the EMP before construction activities start. No access to the site will be allowed until the SSEMP is approved by the Environment and Social Impact Cell (ESIC; Project Management Unit [PMU] of NTDC).

Information Disclosure

41. The executive summary of the IEE and the EMP will be translated to Urdu and Sindhi languages[4] for disclosure along with complete existing document (in English). Within 2 weeks after ADB's clearance of the IEE, the summary (including the EMP) in Urdu language will be disclose on NTDC's website. The summary will also be placed at main gate of Daharki and Rahimyar Khan Grid Stations for public access.

Conclusion and Recommendations

42. if the Project construction and operation activities, including the implementation of all proposed mitigation measures, are carried out as described in this document, the anticipated impact of the project on the area's natural and socioeconomic environment shall remain well within acceptable limits.

43. The major proposed mitigation measures are summarized as follows:

- Temporary labor camps will be developed inside the grid station boundary and will be facilitated with proper drainage facilities.

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- Soil erosion and contamination, water contamination, air pollution, and high noise levels will be controlled with the use of good engineering practices.
- The contractor will develop subplans (listed in footnote on page of this IEE) as part of SSEMP before starting the construction activities. No access to the site will be allowed until the SSEMP is approved by the ESIC.
- Fair and negotiated compensation following the prevailing market prices will be made for the loss of crops and trees during the construction activities of the project.
- The erection of towers in the water bodies will be avoided as far as possible. However, at places where realignment of the ETL is unavoidable, towers with the maximum span will be used to minimize the number of towers in the water body.
- The contractor will take due care of the local community and its sensitivity towards local customs and traditions.

44. Following requirements of ADB SPS, NTDC will apply pollution prevention and control technologies and practices consistent with international good practice as reflected in internationally recognized standards such as EHS Guidelines (footnotes , and of this IEE). When Government regulations differ from these levels and measures, NTDC will achieve whichever is more stringent. If less stringent levels or measures are appropriate in view of specific project circumstances, NTDC will provide full and detailed justification for any proposed alternatives that are consistent with the requirements presented in ADB SPS.

45. This IEE will be updated if unanticipated environmental impacts become apparent and will be submitted to ADB for clearance and disclosure at ADB website.

46. NTDC will have the right to suspend works or payments if the Contractor is in violation of any of his obligations under the EMP and SSEMP.

1. Introduction

1. The Government of Pakistan signed a loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for financial support for the construction of the Power Enhancement Projects in Pakistan. The multi-tranche financing facility for the Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (MFF II or the Program) will expand and reinforce Pakistan's power transmission system, enabling the system to provide a reliable and quality service capable of meeting increasing customer demand and supporting economic growth. MFF II comprises four tranches and Projects located in different areas of the country.

2. Under Tranche 4 Readiness, NTDC is planning to construct new 220 kV electrical transmission lines (ETL), construction of a grid station, argumentation of 10 existing grid stations and procurement of grid station equipment. The name of these subprojects is listed hereunder:

1) Subproject 1 is the turnkey contract for design, supply, installation, testing and commissioning of approximately 70 km of 220kV double circuit transmission line for looping in/out of the proposed Hala Road-Jamshoro single circuit transmission line at 220kV Mirpur Khas New Grid Station
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1.1 Brief Description of the project and Background

4. The 105 km - long 220 kV electrical transmission line (ETL), 220 kV Daharki Grid Stations at 220 kV 220 kV Rahimyar Khan Grid Station.

5. The location of the Project in Sindh and Punjab provinces is shown in **Figure 1-1**.

1.2 Environmental Category

6. According to ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) (SPS), Tranche 4 is classified as Category B for environment, therefore requires an IEE. IEEs are prepared, following the EARF (footnote) prepared for MFF II, respectively for Subprojects 1, 2, 4 and 5, while environmental audit report (of existing facility) was prepared for Subprojects 3 and 6. This IEE covers Subproject.

7. However, in local regulations, the ETLs (11 kV and above) and distribution projects are included in Schedule II which requires an EIA. NDTC will prepare EIA separately for Sindh and Punjab provinces, and submitted to respective provincial EPA, to obtain environmental approval or NOC before commencement of any civil works.

1.3 Project Proponent and Study Consultants

8. The Proponent of the proposed Project is NTDC. NTDC was incorporated on 6 November 1998 and took over all the properties, rights and assets obligations and liabilities of the network of 220 kV and 500 kV Grid Stations and ETLs owned by Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA).[5]

1.4 Approach to the IEE

9. An EARF (footnote) was prepared for MFF II in May 2016. This EARF is applicable for subprojects under MFF II and Tranche-I, funded by ADB. The EARF outlines the policy, procedures, and institutional requirements for preparing the subprojects. These subprojects need to be processed under ADB SPS.

10. The IEE was performed in five main phases described below and was prepared following the EARF.

1.4.1 Phase 1 – Scoping

11. The activities included in this phase are:

- Project Data Compilation: A generic description of the proposed Project activities was compiled.
- Published Literature Review: Secondary data on the physical, ecological and socioeconomic environment was compiled.
- Legislative Review: Information on relevant legislation, regulations, guidelines, and standards were compiled including those of Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s policies and guidelines.
- Evaluation of Project Activities: Based on available information on Project activities including land requirements according to Project options, construction, operations, and maintenance.

  An impact assessment methodology was defined by identifying significance of impact through both the *consequence* and the *likelihood of occurrence* of the impact.
- Identification of Potential Impact: The information collected in the above steps was reviewed, and potential environmental and socio-economic issues were identified with impact significance in the Project Area of Influence (AoI).

1.4.2 Phase 2 – Baseline Studies

12. Following the scoping exercise, the AoI of the project was surveyed to collect primary data during the field visit conducted between 26 August 2022, and 12 September 2022.

1.4.3 Phase 3 – Stakeholder Consultation

[5] http://www.ntdc.com.pk.

13. Local communities were identified in AoI as the major stakeholder, which can affect the Project or be affected by the Project. The socioeconomic team conducted community consultations to establish community perception of the proposed development. The institutions that may have an interest in the proposed Project were also consulted.

1.4.4 Phase 4 – Impact Assessment Methodology

14. The baseline studies conducted for the Project and the available Project description were used to assess the potential environmental impact of the proposed Project. The significance of impact was determined. The significance of the potential impacts can be determined by considering both the *consequence* and the *likelihood of occurrence* of the impact.

15. The consequence of the proposed activity is evaluated by comparing it against recognized significance criteria, such as institutional recognition, technical recognition, scientific or technical knowledge, or judgment of recognized experts, public recognition, and professional and experience-based interpretation of the evaluator.

16. The issues studied included potential Project impacts on:

- Geomorphology and Soils
- Surface and groundwater
- Ambient air quality
- Noise and traffic
- Ecology of the area, including aquatic ecology and terrestrial flora and fauna
- The socio-economic environment of the area
- Community health and safety including electric and magnetic fields (EMF) impacts during operations

17. Mitigation measures were identified to address these impacts. The mitigation measures are designed to reduce the potential adverse impact to acceptable levels and wherever feasible to further reduce it as far as possible.

18. After the implementation of the mitigation measures, the identification of the residual impact significance is evaluated.

1.4.5 Phase 5 – Documentation

19. Finally, this IEE report has been prepared according to the relevant environmental legislation. The report includes the findings of the assessment, identifies the Project impacts, and suggests mitigation measures to be implemented during the execution and operations.

1.5 Project Benefits

20. The benefits associated with the proposed sub-project mainly include:

- Improvement in power supply position at/around 220 kV Rahimyar Khan and Daharki Grid Stations.
- Increase in system capacity to meet future load demands of the area.
- Improvement in voltage profile of the existing 132 kV grid station in Rahimyar Khan and Ghotki.
- Reduction in transmission system losses.
- The proposed project will provide the resynchronization of the NTDC network during collapse due to severe bad weather conditions.
- Improvement in the reliability of NTDC, HESCO, SEPCO and MEPCO system networks.

- The sub-project will help to provide an uninterrupted power supply to underdeveloped areas of Sindh province.
- Implementation of the project will help to uplift the social life of the area, creation of new jobs and business opportunities
- Additional revenue to government exchequer from the levy of taxes on finished goods, electricity duty due to additional sale of power & associated government taxes.

21. The other benefits of the proposed project are as follows:

- Increase in the available system capacity to meet future load growth at/around the proposed project.
- Improvement in the reliability of NTDC and local Distribution Companies (DISCOs) system networks.
- Serve 220 kV source of power to feed the local DISCOs load center
- Improvement in the power supply position of local DISCOs.

22. Envisaged social benefits of the Project are:

- Provision of a more reliable supply of electricity to the consumers.
- Fulfilment of power demand for rural electrification program etc.
- Improvement in living standards of the local communities.
- Creation of small business services.
- Creation of new job opportunities for local communities.
- Development of new accommodation facilities and the local people will be exposed to new income generation opportunities.
- Socio-economic uplifts of the community such as improved production, incomes and market activities.
- Tube wells electrification will provide additional water for irrigation, increase cropped areas and also production.
- The development of new industries in the area will create gainful employment for the increasing workforce.
- Additional revenues to the Government exchequer from the levy of taxes on finished goods, electricity duty due to additional sale of power and associated taxes, etc.
- In the overall analysis, the improvement in ecological environments coupled with higher production is envisaged to bring out substantial economic gains for the people living in the project area.

1.6 Organization of the Report

23. Section 1 (Introduction) provides an introduction of the Project and outlines the objectives of the IEE.

24. Section 2 (Policy, Legal, and Administrative Framework) presents the legislative requirements that need to be followed while conducting an IEE study.

25. Section 3 (Description) contains information about the key features of the proposed Project and describes the proposed Project activities.

26. Section 4 (Description of the Environment (Baseline Data)) documents in detail the existing physical, ecological and socioeconomic conditions around the Project site.

27. Section 5 (Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures) presents an assessment of the Project's impact to the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment, as well as proposed mitigation measures. The section also discusses the alternatives of the proposed Project that were considered.

28. Section 6 (Analysis of Alternatives) discusses the alternatives of the proposed Project that were considered.

29. Section 7 (Information Disclosure, Consultation, and Participation) presents the objectives and outcomes of the public consultation that were conducted during the IEE study. The section also covers the information disclosure steps and grievance redress mechanism (GRM) prepared for this project.

30. Section 9 (Environmental Management Plan) facilitates the implementation and monitoring of the mitigation measures identified in the IEE.

31. Section 10 (Conclusion and Recommendations) summarizes the findings and recommendations of this IEE study and concludes the report.

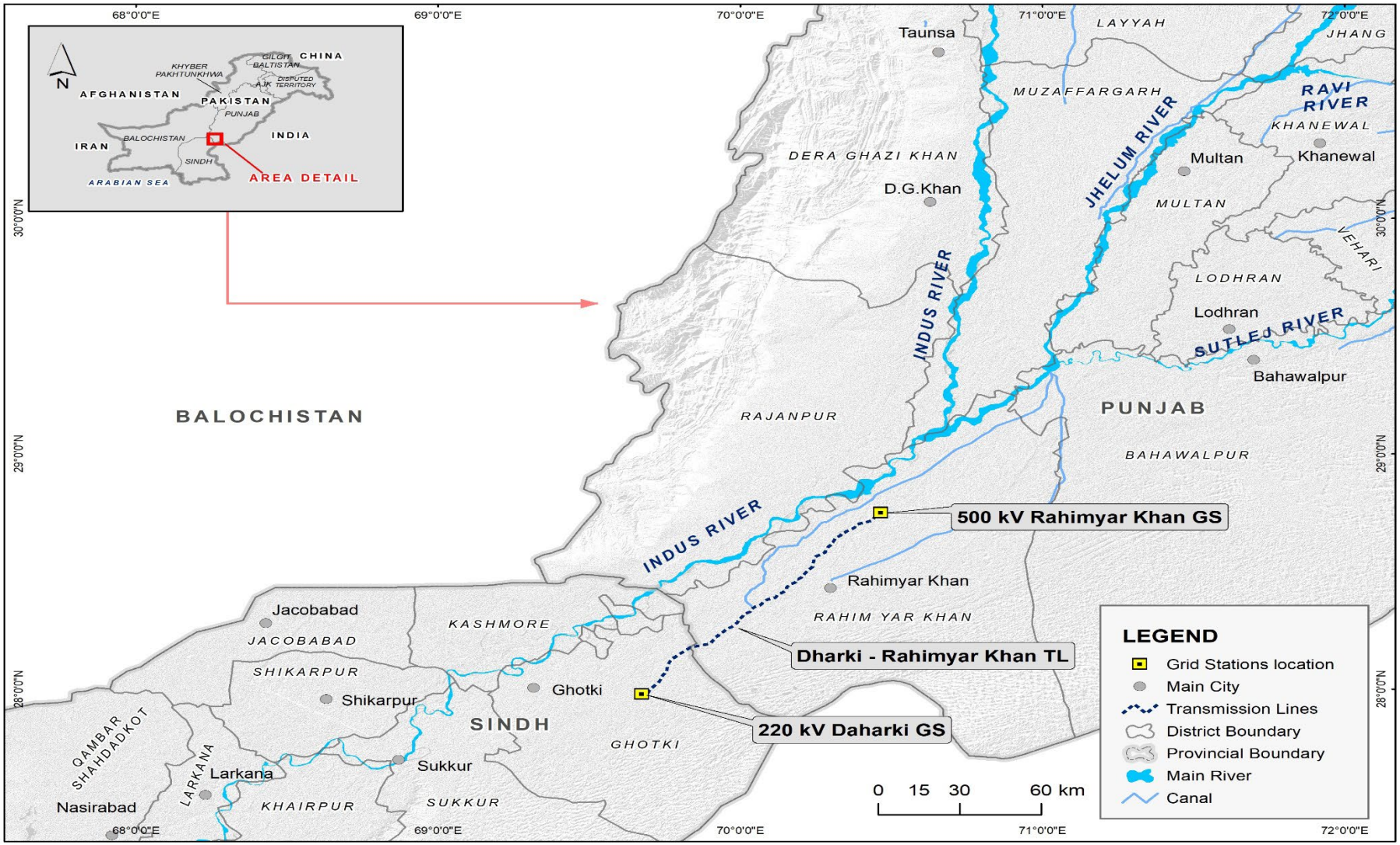


Figure 1-1: Project Location

2. Policy, Legal, and Administrative Framework

32. This section **outlines** the Project category, environmental and social legislation, standards, and codes of practice governing the IEE and the Project.

2.1 Historical and Constitutional Context

33. The development of statutory and other instruments for environmental management has steadily gained priority in Pakistan since the late 1970s. The Pakistan Environmental Protection Ordinance, 1983 was the first piece of legislation designed specifically for the protection of the environment. The promulgation of this ordinance was followed, in 1984, by the establishment of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (PEPA), the primary government institution at that time dealing with environmental issues. Significant work on developing the environmental policy was carried out in the late 1980s, which culminated in the drafting of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy. Provincial environmental protection agencies were also established at about the same time. The National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) were established in 1993. In 1997, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act (Pac-Act) 1997 was enacted to replace the 1930 Ordinance. Pak-Act (1997) conferred broad-based enforcement powers to the environmental protection agencies. This was followed by the publication of the federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000, footnote 3) which provided the necessary details on the preparation, submission, and review of initial environmental examinations (IEE) and environmental impact assessments (EIA).

34. Before the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan in 2010, the legislative powers were distributed between the federal and provincial governments through two 'lists' attached to the Constitution as Schedules. The Federal list covered the subjects over which the federal government had exclusive legislative power, while the 'Concurrent List' contained subjects regarding which both the federal and provincial governments could enact laws. The subject of 'environmental pollution and ecology' was included in the Concurrent List and hence allowed both the national and provincial governments to enact laws on the subject. However, as a result of the 18th Amendment, this subject is now in the exclusive domain of the provincial government. The main consequences of this change were as follows:

- The Ministry of Environment at the federal level was abolished. Its functions related to the national environmental management were transferred to the provinces. To manage the international obligations in the context of the environment, a new ministry—the Ministry of Climate Change—was created at the federal level.
- Pak-Act (1997) was technically no longer applicable to the provinces. The provinces were required to enact their own legislation for environmental protection. However, to ensure legal continuity Pak-Act (1997) continued to be the legal instrument for environmental protection in the provinces till the enactment of the provincial law.

35. All four provinces have enacted their environmental protection laws. These provincial laws are largely based on Pak-Act (1997) and, hence, provide the same level of environmental protection as the parent law.

Provincial Law and Regulations

Sindh

2.2 Sindh Environmental Protection Act (Sindh-Act, 2014)

36. Sindh-Act (2014) is the basic legislative tool empowering the government to frame regulations for the protection of the environment. As per the law, SEPA is responsible to implement the provisions of this Act in Sindh. Sindh-Act (2014) applies to a broad range of

issues and extends to air, water, industrial liquid effluent, marine, and noise pollution, as well as to the handling of hazardous wastes.

37. The articles of Sindh-Act (2014) that have a direct bearing on the proposed Project are listed below.

- Article 11 deals with the SEQS and its application
- Article 13 deals with hazardous substances
- Article 14 prohibits various acts detrimental to the environment
- Article 17 establishes the requirement for environmental impact assessment.
- To implement the provisions of Sindh-Act (2014), rules and regulations are required.6 The key rules and regulations are:
    - National Environmental Quality Standards (Self–Monitoring and Reporting by Industries) Rules, 2001
    - Environmental Samples Rules, 2001
    - Sindh Environmental Protection Agency Review of Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations 2014)

38. Guidelines are issued by the PEPA for the preparation of the environmental assessment. The relevant guidelines are discussed in **Section 2.3**. All the rules, regulations, and guidelines issued under Pak-Act (1997) and discussed above remain valid after the promulgation of Sindh-Act (2014).

2.3 Institutional Framework

39. Under Sindh-Act (2014), SEPA is an autonomous agency. For administrative purposes, it is part of the Forest, Environment and Wildlife Department of the Government of Sindh. SEPA is a regulatory agency with the following main functions:

- Enforcement of Sindh-Act (2014)
- Prepare environmental policies for approval of the GoS
- Implement environmental policies
- Publish annual state of the environment report for Sindh
- Prepare or revise SEQS
- Ensure implementation of SEQS
- Establish systems and procedures for environmental management
- Promote research and studies on environmental issues
- Issue license for the handling of hazardous substance
- Certify environmental laboratories
- Initiate legislation for environmental protection
- Assist government agencies in case of environmental accidents
- Providing advice to the government on issues related to the environment
- Assist governments agencies in the implementation of waste management schemes
- Guide public on environmental matters

[6] Rules and regulations are similar instruments but differ in their hierarchy. The power to make rules and regulations is given in the enabling law, Pak-Act (1997) and Sindh-Act (2014) in this case. The rules are made by the government (federal or provincial, as the case may be) and require publication in the official gazette. Regulations are made by the government agency, which is empowered by the law, environmental protection agencies in this case, and are not always published in the official gazette. Rules deal with relatively important matters such as delegation of powers and authorities, whereas regulations usually deal with procedural matters.

- Assist education institutions in prescribing environmental curricula
- Undertake measures to enhance awareness on the environment among the general public
- Disseminate knowledge on environment
- Specify safeguards for the prevention of accidents which may cause pollution
- Review and approve mitigation plans and give guidance for clean-up operations
- Encourage the formation and working of nongovernmental organizations, community organizations, and village organizations for environmental protection
- Carry out any other task related to the environment assigned by the government.

40. SEPA will be responsible for the review and approval of the EIA of the proposed Project falling in Sindh Part.

2.4 Requirements for Environmental Impact Assessment

41. The articles of Sindh-Act (2014) that have a direct bearing on the environmental assessment of the proposed Project are:

42. Article 17(1): 'No proponent of a project shall commence construction or operation unless he has filed with the Agency[7] an initial environmental examination or an environmental impact assessmentand has obtained from the Agency approval in respect thereof.'

43. Article 17(3): 'Every review of an environmental impact assessment shall be carried out with public participation…'

44. Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations (2014) provides the necessary details on the preparation, submission, and review of the IEE and the EIA. The categorization of projects for IEE and EIA is one of the main components of Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations (2014). Projects have been classified based on the expected degree of adverse environmental impact. Project types included in Schedule II of the regulations include those that are likely to have a potentially significant impact on the environment and thus an EIA is required for such projects, whereas those included in Schedule I are listed as having potentially less adverse effects and therefore require an IEE. The ETL projects with 11 kV or higher are kept in Schedule II of the regulations and thus, an EIA is required for such projects.

45. Regulation 9 of Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations (2014) requires that '(1) Ten paper copies and two electronic copies of an IEE or EIA shall be filed with the Federal Agency; (2) Every IEE and EIA shall be accompanied by (a) an application, in the form set out in Schedule V; (b) copy of the receipt showing payment of the review fee; (c) no-objection certificates from the relevant departments in case of EIA shall be the part of reports; and (d) the environmental checklist as per its guidelines.

46. Procedure for review of EIA by the EPA which is contained in Regulations 10–17. The key features are:

- On acceptance of the EIA for review, EPA will place a public notice in national English and Urdu newspapers and local language newspapers informing the public about the Project and where it's EIA can be accessed. It will also set a date for a public hearing which shall be at least 30 days after the publication of the notice.
- If it considers necessary, the EPA can form a Committee of Experts to assist the EPA in the review of the EIA. The EPA may also decide to inspect the Project site.
- Article 17(4) of Sindh-Act (2014) binds the SEPA to 'communicate its approval or otherwise within four months from the date, the environmental impact assessment is filed complete in all respects following the regulations, failing which the environmental impact assessment

[7] The term 'Agency' refers to SEPA.

shall be deemed to have been approved, to the extent to which it does not contravene the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations'.

- Regulation 7 of Sindh IEE–EIA Regulations (2014) pertains to the guidelines. It states that: '(1) The Agency may issue guidelines for the preparation of an IEE or EIA or an environmental checklist, including guidelines of general applicability and sectoral guidelines indicating specific assessment requirements for planning, construction, and operation of projects relating to a particular sector. (2) where guidelines have been issued under sub-regulation (1), an IEE or EIA shall be prepared, to the extent practicable, in accordance therewith and the proponent shall justify in the IEE or EIA or environmental checklist any departure therefrom.'

47. The relevant guidelines are the follows:

- Policy and Procedures for the filling, review, and approval of environmental assessments set out the key policy and procedural requirements. It contains a brief policy statement on the purpose of environmental assessment and the goal of sustainable development and also states that environmental assessment is integrated with feasibility studies.
- Guidelines for the preparation and review of environmental reports which cover the following:
- Scoping, alternatives, site selection, and format of environmental reports
- Identification, analysis and prediction, baseline data, and significance of impacts
- Mitigation and impact management and preparing an environmental management plan
- Reporting
- Review and decision making
- Monitoring and auditing
- Project management.
- Guidelines for Public Consultation which covers the following:
- Consultation, involvement, and participation
- Identifying stakeholders
- Techniques for public consultation (principles, levels of involvement, tools, building trust);
- Effective public consultation (planning, stages of EIA/ IEE where consultation is appropriate);
- Consensus building and dispute resolution
- Facilitating involvement (including the poor, women, building community, and NGO capacity)

48. Guidelines for sensitive areas which identifies the sensitive areas

- Article 11(1) of Sindh-Act (2014) states that: 'Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations, no person shall discharge or emit or allow the discharge or emission of any effluent, waste, pollutant, noise or any other matter that may cause or likely to cause pollution or adverse environmental effects, as defined in Section 2 of this Act, in an amount, concentration or level which is in excess to that specified in SEQS.

49. The SEPA has promulgated several standards, the SEQS, which applied to the entire province of Sindh. These include:

- Ambient air quality (9 parameters)
- Drinking water (32 parameters)
- Ambient noise
- Industrial effluents (32 parameters)
- Industrial gaseous emissions (18 parameters).

50. The Project requires filing an EIA with SEPA for NOC. The applicable law binds the Agency (SEPA) to inform the proponent (NTDC in this case) on the approval in four months from the date of filing EIA, failing which the EIA shall be deemed to have been approved as per para.16 of federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000, footnote 3) to the extent to which it does not contravene the provisions of the Act and the rules and regulations. The approval once granted is valid for 3 years from the date of issue. If the construction work does not start or complete within the 03 years an application required to submit with the Agency for extension to maximum another 03 years period.

2.4.1 Administrative Framework on Environmental Issues

51. The proposed project is legally required to comply with the SEQS for part of ETL that falls in Sindh province.

52. SEQS for air quality are presented in **Table 2-1**. **Table 2-2** provides a comparison of SEQS (local standards) with international standards and guideline values.

SEQS for effluent water and drinking water are presented in **Table 2-3** to **Table 2-4**.

53. **Table 2-5** provides local noise standards and a comparison of these (local standards) with international standards is presented in **Table 2-6**.

Table 2-1: SEQS Limits for Ambient Air Quality

Pollutants	Time-weighted Average	Sindh Standards (µg/m^3)
Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2)	Annual*	80
	24 hours**	120
Oxide of Nitrogen as (NO)	Annual	40
	24 hours	40
Oxide of Nitrogen as (NO_2)	Annual	40
	24 hours	80
Ozone (O_3)	1 hour	130
Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)	Annual	360
	24 hours	500
Respirable particulate Matter. PM_{10}	Annual	40***
	24 hours	150
Respirable Particulate Matter. $PM_{2.5}$	24 hours	75
	Annual Average	40
Lead (Pb)	Annual Average	1
	24 hours	1.5
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	8 hours	5,000
	1 hour	10,000

SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

*Annual arithmetic means of minimum 104 measurements in a year taken twice a week, hourly and uniform interval

**24 hourly/8 hourly values should be met 98% in a year, 2% of the time. It may exceed but not on two consecutive days.

***Annual Average limit of 40 µg/m^3 or background annual average concentration plus the allowable allowance of 9 µg/m^3, whichever is lower.

Table 2-2: Comparison of Local and International Standards

Pollutant	SEQS		WHO AGQ Level	
	Avg. Time	Standards	24 hours	40 µg/m³
SO_2	Annual Mean 24 hours	80 µg/m³ 120 µg/m³	10 Minutes 24 hours 8 hours 15 minute	500 µg/m³ 4 µg/m³ 10 µg/m³ 100 µg/m³
CO	8hours 1 hour	5 mg/m³ 10 mg/m³	1 Year 24 hour 1 hour	10 µg/m³ 25 µg/m³ 200 µg/m³
NO_2	Annual Mean 24 hours	40 µg/m³ 80 µg/m³	8 hours Peak season	100 µg/m³ 60 µg/m³
O_3	1 hour	135 µg/m³		
TSP	24 hours	500 µg/m³	1 Year 24 Hours	15 µg/m³ 45 µg/m³
PM_{10}	24 hours	150 µg/m³	1 Year 24 Hours	5 µg/m³ 15 µg/m³
$PM_{2.5}$	24 hours	75 µg/m³	24 hours	40 µg/m³

SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

Note: The standards highlighted in green for each pollutant are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed project.

Table 2-3: SEQS Limits for Effluents

(mg/l, unless otherwise defined)

Parameter	SEQS (Into Inland Waters)	SEQS (Sewage Treatment)	IFC[8]
Temperature increase*	40°C or increase less than 3°C	40°C or increase less than 3°C	< 3°C
pH value	6 to 9	6 to 9	6 to 9
Five–day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) at 20°C	80	250	50
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	150	400	250
Total suspended solids (TSS)	200	400	50
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	3500	3500	
Grease and oil	10	10	10
Phenolic compounds (as phenol)	0.1	0.3	0.5
Chlorides (as Cl')	1000	1000	
Fluorides (as F')	10	10	
Cyanide total (as CN')	1.0	1.0	
Anionic detergents (as MBAS)	20	20	
Sulfates (SO_4^{2-})	600	1000	
Sulfides (S^{2-})	1.0	1.0	1.0
Ammonia (NH_3)	40	4.0	10
Pesticides	0.15	0.15	
Cadmium	0.1	0.1	0.1
Chromium (trivalent and hexavalent)	1.0	1.0	0.1
Copper	1.0	1.0	0.5
Lead	0.5	0.5	0.1
Mercury	0.01	0.01	0.01
Selenium	0.5	0.5	0.1

[8] Limits for Process Wastewater, Domestic Sewage, and Contaminated Stormwater Discharged to Surface Waters, for General Application. Notes: The standards highlighted in green for each pollutant are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed project.

Parameter	SEQS (Into Inland Waters)	SEQS (Sewage Treatment)	IFC[8]
Nickel	1.0	1.0	0.5
Silver	1.0	1.0	0.5
Total toxic metals	2.0	2.0	10
Zinc	5.0	5.0	2.0
Arsenic	1.0	1.0	0.1
Barium	1.5	1.5	
Iron	8.0	8.0	3.5
Manganese	1.5	1.5	
Boron]	6.0	6.0	
Chlorine	1.0	1.0	0.2

SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

*The effluent should not result in a temperature increase of more than 3oC at the edge of the zone where initial mixing and dilution take place in the receiving body. In case the zone is not defined, use 100 meters from the point of discharge.

Notes: The standards highlighted in green for each pollutant are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed project.

Table 2-4: SEQS Standards for Drinking Water Quality

Parameter	*Unit*	*SEQS*	*WHO Guidelines*
Physical			
Temperature	ºC	NGVS	
Odor		Non- Objectionable	Non
Color	TCU	≤ 15	≤ 15
Taste		Non- Objectionable	Non
pH		6.5-8.5	6.5-8.5
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/l	< 500	< 500
Total dissolved solids	mg/l	< 1000	< 600
Turbidity	NTU	< 5	<4
Chemicals			
Aluminum (Al)	mg/l	≤ 0.2	≤ 0.2
Antimony (Sb)	mg/l	≤ 0.005	≤ 0.02
Arsenic (As)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.01
Barium (Ba)	mg/l	≤ 0.7	≤1.3
Boron (B)	mg/l	≤ 0.3	≤ 2.4
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/l	≤ 0.01	≤ 0.003
Chloride (Cl)	mg/l	< 250	-
Chromium (Cr)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.05
Copper (Cu)	mg/l	≤ 2.0	≤ 2.0
Cyanide (CN-)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	-
Fluoride (F-)	mg/l	≤ 1.5	≤ 1.5
Lead (Pb)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.009
Manganese (Mn)	mg/l	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.08
Mercury (Hg)	mg/l	≤ 0.001	≤ 0.006
Nickel (Ni)	mg/l	≤0.02	≤0.07
Nitrate (NO3-)	mg/l	≤ 0.50	≤ 50
Nitrite (NO2-)	mg/l	≤ 3.0	≤ 3.0
Selenium (Se)	mg/l	≤ 0.01	≤ 0.04
Residual Chlorine	mg/l	≤ 0.5	-
Zinc (Zn)	mg/l	≤ 5.0	≤ 0.05
Biological			
Total Coliforms	mL CFU	0/ 100	0
Fecal Coliforms	mL CFU	0/ 100	0
Biological			
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols)	mg/l	<0.002	<0.02

Parameter	*Unit*	*SEQS*	*WHO Guidelines*
Pesticides	mg/l	NGVS	
Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (as PAH)	g/l	0.01 (By GC/MS method)	≤ 0.00007 mg/l

SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards
Note:

TCU	True color unit	NGVS	No Guideline Value Set
CFU	Colony Forming Unit	NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

Note: The standards highlighted in green for each pollutant are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed project.

Table 2-5: SEQS Standards for Noise

No.	Category of Area/Zone	Effective from 1st July 2010		Effective from 1st January 2015	
		Limit in dB(A) Leq*			
		Day Time	Nighttime	Day Time	Nighttime
1.	Residential area (A)	65	50	55	45
2.	Commercial area (B)	70	60	65	55
3.	Industrial area (C)	80	75	75	65
4.	Silence zone (D)	55	45	50	45

SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

Note:

1. Day time hours: 6 .00 am to 10.00 pm
2. Nighttime hours: 10.00 pm to 6.00 am
3. Silence zone: Zones which are declared as such by the competent authority. An area comprising not less than 100 meters around hospitals, educational institutions and courts, and courts.
4. Mixed categories of areas may be declared as one of the four above-mentioned categories by the competent authority.
5. *dB(A) Leq: a time-weighted average of the level of sound in decibels on scale A which is relatable to human hearing.

Table 2-6: Comparison of Local and International Standards

Category of Area/Zone	*Limit in dB(A) Leq*			
	SEQS		*IFC*	
	Nighttime (22:00-06:00)	*Daytime (06:00-22:00)*	*Nighttime (22:00-07:00)*	*Daytime (07:00-22:00)*
Residential area (A)	45	55	45	55
Commercial area (B)	55	65	70	70
Industrial area (C)	65	75	70	70
Silence zone (D)	45	50	45	55

SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

Note: The standards highlighted in green for each respective Area/Zone are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed project.

2.4.2 Other Applicable Laws

54. There are several other laws in the statute books of Pakistan which have a bearing on the environmental performance of the Project. These are listed in **Table 2-7**.

Table 2-7: Laws Relevant to the Project

Law	Description	Applicability to the - project
The Forest Act 1927	Authorizes the provincial forest department to establish forest reserves and protected forests. The ordinance prohibits any person from setting fires in the forest; quarrying stone; removing any forest produce; or causing any damage to the forest by cutting trees or clearing areas for cultivation or any other purpose without the express permission of the relevant provincial forest department.	The project area does not include any forest reserve or protected forests established by the provincial forest department. Therefore, this law is not relevant to the Project.
Sind Wildlife Protection Ordinance, 1972 (Sindh Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Act, 2008.)	This law was enacted to protect the province's wildlife resources directly and other natural habitats indirectly. It classifies wildlife by degree of protection, i.e., animals that may be hunted on a permit or special license, and species that are protected and cannot be hunted under any circumstances. The Act specifies restrictions on hunting and trade in animals, trophies, or parts. The Act also defines various categories of wildlife-protected areas, i.e., National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and Game Reserves.	The project area does not include any protected wildlife species; therefore, this law is not relevant to the Project.
Land Acquisition Act, 1894	The Act empowers the government to acquire land for public interests (including for projects of national importance whether in the public or private sector). The law sets out procedures for land acquisition, valuation of land, payment of compensation to landowners, including any damage caused to their properties, crops and trees by a Project.	The law will be applicable only if the state decides to acquire private land for the project and transfer to the Proponent. In case, the land is acquired directly through private negotiations, this law has no implications.
Fisheries West Pakistan. Ordinance XXX of 1961	This law prohibits the destruction of fish by explosives, poisoning water and the hunting of protected fish species. The law also forbids the use of the net or fixed engine traps without a permit or license. The law grants power to the Director-General Fisheries to issue fishing permits. The ordinance protects fish against destruction by explosives and by poisoning of waters.	The law shall apply to Project where there is a construction activity near water bodies such as a river or canal
The Sindh Irrigation Act 1879	This Act empowers the Government of Sindh (GoS) to use the natural sources of water such as lakes, rivers, and streams, for the supply of water for irrigation and other purposes. It allows the government to develop the required infrastructure, for example, canals, channels, pipelines, for the supply of water. It also allows the government to charge a fee for the supply of water and regulate the water supply.	The law shall apply to Project where there is a construction activity near water bodies such as a river or canal
Road Transport Workers Ordinance, 1961	This law sets conditions for the driver of a vehicle and imposes driving time limits.	The law shall apply to all Project vehicles and drivers, including those of contractors.

Law	Description	Applicability to the - project
Motor Vehicle Ordinance, 1965 (MVO 1965)	This law sets rules for driving license, registration, permits, speed limits, size of vehicle and axle weight.	The law shall apply to all project vehicles and drivers, including those of contractors.
National Highway Safety Ordinance, 2000 (NHSO 2000)	This law is similar to MVO 1965 and applicable to the national highway and motorway network.	The law shall apply to all Project vehicles and drivers, including those of contractors.
Factories Act 1934	Requirements for occupational health and safety at the workplace	Applicable to workers' accommodation and rights during construction and operations
The Building Code of Pakistan (2008)	Requirements for safety to be included in the design of buildings in Pakistan. The Building Code of Pakistan – Fire Safety Provisions (2016) provide the requirements for fire prevention, life safety about fire and fire protection of buildings and building-like structures.	Applicable on both construction and operations phases of the - Project.
The Antiquities Act of 1975	The Act ensures the protection of Pakistan's cultural resources. The Act defines 'antiquities' as ancient products of human activity, historical sites, or sites of anthropological or cultural interest, national monuments, etc.	Not applicable as no archeological or cultural-historical site found on the RoW of the project.

Punjab

2.5 Punjab Environmental Protection Act (Punjab-Act, 1997)

55. Punjab-Act (1997) is the basic environmental legislation that governs the conduct of environmental assessment in Punjab. The Act was enacted in 2012 by the Punjab Legislative Assembly by amending Pak-Act (1997) following the devolution of powers, including among other the power to legislate on environmental issues, from the federal to the provincial governments under the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. All rules, regulations, standards, and guidelines promulgated under Pak-Act (1997) by the federal government remain in force until explicitly repealed or amended by the provincial government.

56. Key provisions of the Act that may affect the functioning of the Project are:

- Article 11 prohibits discharge or emission of any effluent or waste or air pollutant or noise in an amount, concentration, or level which is in excess of the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards.
- Article 12 makes it mandatory to undertake an IEE or EIA (as applicable) and obtain its approval from the Punjab EPA before commencing the construction and operation of a project.
- Article 13 prohibits the import of hazardous waste into Punjab.
- Article 14 imposes licensing requirements in order to "generate, collect, consign, transport, treat, dispose of, store, handle or import" any hazardous substance.
- Article 15 regulates gaseous emissions and noise from motor vehicles.

2.5.1 Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency Review of Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (federal IEE-EIA Regulations, 2000)

57. These regulations provide criteria for projects requiring IEE and EIA. They also briefly describe the preparation and review of environmental reports. These Regulations are also available at the official website of EPD, Punjab.

58. The federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000, footnote 3) provides the necessary details on the preparation, submission, and review of the IEE and the EIA. The categorization of projects for IEE and EIA is one of the main components of the federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000). Projects have been classified based on the expected degree of adverse environmental impact. Project types included in Schedule II of the regulations include those that are likely to have a potentially significant impact on the environment and thus an EIA is required for such projects, whereas those included in Schedule I are listed as having potentially less adverse effects and therefore require an IEE.

59. The ETL Projects with 11kV or higher are kept in Schedule II of the regulations and thus an EIA is required for such projects.

2.5.2 Punjab Water Act, 2019

60. The Punjab Water Act 2019 comprehensively manages and regulates water resources in Punjab in the interest of conservation and sustainability.

2.5.3 Institutional Framework

61. Under Pak-Act (1997), Punjab EPA is an autonomous agency for administrative purposes and performs the following functions:

- Implements the provisions of Pak-Act (1997) and the rules and regulations made there under.
- Issues approvals in wake of environment for different projects
- Certifies the environmental laboratories in Punjab
- Prepares and establishes the PEQS with approval of the council and their enforcement
- Resolves public complaints regarding environmental issues
- Takes measures to promote research and development of science and technology which may contribute to the protection of the environment and sustainable development
- Promotes tree plantation for Clean Green Pakistan
- Promotes environmental awareness through seminars/workshops/training
- Implements international treaties
- Identifies the needs for, and initiates legislation in various sectors of the environment
- Ensures field visits for an anti-dengue campaign in four designated areas
- Provides information and guidance to the public on environmental matters
- Specifies safeguards for the prevention of accidents and disasters which may cause pollution
- Encourages formation and working of non-government, community, and village organizations to prevent and control pollution in order to promote sustainable development
- Takes all necessary measures for protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment, and prevention and control of pollution

2.6 Requirements for Environmental Assessment

62. The articles of Punjab-Act (1997) that have a direct bearing on the environmental assessment of the proposed Project are:

- Article 12(1): '*No proponent of a project shall commence construction or operation unless he has filed with the Agency*[9] *an initial environmental examination or an environmental impact assessment and has obtained from the Agency approval in respect thereof.*'
- Article 12(3): '*Every review of an environmental impact assessment shall be carried out with public participation…*'

63. The Punjab IEE-EIA Regulations are still to be formulated and so the federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000, footnote 3) are still valid in the province, provides the necessary details on the preparation, submission, and review of the IEE and the EIA. The categorization of projects for IEE and EIA is one of the main components of the federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000). Projects have been classified based on the expected degree of adverse environmental impact. Project types included in Schedule II of the regulations include those that are likely to have a potentially significant impact on the environment and thus an EIA is required for such projects, whereas those included in Schedule I are listed as having potentially less adverse effects and therefore require an IEE. The ETL Projects with 11 kV or higher are kept in Schedule II of the regulations and thus an EIA is required for such projects.

64. The Project[10] requires filing an EIA with Punjab EPA for NOC. The applicable law binds the Agency (Punjab EPA) to inform the proponent (NTDC in this case) on the approval in four months from the date of filing EIA, failing which the EIA shall be deemed to have been approved as per para.16 of the federal IEE-EIA Regulations (2000, footnote 3) and the rules and regulations. The approval once granted is valid for 3 years from the date of issue. If the construction work does not start or complete within the 03 years an application required to submit with the Agency for extension to maximum another 03 years period. Punjab EPA will be responsible for the review and approval of the EIA of the proposed Project.

2.7 Administrative Framework on Environmental Issues

65. The Project is legally required to comply with PEQS for part of ETL that falls in Punjab province. Punjab EPA notified seven sets of PEQS on 12 August 2016 (Table 2-8).[11] PEQS for air quality are presented in Table 2-9. Table 2-10 provides a comparison of PEQS (local standards) with international standards and guideline values.

66. PEQS for effluent water and drinking water are presented in **Table 2-11** and **Table 2-12**.

67. **Table 2-13** provides local noise standards and a comparison of these (local standards) with international standards is presented in **Table 2-14**.

Table 2-8: PEQS Applicable to the Project

Standard	Applicability During Construction	Applicability During Operation
PEQS for industrial gaseous emission	Emissions from power generators	Not applicable
PEQS for noise	Noise levels in the nearby community	Noise levels in the nearby community
PEQS for ambient air	Incremental air pollutants due to the construction work (clearing and preparation of the site, operation of construction machinery and equipment, and movement of Project vehicles)	Incremental air pollutants from road facilities such as from equipment installed at toll plaza buildings, etc.

[9] The term 'Agency' refers to PEPA.
[10] Each subproject under Tranche 4 Readiness will require an independent EIA to be submitted to provincial EPAs.
[11] http://epd.punjab.gov.pk/rules_regulations. Retrieved on 22 August 2017

Standard	Applicability During Construction	Applicability During Operation
PEQS for municipal and liquid industrial effluents	Effluent from the construction activities (camp sanitary waste, surface run-off, and other waste)	Sanitary waste from road facilities such as from equipment installed at toll plaza buildings, etc.
PEQS for drinking water	Water supplied to the construction staff	Water supplied to operation staff such as staff of toll plaza buildings, etc.
PEQS for motor vehicle exhaust and noise	Exhaust and noise from Project vehicles	Exhaust and noise from Project vehicles
PEQS for treatment of liquid and disposal of bio-medical waste	Not applicable	Not applicable

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

Table 2-9: PEQS Limits for Ambient Air Quality

Pollutants	Time-weighted Average	Standards (µg/m^3)
Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2)	Annual*	80
	24 hours**	120
Oxide of Nitrogen as (NO)	Annual	40
	24 hours	40
Oxide of Nitrogen as (NO_2)	Annual	40
	24 hours	80
Ozone (O_3)	1 hour	130
Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)	Annual	360
	24 hours	500
Respirable particulate Matter. PM_{10}	Annual *	120
	24 hours**	150
Respirable Particulate Matter. $PM_{2.5}$	24 hours*	15
	Annual Average **	35
Lead (Pb)	Annual Average	1
	24 hours	1.5
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	8 hours	5,000
	1 hour	10,000

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

* Annual arithmetic means of minimum 104 measurements in a year taken twice a week, hourly and uniform interval

** 24 hourly/8 hourly values should be met 98% in a year, 2% of the time. It may exceed but not on two consecutive days.

Table 2-10: Comparison of Local and International Standards

Pollutant	PEQS		WHO AGQ Level	
	Avg. Time	Avg. Time	Avg. Time	Standards
SO_2	Annual Mean	80 µg/m^3	24 hours	40 µg/m^3
	24 hours	120 µg/m^3	10 Minutes	500 µg/m^3
CO	8hours	5 mg/m^3	24 hours	4 □g/m^3
			8 hours	10 □g/m^3
	1 hour	10 mg/m^3		
			15 minute	100 □g/m^3
NO_2	Annual Mean	40 µg/m^3	1 Year	10 □g/m^3
			24 hour	25 □g/m^3
	24 hours	80 µg/m^3	1 hour	200 □g/m^3
O_3	1 hour	135 □g/m^3	8 hours	100 □g/m^3

			Peak season	60 □g/m^3
TSP	24 hours	500 µg/m^3		
PM_{10}	24 hours	150 µg/m^3	1 Year 24 Hours	15 µg/m^3 45 µg/m^3
$PM_{2.5}$	24 hours	15 µg/m^3	1 Year 24 Hours	5 µg/m^3 15 µg/m^3

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

Note: The standards highlighted in green for each pollutant are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed Project.

The green color shows more rigorous standards applicable to the Project.

Table 2-11: PEQS Limits for Wastewater/ Effluents

(mg/l, unless otherwise defined)

Parameter	PEQS (Into Inland Waters)	PEQS (Sewage Treatment)
Temperature increase*	Less than or equal to 3°C	Less than or equal to 3°C
pH value	6 to 9	6 to 9
Five–day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) at 20°C	80	250
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	150	400
Total suspended solids (TSS)	200	400
Total dissolved solids (TDS)	3500	3500
Grease and oil	10	10
Phenolic compounds (as phenol)	0.1	0.3
Chlorides (as Cl')	1000	1000
Fluorides (as F')	10	10
Cyanide total (as CN')	1.0	1.0
Anionic detergents (as MBAS)	20	20
Sulfates (SO_4^{2-})	600	1000
Sulfides (S^{2-})	1.0	1.0
Ammonia (NH_3)	40	4.0
Pesticides	0.15	0.15
Cadmium	0.1	0.1
Chromium (trivalent and hexavalent)	1.0	1.0
Copper	1.0	1.0
Lead	0.5	0.5
Mercury	0.01	0.01
Selenium	0.5	0.5
Nickel	1.0	1.0
Silver	1.0	1.0
Total toxic metals	2.0	2.0
Zinc	5.0	5.0
Arsenic	1.0	1.0
Barium	1.5	1.5
Iron	8.0	8.0
Manganese	1.5	1.5
Boron]	6.0	6.0
Chlorine	1.0	1.0

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

*The effluent should not result in a temperature increase of more than 3°C at the edge of the zone where initial mixing and dilution take place in the receiving body. In case the zone is not defined, use 100 meters from the point of discharge.

Table 2-12: Drinking Water Quality Standards

(mg/l, unless otherwise defined)

Parameter	Unit	PEQS Drinking Water	WHO Guideline Values for Drinking Water
Physical			
Temperature	°C	NGVS	–
Odor		Non- Objectionable	–
Color	TCU	≤ 15	,<15
Taste		Non- Objectionable	–
pH		6.5-8.5	6.5 – 8.5
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/l	< 500	<500
Total dissolved solids	mg/l	< 1000	< 1000
Turbidity	NTU	< 5	< 5
Chemicals			
Aluminum (Al)	mg/l	0.2	0.2
Antimony (Sb)	mg/l	≤ 0.005	0.02
Arsenic (As)	mg/l	≤0.05	0.01
Barium (Ba)	mg/l	0.7	0.7
Boron (B)	mg/l	0.3	0.3
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/l	0.01	0.003
Chloride (Cl)	mg/l	≤ 250	250
Chromium (Cr)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	0.05
Copper (Cu)	mg/l	2.0	2.0
Cyanide (CN-)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	0.07
Fluoride (F-)	mg/l	≤ 1.5	1.5
Lead (Pb)	mg/l	≤ 0.05	0.01
Manganese (Mn)	mg/l	≤ 0.5	0.5
Mercury (Hg)	mg/l	≤ 0.001	0.001
Nickel (Ni)	mg/l	≤0.02	0.02
Nitrate (NO3-)	mg/l	≤50	50
Nitrite (NO2-)	mg/l	≤3	3
Selenium (Se)	mg/l	≤ 0.01	0.01
Residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.2 – 0.5	0.2 – 0.5
Zinc (Zn)	mg/l	5.0	3.0
Biological			
Total Coliforms	mL CFU	0/ 100	0/ 100
Fecal Coliforms	mL CFU	0/ 100	0/ 100
Compounds			
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols)	mg/l	<0.002	
Pesticides	mg/l	NGVS	
Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (as PAH)	g/l	0.01 (By GC/MS method)	0.01

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

Note:

TCU	True color unit	NGVS	No Guideline Value Set
CFU	Colony Forming Unit	NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

The green color shows more rigorous standards applicable to the Project.

Table 2-13: PEQS for Noise

No.	Category of Area/Zone	Effective from 1 July 2013	
		Limit in dB(A) Leq*	
		Day Time	Nighttime
1.	Residential are (A)	55	45
2.	Commercial area (B)	65	55
3.	Industrial area (C)	75	65
4.	Silence zone (D)	50	45

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

Note:

- Day time hours: 6 .00 am to 10.00 pm
- Nighttime hours: 10.00 pm to 6.00 am
- Silence zone: Zones that are declared as such by the competent authority. An area comprising not less than 100 meters around hospitals, educational institutions and courts, and courts.
- Mixed categories of areas may be declared as one of the four above-mentioned categories by the competent authority.
- *dB(A) Leq: a time-weighted average of the level of sound in decibels on scale A which is relatable to human hearing.

Table 2-14: Comparison of Local and International Standards

Category of Area/Zone	Limit in dB(A) Leq			
	PEQS		WHO/ IFC	
	Nighttime (22:00-06:00)	Daytime (06:00-22:00)	Nighttime (22:00-07:00)	Daytime (07:00-22:00)
Residential area (A)	45	55	45	55
Commercial area (B)	55	65	70	70
Industrial area (C)	65	75	70	70
Silence zone (D)	45	50	45	55

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard

Note: The standards highlighted in green for each respective Area/Zone are the most stringent based on a comparison between local and international regulations and thus shall be applicable for the proposed Project.

The green color shows more rigorous standards applicable to the Project.

2.7.1 Other Applicable Laws

68. There are several other laws in the statute books of Pakistan which have a bearing on the environmental performance of the Project. These are listed in **Table 2-15**.

Table 2-15: Laws Relevant to the Project

Law	Description	Applicability to the Project
The Canal and Drainage Act, 1873	The act prohibits fouling of channels, watercourses, and reservoirs by industrial and/or domestic waste.	Discharges to the canals fall on Corridor of Impact (CoI)

Law	Description	Applicability to the Project
The Forest Act of 1927 or the Punjab Forest (Amendment) Act 2016	The act authorizes provincial forest departments to establish forest reserves and protected forests and imposes restrictions on activities with the forest.	As there are no forest reserves or protected forests in the area, this law is not applicable. However, the trees on the road bank are maintained by the Forest Department and coordination with them will be required if the trees are to be removed.
Land Acquisition Act, 1894	The Act empowers the government to acquire land for the public interest (including for projects of national importance whether in the public or private sector). The law sets out procedures for land acquisition, valuation of land, payment of compensation to landowners, including any damage caused to their properties, crops, and trees by a Project.	The law will be applicable only if the province decides to acquire private land for the Project and transfer it to the Proponent. In case, the land is acquired directly through private negotiations, this law has no implications.
The Punjab Wildlife Protection Act 1974	This act was enacted to protect the province's wildlife resources directly and other natural resources indirectly. It classifies wildlife by degree of protection, i.e., animals that may be hunted on a permit or special license, and species that are protected and cannot be hunted under any circumstances. The Act specifies restrictions on hunting and trade in animals, trophies, or meat. The Act also defines various categories of wildlife-protected areas, i.e., National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and Game Reserves.	The Project area does not include any protected wildlife species; therefore, this law is not applicable to the Project.
Fisheries West Pakistan. Ordinance 1961	This law a) prohibits the destruction of fish by explosives, poisoning water, and the hunting of protected fish species, and b) grants power to the Director-General of Fisheries to issue permits to catch fish.	The law will not be applicable as the canal has a limited fish resource and is not subject to licensing from the Fisheries Department.
Factories Act 1934	Requirements for occupational health and safety at the workplace	Applicable to workers' accommodation and rights during construction and operations
The Building Code of Pakistan (2008)	Requirements for safety to be included in the design of buildings in Pakistan. The Building Code of Pakistan – Fire Safety Provisions (2016) provides the requirements for fire prevention, life safety in relation to fire and fire protection of buildings and building-like structures.	Applicable in both construction and operations phases of the Project.

Law	Description	Applicability to the Project
The Antiquities Act of 1975	The Act ensures the protection of Pakistan's cultural resources. The Act defines 'antiquities' as ancient products of human activity, historical sites, or sites of anthropological or cultural interest, national monuments, etc.	Not applicable as no archeological or historical site was found on the RoW of the Project. One mosque may be required relocation. This will be applicable it is unavoidable.

2.8 Asian Development Bank Policies and Guidelines

69. ADB SPS builds upon the three previous safeguard policies on the environment, involuntary resettlement, and indigenous peoples, and brings them into one single policy that enhances consistency and coherence, and more comprehensively addresses environmental and social impacts and risks.

70. ADB SPS aims to promote sustainability of the Project outcomes by protecting the environment and people from the Project's potential adverse impacts by avoiding adverse impacts of projects on the environment and affected people, where possible; minimizing, mitigating, and/or compensating for adverse project impacts on the environment and affected people when avoidance is not possible; and helping borrowers/clients to strengthen their safeguard systems and develop the capacity to manage environmental and social risks.

71. The following ADB policies and guidelines may apply to the proposed Project:

- ADB SPS – Safeguards Requirement (SR) 1 on Environment, SR2 on Involuntary Resettlement (IR), and SR 3 on Indigenous Peoples (IP)
- ADB Social Protection Strategy (2001)
- ADB Gender and Development Policy (1998)
- Access to Information Policy (2018);[12] and
- Relevant ADB Operations Manual (OM) such as OMF1 for ADB SPS, OML3 for Access to Information Policy[13], OMD10 for Non-sovereign Operations, OMC3 for Incorporation of Social Dimensions into ADB Operations, OMC2 for Gender and Development;[14]
- ADB's Accountability Mechanism Policy (2012)[15]

72. ADB SPS is grounded in its Poverty Reduction Strategy and its Long-Terms Strategic Framework. To ensure the reduction of poverty through environmentally sustainable development, ADB SPS contains five main elements: (i) promoting environment and natural resource management interventions to reduce poverty directly, (ii) assisting developing member countries to mainstream environmental considerations in economic growth, (iii) helping maintain global and regional life support systems that underpin future development prospects, (iv) building partnerships to maximize the impact of ADB lending and non-lending activities, and (v) integrating environmental considerations across all ADB operations.

73. Under the last element, the ADB pledges to address the environmental aspects of its operations through the systematic application of procedures for (i) environmental analysis for

[12] Asian Development Bank (ADB), September 2018, Access to Information Policy, Available at https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/450636/access-information-policy.pdf. Accessed on 18 June 2019.

[13] Asian Development Bank (ADB), January 2019, Access to Information Policy Operations Manual, Available at https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/31483/om-l3.pdf.

[14] Asian Development Bank (ADB), September 2016, Operations Manual, Institutional Document, ADB, Available at https://www.adb.org/documents/operations-manual.

[15] Asian Development Bank (ADB), 2012, Accountability Mechanism Policy, ADB Available at https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/institutional-document/33440/files/accountability-mechanism-policy-2012.pdf.

country strategy and programming; (ii) environmental assessment of project loans, program loans, sector loans, loans involving financial intermediaries, and private sector loans; (iii) monitoring and evaluation of compliance with environmental requirements of loans; and (iv) implementation of procedures for environmentally responsible procurement. In the context of policy-based lending and policy dialogue, the ADB will identify opportunities to introduce policy reforms that provide incentives to improve environmental quality and enhance the sustainability of natural resource management.

74. ADB classifies projects into category A (with potentially significant environmental impact); category B (with potentially less significant environmental impact); or, category C (unlikely to have a significant environmental impact).[16] An IEE is required for category B projects and an EIA, requiring greater depth of analysis, for category A projects. No environmental assessment is required for category C projects although their environmental implications nevertheless need to be reviewed. The proposed Project has been classified as a category B project for the environment.

75. The ADB requires public consultation and access to information in the environmental assessment process. It specifies the need for meaningful consultation, which involves two-way communication between the borrower/client and the affected communities and stakeholders. It also involves the active participation of affected communities and stakeholders in various stages in the project design and implementation. The following principles apply to meaningful consultations:[17]

- begins early and is carried out on an ongoing basis throughout the project cycle,
- ensures timely disclosure of relevant information,
- is free of intimidation or coercion,
- is gender-inclusive and responsive, and tailored to the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, and
- incorporates relevant views of affected people and other stakeholders into project design and decision-making.

2.8.1 ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement 2009

76. ADB SPS consists of three operational policies on the environment, indigenous people, and involuntary resettlement. A brief detail of all three operational policies has been mentioned below:

- **Environmental *Safeguard:*** This safeguard is meant to ensure the environmental soundness and sustainability of projects and to support the integration of environmental considerations into the project decision-making process. The requirements apply to all ADB-financed and/or ADB-administered sovereign and non-sovereign projects, and their components regardless of the source of financing, including investment projects funded by a loan; and/or a grant; and/or other means, such as equity and/or guarantees (hereafter broadly referred to as projects). This policy and its requirements about environmental assessment, baseline, and impact assessment will apply to this project and the EIA will be undertaken to ensure that the project is designed to comply with the policy.
- **Involuntary Resettlement Safeguard:** This safeguard has been placed to avoid involuntary resettlement whenever possible; to minimize involuntary resettlement by exploring project and design alternatives; to enhance, or at least restore, the livelihoods of all displaced persons in real terms relative to pre-project levels; and to improve the standards of living of the displaced poor and other vulnerable groups. This policy and its

[16] A fourth category, FI (credit line for subprojects through a financial intermediary, or equity investment in a financial intermediary), requires that an appropriate environmental management system should be developed and assessment carried out.

[17] Asian Development Bank (ADB), Environmental Safeguards: A Good Practice Sourcebook Draft Working Document, December 2012.

requirements will apply to this project and the EIA and LARP will be undertaken to ensure that the project is designed to comply with the policy.

- **Indigenous Peoples Safeguard:** This safeguard looks at designing and implementing projects in a way that fosters full respect for Indigenous Peoples' identity, dignity, human rights, livelihood systems, and cultural uniqueness as defined by the Indigenous Peoples themselves so that they receive culturally appropriate social and economic benefits; do not suffer adverse impacts as a result of projects; and participate actively in projects that affect them. Based on the available information no indigenous people live in the project area. However, this will be further confirmed during the study.
- **Information, Consultation, and Disclosure:** Consultation and participation are essential in achieving the safeguard policy objectives. This implies that there is a need for prior and informed consultation with affected persons and communities in the context of safeguard planning and for continued consultation during project implementation to identify and help address safeguard issues that may arise. The consultation process begins early in the project preparation stage and is carried out on an ongoing basis throughout the project cycle. It provides timely disclosure of relevant and adequate information that is understandable and readily accessible to affected people and is undertaken in an atmosphere free of intimidation or coercion. Also, it is gender-inclusive and responsive and tailored to the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and enables the incorporation of all relevant views of affected people and other stakeholders into decision making. ADB requires the borrowers/clients to engage with communities, groups or people affected by proposed projects and with civil society through information disclosure, consultation and informed participation in a manner commensurate with the risks to and impacts on affected communities. For projects with significant adverse environmental, involuntary resettlement or Indigenous Peoples impacts, ADB project teams will participate in consultation activities to understand the concerns of affected people and ensure that such concerns are addressed in project design and safeguard plans.

77. Following requirements of ADB SPS, NTDC will apply pollution prevention and control technologies and practices consistent with international good practice as reflected in internationally recognized standards such as EHS Guidelines (footnotes , and on page of this IEE). When Government regulations differ from these levels and measures, NTDC will achieve whichever is more stringent. If less stringent levels or measures are appropriate in view of specific project circumstances, NTDC will provide full and detailed justification for any proposed alternatives that are consistent with the requirements presented in ADB SPS.

2.8.2 Social Protection Requirements

78. ADB SPS requires the Borrower to comply with applicable labor laws concerning the project, and take the following measures to comply with the core labor standards[18] for the ADB financed portion of the project:

- carry out its activities consistent with the intent of ensuring legally permissible equal opportunity, fair treatment and non-discrimination about recruitment and hiring, compensation, working conditions and terms of employment for its workers (including prohibiting any form of discrimination against women during the hiring and providing equal work for equal pay for men and women engaged by the Borrower)
- not restrict its workers from developing a legally permissible means of expressing their grievances and protecting their rights regarding working conditions and terms of employment
- engage contractors and other providers of goods and services:

[18] The core labor standards are the elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor; the abolition of child labor; elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation; and freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, as per the relevant conventions of the International Labor Organization.

- who do not employ child labor[19] or forced labor[20];
- who have appropriate management systems that will allow them to operate in a manner which is consistent with the intent of (A) ensuring legally permissible equal opportunity and fair treatment and non-discrimination for their workers, and (B) not restricting their workers from developing a legally permissible means of expressing their grievances and protecting their rights regarding working conditions and terms of employment; and
- whose subcontracts contain provisions which are consistent with paragraphs (i) and (ii) above.

2.8.3 Access to Information Policy (2018)

79. The objective of The Access to Information Policy (2018) is to promote stakeholder trust in ADB and to increase the development impact of ADB activities. The policy reflects ADB's commitment to transparency, accountability, and participation by stakeholders in ADB-supported development activities in Asia and the Pacific. It also recognizes the right of people to seek, receive, and impart information about ADB's operations.

80. The policy applies to documents and information that ADB produces, requires to be produced by its borrowers or clients, or is produced and provided to ADB by other parties in the course of ADB operations.

2.8.4 Climate Change Risk Management Framework

81. The climate risk management approach of the ADB aims to reduce risks resulting from climate change to investment projects in Asia and the Pacific. ADB's framework identifies climate change risks to project performance in the early stages of project development and incorporates adaptation measures in the design of projects at risk. ADB climate risk management framework comprises the following steps:

- context-sensitive climate risk screening at the concept development stage to identify projects that may be at medium or high risk
- climate change risk and vulnerability assessment during the preparation of projects at risk
- a technical and economic evaluation of adaptation options
- identification of adaptation options in project design; and
- monitoring and reporting of the level of risk and climate-proofing measures.

2.9 IFC Performance Standards

82. The IFC Performance Standards were published in April 2006 and revised in 2012. Information on the IFC standard and applicability for the project is provided in **Table 2-16**.

83. PS 1 establishes the importance of integrated assessment to identify the social and environmental impacts, risks and opportunities of projects, effective community engagement through disclosure of Project-related information and consultation with local communities on matters that directly affect them, and management of social and environmental performance throughout the life of the project.

84. PS 2 through PS 8 establishes requirements to avoid, reduce, mitigate, or compensate for impacts on people and the environment, and to improve conditions where appropriate.

[19] Child labor means the employment of children whose age is below the statutory minimum age of employment in the relevant country, or employment of children in contravention of International Labor Organization Convention No. 138 'Minimum Age Convention" (www.ioo.org).

[20] Forced labor means all work or services not voluntarily performed, that is, extracted from individuals under threat of force or penalty.

Table 2-16: IFC Performance Standards

IFC Performance Standards	Applicability
Performance Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts	Applicable to the IEE process.
Performance Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions	Applicable to employment and labor polices of the Project.
Performance Standard 3: Pollution Prevention and Abatement	Applicable to the Project's pollution prevention and abatement options.
Performance Standard 4: Community Health, Safety, and Security	Applicable to the potential community health and safety risk and the security system of the Project.
Performance Standard 5: Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement	Applicable to the land acquired for the Project.
Performance Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources	Not likely to be applicable. However, part of biodiversity conservation will be covered in ecological assessment in the IEE process under PS1.
Performance Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples	Not applicable.
Performance Standard 8: Cultural Heritage	Not applicable.

2.10 The World Bank Group Environmental, Health and Safety Guidelines (EHS Guidelines)

85. EHS Guidelines[21] were initially published in 2007 and 2008.

86. The EHS Guidelines are technical reference documents with general and industry-specific examples of Good International Industry Practice, as defined in IFC's Performance Standard 3 on Pollution Prevention and Abatement.

87. The General EHS Guidelines[22] and EHS Guidelines for Electric Power Transmission and Distribution[23] will be applied to the Project.

2.11 International Treaties and Agreements

88. **Table 2-17** lists important international environmental treaties that have been signed by Pakistan and may have relevance to the Project. They concern climate change and depletion of the ozone layer; biological diversity and trade in wild flora and fauna; desertification; waste and pollution; and cultural heritage.

[21] Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines (ifc.org)

[22] https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/29f5137d-6e17-4660-b1f9-02bf561935e5/Final%2B-%2BGeneral%2BEHS%2BGuidelines.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=nPtguVM

[23] https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/7b65ce6b-129d-4634-99dc-12f85c0674b3/Final%2B-%2BElectric%2BTransmission%2Band%2BDistribution.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=nPtfp32&id=1323162154847

Table 2-17: International Environmental Treaties Endorsed by Pakistan

Topic	Convention	Date of Treaty	Entry into Force in Pakistan
Climate change and the ozone layer	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - the primary objective is the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.	1992	1994
	Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - enabled by the above Convention on Climate Change. It has more powerful and legally binding measures. It sets binding targets for 37 industrialized countries and the European community for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	1997	2005
	Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer - acts as a framework for the international efforts to protect the ozone layer with a primary objective to protect human health and the environment against adverse effects resulting from human activities that modify or are likely to modify the ozone layer.	1985	1993
	The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete Ozone Layer and associated amendments - enabled by the Vienna Convention, it is designed to protect the ozone layer by phasing out the production and consumption of several substances believed to be responsible for ozone depletion.	1987	1993
Waste and pollution	Basel Convention on the Control of Trans Boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal - regulates the transboundary movement of hazardous waste and other waste with a stated purpose to protect human health and the environment against the adverse effects from generation and management of hazardous waste and other waste. The Convention provides for three sets of measures with binding obligations. These are Strict control of the transboundary movement of hazardous waste; Environmentally sound management of hazardous waste; and Enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the convention at international and national levels.	1989	1994
	International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation	1990	1995
	Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants - seeks to protect human health and the environment from Persistent Organic Pollutants, which are chemicals that remain intact in the environment for long periods, become widely distributed geographically and accumulate in the fatty tissue of humans and wildlife.	2001	2008
	International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) – is the main international convention that covers the prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes. The Convention includes regulations aimed at preventing and minimizing pollution from ships, both accidental pollution and that from routine operations, and currently includes six technical Annexes.	1983	

Topic	Convention	Date of Treaty	Entry into Force in Pakistan
Desertification	International Convention to Combat Desertification –to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought. It is supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements, to achieve sustainable use of land and water resources and sustainable development in affected areas.	1994	1997
Biodiversity and the protection of plants and animals	Convention on Biological Diversity – covering ecosystems, species, and genetic resources and also the field of biotechnology. The objectives are: • conserve of biological diversity; • sustainable use of its components; and • fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources.	1992	1994
	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity - addresses potential risks posed by living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology.	2000	2009
	Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals - aims to conserve terrestrial, marine and avian migratory species throughout their range. It is concerned with the conservation of wildlife and habitats on a global scale.	1979	1987
	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane - parties undertake to provide strict protection to Siberian Cranes and identify and conserve wetland habitats essential for their survival.	1998	1999
	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.	1973	1976
	International Plant Protection Convention (1997 Revised Text) - to prevent the international spread of pests and plant diseases. It requires maintenance of lists of plant pests, tracking of pest outbreaks, and coordination of technical assistance between member nations.	1951/52	1954
	Agreement for the Establishment of the Near East Plant Protection Organization - to establish the Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO), which promotes international co-operation to implement the International Plant Protection Convention.	1993	2009
	Plant Protection Agreement for the Asia and Pacific Region and amendments – establishes the Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission to review and promote the region's progress in the implementation of the Agreement. Trade-in plants and plant products are regulated by certification, prohibition, inspection, disinfection, quarantine, destruction, etc., as necessary.	1955 (amendment 1967)	1958 (amendment 1969)

Topic	Convention	Date of Treaty	Entry into Force in Pakistan
	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat and associated protocols and amendments - to promote conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. The Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance now includes almost 1,800 sites (known as Ramsar Sites). There are currently 19 Ramsar sites in Pakistan.	1971 (amended 1987)	1976 (amended 1994)
Cultural heritage	Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage - requires parties to adopt a general policy on the protection of the natural and cultural heritage, to set up services for such protection, to develop scientific and technical studies, to take appropriate legal, technical, scientific and administrative measures and to foster training and education for such protection.	1972	1976

2.12 Electric and Magnetic Field (EMF) Exposure Guidelines

89. EMF are invisible lines of force emitted by and surrounding any electrical device such as power lines.

90. **Table 2-18** lists exposure limits for general public exposure to EMF published by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP)[24] while **Source**: ICNIRP

91. Table 2-19 provides the exposure limits for occupational exposure.

Table 2-18: ICNIRP Exposure Limits for General Public Exposure to EMF

Frequency	Electric Field (V/m)	Magnetic Field (uT)
50 Hz	5,000	100
60 Hz	4,150	83

Source: ICNIRP

Table 2-19: Electric and magnetic fields (EMF) Occupational Exposure Limits

Frequency	Electric Field (V/m)	Magnetic Field (uT)
50 Hz	10,000	500
60 Hz	8,300	415

Source: ICNIRP

3. Project Description

92. This section describes the main elements of the Project, including associated construction and operation activities. In the description, particular emphasis has been placed on those aspects that can potentially affect the environment.

3.1 Project Detail

93. Subproject 5 involves procurement of goods for the construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and about 150 km of 220kV Rahim Yar – Bahawalpur transmission lines and extension of 220kV Daharki and 220kV Bahawalpur grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalpur grid stations in the south-eastern area of Pakistan. This IEE covers construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan. The ETL passes through two districts namely Ghotki district in Sindh province and Rahim Yar Khan district in Punjab province.

3.2 Location and the Layout

94. The 105 km ETL passes through following two districts:

- Ghotki District in the Sindh province
- Rahim Yar Khan District, Punjab province

95. The location map is provided in **Figure 1-1**.

[24] ICNIRP (1998): "Guidelines for limiting exposure to time-varying electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields (up to 300 GHz).

3.3 Land Use on the Project Site

96. Project AoI majorly consists of agricultural land (88.0%) and settlements (8.5%). The rest of the land is comprised of barren lands, roads and water bodies.

3.4 Road Access

97. The available existing roads will be used during the construction of the Project. Temporary access roads will be built where no track or road access is available to a tower location after consultation with the local community and compensation for damages to the crops will be done as per requirement.

3.5 Vegetation Features of the Project Site

98. The proposed ETL area is mostly covered with plant species such as Dalbergia sissoo, Acacia nilotica, Typha domingensis, Tamarix aphylla, Saccharum bengalense, and Calotropis procera.

3.6 Cost and Magnitude of the Operations

99. The construction cost of Subproject 5 (Daharki-Rahim Yar Khan ETL) as per the estimate made in 2018 was 2894.25 million Pak Rupees.[25] Current estimates were not available at the time of reporting.

100. The total length of ETL part of the Project is 105 km. Tower erection will be carried out on the concreted pile pad locations with the help of derrick poles or cranes. The required working area for this activity is about 50 - 100 m^2 for each tower. The tower is erected in panels. The panels are assembled on the ground, lifted in parts with the help of derrick poles/crane and then joined together with nuts and bolts, which are tightened at the specified torque.

3.7 Schedule of Implementation

101. The Project proponent (NTDC) plans to have the tranche-4 completed within 2 to 3 years, after completing the necessary arrangements, on the fast track. There will not be any significant land acquisition or compensation process except for the crop compensation of the ETL towers. Designs, power transmission arrangements, access, review of environmental management and construction processes will need to be completed in about three months. When the detailed designs are completed, tendering and award of contract will take place over about three to six months. The construction period will follow, and best estimates indicate between eighteen to twenty-four months.

3.8 Project Design

102. Project design or construction flow is discussed below.

3.8.1 Project Alignment

103. As the components of the Project are on a 'turn-key' basis i.e., construction by a contractor or developer and handover to NTDC in a ready-to-use condition which includes design, supply, and installation. In this context, the proposed design provided by NTDC will be finalized by the contractor at the stage of implementation. The Survey & Investigation (S&I) wing of NTDC has marked the route alignment of the ETL on the grand trunk sheet (G.T. Sheet). Thus, it is pointed out that although the proposed alignment/ route alignment of ETL including design and RoW was provided by the concerned section of NTDC (i.e., Survey & Investigation), this will be finalized by the contractor/ developer. Once the detailed design work

[25] PC-1, Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur TL, NTDC, 2018

has been completed, NTDC will review these designs before contracts are finalized and modifications will be incorporated, if considered necessary.

3.8.2 Width of Right of Way (RoW)

104. In consultation with the Survey & Investigation section and the Environment and Social Impact Cell (ESIC), of Project Management Unit (PMU) of NTDC, the width of RoW for ETL considered was 30 m, i.e. 15 m on either side from the center of ETL and it was 225 m^2 (i.e. 15m x15m) in case of tower spotting.

3.8.3 Design Standards for Transmission Line

105. NTDC has developed design parameters for the planning and design of transmission systems in Pakistan (**Table 3-1**). The design parameters are based on standard NTDC's existing specifications and practices for the existing as well as proposed grid stations and ETLs.

Table 3-1: Permissible Conductor Clearance at 65ºC (for 220 kV ETL)

No	Description	Clearance (m)
1	Across country (including across/along street)	8.23
2	Roads and highways	9.45
3	Rivers and major canals (from high flood line)	9.14
4a	Railway track – inside the station	11.89
4b	Railway track – outside the station	9.14
5a	Building part – vertical	7.62
5	Building part – horizontal	9.14
6	Earth part of lines	4.57
7	Telegraph lines	4.57
8	400 volts (and below), 11 kV, and 33 kV lines	3.96
9	66 kV and 132 kV lines	4.88

3.8.4 Climatic Consideration

106. Local climatic conditions, i.e., the temperature, wind velocity, thunderstorm levels, relative humidity, etc., control the selection of materials to be used.

Table 3-2: climate parameters considered in the design criteria

Maximum Temperature	41.5ºC
Minimum Temperature	2.1ºC
Annual Mean temperature	29.6ºC (maximum) to 14.6ºC (minimum)
Maximum Rainfall	420 mm/month
Annual Relative Humidity	60.1%

3.8.5 Civil Works and Other Facilities

107. Civil work for erection of towers will be required for construction of 220 kV double circuit ETL, for which necessary provision has been made in the cost estimate.

3.8.6 Equipment & Machinery

108. **Table 3-3** identifies some key equipment required for the Project Construction.

Table 3-3: List of Equipment Required

220kV D/C T/L from Daharki to R.Y. Khan (105 km)

No.	Item	Unit	Qty.
1.	TOWERS	To be estimated during detailed design	
	Light angle (DA1)	No.	65
	Heavy angle (DD1)	No.	58
	Suspension (DS1)	No.	205
	Total		**318**
2.	Conductor (Rail)	Km	1,323
3.	OPGW	Km	110
4.	INSULATORS		
	Suspension 80 KN 160KN	No.	20,349 67,284
	Total		**87,633**
5.	HARDWARE	Lot	1

Tower Structures for Transmission Line

109. All the towers shall be self-supporting type, lattice steel structures, fabricated from galvanized structural steel shapes. The steel employed will be following the latest edition of the standards implemented by NTDC at various ETL projects. All towers will be equipped with danger plates, number plates, and anti-climbing devices.

110. The normal foundations (inverted T shaped) as shown in **Figure 3-1** would be laid/ applied for the erection of new towers which would be placed on a plain field. The tower height will be 5 to 10 meters higher, and the foundation span will be changed 1 to 5 meters wider.

111. The choice of foundation is usually influenced by the type of terrain encountered and the underlying geotechnical conditions. The actual size and type of foundation to be installed will depend on the soil bearing capacity (actual sub-soil conditions).

112. All towers will be equipped with danger plates, number plates, and anti-climbing devices. The other tower designs to be used are provided in **Figure 3-2** and **Figure 3-3**.

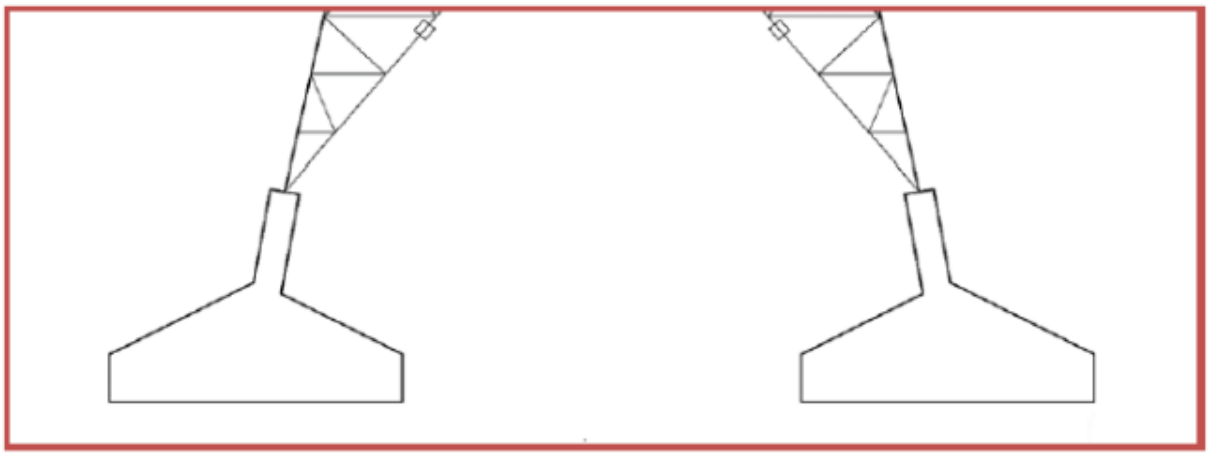


Figure 3-1: Inverted 'T' Type Tower Foundation

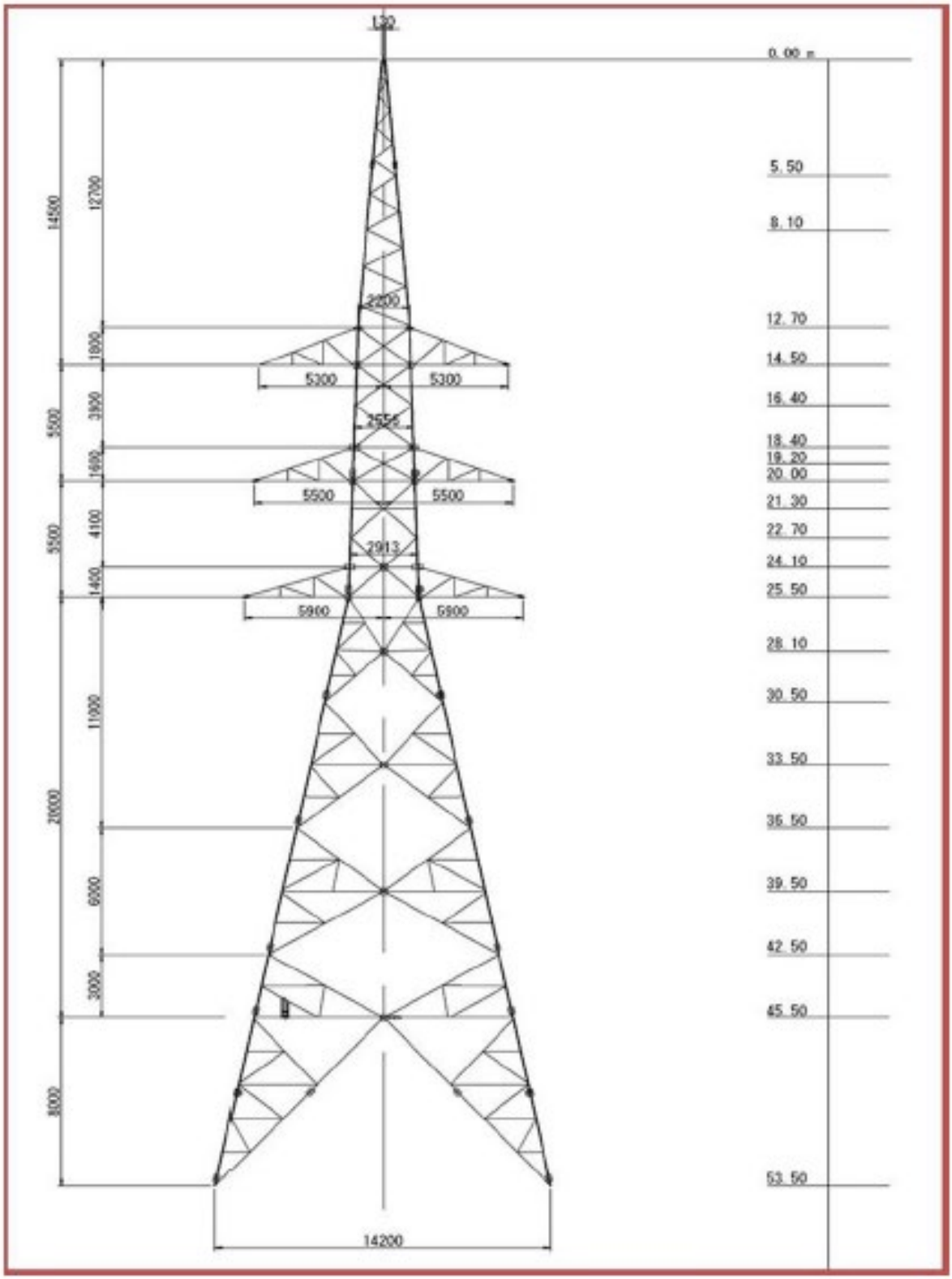


Figure 3-2: Proposed Elevation of Strain Tower

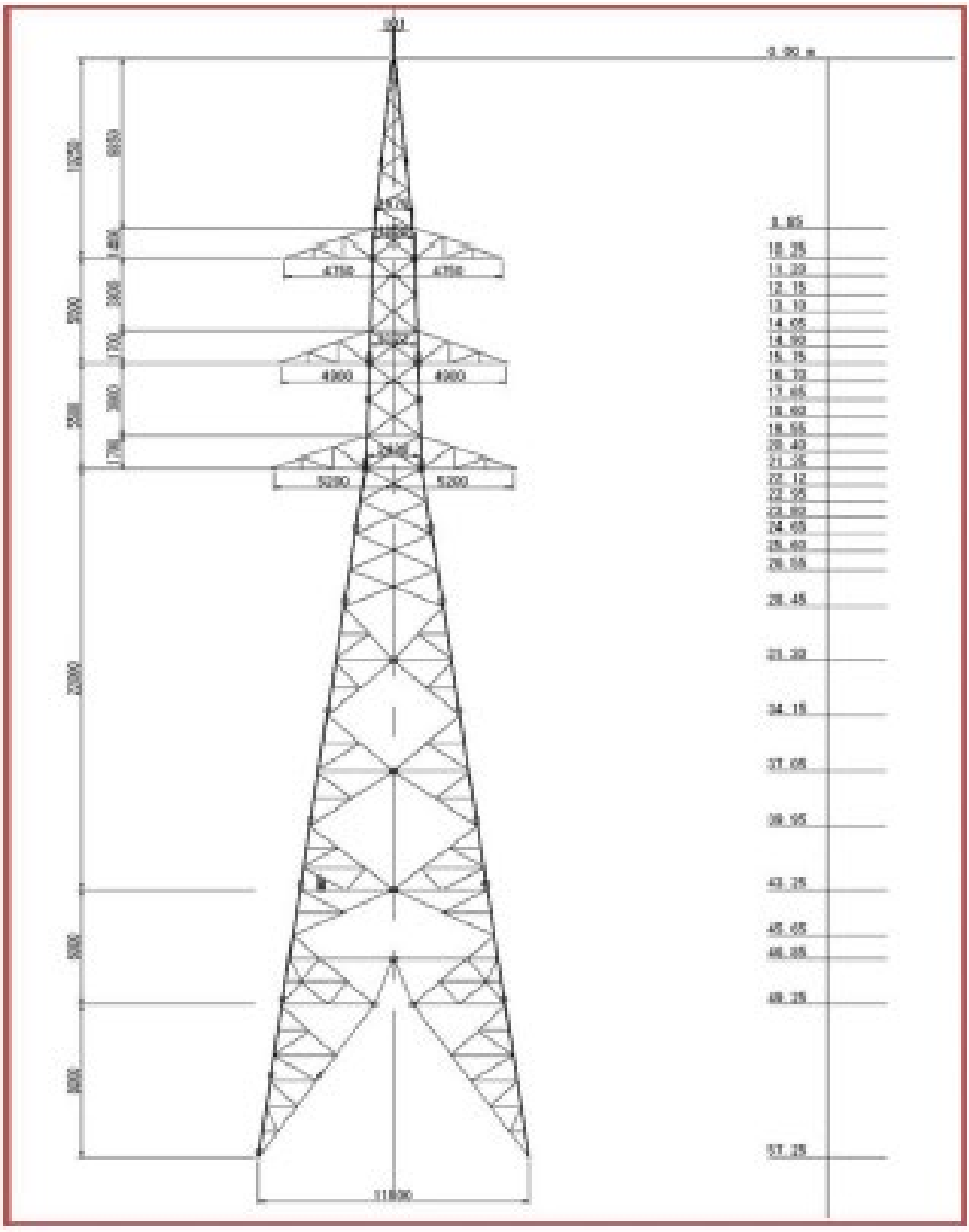


Figure 3-3: Proposed Elevation of Suspension Tower

Safety Parameters

113. For extra-high voltage (EHV) lines, safety considerations are of two types. One is related to the safety of the system, while others are those that are related to the public. It is for this reason that NTDC has adopted a 3 m wide (25 m either side from the centerline) corridor as the ROW for the allied 500 kV ETL and 30 m for 220 kV ETL in this Project. The aspects are to be considered in this regard are as under:

3.9 System Safety

114. Conductor to Tower Clearance: For the safety of the system, any factor that may interrupt the power supply must be considered in the design. The clearance of the conductor from tower legs and trusses is of prime importance. Therefore, in the design, a minimum clearance of 1.55 m has been adopted under extreme wind conditions. This is based on regulations of Government of Pakistan /WAPDA and minimum requirements of the National Electric Safety Code (ANSI C2). With this clearance, there is a 99% probability of withstanding switching surge of 3-sigma margin due to maximum overvoltage under adverse climatic conditions.

115. Earthing of the System: Every tower is connected to an earthing system. This is to keep tower footings resistance at a level lower than 10 ohms. For this, two earth electrodes of copper-clad steel rods are sunk vertically into the ground to a minimum depth of 3 m and at the locations where the required resistance is not achieved, crow footing will be done.

116. Lightning Performance: The tower geometry, clearance, and insulation of the system are designed to perform safely within the permitted lighting intensities. In this respect, consideration has been given to the tower footing resistance and the Isokeraunic level of the area. The accepted level is one trip out/ 100 km/ year due to lightning.

117. Security Arrangements: Given the prevailing law and order and security position in the area around the proposed project area, the necessary armed security staff is necessary. Reinforced security will be required at work base, labor camp, material depot, equipment yard and the locations where work is in progress.

118. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Grid Station and allied ETL construction is a special job and the labor working on such activities requires special protective uniform and personal protection equipment to cope up with safety and health requirements. It will be ensured that the labor engaged in handling rough construction materials, mixing of concrete and handling ETLs, etc. will have all necessary PPEs, including but not limited to, long boots, steel toe shoes, overall dresses, goggles, gloves, and safety hats. They will invariably have their company identity cards worn around their necks with the help of a ribbon. As an overall safety, health and environment measure, anyone going into the construction area will also wear a safety helmet and safety shoes. Special arrangements must be made for fire protection by way of providing appropriate types of fire extinguishers with firefighting training to concerned personnel.

3.10 Public Safety

119. General Aspects: Because of public safety, NTDC has adopted a policy that the existing orchards having fruit trees with a height of not exceeding 2.5 m can remain under the lines. Similarly, open wells, including Persian wheels, can remain under the ETLs. However, tube wells and peter pumps are not permitted under the high voltage conductors. This is to prevent piping and cranes used to refurbish such wells encountering the lines.

120. No residential or other public buildings like factories, schools, hospitals, etc. are permitted within the corridor. However, farm buildings, which are not used for residential purposes can remain under the high voltage lines, provided a 7.0 m minimum clearance is maintained. The height of the towers can be increased to accommodate such buildings.

3.10.1 Conductor to Ground Clearance

121. The conductor to ground clearance has been planned to be worked out based on over-voltage due to switching surge. In this consideration, safe clearance is required to be provided for moving objects under the line with a height of 4.5 m, withstanding switching surge of 3-sigma margin with 99.7% probability under adverse atmospheric conditions. This should keep the maximum voltage gradient at ground level and maximum current induced in a person less than the internationally allowable values. As such, the total conductor to ground clearance

shall in no way be less than 7.0 meters. This is following the regulations of Government of Pakistan and NTDC practice.

3.10.2 Tower Erection and Scale of the Project

122. Tower erection is carried out on the concreted pile pad locations with the help of derrick poles or cranes. The required working area for this activity is about 50-100 m^2 for each tower. The tower is erected in panels. The panels are assembled on the ground, lifted in parts with the help of derrick poles/crane and then joined together with nuts and bolts, which are tightened at the specified torque.

123. In aligning the high-voltage ETL the design aims to avoid cultivated fields and pass through the area as thinly populated as possible. As such, accessibility will not be a problem. There are rough tracks and trail ways, and the contractor may have to develop a few tracks for transporting the materials. This should result in very little if any, damage to the vegetation or disruption of the farmland in the vicinity of the route of the ETL. The ETL route is easily accessible mostly through metaled roads or by rough tracks or village roads. Almost all the village tracks are linked to the metaled roads and are thus accessible to vehicles. The contractor is unlikely to need to transport the materials manually. In any event, care will be taken to ensure that the disruption to the vegetation is kept to a minimum.

124. The whole project tract is flat, and no considerable elevation difference exists except for small depressions present at some locations.

3.10.3 Associated Facilities

Access Tracks

125. The ETL route passes through agricultural fields and settlements. Already available access routes will be used. New tracks will be made only when access route is not available. Complete compensation will be given to the landowners as per market rates for damages and the land will be rehabilitated after completion of the construction activities.

Construction Camps

126. The ETL total length is 105 and 2 construction camps will be constructed. However, the exact location of these camps will be decided by contractors as per their work plan. The construction camps will include residential quarters, washing areas, kitchen, toilets, fuel storage, water storage, sewage disposal arrangements, firefighting arrangements, electric generators, and others. Preference will be given to establishing these camps within the NTDC-owned premises or settled areas. Otherwise, the land for these camps will be obtained on a rental or lease basis. Proper waste (solid and liquid) handling facilities will be developed, and the waste will be disposed of as per recommendations in his IEE.

127. A machinery yard will also be needed for each construction team; it can be combined with the construction camp or established separately. The machinery yard will be parking bays, maintenance, and washing bays, fueling arrangements, oil and fuel storage, firefighting arrangements, and tools and parts storage.

Batching Plants

128. The contractors may need to establish concrete mixing and batching plants for tower foundation construction. These plants will be established at appropriate places based upon the distance from and accessibility to the tower locations. The batching plants will be complete with dust control arrangements and away from water bodies and settlements.

3.11 Material and Human Resource Usage

129. The Project will be required 100 - 150 skilled and unskilled workers. Unskilled workers will be engaged from the locals. Skilled workers if not available locally then will be hired from other regions of the province.

130. The tower and circuit materials will be provided by NTDC. Material for concrete and reinforcement will be acquired from Rahim Yar Khan or Sukkur.

3.12 Restoration and Rehabilitation Plans

131. All damaged areas including access tracks will be rehabilitated upon completion of the construction work to near pre-construction conditions and natural areas impacted during construction will be rehabilitated with locally indigenous grasses typical of the representative botanical unit.

3.13 Other Government Department Approvals

132. No designated forest or protected area falls on the RoW. The approvals required from other departments will be sorted before the start of construction. Examples of such departments include the National Highway Authority (NHA) and provincial highways department where ETL crosses a national highway or provincial highway.

4. Description of the Environment (Baseline Data)

133. This section describes the existing physical, ecological, and socioeconomic conditions in the Project area. The information presented in this section was collected from the field surveys and the available literature.

4.1 Project Area of Influence

134. For the impact assessment, the definition of the AoI given in IFC Performance Standard 1 is used.

135. "The area likely to be affected by: (i) the Project and the client's activities and facilities that are directly owned, operated or managed (including by contractors) and that are a component of the Project; (ii) impacts from unplanned but predictable developments caused by the Project that may occur later or at a different location; or (iii) indirect project impacts on biodiversity or on ecosystem services upon which Affected Communities' livelihoods are dependent"

136. For the Project, the direct AoI is the spatial extent of the Project footprint and related facilities as well as on the associated effects on the receiving environment (**Figure 4-1**). This encompasses the ETL RoW to 1.5 km on each side of the ETL project.

4.2 Physical Environment

137. The physical baseline includes a description of the topography, land use, geology and soils, seismicity, climate, water resources, water quality, ambient air quality and sound levels in the AoI of the Project.

138. The field survey plan that was adopted for field data collection is provided in **Annexure II**.

4.2.1 Topography, Geology, and Soil

139. The topography in the Project area, passing through the districts of Ghotki and Rahimyar Khan are flat. The land elevation in the district varies from 63 m, msl (mean sea level) (Daharki district) to 78 m msl (Rahimyar Khan district). The Project area has irrigated cropping of wheat, gram, oilseed, and pulses in Rabi and cotton, sugar-cane rice, and millets in Kharif with perennial/seasonal canal supplies supplemented by canals and tube wells. Remaining area is lying uncultivated and is mostly used as poor grazing land.

140. The topography of the Project area is shown in **Figure 4-2**.

141. The soil up to 10 m, the topsoil, in the in the Project area is generally silty and sandy loam associated with the active flood plain, upper areas of the flood plain calcareous loamy and clayey.[26]

142. According to the agro-ecological zoning of Pakistan, the districts of Ghotki and Rahim Yar Khan lies in the Southern and Northern irrigation plains while eastern areas of the districts are sandy deserts. The southern plains represent lower Indus Plain formed by the meandering of Indus River. The desert area comprises of sandy soils and moving sand dunes, undulating sand ridges 20-25 m high and 1-3 m long while the western part has strips of clayey soils.[27]

143. District Ghotki is broadly divided into three zones. Area adjacent to River Indus is Zone A which is part of Indus's active plain. Zone B is next to this which is part of Indus's old flood plain and extremely fertile in nature. Zone B is irrigated by a network of canals to support land cultivation the whole year. The desert area which makes up part of Pakistan's Nara desert is the Zone C. The surface geology of the Project area is mainly composed of Alluvium &

[26] https://pcrwr.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2020/Water-Management-Reports/Groundwater-Investigation-and-mapping-in-the-lower-indus-plain-2020.pdf.
[27] Argo-Ecological Zones of Punjab, FAO (2019).

Extrusive Mud Older Eolian Deposits and Stream deposits The alluvial plain is located adjacent to the Indus River. Other geological composition of the district includes Deposits of Extinct Streams, Older Terrace Deposits, Floodplain deposits, Stream bed and Meander-Belt deposits.

144. Geologically, Rahim Yar Khan is underlain by a thick sequence of sediments consisting of sand, silt, and clay deposits of fluvial and aeolian origin, ranging in age from Pleistocene to most recent. The sediments, formed as channel infills, levees and overbank flood plain deposits, show both lateral and vertical lithologic variation. This is due to the cyclic shifting in the course of the Indus River and its tributaries which laid down these sediments. The grain size decreases laterally from northeast to southwest, which point to heterogenic conditions of deposition, and a cause for variation in the permeability values of the layers. The absence of continuous clay layers, in general, is indicative of the presence of unconfined aquifers in the fluvial sediments.[28] The three major fruits grown are citrus, mango and guava. The vegetables mostly produced in this district include garlic, potato, turnip, carrot, tomato, ladyfinger, cauliflower, turnip, onion, peas, and chilies.

145. The geology of the Project area is shown in **Figure 4-3.**

4.2.2 Land Use

146. The land use of the ETL AoI comprises mostly of agricultural land (88.0%). The remaining land consists of built-up area (8.5%) and barren land (1.9%) followed by vegetation cluster (0.9%) and roads and railway tracks (0.3%).

147. Land use in the AoI is summarized in Table 4-1 and shown in **Figure 4-4**.

Table 4-1: Land Use in the AoI

Land use Area	Agricultural Land	Built-up Area	Barren Land	Water Body	Vegetation Cluster	Sealed Road/ Railway Track
%	88.0%	8.5%	1.9%	0.4%	0.9%	0.3%
Area, km^2 377.1	332.0	32.0	7.0	1.5	3.6	1.0

[28] Geological Survey of Pakistan (1998).

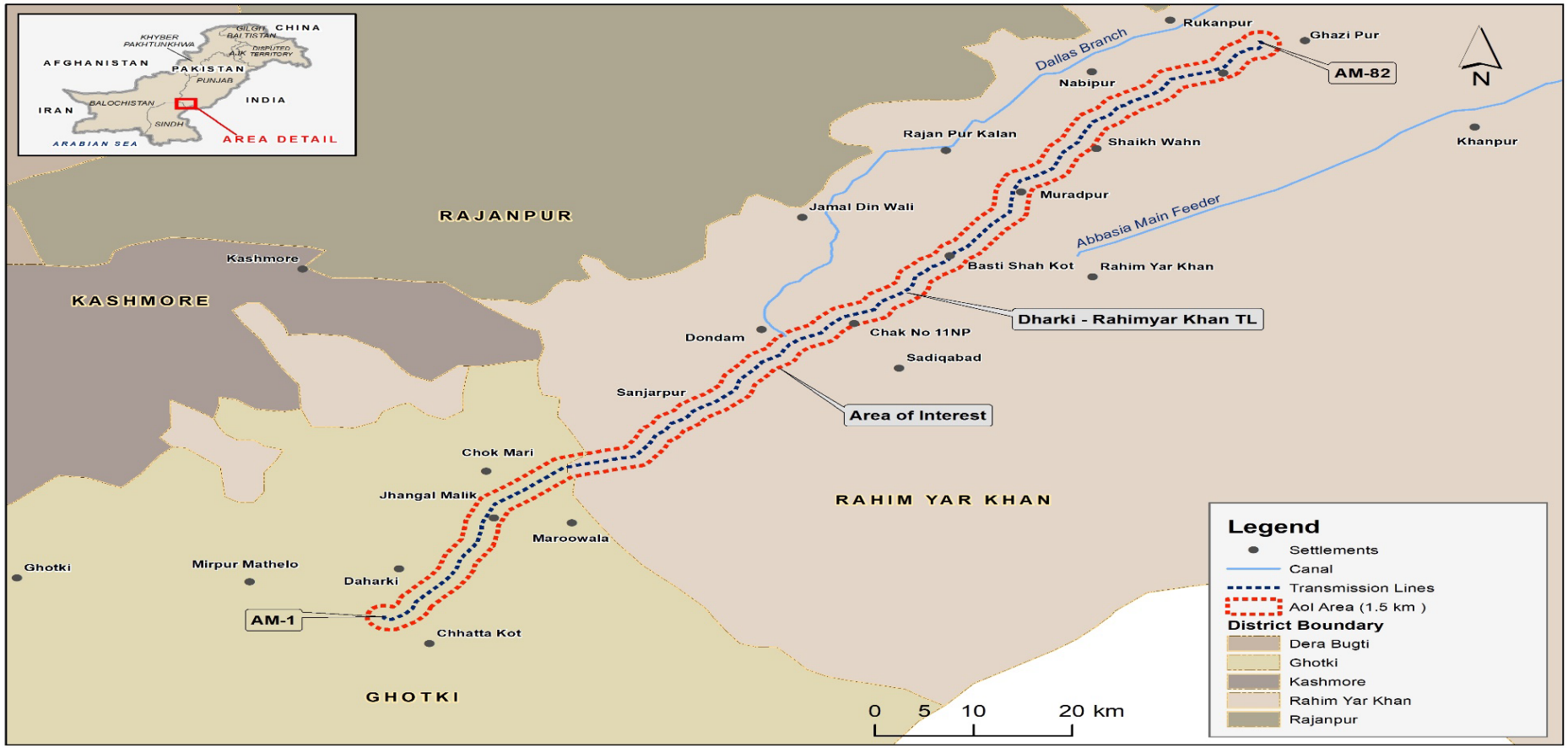


Figure 4-1: Project Area of Influence

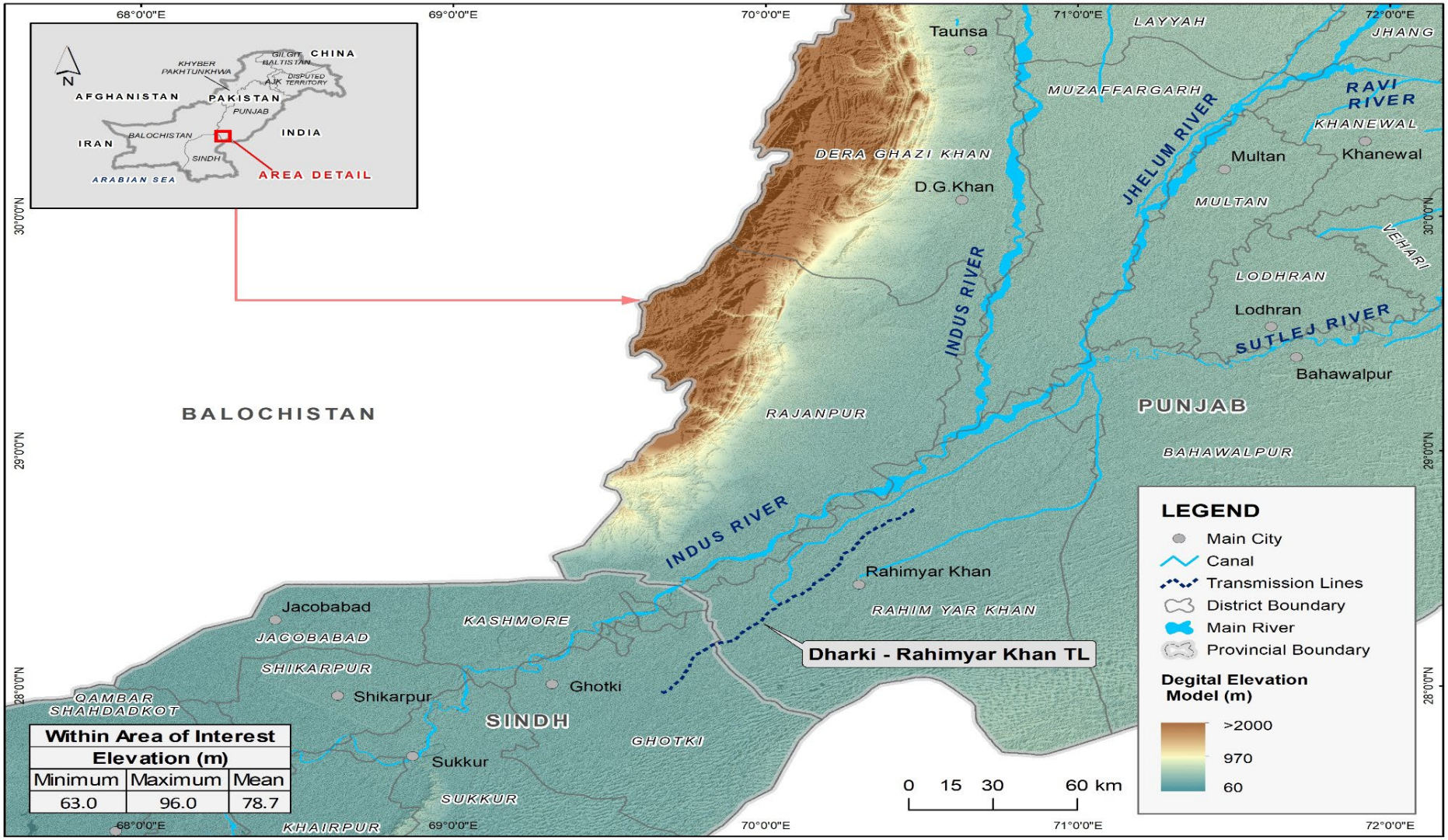


Figure 4-2: Topography

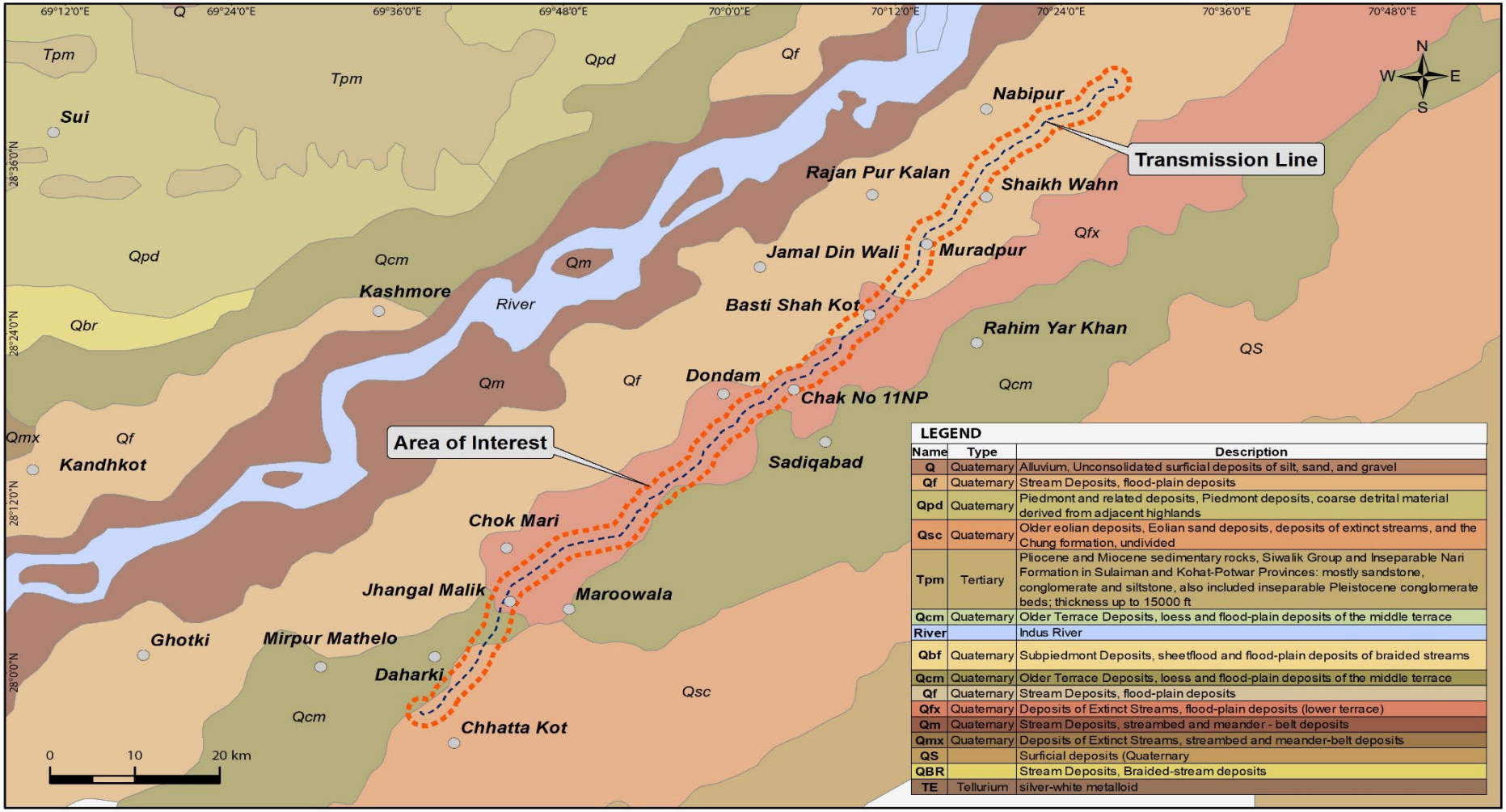
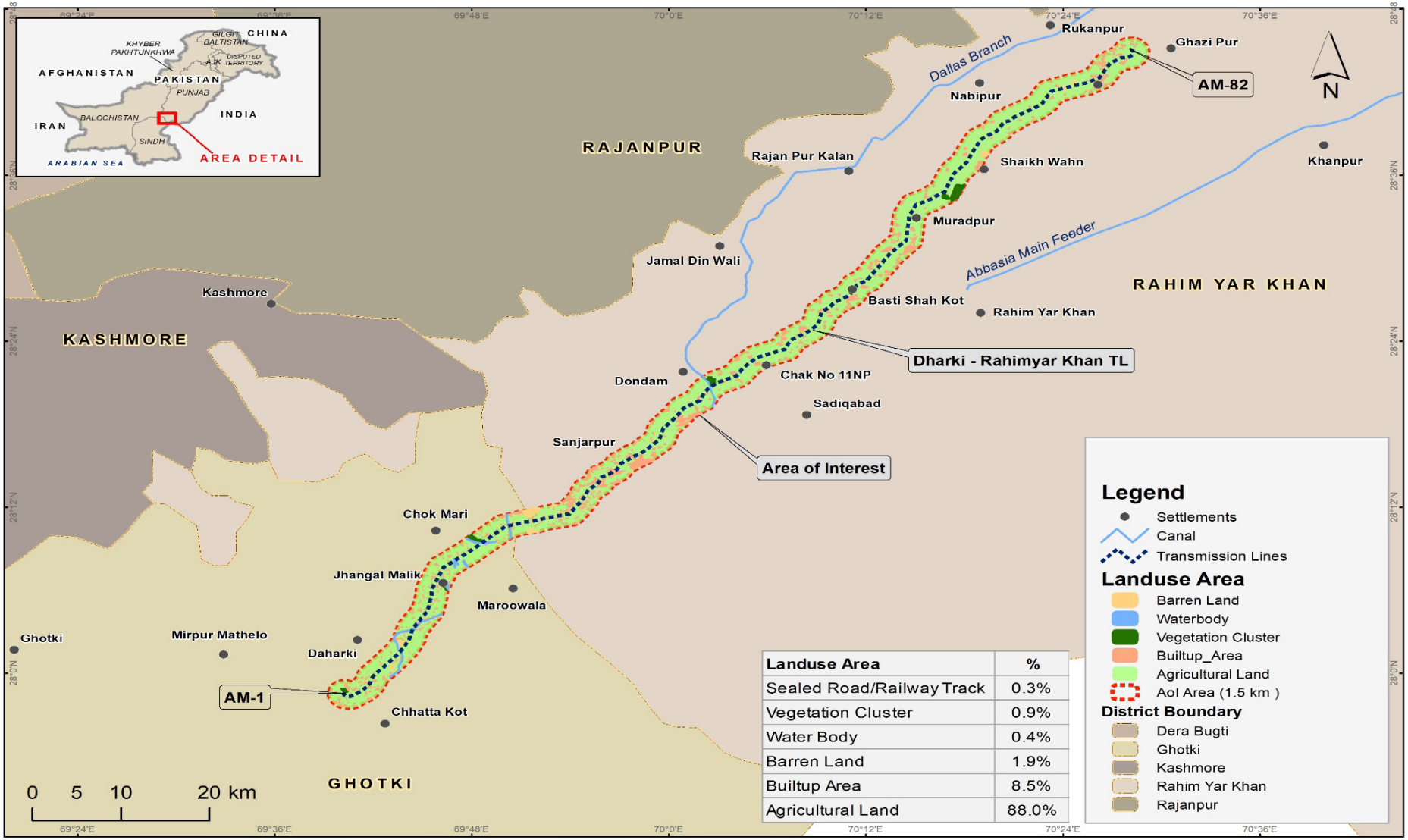


Figure 4-3: Geology of the Subproject Area



Landuse Area	%
Sealed Road/Railway Track	0.3%
Vegetation Cluster	0.9%
Water Body	0.4%
Barren Land	1.9%
Builtup Area	8.5%
Agricultural Land	88.0%

Figure 4-4: Land Use in AoI

4.2.3 Seismicity

148. In 2007, Pakistan Building Code (PBC) revised the seismic zone categorization to 5 seismic zones based on peak ground acceleration[29] as provided in **Table 4-2** and **Table 4-3** provides hazard significance.

149. According to this classification, The Project is located in Zone 2A and Zone 2B or between 0.08 and 2.4 m/s^2. The Project area falling in Ghotki and Rahimyar Khan Districts is in Zone 2A.

Table 4-2: Seismic Zone Categorization, PBC 2007

Seismic Zone	Peak Horizontal Ground Acceleration
1	0.05 to 0.08g
2A	0.08 to 0.16g
2B	0.16 to 0.24g
3	0.24 to 0.32g
4	> 0.32g

Note: g is the acceleration due to gravity, where g = 9.81 m/s^2.

150. The Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program (GSHAP)[30] launched in 1992, conducted a seismicity analysis in 1999. The Seismic Hazard Map of Pakistan is shown in **Figure 4-5**. Based on GSHAP, [31] the peak ground acceleration (PGA), with 10% probability of exceedance in 50 years with a return period of 475 years, is between 0.08 and 1.6 m/s^2

Table 4-3: Seismic Zone Categorization, PBC 1986

Seismic Zone	Peak Horizontal Ground Acceleration
0	Negligible damage
1	Minor damage, distant earthquakes may cause damage to structures with fundamental periods greater than 1.0 seconds, corresponds to intensity V and VI of the M.M. scale
2	Moderate damage, corresponds to intensity VII of the M.M. scale
3	Major damage, corresponds to intensity VII and higher of the M.M. scale

151. According to these classifications, the Project is located in Zone 2A in PBC 2007 classification which is for minor to moderate risk zone.

[29] Peak ground acceleration is equal to the maximum ground acceleration that occurred during earthquake shaking at a location. PGA is equal to the amplitude of the largest absolute acceleration recorded on an accelerogram at a site during an earthquake. Its units are g = 9.8 m/s^2.

[30] www.ndma.gov.pk/sep/researchpapers/r2.pdf (accessed 3 January 2017).

[31] Giardini, D., Grünthal, G., Shedlock, K. M. and Zhang, P. The GSHAP Global Seismic Hazard Map. Annali di Geofisica 42 (6), 1225-1228, 1999.

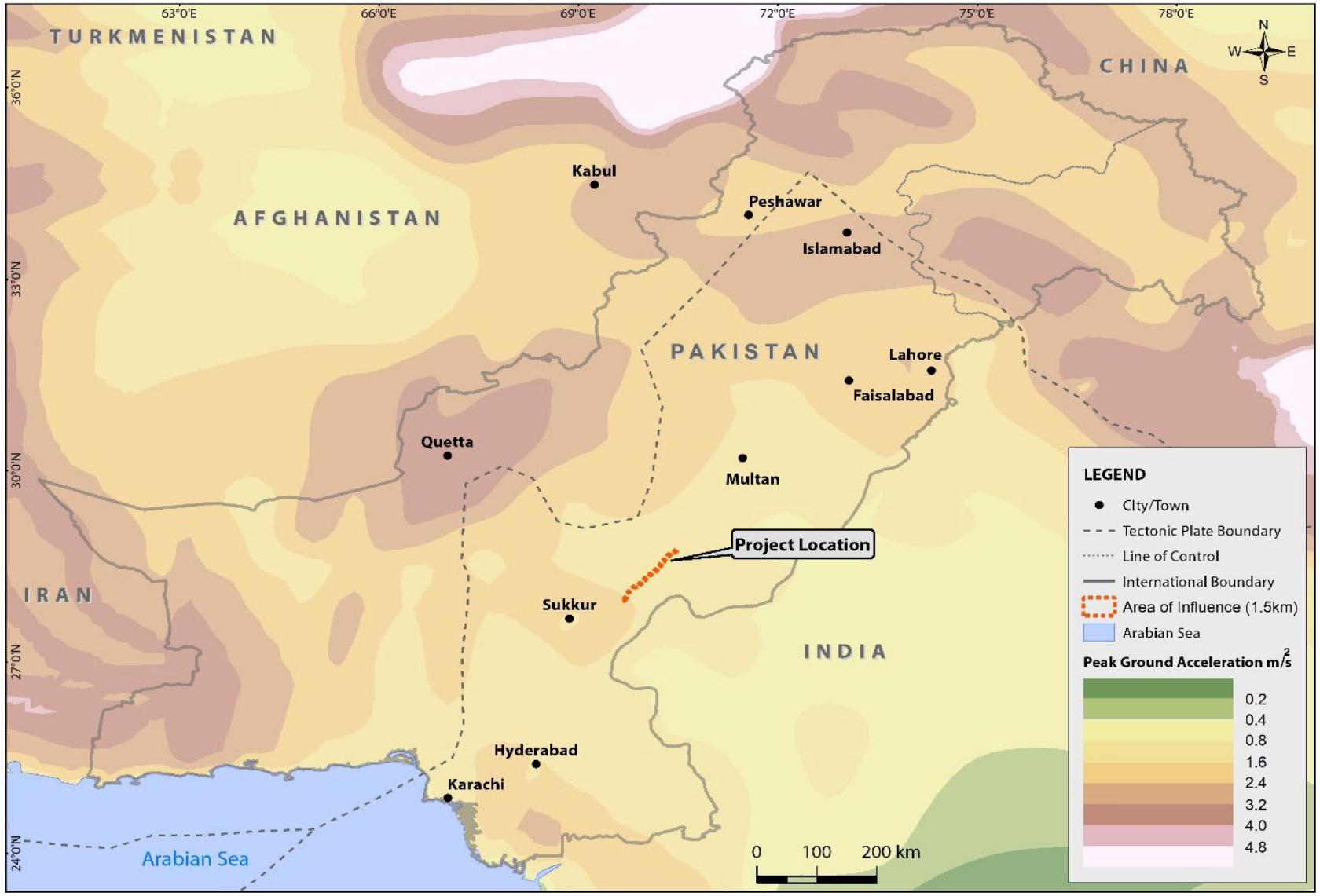


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Figure 4-5: Seismic Hazard Map

4.2.4 Climate

152. The climate of the Project area is extremely hot and dry in the summer season while in winter is usually dry and cold. The summer season is longer than the winter season. The summer begins in the month of April and carries on until the month of October while the winter season starts from November to March. Dust storms are also not an anomaly and fierce hot winds are common during the months of May, June, and July. The autumn sets in during November and lasts for a month or two at the most. Rainfall is scant in this region. The area receives maximum rainfall during the months of monsoon.

153. There is no weather station at Ghokti so detailed data on temperature and precipitation is not available. Therefore, weather data of District Rahim Yar Khan has been considered for the Project area.

154. Historical meteorological data over the period of 1981-2010 shows that the month of May, June and July are the hottest months of the year. While, the months of December, January and February are the coldest with temperatures recorded as low as 5.2^0C. A summary of historical data is shown in **Table 4-4** and a graph has been given in **Figure 4-6**.

Table 4-4: Project Area Temperature Data (1981-2010)

Month	Max Temp(°C)	Min Temp (°C)
January	21.7	5.2
February	25.1	8.5
March	31.7	14.2
April	38.8	19.7
May	43.3	24.4
June	43.2	26.9
July	40.9	27.2
August	39	26.7
September	37.9	24
October	36.1	19
November	30.5	12.1
December	24.4	6.9

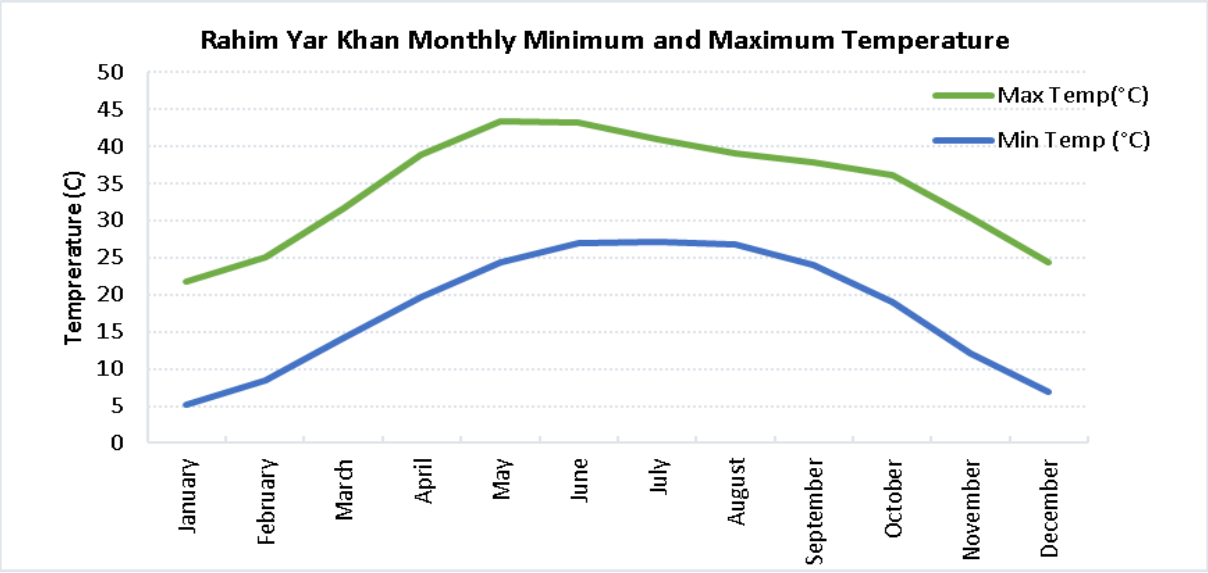


Figure 4-6: Temperature Status in Rahimyar Khan

155. The district of Rahim Yar Khan and Ghotki receives very little rainfall throughout the year; therefore, the area remains dry. Monsoon season brings the majority of the rain in the month of July through September. Based on the 30 years (1981- 2010) data of Pakistan

Meteorological Department data of Rahim Yar Khan Station the average monthly rainfall is provided in **Table 4-5**.

Table 4-5: Monthly Mean Rainfall in Project Area

Month	Mean Rainfall (mm)
January	2.6
February	10.8
March	10.8
April	5.4
May	1.9
June	9.4
July	24.5
August	37.4
September	20.1
October	5.8
November	1.4
December	5.9

156. The recent meteorological data from the year (Aug 2021- July 2022) for Rahimyar Khan is shown in **Table 4-6**.

157. Recent record shows that the area received about 290 mm of rainfall in the month of July 2022 which is one of the highest records rainfalls for this area.

Table 4-6: Meteorological Data of Project Area (August 2021-July 2022)

Month	Avg Temp(°C)	Max Temp(°C)	Min Temp(°C)	Precipitation (mm)
July-2022	33	37	27	290
June-2022	35.5	41	26	57
May-2022	37	45	28	5
April-2022	34.3	43.4	23	0
March-2022	26.2	36.5	17.3	0.2
February-2022	19	28	9.7	1
January-2022	14.7	24	6.8	17.4
December-2021	15.2	24	7.6	0.6
November-2021	21.5	31.8	13	0
October-2021	27.5	36.7	20.6	34
September-2021	30.5	37.9	25.9	0
August-2021	33.3	41.1	27.5	0

158. The maximum recorded wind speed and average monthly wind speed for Rahim Yar Khan are shown in **Figure 4-7**. The highest value for wind speed has been recorded as 14 km/hr. Overall, the winds are the fastest during the month of April and May.

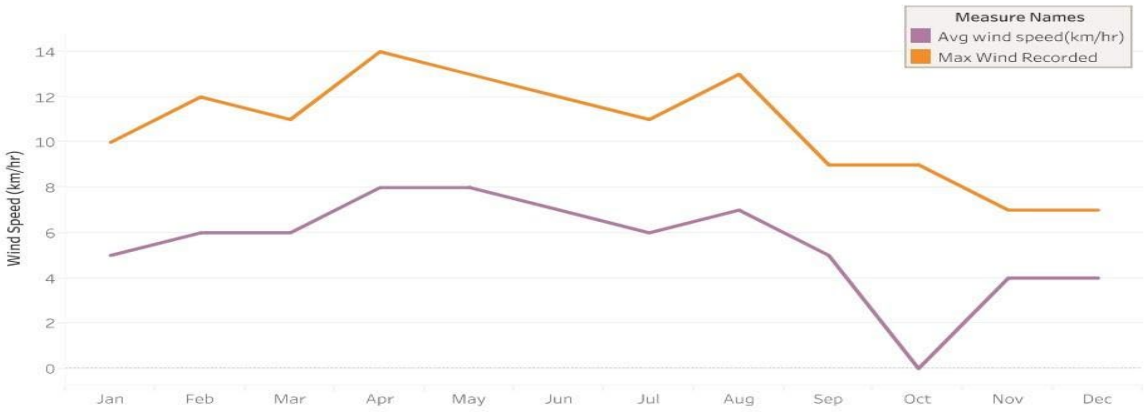


Figure 4-7: Project Area Monthly Wind Pattern

4.2.5 Water Resources

159. The area of ETL Project is falls in a riverain area where the people highly depend on the river, panjnad and the canal irrigation system.

160. The rainfall in this region is scarce therefore, in the southern part of the Project area, i.e. Ghotki District, the main source of irrigation is the Ghotki Feeder Canal which flows from the River Indus at Guddu Barrage and radiates into several small canals irrigating a large part of the district. The total irrigated area of the district during 2012-13 was 104,833 hectares while unirrigated areas were 27,890 hectares of land.

161. Banjand Main Canal to the Abbasia Link Canal and Shashmahi streams provide irrigation water to Rahimyar Khan district.[32]

162. The other means of irrigation in the Project area is groundwater extraction through privately owned tube wells. The water table depth decreases as we move away from the main canals. The settlements near the Project area utilize the groundwater for drinking purposes through hand pumps and motor pumps. The groundwater is also utilized for irrigation purposes through the tube wells, especially in the tail areas of the canals (minor), where the water supply through the canal stream is reduced.

163. Guddu Barrage was built in 1962 with a designed withdrawal capacity of 36,500 Cusecs. The width of the Indus River at Guddu Barrage is 1.35 km. The barrage is used to divert water to an irrigation canal and for flood control purposes. It provides fresh water supply for agricultural, domestic, and industrial uses. The barrage has 64 bays and the maximum design capacity to discharge is 33,980 cumec (cubic meters per second). The annual flow of the Indus River at the Guddu barrage is 3,509 cumec. The 18-year monthly averaged flow data for the Indus River recorded from 1986–87 season to 2003–04 season, at Guddu barrage is presented in **Table 4-7.** Average flow is highest in August when it exceeds 10,310 cumecs. In January, the leanest month the average flow is 976 cumecs.

Table 4-7: Indus River Monthly Average Monthly Flow at Guddu Barrage

Monthly Average (1986–2004)	Flow (cumec, m3/s)	
	Upstream	Downstream
Jan	976	709
Feb	1,066	956
Mar	1,239	1,097

[32] https://irrigation.punjab.gov.pk/page/1/

Monthly Average (1986–2004)	Flow (cumec, m3/s)	
Apr	1,641	1,643
May	2,667	2,421
Jun	4,793	3,875
Jul	9,435	8,463
Aug	10,310	9,446
Sep	5,742	5,042
Oct	2,084	1,802
Nov	1,132	949
Dec	1,019	926
Annual	3,509	3,111

4.2.6 Water Quality

164. The water quality was defined based on primary data collected during the current survey.

165. In order to establish the baseline water quality conditions, water samples were collected from Project AoI between 27th August to 29th August 2022.

166. A total of three drinking water samples were taken. The source of water is groundwater which is extracted through tube wells or handpumps.

167. The samples were selected based on the land use of the AoI and sensitive receptors i.e., near a settlement in a densely populated area (W-1 and W-3) and near a sparsely populated settlement area having agricultural activity around (W-2).

Sampling and Methodology

168. **Table 4-8** provides information on sampling points and containers collected and the rationale for selection.

169. **Photo4-1** provides photographs during the sample collection.

170. The sampling locations are shown in **Figure 4-8**.

Table 4-8: Description of Water Quality Sampling Location

Sample ID	Coordinates	Sample Taken	Location	Rationale of Selection
W-1	25°25'42.91"N 68°23'10.14"E	Drinking-Water (Handpump Well)	Kanjuwala, Daharki	This point near RoW and is located in a sensitive environmental Receptors i.e. residential area.
W-2	28°22'14"N 70°4'56" E	Drinking-Water (Handpump Well)	Saqidabad, Rahim Yar Khan	This point is near RoW and is close to sensitive environmental Receptors i.e. agricultural areas and residential areas.
W3	28°44'24"N 70°27'52" E	Drinking-Water (Handpump Well)	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahim Yar Khan	This point is located near Rahim Yar Khan Grid Station which is surrounded by agriculture and residential area.

Results and Analysis

171. The results of the groundwater quality sampling are summarized in **Table 4-9.** The complete results are given in **Annexure III**.

172. From the measured values the following conclusions can be drawn:

- All the water quality parameters analyzed were found within the World Health Organization (WHO) Standards for drinking water and the SEQS and PEQS drinking water limits.
- Based on the analysis, it can be concluded that the water quality in the area is very good, and no tested parameter exceeds the defined guidelines.

Water Sample (W-1), Daharki, District Ghotki (August 2022)

Water Sample (W-2), Saddiqabad, District Rahimyar Khan (August 2022)

Water Sample (W-3), Ghazipur, District Rahimyar Khan (August 2022)

Photo 4-1: Water Quality Sampling Photographs

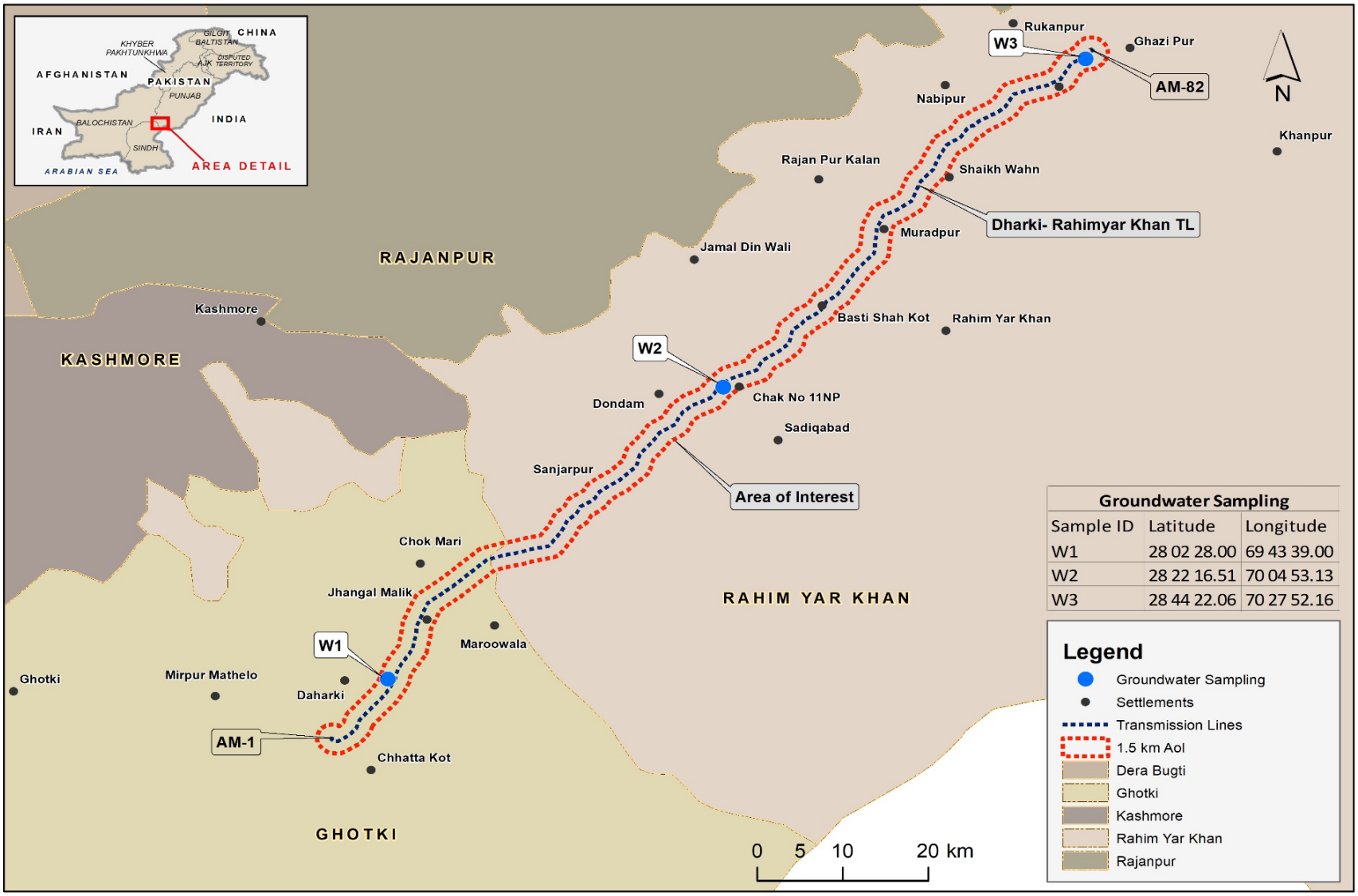


Figure 4-8: Water Quality Sampling Locations

Table 4-9: Water Quality Sampling Results

Parameter	Analysis Method	Units	SEQS for Drinking Water	PEQS for Drinking Water	WHO Guideline Values for Drinking Water	W1-Daharki	W2-Sadiqabad	W3-Ghazipur
Color	SMWW 2120 C	TCU	≤ 15	≤ 15	<15	0	0	0
Taste	SMWW 2160 C		Non-Objectionable	Non-Objectionable	-	Non Objectionable	Non Objectionable	Non Objectionable
Odor	SMWW 2150 B		Non-Objectionable	Non-Objectionable	-	Non Objectionable	Non Objectionable	Non Objectionable
Turbidity	SMWW 2130 B	NTU	< 5	< 5	< 5	0	0	4.69
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	SMWW 2340 C	mg/l	< 500	< 500	< 500	55	310	165
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	SMWW 2540 C	mg/l	< 1000	< 1000	< 1000	850	853	555
pH	SMWW 4500 H+ B		6.5- 8.5	6.5- 8.5	6.5 – 8.5	8.09	7.61	7.54
Aluminum (Al)	SMWW 3111 B	mg/l	≤ 0.2	0.2	-	0.006	<0.005	0.006
Antimony (Sb)	SMWW 3114 B	mg/l	≤ 0.005	≤ 0.005	-	<0.005	<0.005	0.006
Arsenic (As)	SMWW 3114 B	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤0.05	0.01	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Barium (Ba)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.02	0.02	0.02
Boron (B)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.022	0.02	0.02
Cadmium (Cd)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	0.01	0.01	0.03	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006
Chloride (Cl-)	SMWW 4500 Cl- B	mg/l	< 250	≤ 250	250	167	149.9	39.9
Chromium (Cr)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.05	0.05	<0.004	<0.004	<0.004
Copper (Cu)	SMWW 3111 B	mg/l	2	2.0	2	<0.164	<0.164	<0.164
Cyanide (CN-)	SMWW 4500 CN- F	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.05		0	0	0
Fluoride (F-)	SMWW 4500 F- D	mg/l	≤ 1.5	≤ 1.5	1.5	0.21	0.18	0.35
Lead (Pb)	SMWW 3114 B	mg/l	≤ 0.05	≤ 0.05	0.01	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Manganese (Mn)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	≤ 0.5	≤ 0.5	0.5	<0.015	<0.015	<0.015
Mercury (Hg)	SMWW 3114 B	mg/l	≤ 0.001	≤ 0.001	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Nickel (Ni)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	≤0.02	≤0.02	0.02	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Nitrate (NO_3-)	SMWW 4500 NO3- B	mg/l	≤ 50	≤50	50	0	0	2

Parameter	Analysis Method	Units	SEQS for Drinking Water	PEQS for Drinking Water	WHO Guideline Values for Drinking Water	W1-Daharki	W2-Sadiqabad	W3-Ghazipur
Nitrite (NO_2-)	SMWW 4500 NO2- B	mg/l	≤ 3.0	≤3	3	0.037	0.02	2.5
Selenium (Se)	SMWW 3114 B	mg/l	0.01	≤ 0.01	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Residual Chlorine (Cl_2)	SMWW 4500 Cl- B	mg/l	0.5	0.2 – 0.5	0.2 – 0.5	0	0	0
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols)	SMWW 5530 D	mg/l	-		-	0.016	0.027	0.032
Zinc (Zn)	SMWW 3113 B	mg/l	5	5.0	5	0.055	0.052	0.054
Microbiological Analysis								
Total Coliforms	SMWW 9222 B	mL CFU	0/ 100	0/ 100	-	N.A.	0	0
Fecal Coliforms	SMWW 9222 D	mL CFU	0/ 100	0/ 100	-	N.A.	0	0

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard, SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards
"-"means not available

4.2.7 Air Quality

173. There are no major anthropogenic sources in the AoI other than local roads and cooking stoves in villages. The agricultural land results in windblown dust in dry conditions. The pollutants selected for evaluation, based on the expected emissions from the Project activities and the level of risk to human health posed by these pollutants, are as follows:

- Respirable particulate matter—Coarse (PM_{10})[33], Fine ($PM_{2.5}$)[34] and Particulate Matter (PM Total)
- Sulfur dioxide (SO_2)
- Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_X)—Mainly Nitrogen dioxide (NO_2) and Nitric oxide (NO)
- Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Methodology and Sampling Locations

174. Air quality sampling was carried out at three locations in the AoI between 27 to 29 August 2022.

175. The samples were selected based on the land use of the AoI and sensitive receptors i.e., near a settlement in a densely populated area (A-1 and A-3) and near a sparsely populated settlement area having agricultural activity around (A-2).

A description of sampling locations and the rationale of selection is given in **Table 4-10**.

Table 4-10: Details of Air Quality Sampling Locations

Sample ID	Coordinates	Location	Pollutants Sampled	The rationale for Site Selection
A-1	25°25'42.91"N 68°23'10.14"E	Kanjuwala, Daharki	CO, SO2, NO2, and NO PM10, PM2.5 and PM Total	This point near RoW and is located in a sensitive environmental Receptors i.e. residential area.
A-2	28°22'14" N 70°4'56" E	Saqidabad, Rahim Yar Khan	CO, SO2, NO2, and NO PM10, PM2.5 and PM Total	This point near RoW and is close to sensitive environmental Receptors i.e. agricultural area and residential area.
A3	28°44'24" N 70°27'52" E	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahim Yar Khan	CO, SO2, NO2, and NO PM10, PM2.5 and PM Total	This point is located near Rahim Yar Khan grid station which is surrounded by agriculture and residential area.

176. Particulate matter was sampled using MP101M (Automatic particulate Analyzer) Portable Air Sampler. This instrument has high accuracy and not influenced by the physicochemical nature, color or shape of particles. Sampling flowrate continuously regulated to the atmospheric temperature and pressure, reduces evaporation artifacts of volatile compounds (mandatory for $PM_{2.5}$ according to EU regulations). The instrument has a regulated sampling tube (RST) compliant with CEN PM10 and USEPA standards.

177. CO was measured using CO12e (Carbon Monoxide Analyzer). The CO12e is a continuous carbon monoxide analyzer with a detection limit of 0.035 ppm. Its measurement principle is based on carbon monoxide detection by absorption of infrared light.

[33] PM_{10} is particulate matter 10 micrometers or less in diameter.
[34] $PM_{2.5}$ is particulate matter 2.5 micrometers or less in diameter.

178. NO and NO_2 were measured using AC32e (Nitrogen Oxide Analyzer) which has embedded Communication Protocol for XR® Management Software with automatic recognition and configuration.

179. SO_2 was measured AF22e (Sulfur Dioxide Analyzer). The AF22e is a continuous ambient air-quality monitoring analyzer (CAMs), based on the ultraviolet fluorescence principle, which is the standard method for the measurement of SO_2 concentration (EN 14212).

180. The sampling location, along with nearby settlements and roads are shown in **Figure 4-9**.

181. The method, duration of sampling and laboratory for analysis is summarized in **Table 4-11.**

182. Photographs of the particulate matter and diffusion tube sampling sites are shown **Photo 4-2**.

Table 4-11: Methodology and Duration of Sampling

Parameter	Equipment	Date and Duration of Sampling	Laboratory for Analysis
CO	CO12e Carbon Monoxide Analyzer	27th August to 29th August 2022 24 hours each location	Asian Environmental Services, Lahore
NO and NO_2	AC32e Nitrogen Oxide Analyzer	27th August to 29th August 2022	Asian Environmental Services, Lahore
SO_2	AF22e Sulfur Dioxide Analyzer	24 hours each location	Asian Environmental Services, Lahore
PM_{10}, $PM_{2.5}$ and PM Total	MP101M Automatic particulate Analyzer	27th August to 29th August 2022	Asian Environmental Services, Lahore

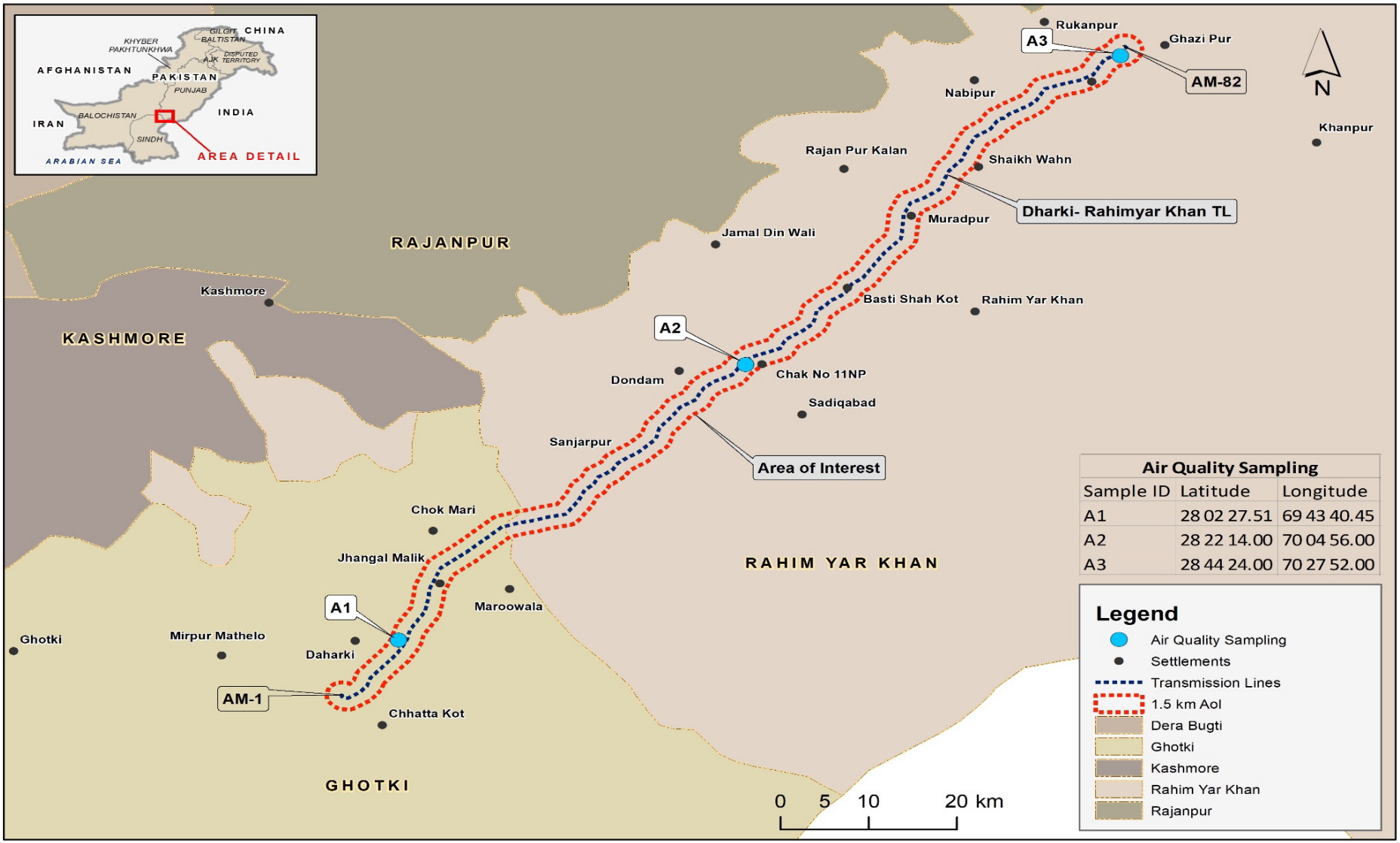


Figure 4-9: Air Quality Sampling Locations

Ambient Air Quality Equipment Installation A-1 (August 2022)

Ambient Air Quality monitoring at A-2 (August 2022)

Ambient Air Quality Monitoring at A-3 (August 2022)

Photo 4-2: Ambient Air Quality Sampling Site Photographs

Ambient Air Quality Results

183. The sampling results are provided in **Table 4-12** and the complete results are given in **Annexure III**.

184. At A-1 sampling location, NO and NO_2 were found within SEQS. Also, these are within PEQS at A2- and A-3. No IFC guideline value available for 24-hour measurement. However, the values are slightly higher than the WHO ASG at all three points.

185. At all sampling locations, Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2) measured values were found within SEQS (A-1) and PEQS (A-2 and A-3), WHO AGQ Level.

186. At all sampling locations, Particulate Matter (PM_{10}) measured values were found within SEQS (A-1), PEQS (A-2 and A-3). However, at all three, locations, the measured values were found higher than the I WHO AGQ Level.

187. At all sampling locations, Particulate Matter ($PM_{2.5}$) measured values were found within SEQS (A-1) and PEQS (A-2 and A-3). However, at all three locations, the measured values were found higher than WHO AGQ Level.

188. The higher value of the parameters may be attributed to the local rural area condition. As, the respective samples were taken near non-metaled road and residential area where the traffic can cause air dust particles. Agricultural activities and combustion of gasoline and wood are also a contributing factor toward high particulate matter (both PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$) in ambient air.

Table 4-12: Results of Ambient Air Quality Sampling

($\mu g/m^3$) unless otherwise specified

Parameter	Monitoring Duration	LDL	Parameter	SEQS	PEQS	WHO AGQ Level	A-1 (Kanjuwala, Daharki)	A-2 (Sadiqabad)	A-3 (Ghazipur)
Nitrogen Dioxide	24Hours	1	NO_2	80	80	25	26.28	26.93	27.88
Nitrogen Oxide	24Hours	1	NO	40	40	25	11.28	11.86	13.1
Nitrogen Oxides	24Hours	1	NO_x	120	120	-	37.51	38.74	40.93
Sulphur Dioxide	24Hours	1	SO_2	120	120	40	32.75	34.44	34.97
Carbon Monoxide	8-hours	0.01	CO	5	5	4	0.85	0.83	0.85
Particulate Matter	24Hours	1	PM_{10}	150	150	45	119.75	110.16	108.25
Particulate Matter	24Hours	1	$PM_{2.5}$	75	35	15	30.36	32.92	31.8
Total Particulate Matter	24Hours	1	TSP	500	500	-	214.56	215.39	210.72

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard, SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

Note: '- ' means information is not available or not applicable.

*24- hours Interim target-1, target-2 and target-3 (75, 50 and 37.5 respectively) [IFC Interim targets are provided in recognition of the need for a staged approach to achieving the recommended guidelines].

** 24- hours Interim target-1, target-2 and target-3 (150, 100 and 75 respectively)

4.2.8 Noise

189. This section defines the baseline ambient noise levels in the AoI in a manner that can be used for the assessment of the noise impact of the proposed Project. Noise levels were measured at three selected locations considered representative of the nearby receptors of possible noise disturbance from the Project.

190. The following is a brief description of the terminology used in this assessment:

- Sound: A vibratory disturbance created by a vibrating object, which, when transmitted by pressure waves through a medium such as air, is capable of being detected by a receiving mechanism, such as the human ear or a microphone
- Noise: Sound that is loud, unpleasant, unexpected, or otherwise undesirable
- Decibel (dB): A unitless measure of sound on a logarithmic scale, which indicates the squared ratio of sound pressure amplitude to a reference sound pressure amplitude. The reference pressure is 20 micro-pascals
- A-Weighted Decibel (dB(A)): An overall frequency-weighted sound level in decibels, which approximates the frequency response of the human ear. The typical human ear is not equally sensitive to all frequencies of the audible sound spectrum. Therefore, when assessing potential noise impacts on people, an electronic filter is used that de-emphasizes certain frequencies in a manner corresponding to the human ear's decreased sensitivity to low and extremely high frequencies. All the noise levels reported in this Section are A-weighted
- Equivalent Sound Level (Leq): The equivalent steady-state sound or vibration level, which is a stated period, typically one hour, would contain the same acoustical or vibration energy.

Sampling Methodology

191. Noise measurements were taken at one location listed in **Table 4-13**. Noise readings were taken for 24 hours at the sampling sites.

192. The sampling points were selected based on the land use of AoI and sensitive receptor i.e. near populated settlement area.

193. The noise levels were measured using portable BSWA308 (Type 1 Sound Level Meter). The BSWA308 has a dynamic range of 102 dB and always measure noise from 29 dBA to 131 dBA in a single range. It can measure three parameters simultaneously with the A, C, and Z frequency weightings and with F, S, and I time weightings. Besides, the equivalent continuous sound pressure level, maximum and minimum values are calculated. The BSWA308 is ideal sound level sound for general purposes of noise measurements where the Class 1 accuracy is required.

194. The meter was calibrated at the start of measurement at each site, using CA111 Sound Calibrator. The calibrator can be used on 1/2-inch and 1/4-inch microphones with an adapter. It conforms to IEC 60942:2003 Class 1, ANSI S1.40-1984 and GB/T 15173-1994. - Calibration of measurement microphones, sound level meters and other sound measurement equipment.

195. The instrument was mounted on a tripod, to avoid interference from reflecting surfaces within the immediate neighborhood, and a windshield was used in all measurements.

196. The noise levels measurement locations map is provided in **Figure 4-10**.

Table 4-13: Noise Sampling Locations

Sample ID	Coordinates	Location	Date and Duration	The rationale for Site Selection
N-1	25°25'42.91"N 68°23'10.14"E	Kanjuwala, Daharki	29th to 30th August 2022 24 hours each location	This point near RoW and is located in a sensitive environmental Receptors i.e. residential area.
N-2	28°22'14" N 70°4'56" E	Saqidabad, Rahim Yar Khan	28th to 29th August 2022 24 hours each location	This point near RoW and is close to sensitive environmental Receptors i.e. residential area.
N-3	28°44'24" N 70°27'52" E	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahim Yar Khan	26th to 27th August 2022 24 hours each location	This point is located near Rahim Yar Khan Grid Station which is surrounded by agriculture and residential area.

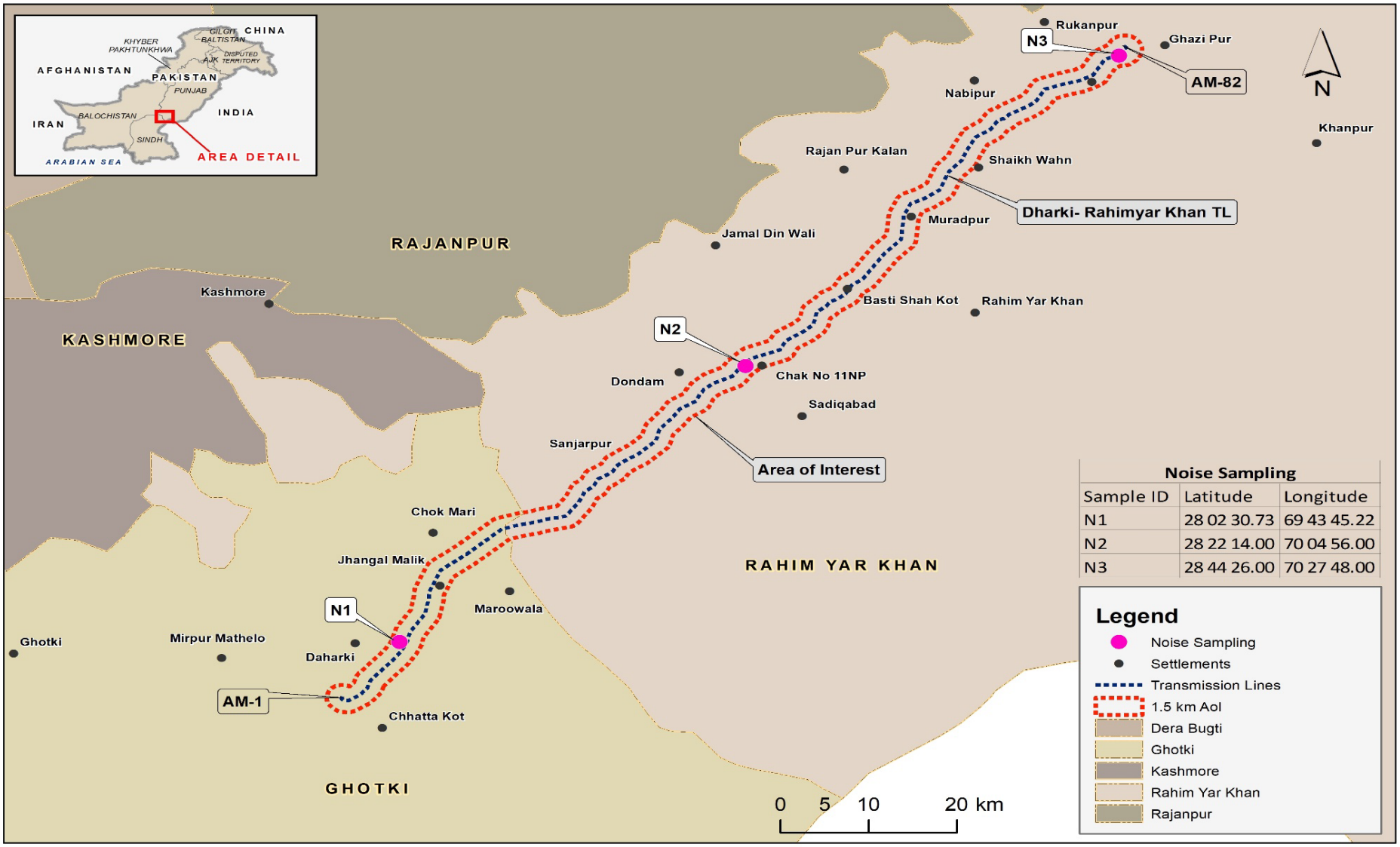


Figure 4-10: Noise Sampling Locations

Noise Measurement Results and Analysis

197. A summary of results is provided in **Table 4-14** with an hourly Leq in **Table 4-15** and in **Figure 4-11**. The complete data provided by the testing team are presented in **Annexure III**.

198. From the measured values the following conclusions can be drawn:

- The values measured within the SEQS (N-1) and PEQS (N2 and N-3) for both daytime as well as for the nighttime readings.
- Measures noise levels are within IFC guideline values for both, daytime, and nighttime.
- Overall, daytime noise values are measured higher compared to nighttime values. This may be due to anthropogenic sources such as traffic and other human activities.

Table 4-14: Noise Measurement Levels

Average Values for Nighttime and Daytime, Leq, dB A

Measurement Point/ Reference Values	Daytime	Nighttime
N-1	46.7	37.4
N-2	48.4	39.1
N-3	46.4	38.8
SEQS/ PEQS	55	45
IFC Guideline Values	45	45

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard, SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

Table 4-15: Hourly Noise Measurement Values

Leq, dB A

Time (hours)	SEQS (dB A)	IFC Guidelines (dB A)	Sound Leq (dB A)		
			N-1	N-2	N-3
12:30	55	55	48.62	47.74	46.81
13:30	55	55	47.86	48.83	46.57
14:30	55	55	47.44	49.94	48.12
15:30	55	55	48.66	50.73	49.37
16:30	55	55	48.94	50.38	48.81
17:30	55	55	47.73	48.79	46.81
18:30	55	55	47.51	47.55	44.26
19:30	55	55	45.71	46.31	41.51
20:30	55	45	42.84	44.7	37.86
21:30	45	45	39.95	42.01	36.42
22:30	45	45	37.49	39.41	36.4
23:30	45	45	36.09	37.65	36.44
0:30	45	45	35.56	36.4	35.74
1:30	45	45	35.49	35.09	35.73
2:30	45	45	35.08	36.15	37.33
3:30	45	45	36.21	38.07	39.29
4:30	45	45	38.24	40.24	41.3
5:30	45	45	39.33	42.13	43.37
6:30	45	45	40.39	43.83	45.54
7:30	55	55	41.5	45.82	46.11
8:30	55	55	44.49	47.34	47.32
9:30	55	55	45.99	48.79	48.36
10:30	55	55	47.42	50.01	48.75
11:30	55	55	49.55	50.61	49.37

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard, SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

Note: SEQS/ PEQS daytime means from 06:00 hours to 22:00 hours and nighttime from 22:00 to 06:00 hours.
IFC daytime means from 07:00 to 22:00 hours and nighttime hours from 22 hours to 07:00 hours.
[a] for getting Leq[35] levels, anti-log [10^xx/10] of instantaneous level then log [10*log10*Average Energy Levels).

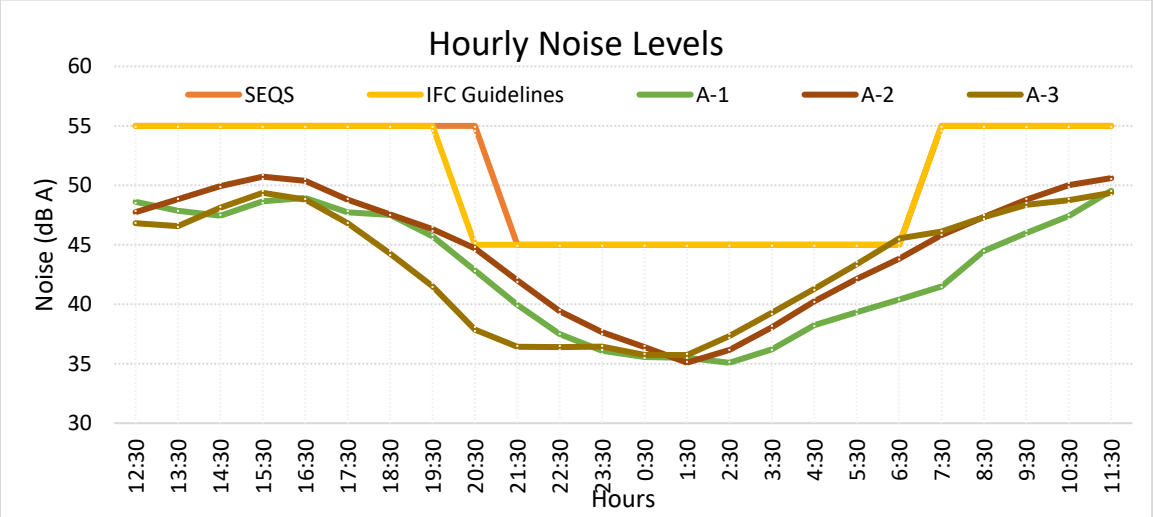


Figure 4-11: Hourly Noise Measurement Values and Standards

4.2.9 Environmental Sensitive Receptors

199. Sensitive receptors are people/places more susceptible to the adverse effects of exposure to pollutants and social disturbance, due to the developmental projects. Thus, sensitive receptors are necessary to be identified, to evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed project on public health and the environment and adopt necessary mitigation measures to minimize the impact.

200. The sensitive receptors identified for the proposed project within AOI are residential areas; educational institutions; health facilities; and religious places (graveyards and mosques). They are prone to sensitivity during the construction phase, due to emission of air pollutants, noise and vibration, traffic jams/access, the temporary edifice of construction camps, and mobilization issues.

201. The sensitivity feature of receptor is divided into a three-scale score considering sensitivity and risk to the receptors. These include High, Medium, and Low risk. **Table 4-16** shows a description of the risk scale.

202. The sensitive receptor and environmental values in the AOI are mentioned in **Table 4-17** shown in **Figure 4-12**.

203. Detailed list of sensitive receptors (covering type, distance from RoW and orientation) is provided in **Annexure IV**.

Table 4-16: Sensitivity Risk Scale

Risk Category	Description
High	Definite susceptible to a potential impact of project activity and the high priority of mitigation
Medium	Moderate susceptible to a potential impact of project activity and the mitigation of impact is required
Low	Unlikely (or low likelihood) impact, minor deterioration and/or short–term impact and/or small footprint

[35] Leq is the equivalent continuous sound level and represents the total sound exposure for the period of interest or an energy average noise level for the period of interest.

Table 4-17: Sensitive Receptors and Environmental Values

Feature Category	Feature Sensitivity	Number of Features Found
Agricultural Land Area	Medium	2
Settlements - Large (>30 houses)	High	7
Settlements - Medium (<30 houses)	High	7
Settlements – Small (<15 houses)	Medium	3
Major Roads	Medium	2
Water Bodies/ Crossings	Medium	23

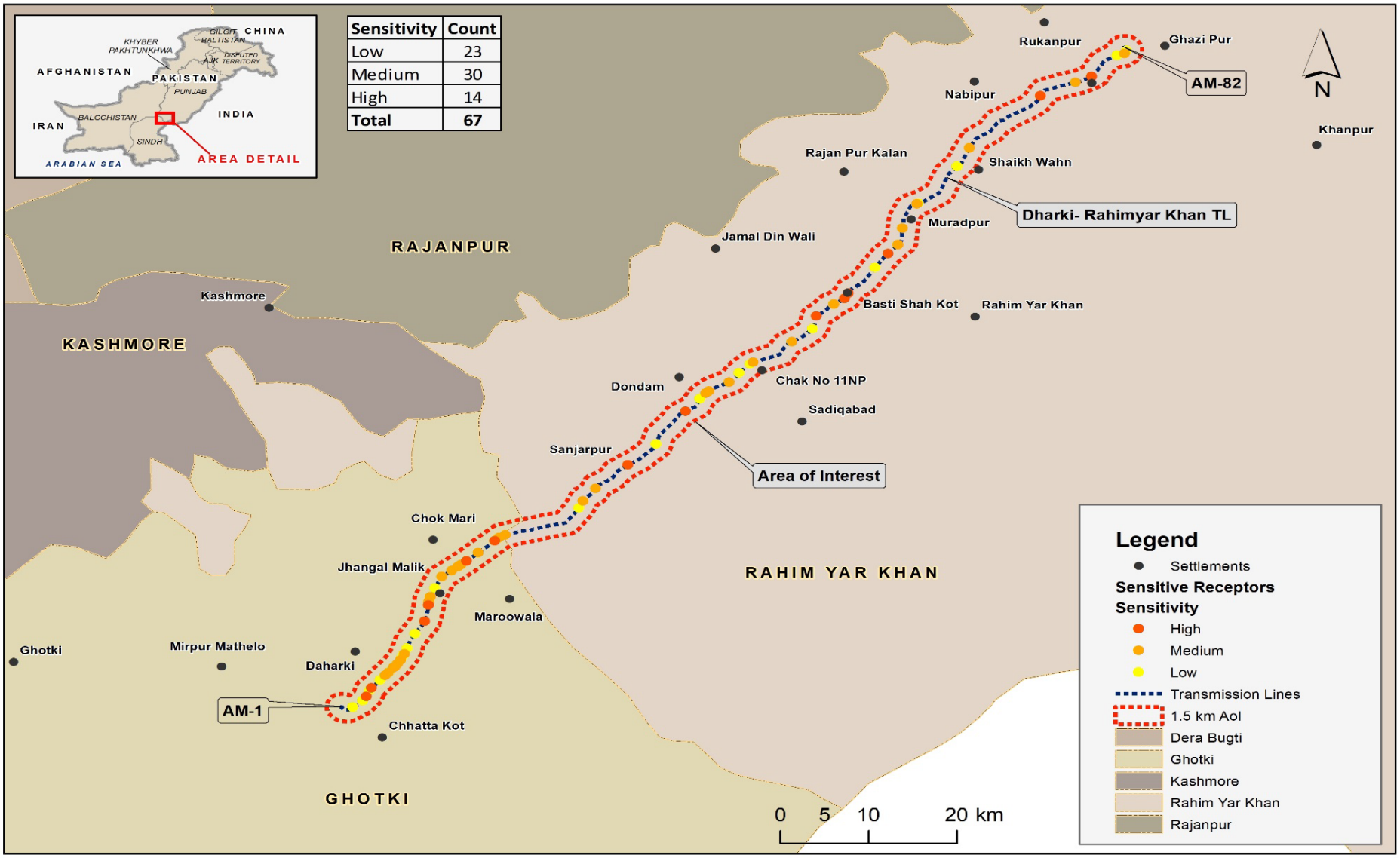


Figure 4-12: Sensitive Receptors in Area of Influence

4.3 Ecology

204. The ecology baseline has been prepared to provide an overview of the ecological conditions in the terrestrial study area and surroundings.

205. Sources of information for preparation of this baseline included published literature, reports, scientific journals as well as information obtained from national and globally recognized sources such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).[36]

206. In addition, a field survey was also carried out from August 28, 2022, to August 31, 2022, to collect field data and information about the terrestrial ecological resources in and around the Project area.

4.3.1 Study Area

207. The proposed study for terrestrial ecological resources (vegetation, mammals, birds, and herpetofauna) was carried out within a 1.5 km buffer area of the proposed ETL, also referred as AoI in this study.

208. A map of the Study Area or Area of Influence (AoI) for terrestrial ecological resources is given in **Figure 4-13**.

4.3.2 Field Survey

209. The field surveys were carried out from August 28, 2022, to August 31, 2022.

210. Sampling locations for terrestrial ecology are provided in **Figure 4-14**. The locations were selected considering three main habitat types identified using *Google Earth* satellite imagery.

211. These include Agricultural Land, Barren Land, and Vegetation. The number of sampling locations was based on the percentage representation of the habitats in the Terrestrial Study Area.

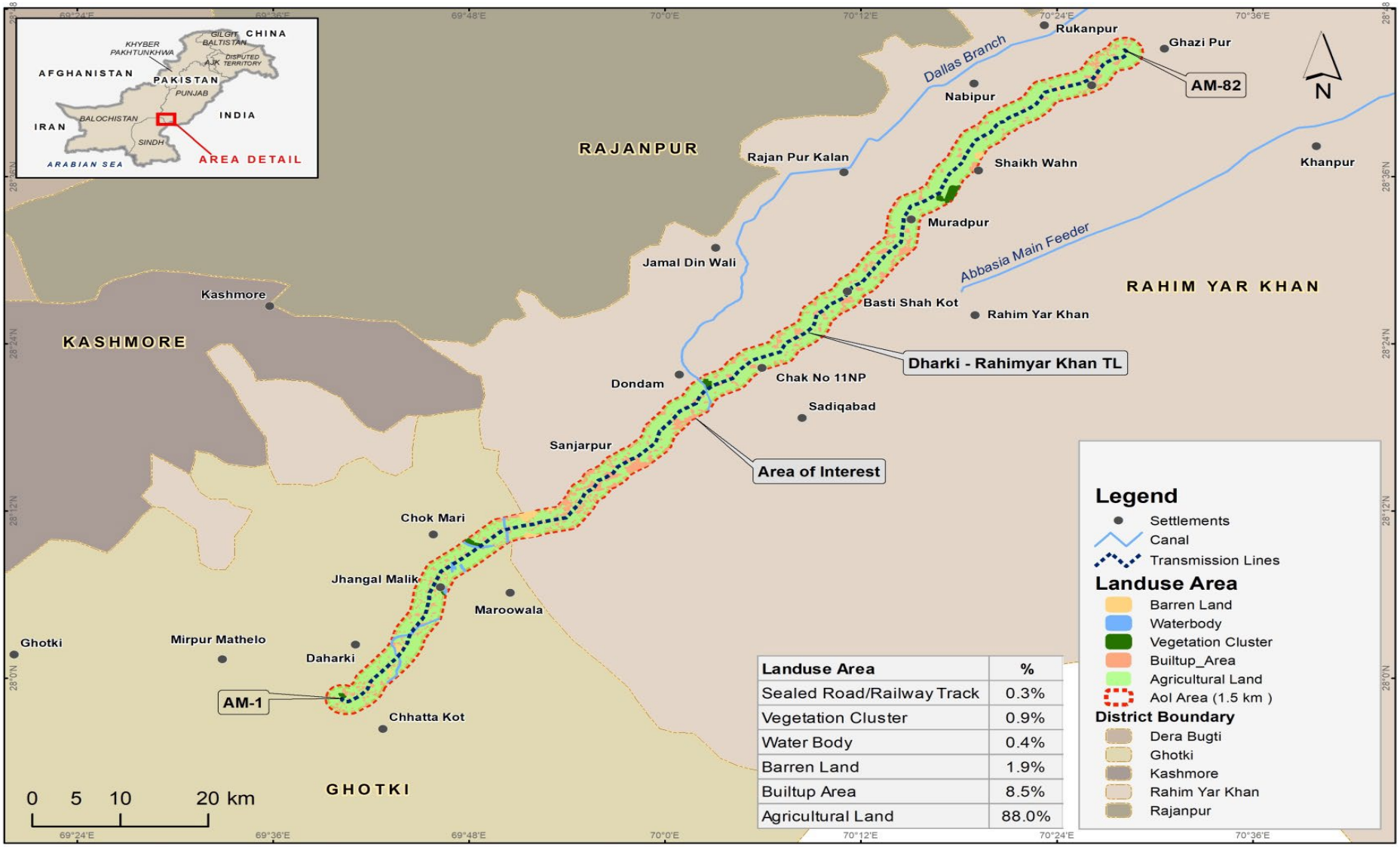
212. Five sampling locations were selected each in the agriculture fields, four sampling locations in vegetation, and three locations were selected in the barren land habitat.

213. The reason for selecting different sampling locations in different habitats is mainly because of the affiliation of some flora and fauna species to a specific habitat.

214. Photographs of different habitats found in the Project area are given in **Photo 4-3**.

215. The habitat type at each sampling location is listed in **Table 4-18**.

[36] CITES (convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora) is an international agreement between governments. its aim to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.



Landuse Area	%
Sealed Road/Railway Track	0.3%
Vegetation Cluster	0.9%
Water Body	0.4%
Barren Land	1.9%
Builtup Area	8.5%
Agricultural Land	88.0%

Figure 4-13: Terrestrial Study Area

4.3.3 Survey Methodology

216. The methodology used to collect data on the terrestrial ecological resource is summarized below.

Terrestrial Vegetation

217. The usual means of sampling vegetation for floristic composition is the quadrat. The vegetation in the terrestrial Study Area was sampled by the quadrate method, taking 3 quadrates of 5m x 5m at each sampling site.

218. The first quadrat was taken at the beginning of the transect, the second at 250 meters, and the third at 500 m. Plants from each quadrate were noted. Additional plant species in the area adjacent to the quadrate were also noted down.

219. Cover, relative cover, density, relative density, frequency, relative frequency percentages, and Importance Value Index (IVI) for each species from the study area was calculated.

220. The sampling locations for terrestrial vegetation are shown in **Figure 4-14**.

221. The observed information (GPS reading, habitat type, species name, number of each species counted, and circumference of each species) at each sampling location were noted on a survey form.

Mammals

222. Line transects (500 m long and 20 m wide) were placed at each sampling location to record all mammals or their signs.

223. All the mammal species sighted, or their signs (footmarks, droppings, dens, burrow, etc.) found were identified with necessary information like coordinates of the site, species, sign type, sign age (on the base of freshness), etc.

224. GPS coordinates of the location and habitat type were also documented.

225. Anecdotal information regarding specific mammals like large carnivores was also collected from the local people and relevant literature was also used for mammals' baseline.

226. The sampling locations for mammals are shown in **Figure 4-14**.

Birds

227. Line transect sampling involves an observer traveling along a predetermined line of a consistent length, recording the total number of birds, nests, and other relevant sites detected.[37]

228. To count birds of different species, a total of 11 transects were placed at different locations in different habitats of the study area, each with an approximate length of 500 m long and 50 m wide.

229. A single observer spend approximately 40 min walking along each transect and counted all birds of each observed species on both sides of the transect.[38]

[37] Gibbons, D. W., and R. D. Gregory (2006). Birds. In Ecological Census Techniques: A Handbook (W. J. Sutherland, Editor). Second Ed. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.

[38] Subedi, T. R., Virani, M. Z., Gurung, S., Buij, R., Baral, H. S., Buechley, E. R., Anadón, J. D., and Sah, S. A. (2018). Estimation of Population Density of Bearded Vultures Using Line-Transect Distance Sampling and Identification of Perceived Threats In the Annapurna Himalaya Range of Nepal. Journal of Raptor Research, 52(4), 443-453.

230. Binoculars (Nikon 8245 ACULON A211 8 × 42) were used for observation and transects were walked at the times of peak bird activity, i.e., early in the morning (4 hr of surveying) and late in the afternoon (2.5 hr of surveying).

231. All the associated habitats of the transect and the GPS location of each transect were marked.

232. A digital camera was used for the photography of birds and associated habitats.

233. The abundance of birds (number of individuals of each species observed) and diversity (number of species observed) were calculated.

234. The sampling locations for birds are shown in **Figure 4-14**.

Herpetofauna

235. For the herpetofauna survey, line transects of 500m long and 20 m wide were walked at each sampling location**.**

236. Active searching was carried out along the line transect to record the presence of herpetofauna species.

237. The specimens were identified with the help of the most recent key available in the literature.

238. Density and diversity were calculated for each sampling point.

239. Microhabitats (e.g. stagnant water bodies) were also searched for herpetofauna species, particularly for the presence of amphibians.

240. The sampling locations for herpetofauna are shown in **Figure 4-14**.

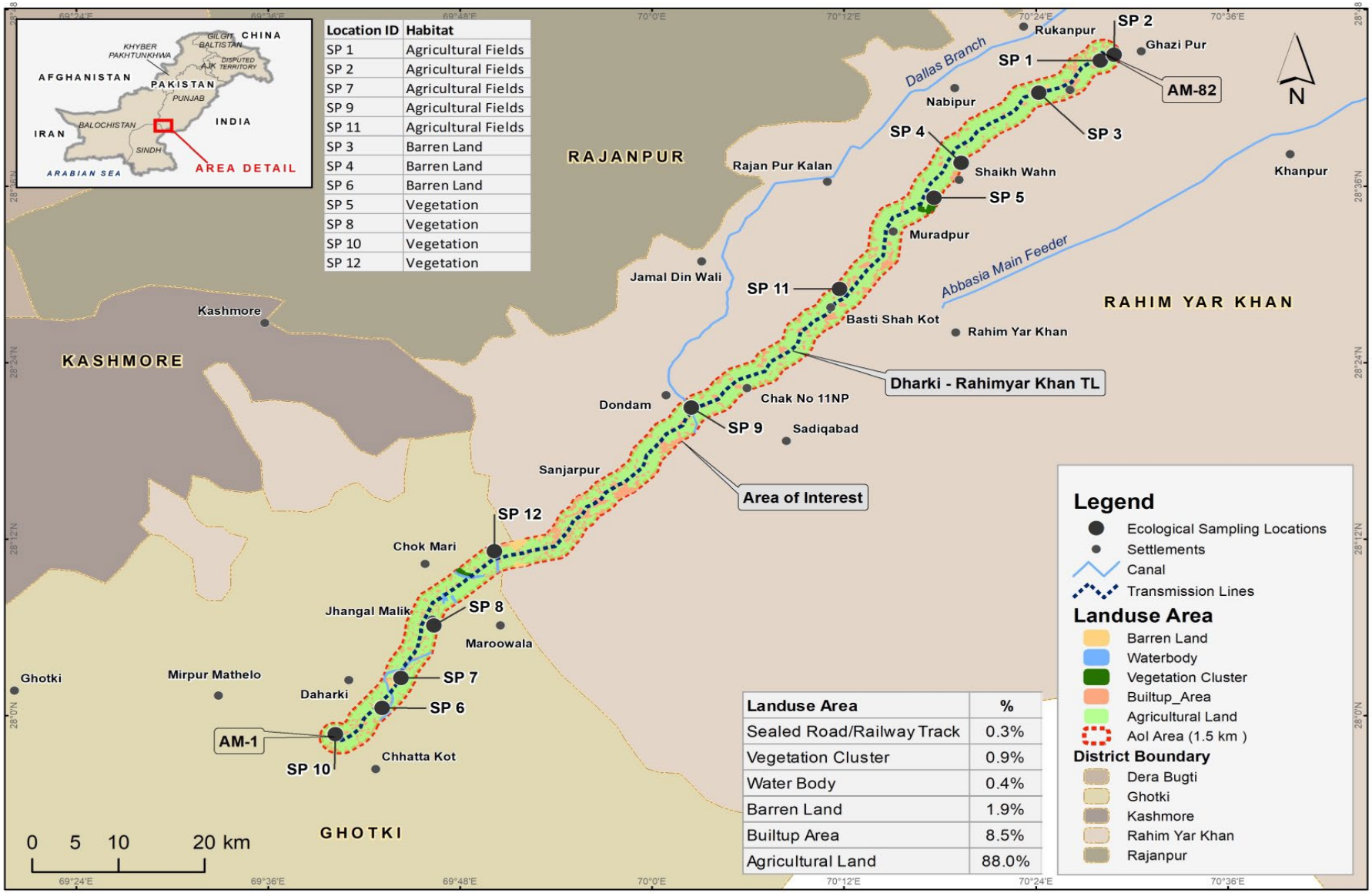


Figure 4-14: Sampling Locations for Terrestrial Flora and Fauna

Photo 4-3: Different Habitat Types in the Terrestrial Study Area

Table 4-18: Habitat Types for the Terrestrial Sampling Locations

Habitate Type	*Sampling Point*
Agriculture Field	SP-1, SP-2, SP-7, SP-9 and SP-11
Barren Land	SP-3, SP-4, and SP-6
Vegetation	SP-2, SP-3, SP-5, and SP-7

4.3.4 Terrestrial Ecological Resources

241. This section provides an overview of terrestrial ecological resources in and around the study area based on a review of available literature and recent field surveys.

242. Terrestrial sampling locations are shown in in **Figure 4-14**.

Terrestrial Flora

Literature Review

243. In literature, there isn't enough information accessible for the particular survey location, there is information available on a broader scale.

244. Rahimyar khan's area is physically varied and has three key physical features: a desert region known as Cholistan, a riverside area, and an area that is irrigated by canals. Consequently, it has a diversified natural environment.[39]

245. The primary land use in the majority of the area is irrigated farming of wheat, gram, oilseed, and pulses in Rabi and cotton, sugarcane, rice, and millets in Kharif.

246. The remaining land is largely utilized for grazing and is uncultivated. *Prosopis spicigera*, *Acacia jacquemontii*, *Salvadora oleoides*, *Capparis aphylla*, *Tamarix articulata*, *Tamarix sp*., *Calotropis procera* are among the natural vegetation. Other species include *Desmostachya bipinnata*, *Alhagi camelorum*, *Acacia arabica*, *Zizyphus jujuba,* and *Tamarix diocia*.[40] Waheed et al. (2009) documented 37 weed species belonging to 33 genera and 17 families in the area. Poaceae (24.3%), one of the primary families, contributed significantly to the weed flora of the wheat crops.[41]

247. The Ghotki district's geography is split into three physical regions: the desert area, the cultivable area, and the flood plains (Katcha).[42] Wheat, cotton, vegetables, and fruits are the major crops in the study area.

248. The climate is appropriate for growing vegetable crops and fruits such as dates, bananas, mangoes, carrots, lemons, reddish, cabbage, onion, spinach, green chilies, etc.[43]

249. Mostly stunted, spiky, or thorny shrubs and perennial plants with drought resilience make up the scant vegetation in this area. Few and dispersed trees can be found. 63 herbs having therapeutic applications were discovered during the investigation, which included herbs from 50 genera and 29 families.

250. Major plant families that contributed to folk medicine included the Fabaceae, Boraginaceae, Amaranthacea.[44]

251. A large portion of the plants exhibits xerophytic adaptability. The most prevalent plants in the desert area include Calligonum polygonoides, Aerva javanica, Dipterygium glaucum, Crotalaria burhia, Prosopis cineraria, Tamarix aphylla, Capparis decidua, Salvadora oleoides, Leptadenia pyrotechnica, Aristida spp., Limeum indicum and Stipagrostis plumosa. Prosopis cineraria, Acacia niloticus, Salvadora oleoides, Dalbergia sissoo, Tamarix aphylla, Melia azedarach, Populus spp., and Calotropis procera make up the majority of the vegetation in the sandy areas.

252. There are several types of plants that can withstand dryness, including cactuses and succulents (Agaves spp.), Aerva javanica, Calligonum polygonoides, Crotalaria burhia, Capparis decidua, Dipterygium glaucum, Tephrosia villosa, Aristida adscensionis, Cassia, Tephrosia uniflora and Cassia italic. [45] Mixed vegetation of shrubs and plants, such as Typha spp., Hydrilla verticillata, Paspalum distichum, Polygonum hyaropier, Urticularia lotus,

[39] Shahid, M. R., & Shinwari, M. I. (2017). 15. Documentation of indigenous and local knowledge of medicinal plants in the Rahim Yar Khan district of Pakistan. *Knowing our Lands and Resources*, 177.

[40] Reconnaissance Soil Survey Reports of Rahim Yar Khan (1972). Cholistan, 1974 and Dera Ghazi Khan, 1974. Soil Survey of Pakistan, Multan Road, LAHORE, Pakistan.

[41] Waheed, A., Qureshi, R., Jakhar, G. S., & Tareen, H. (2009). Weed community dynamics in wheat crop of District Rahim Yar Khan, Pakistan. *Pak. J. Bot*, *41*(1), 247-254.

[42] Shah, S. A., & Siyal, A. A. (2019). GIS-based approach estimation of area under Wheat and other major Rabi crops in district Ghotki and corresponding irrigation water requirement. *ACTA Scientific Agriculture*, *3*(12), 59-70.

[43] Shah, S.A. and Siyal, A.A., GIS-based approach estimation of area under Wheat and other major Rabi crops in district Ghotki and corresponding irrigation water requirement. ACTA Scientific Agriculture, 2019. 3(12): p. 59-70.

[44] Qureshi, R., Bhatti, G. R., & Memon, R. A. (2010). Ethnomedicinal uses of herbs from northern part of Nara desert, Pakistan. *Pak J Bot*, *42*(2), 839-851.

[45] WWF. Ecological assessment of fauna of Nara Canal Wetland Complex, District Khairpur, Sindh. Baseline Survey; 2010-2011.

Nelumbium nuciferum, Desmostachya bininata, Phragmites karka, Saccharum bengalensis and Tamarix indica were also reported to be present in the Desert zone.[46]

Current Survey Result

253. During the August 2022 survey, a total of 18 species of plants were observed in the study area. The indicators, including plant cover, plant count, and diversity per sampling location describe the floral conditions within the study area.

254. The study area is dominated by plant species such as Dalbergia sissoo, Acacia nilotica, Typha domingensis, Tamarix aphylla, Saccharum bengalense, and Calotropis procera.

255. Among plant species, the large size plant species were mostly observed in the agriculture fields and vegetation type habitats.

256. The highest number of plant species was observed at sampling location SP-9 where a total of seven plant species were observed.

257. Five plant species were observed each at sampling locations SP-1, SP-2, SP-5, and SP-12 (**Annexure V**).

258. Plant count and the cover of each species at each sampling location are provided in **Annexure V**.

259. The vegetation cover, plant count, and diversity in the Project area are provided in **Table 4-19**.

260. The phytosociological attributes for the species in the three habitat types observed in the current survey, are provided in

[46] Bhatti GR, Qureshi R, Shah SM. Ethnobotany of Calotropis procera with especial reference to the people of Nara Desert. Scientific Sindh. 1998;05:13-22.

261. **Table 4-20**.

262. Photographs collected during current survey of plant species are provided in **Photo 4-4**.

Table 4-19: Vegetation Cover, Plant Count, and Diversity by Habitat Type

August 2022 Survey

NO.	Habitat	Plant Count			Plant Cover (%)			Diversity (No. of Species per Sampling Location
		Max	*Min*	*Avg*	*Max*	*Min*	*Avg*	
1	Agriculture Field	44	5	11.50	170.10	0.70	26.60	2.40
2	Barren Land 4	3	3.33	102.45	2.57.61	56.40	1.00	
3	Vegetation	29	12	21.00	451.79	109.61	287.08	3.00

Table 4-20: Phytosociological Attributes of Plant Species in Habitats, August 2022 Survey

Species Name	D1, Density	D3, Relative Density	C1, Average Cover	C3, Relative Cover	F1, Frequency	F3, Relative Frequency	IVI, Importance Value Index
Acasia nilotica	8.33	191.62	0.29	368.38	5.00	259.44	273.15
Aerva javanica	2.67	23.53	1.13	7.53	0.33	12.50	14.52
Albizia lebbeck	0.33	5.88	0.05	15.51	0.33	16.67	12.68
Arundo donax	2.67	27.59	8.04	0.91	0.33	20.00	16.16
Bombax ceiba	0.33	11.11	0.02	23.72	0.33	16.67	17.17
Calotropis procera	4.67	69.08	2.71	19.53	1.67	61.11	49.91
Capparis decidua	1.67	52.39	0.14	135.36	1.33	97.78	95.18
Dalbergia sissoo	11.67	198.48	5.09	158.82	3.00	137.78	165.02
Datura innoxia	0.67	7.69	0.72	1.49	0.33	11.11	6.77
Melia azedarach	0.33	11.11	0.03	14.72	0.33	16.67	14.17
Prosopis juliflora	0.33	2.94	0.09	11.53	0.33	12.50	8.99
Saccharum bengalense	15.33	188.77	2.33	157.41	4.67	191.67	179.28
Saccharum sp.	1.67	116.67	1.49	101.38	0.67	116.67	111.57
Salsola imbricata	1.33	15.38	2.89	0.75	0.33	11.11	9.08
Salvadora oleoides	2.67	59.09	0.07	100.15	1.33	61.11	73.45
Tamarix aphylla	7.67	93.97	1.02	63.24	1.33	76.67	77.96
Typha domingensis	8.67	95.72	12.29	2.92	1.33	58.33	52.32
Zizyphus spp.	1.00	15.61	0.61	6.87	0.67	27.78	16.75

D1: Density The number of individuals of a species counted on a unit area.
C1: Average cover in sq m for a single species
C3: Relative cover The proportion of the total cover of a species to the sum of the cover of all the species in the area.
F3: Relative frequency The proportion of the total frequency of a species to the sum of the frequency of all the plants of all species in the area.

D3: Relative density The proportion of a density of a species to that of a stand as a whole.

F1: Frequency Percentage of sampling plots in which a given species occurs.
IVI: Importance value index It can be obtained by adding the values of relative density, relative cover, and relative frequency and dividing them by 3

Salvadora oleoides

Albizia lebbeck

Acasia nilotica

Typha domingensis

Photo 4-4: Photographs of Plant Species in Study Area

Invasive Plant Species

263. During the August 2022 survey, one invasive plant species; *Prosopis juliflora* was observed in the Terrestrial Study Area. However, two other invasive plant species *Ricinus communis* and *Xanthium strumarium* were observed in some parts of the Study Area.

264. Prosopis *juliflora* is a nitrogen-fixing, perennial, evergreen plant, found both as a bush and medium size tree with a sizeable crown and an open canopy growing to an average height of 5-10 m. At some places in Lower Sindh, it may gain a height of 14-16 meters.[47]

265. Prosopis *juliflora* was introduced to Sindh in 1857 for purpose of dunes stabilization followed by the Government of Pakistan in1950s and 1960s.[48] *Prosopis juliflora* is considered one of the most dangerous invasive species for biodiversity and in affected areas of Pakistan, this invasive species is eliminating the habitat of indigenous species at a catastrophic level. [49]

Conservation and Protection Status

266. None of the species observed in the Study area or surroundings were found to be globally/nationally threatened species, endemic species, or protected species.

[47] Kazmi, S.J.H., Shaikh, S., Zamir, U.B., Zafar, H., Rasool, A., Tariq, F., Afzal, A. and Arif, T., 2009. Ecological and socio-economic evaluation of the use of Prosopis juliflora for bio-char production in Pakistan. *Pakistan: Drynet*, pp.1-54.

[48] Pasiecznik, N.M., Felker, P., Harris, P.J., Harsh, L., Cruz, G., Tewari, J.C., Cadoret, K. and Maldonado, L.J., 2001. *The Prosopis juliflora-Prosopis pallida complex: a monograph* (Vol. 172). Coventry: HDRA.

[49] Qureshi, H., Arshad, M. and Bibi, Y., 2014. Invasive flora of Pakistan: a critical analysis. International Journal of Biosciences, 4(1), pp.407-427.

Mammals

Literature Review

267. The mammal species of the study area have not been studied in detail, however, based on the available literature on a wider area of the study area a total of about 10 species are documented.

268. Mammals species found in the wider area of the study area include Golden Jackal Canis aureus, Red Fox Vulpes, Desert Fox Vulpes bengalensis, Small Indian Mongoose Herpestes javanicus, Jungle Cat Felis chaus, Indian Crested Porcupine Hystrix indica, Small Indian Civet Viverricula indica, Wild Boar Sus scrofa, Short-tailed Mole Rat Nesokia indica, and Desert Hare Lepus nigricollis.[50]

269. Based on the IUCN Red List Criteria none of the documented species from the wider area of the study area are listed as threatened globally.

Current Survey Results

270. Sampling was carried out at 12 sampling locations during the August 2022 Survey to study the mammalian species abundance and diversity within the Terrestrial Study Area.

271. The locations of these are shown in **Figure 4-14**.

272. The results of the surveys, based on the sightings or signs of the mammals observed are provided in **Table 4-21**.

273. The mammalian signs and sightings observed are shown in **Photo 4-5**.

274. In the present survey signs and sightings of three mammalian species were confirmed in the study area.

275. The Five Striped Palm Squirrel was the most abundant mammalian species in the study area. This species was observed in all three habitats of the Project area.

276. The locals were also interviewed about the mammalian species occurrence in the study area. Based on the locals' information the Indian Crested Porcupine, Red Fox, Wild Boar, and Desert Hare are also present in the study area.

277. Field data collected during the August 2022 survey is given in **Annexure V**.

[50] Roberts, T.J. and Bernhard (principe d'Olanda.), 1977. The mammals of Pakistan.

Table 4-21: Mammal Signs and Sightings in the Study Area

August 2022 Survey

NO	Common Name	Scientific Name	IUCN Status	Agriculture Fields		Sand Dunes		Vegetation		Total
				Sighting	Sign	Sighting	Sign	Sighting	Sign	
1	Golden Jackal	*Canis aureus*	Least Concern	1	2	-	-	-	1	**4**
3	Small Indian Mongoose	*Herpestes javanicus*	Least Concern	1	-	-	-	1	-	**2**
4	Five Striped Palm Squirrel	*Funambulus pennantii*	Least Concern	5	-	1	-	7	-	**13**

Active den of Golden Jackal (August 2022)

Golden Jackal (Photo credit: Abdul Hadi)-(August 2022)

Five Striped Palm Squirrel (August 2022)

Five Striped Palm Squirrel (August 2022)

Photo 4-5: Mammalian Species Sign/Sighting in Study Area

Birds

Literature Review

278. No published literature is available about bird's diversity in the Project area however study on the wider area shows that about 150 birds species are present in the wider area.

279. Conservational important birds species found in the wider area are included White-rumped Vulture Gyps bengalensis which is globally listed as Critically Endangered.

280. The Endangered species found in the wider area of the Project are included Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensi, and Egyptian Vulture Neophron percnopterus.

281. Besides the globally threatened species, a number of migratory bird's species also pass through the proposed project area each year during winter following the Indus Flyway (**Figure 4-15**).

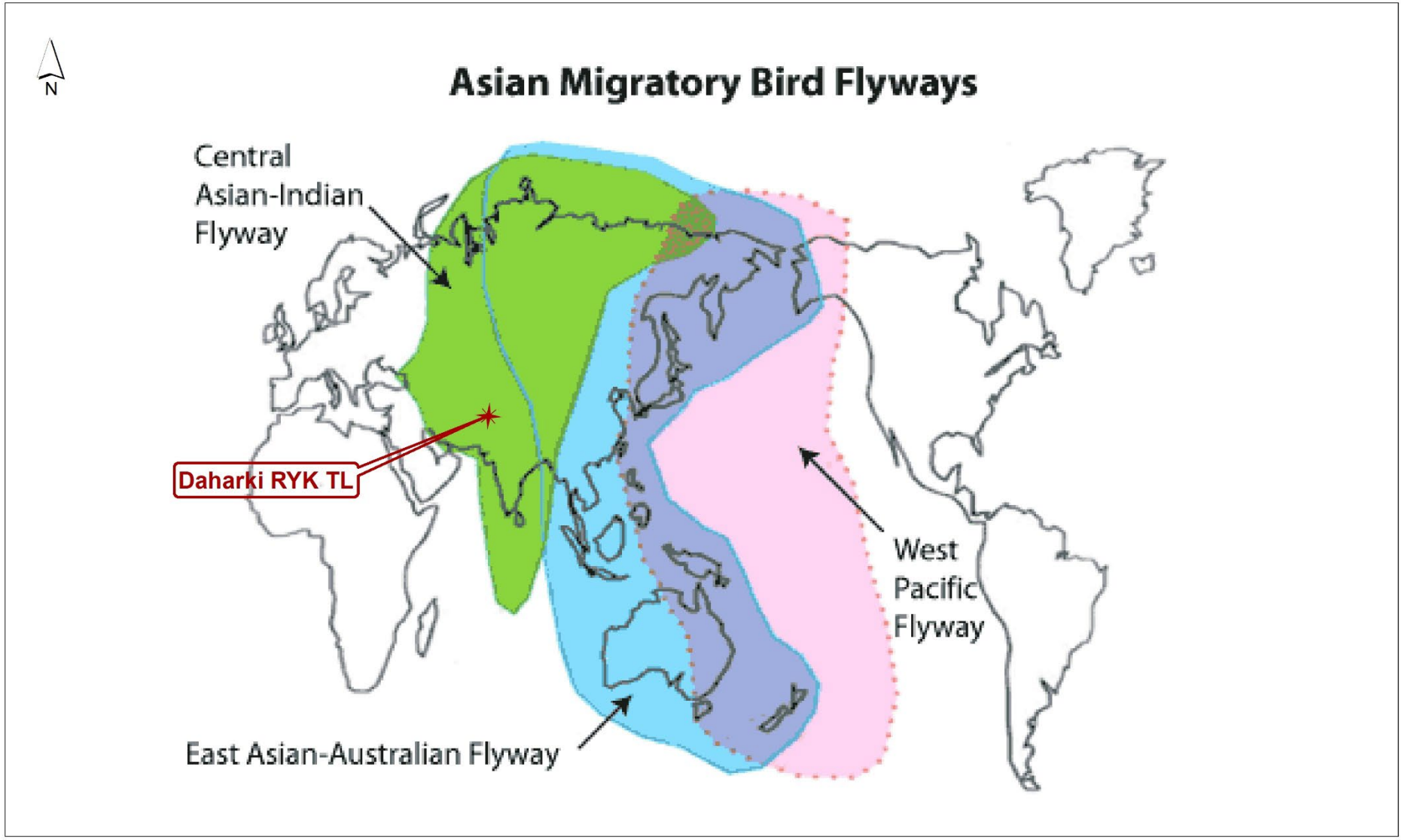


Figure 4-15: Asian Migratory Birds Flyways

Current Survey Results

282. Surveys for bird diversity and abundance were carried out in the Terrestrial Study Area in August 2022.

283. A total of 12 locations were sampled covering all types of habitats within the study area.

284. A summary of the results by sampling locations including the bird abundance and diversity is provided in **Table 4-22**.

285. Photographs of some birds species observed in the study area are given in **Photo 4-6**.

Table 4-22: Total Birds Sightings, Density, and Diversity by Habitat Type

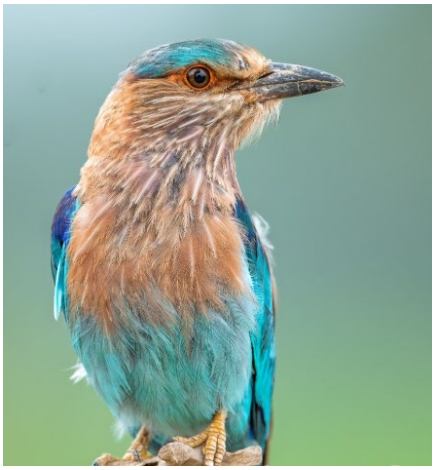
August 2022 Survey

Habitat	No. of Sampling Points	Total Sighting	Density	No. of Species
Agriculture Fields	5	487	97.40	40
Barren Land	3	146	48.00	23
Vegetation	4	319	80.00	38
Total	**12**	**952**	**79.33**	**56**

Common Babbler (August 2022)

Nests of Baya Weavers (August 2022)

Little-green Bee Eater (August 2022)



Indian Roller (August 2022)

Photo 4-6: Birds Species Photographed in the Study Area

286. A total of 952 bird individuals belonging to 56 species were observed.

287. Maximum abundance was observed at Sampling Locations SP-1 and SP-8 where a total of 160 and 114 birds' individuals were observed respectively.

288. The abundant bird species in the terrestrial study area were House Crow *Corvus splendens*, Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii,* Little-green Bee Eater *Merops orientalis,* Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus,* Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus,* Little Egret *Egretta garzetta,* Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus,* Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis,* Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*, etc.

289. Maximum diversity was observed at Sampling Location SP-1. A total of 22 bird species were observed at this Sampling Location.

290. The other diversity-rich sampling locations were SP-11, SP-12, SP-7, and SP-5 where a total of 21, 20, 20, and 17 bird species were observed respectively.

291. A list of the bird species observed in the study area is provided in **Annexure V**.

Conservation and Protection Status

292. Of the bird species reported from the Project area, River Tern *Sterna aurantia* is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

293. Of the observed bird species in the terrestrial study area, the Oriental-honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*, Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus axillaris,* and Black Kite *Milvus migrans* are included in CITES Appendix II.[51]

Herpetofauna

Literature Review

294. The herpetofauna of the proposed project has not been studied in detail. However, the presence of about 32 herpetofauna species in the wider area of the Project can be assumed from the literature.

295. These are represented by five species of amphibians, five species of freshwater turtle, nine species of lizards, and 13 species of snakes.[52]

296. Spotted Pond Turtle *Geoclemys hamiltonii* and Indian Narrow-headed Softshell Turtle *Chitra* indica are listed as Endangered globally while the Indian Flap Shell Turtle and Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard *Uromastyx hardwickii* are listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red Data Book.

297. Of the documented herpetofauna species from wider area of the project, the Bengal Monitor Lizard *Varanus bengalensis* is included in CITES Appendices I.[53]

298. Cobra *Naja,* Sand Boa *Eryx johnii,* Brown Roofed Turtle *Kachuga smithi*, Indian Flap shell Turtle Lissemys *punctate, Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard,* and Indian Bullfrog *Hoplobatrachus tigerinus* are included in the CITES Appendices II.[54]

Current Survey Results

[51] Cites appendix II: species not necessarily threatened with extinction, but in which trade must be controlled in order to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival.

52 Khan, B.N., Ahmad, R., Ali, Z., Yasmeen, R., Azhar, M., Abid, F., Mehmood, S. and Raza, H., 2018. Study of vertebrate diversity at Lal Suhanra National Park, Pakistan. JAPS: Journal of Animal & Plant Sciences, 28(6).

53 Cites Appendix I: in this appendix those species are included which are threatened with extinction. trade in specimens of these species is permitted only in exceptional circumstances. Cites Appendix III: species that are protected in at least one country which has asked other cites parties for assistance in controlling the trade. Not listed: species with no trade restrictions.

[54] CITES. Checklist of CITES Species. Accessed on September 05, 2022. Available at https://checklist.cites.org/#/en.

299. A total of 12 locations were sampled for herpetofauna during the August 2022 Survey. The locations of these are shown in **Figure 4-14**. A total of six herpetofauna species were observed in the terrestrial study area.

300. The most abundant herpetofauna species observed in the study area was the Skittering Frog. A total of 29 individuals of Skittering Frog were observed at different Sampling Locations.

301. The second abundant and widely distributed species in the study area were Boa and Indian Fringe-fingered lizard.

302. A summary of the herpetofauna species observed in different habitats of the study area is given in **Table 4-23**.

303. Photographs of the herpetofauna species sighted in the terrestrial study area are provided in **Figure 5-22**.

304. Herpetofauna species observed at each sampling location in the terrestrial study area is given in **Annexure V**.

Table 4-23: Herpetofauna Signs and Sightings in the Study Area

August 2022 Survey

NO	Common Name	Scientific Name	IUCN Status	Habitat Type			Total
				Agriculture Fields	Barren Land	Vegetation	
1	Indian Fringe-fingered lizard	*Acanthodactylus cantoris*	Least Concern		2		**2**
2	Punjab Snake-eyed Lacerta	*Ophisops jerdonii*	Least Concern			1	**1**
3	Sand Boa	*Eryx johnii*	Near Threatened	2			**2**
4	Asian Garden Lizard	*Calotes versicolor*	Least Concern	1			**1**
5	Skittering Frog	*Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*	Least Concern	12		17	**29**
6	Indian Flapshell Turtle	*Lissemys punctata*	Vulnerable	1			**1**

Burrow of Sand Boa (August 2022)

Punjab Snake-eyed Lacerta (August 2022)

Skittering Frog (August 2022)

Asian Garden Lizard (August 2022)

Photo 4-7: Herpetofauna Species observed in Terrestrial Study Area

Conservation and Protection Status

305. Of the reported species, only Indian Flap Shell Turtle is listed as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red Data Book while Sand Boa is listed as Near Threatened.

306. Of the documented herpetofauna species the Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard, Indian Flap shell Turtle, and Sand Boa are included in CITES Appendix II.

4.3.5 Critical Habitat Assessment

307. The International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard 6 (IFC PS6) "Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources" requires the categorization of habitats into modified, natural, and critical.

308. Critical Habitats are a subset of modified or natural habitats. They are habitats of high biodiversity value.[55]

[55] International Finance Corporation. January 2012. Policy on Social and Environmental Sustainability, Performance Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources, The World Bank Group.

Natural and Modified Habitats

309. Natural and Modified Habitats are defined and described in IFC PS6.[56] Their definitions, according to IFC PS6, are as follows:

- Natural Habitat: Natural habitats are areas composed of viable assemblages of plant and/or animal species of largely native origin, and/or where human activity has not essentially modified an area's primary ecological functions and species composition. Under IFC PS 6 No Net Loss is required in Natural Habitats.
- Modified Habitat: Modified habitats are areas that may contain a large proportion of plant and/or animal species of non–native origin, and/or where human activity has substantially modified an area's primary ecological functions and species composition. Modified habitats may include areas managed for agriculture, forest plantations, reclaimed coastal zones, and reclaimed wetlands.

310. The terrestrial study area is classified as a modified habitat since most of the area is agricultural land habitat type. Human populations are present in and around the study area.

Critical Habitat

311. Critical habitat is an area that has high biodiversity value and may include sites that are legally protected or officially proposed for protection.

312. These may include areas protected by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (Categories I–VI) (IUCN, 1994), wetlands of international importance (according to the Ramsar Convention), important bird areas (defined by Birdlife International), and biosphere reserves (under the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme).[57]

313. The Project area does not fulfill any of these characteristics.

314. Critical Habitat Assessment as per IFC PS6 requires the definition of a Discrete Management Unit (DMU). This is based on the following:

315. "For Criteria 1 through 3, the project should determine a sensible boundary (ecological or political) which defines the area of habitat to be considered for the Critical Habitat Assessment. This is called the "discrete management unit," an area with a definable boundary within which the biological communities and/or management issues have more in common with each other than they do with those in adjacent areas (adapted from the definition of discreteness by the Alliance for Zero Extinction).

316. A discrete management unit may or may not have an actual management boundary (e.g., legally protected areas, World Heritage sites, KBAs, IBAs, community reserves) but could also be defined by some other sensible ecologically definable boundary (e.g., watershed, interfluvial zone, intact forest patch within a patchy modified habitat, seagrass habitat, coral reef, concentrated upwelling area, etc.). The delineation of the management unit will depend on the species (and, at times, subspecies) of concern."[58]

317. The criterion for Critical Habitat Assessment based on IFC's PS6 along with their application to the biodiversity within the Project area is provided below.

[56] International Finance Corporation. January 2012. Policy on Social and Environmental Sustainability, Performance Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources, The World Bank Group.

[57] Hagler Bailly Pakistan (2018). Arkari Gol Hydropower Project Environmental and Social Impact Assessment. Report Prepared for Master Hydro (Pvt.) Limited.

[58] International Finance Corporation. January 2012. Policy on Social and Environmental Sustainability, Performance Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources, The World Bank Group.

- **Habitat of significant importance to Critically Endangered and/or Endangered species:**

  - According to IFC's Guidance Note 6, Tier 1 sub–criteria for Criterion 1 are defined as:
    - Habitat required sustaining ≥ 10 percent of the global population of an IUCN Red–listed Critically Endangered (CR) or Endangered (EN) species".
    - Habitat with known, regular occurrences of CR or EN species where the habitat is one of 10 or fewer discrete management sites globally for that species.
  - Tier 2 sub–criteria for Criterion 1 are defined as follows:
    - Habitat that supports the regular occurrence of a single individual of an IUCN Red–listed CR species and/or habitat containing regionally–important concentrations of an IUCN Red–listed EN species where the habitat could be considered a discrete management unit for that species.
    - Habitat of significant importance to CR or EN species that are wide-ranging and/or whose population distribution is not well understood and where the loss of such a habitat could potentially impact the long–term survivability of the species. As appropriate, habitat containing nationally/regionally–important concentrations of an EN, CR, or equivalent national/regional listing.

318. Based on information available from the literature and the August 2022 survey, there are no endangered species reported from the terrestrial study area therefore the result does not trigger any IFC criteria for critical habitat.

- **Habitat of significant importance to endemic and/or restricted–range species:**

  - According to IFC's GN6, Tier 1 sub-criteria for Criterion 2 is defined as follows:
    - Habitats know to sustain ≥ 95 percent of the global population of an endemic or restricted-range species where that habitat could be considered a discrete management unit for that species (e.g. a single–site endemic).
  - Tier 2 sub–criteria for Criterion 2 are defined as follows:
    - Habitat known to sustain ≥ 1 percent but < 95 percent of the global population of an endemic or restricted–range species where the habitat could be considered a discrete management unit for that species, where data are available and/or based on expert judgment

319. No endemic and/or restricted-range species have been reported from the terrestrial study area. Therefore Critical Habitat is not triggered for Criterion 2 for the terrestrial study area.

- **Habitat supporting globally significant concentrations of migratory species and/or congregatory species:**

  - According to IFC's GN6, Tier 1 sub–criteria for Criterion 3 are defined as follows:
    - Habitat known to sustain, on a cyclical or otherwise regular basis, ≥ 95 of the global population of a migratory or congregatory species at any point of the species lifecycle where that habitat could be considered a discrete management unit for that species.
  - Tier 2 sub–criteria for Criterion 3 are defined as follows:

- Habitat known to sustain, on a cyclical or otherwise regular basis, ≥ 1 percent but < 95 percent of the global population of a migratory or congregatory species at any point of the species' lifecycle and where that habitat could be considered a discrete management unit for that species, where adequate data are available and/or based on expert judgment.
- For birds, habitat that meets BirdLife International's Criterion A4 for congregations and/or Ramsar Criteria 5 or 6 for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance.

320. For species with large but clumped distributions, a provisional threshold is set at ≥5 percent of the global population of terrestrial species. Source sites that contribute ≥ 1 percent of the global population of recruits.

321. Within the terrestrial study area, some migratory and congregatory bird species are expected to be found. However, these bird species are widespread. According to expert judgment, the migratory bird populations are small and do not trigger Tier 1 or Tier 2 sub–criteria for Criterion 3 and the terrestrial study area is not a Critical Habitat for migratory birds.

- **Highly threatened and/or unique ecosystems**

322. There is no information that indicates the study area, or any part of them, is a highly threatened and/or unique ecosystem. Furthermore, no information indicates the study area is a part of a threatened or unique ecosystem.

- **Areas with unique assemblages of species or which are associated with key evolutionary processes or provide key ecosystem services:**

323. No information indicates the study area, or any part of them, is associated with key evolutionary processes or provides key ecosystem services. While the species are functioning components of ecosystems, there are no unique assemblages of species or association of key evolutionary processes in the study area.

- **Areas with biodiversity that has significant social, cultural or economic importance to local communities.**

324. No information indicates the study area, or any part of them, is associated with key evolutionary processes or provides key ecosystem services. While the species are functioning components of ecosystems, there are no unique assemblages of species or association of key evolutionary processes in the study area.

325. Therefore, the terrestrial study area is not biodiversity of significant social, cultural, or economic importance for the local communities, and Critical Habitat is not triggered for this criterion.

4.3.6 IBAT Assessment

326. Based on the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool (IBAT) presence of many global conservation important species of different classes of vertebrates are predicted in the 50 km buffer area of the proposed ETL.

327. Most of the IBAT assessments are valid particularly for birds and reptiles, however; their assessments about a few species particularly for mammals and some bird species are not valid. For example,

328. The IBAT predicted the presence of Common Leopard *Panthera pardus* and Asiatic Black Bear *Ursus Thibetenus* in the project and surrounding area but based on IUCN data and according to Pakistan Mammals National Red List, the Common Leopard is extirpated from this part of the country while the Asiatic Black Bear distribution range does not fall in this region of the country.

329. Similarly, the *IBAT* predicted the presence of White-browed Bushchat *Saxicola macrorhynchus* but according to Grimmet et al 2008, this species is extirpated from Pakistan.

330. IBAT also predicted the presence of Indus Dolphin *Platanista gangetica minor*, Hog Deer *Axis porcinus*, *Indian* Pangolin *Manis crossocaudata*, Great Indian Bustard *Ardeotis nigriceps,* Macqueen Bustard *Chlamydotis macqueenii*, and Jerdon Babbler *Chrysomma altirostre* in the 50 km buffer area of the project but IUCN data shows that the distribution range of these species does not fall in the proposed Project area.

331. IBAT findings report is presented in **Annexure VI**.

332. Since the baseline data has been interpolated based on literature review and primary data *collected* during current survey, therefore this data is more reliable for interpretation of ecological resources in the Project area.

4.4 Socioeconomic Environment

333. The sub-section provides information on socio-economic environments existing in and around the AoI including methodology, administrative setup, demographic characteristics, educational and institutional facilities, transportation, water supply, income sources, religious/archaeological and historical sites (if any) existing in the area.

4.4.1 Methodology and Data Sources

334. Information required for the socioeconomic baseline is based on information collected from a literature review; other key secondary sources of information for this baseline study include official statistics, such as maps, census reports and other available documentation on the history of the people and the area from a broad selection of recent and reliable sources, both published and unpublished. A field visit was conducted between August and September 2022 in the settlements were visited and key informant interviews were conducted to support the literature sources.

4.4.2 Administrative Setting

335. The proposed Project includes the installation of towers and ETLs. The land required for the construction of the proposed ETL of 105 km fall under the jurisdiction of 2 districts namely Ghotki and Rahim yar Khan, Ghotki district of Sindh Province, and Rahimyar khan district of Punjab Province, of Pakistan,

336. The potential administration system is more or less identical all over the country. Union Council (UC) is the lowest tier of the local government. A sherwan or village council in Pakistan is an elected local government body headed by a chairman (which is equivalent to a mayor) and a Naib /Chairman (Deputy Mayor). Union councils are the fifth tier of government in Pakistan and are often known as "village councils" in rural areas, the territory represented by a village council usually comprises a large village and surrounding areas, often including nearby small villages. The term "union council" may be used for localities that are part of cities.

337. Headed by a union Chairman, each union council has 13 elected members or councilors. In addition to four male and two female members elected directly, there are two male and two female representatives of the labor, a minority member, a union council Chairman and his deputy known as the union council Voice chairman. Besides elected members, there are several government employees and functionaries in every union council, who report to the secretary of the union council. The territory of a union council or village council is usually part of a tehsil (a district subdivision).

338. Taluka/Tehsil Council is the next tier of local government. About 4 to 5 UCs fall in the Taluka/Tehsil Council (TC). Taluka/Tehsil is a sub-unit of the district, which is the highest tier of the local government system, dealing with administrative matters at the district level. In Sindh province, it is called a Taluka Council.

339. A district is composed of 3 to 5 Talukas/Tehsils and is governed by the District Coordination Officer (DCO). The local government system comprises UCs consisting of members directly elected through an open competition, which is also from the Electoral College for the selection of the members for the next higher tier. This reveals that UCs have a sizable representation of the vulnerable groups belonging to the local community including female members. Considering the social, geographical as well as traditional settings of the area in the project area, the lives of the people in rural areas have “Bradari system”, which determines the socio-economic pattern of the people’s life. District Ghotki has its district headquarters at Mirpur Mathelo city. This district has five talukas, named: Ghotki, Khan Garh, Mirpur Mathelo, Ubauro and Daharki. District Rahim Yar Khan has its district headquarters at Rahim Yar Khan city. This district has four talukas, named: Khanpur Liaquatpur Rahim Yar Khan and Sadiqabad.

340. The Union Council chairman is responsible to collect and maintain statistical information for socio-economic surveys in the community consolidating village and neighborhood development needs and priorities them into union-wide development proposals with the approval of the Union Council and make recommendations thereof to the district government of Tehsil Municipal Administration, as the case may be. Union council Nazim also manages O&M of public resources such as drinking water, including wells, water pumps, tanks, ponds, and other works for the supply of water. Union council chairman has access to Tehsil and District Chairman. The district government takes funds from the provincial government and the district Chairman allocates funds with the coordination of DCO.

4.4.3 Demographics

Population

341. According to the census of 2017, the total population of Ghotki District is 1,646,318, and Rahim Yar Khan District is 4,814,006. Based on the 2.4% population growth rate of Pakistan, the estimated population for the year 2022 for Ghotki District is 1,843,876 and Rahim Yar Khan is 5,391,687. The gender-wise population of Ghotki and Rahim Yar Khan based on the census of 2017 is given in **Figure 4-16** and **Figure 4-17** respectively.

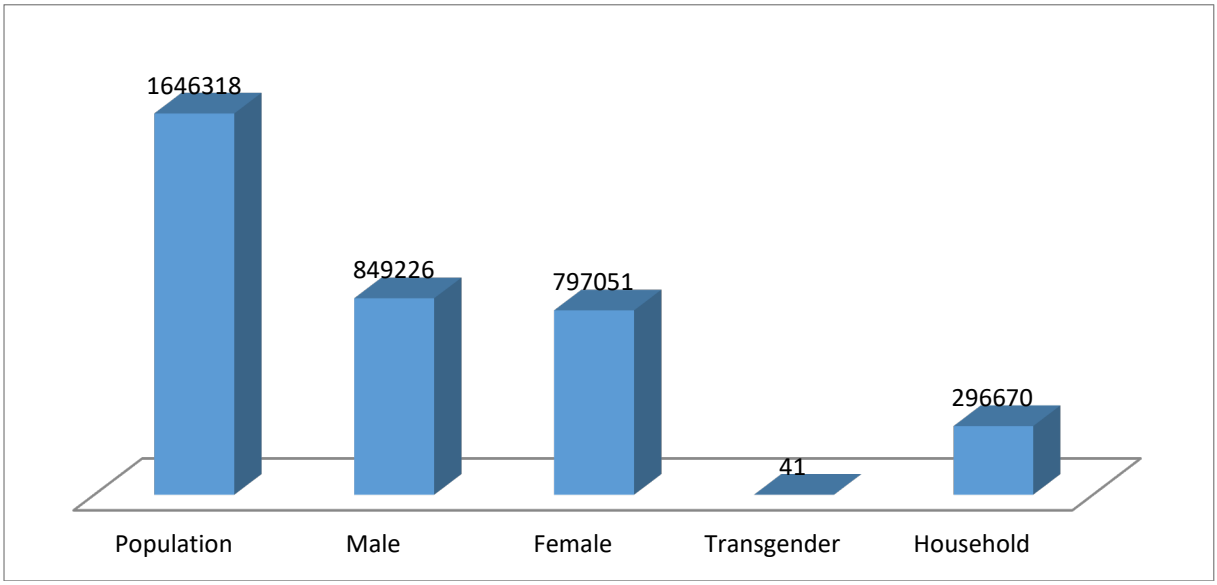


Figure 4-16: Population Dynamics of Ghotki District

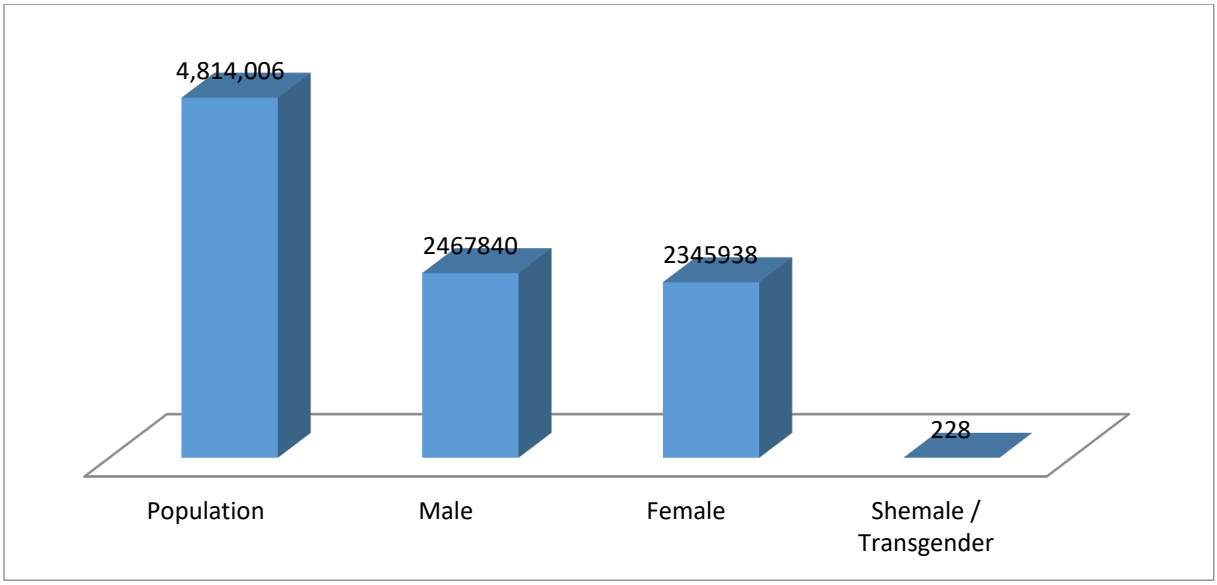


Figure 4-17: Population of Rahim Yar Khan District

The male population is higher (51%) as compared to the female population which is 49% of the total population (**Figure 4-18**). Household size may also affect the economic situation of the household.

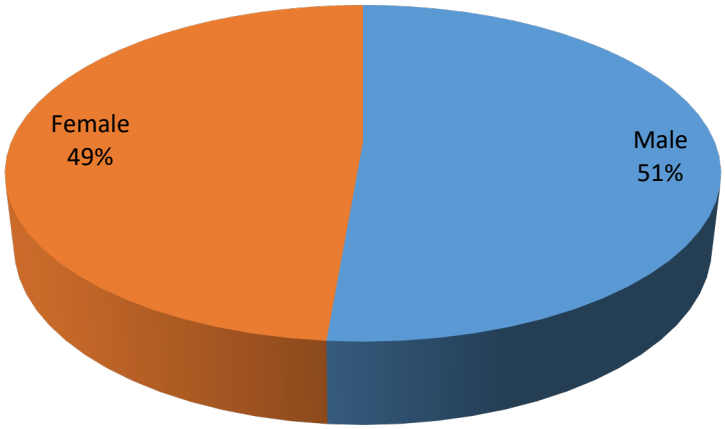


Figure 4-18: Gender Ratio of Respondents

Family / Household Size

342. The joint family system is common throughout the project area, whereas only a small percentage of families are living like a single family (called a nuclear family system). In a few areas, the tribal system exists, thus people give preference to living as a joint family. Based on the social survey, the overall average household size of district Ghotki is 5.5 and district Rahim Yar Khan is 6.77 as per DCRs average family size

Ethnicity/ Caste Groups

343. Ghotki has a rich traditional Sindhi culture. The core unit of social organization is the baradari/caste group, which is either defined based on specific occupation or lineage. Occupationally defined caste groups are considered as lower status in the social setup in which they are living. For instance, occupationally defined baradari /caste groups are Mochi (Cobbler), Machi (Fisherman), Nai (Barbar), Gujjar (Dairy and Livestock), Julahay (Weavers)

while linage-based baradari/caste groups are Somram, Saman, Dahar, Panhwar, Malik, Sayed, Arain, Mazari, Mammon, Halipota, Solingi, Thaker, and Panher, Mochi.

344. It is worth mentioning here that the major castes/tribes were important because they have a key role in decision-making regarding the resolution of social issues of family matters. For instance, Landlord (locally named as Vadaira/Raise) and Shah, as well as the head/ or elder of the respective tribe, generally make decisions related to the social issues at the village level as well as the social development works in their areas. It is essential to involve these effective groups/ tribes at each stage from the design, implementation, and operation of the project for the success of the projectCastes present in the AoI as discerned during the field visit included Bhel Meghwal , and Mochi.

Languages Spoken

345. Sindhi and Punjabi are the mother tongues spoken in the project areas. However, Urdu, Saraiki and Balochi are also spoken.

4.4.4 Social Infrastructure

Health

346. The total number of health facilities in district Ghotki is 54. There are three taluka headquarters hospitals and one district headquarters hospital, and the total number of basic health units in district Rahim Yar Khan are 104 health facilities. Overall, health facilities are inadequate in the project area. The people in the project area tend to get treatment from traditional indigenous healers, due to the lack of suitable and sufficient health facilities. Bad sanitary conditions, insufficient medical facilities, and meager parental care, all contribute to the prevalence of poor health and the high rate of mortality in the project area.

Literacy Status

347. The education status is quite poor in Ghotki. The overall literacy rate (for the population of 10 years and above) is 45%; for males it is 67% and for females it is 21%. For the urban rural comparison, urban literacy rate is higher than the rural, which is 68%. Among urban community, literacy rate for male is 85% and for female it is 49%; whereas the rural literacy rate is 40%, and in the rural community, literacy rate for male is 63% and for female it is 15%. Adult literacy rate (for the population of 15 years and above) is 42%. Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for primary level in Ghotki is 69% (Male: 83%, Female: 50%), in urban community it is 93% (Male: 106%, Female: 79%) and in the rural community it is 64% (Male: 79%, Female: 44%). Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) for the primary level is 50% (Male: 59%, Female: 38%), in urban community it is 68% (Male: 73%, Female: 62%) and in the rural community it is 47% (Male: 57%, Female: 33%). [59]

348. The overall literacy rate of Rahim Yar Khan district is 33.1% and it is ranked 30th out of 34 districts of Punjab in terms of literacy rates. There are 3,903 Public schools in District Rahim Yar Khan, 3,375 are Primary schools, 316 middle schools, 168 are High schools and 44 are Higher Sec./ Inter Colleges/ Degree Colleges.

349. The literacy rate is measured as the number of literate people among the population of 10 years and above. The literacy rate in the project area is lower compared to the national level.

4.4.5 Physical Infrastructure

Roads and Communication

[59] https://docslib.org/doc/11613107/pesa-dp-ghotki-sindh-pdf.

350. Road network is considered a vehicle for economic development and social change. An efficient road network not only develops a quick and efficient transportation system but also opens up new areas hitherto remained closed. It brings about social integration among rural and urban sectors and greatly assists in providing access to basic amenities such as education, health facilities, etc. It brings rural areas in constant touch with urban segment of a society and creates better understanding necessary for social change and political awareness.

351. Table 4-24 and **Figure 4-19** depict the picture of available social amenities in the project area. It indicates that all the houses in the project areas are electrified. However, people are not satisfied with the power supply. They complained about the frequent power failure and low voltage; eventually, leaving an adverse impact on daily life.

352. Natural gas (or Sui Gas) is available to 60% of the household in the project area, however, it has emerged as the need of the entire project area.

353. Potable drinking water supply is available to 45% of the houses and people are only relying on the groundwater, extracted either manually through hand pump or electrically through the electric pump. There are cases where people bring drinking water from the tube well, being installed for irrigation purposes.

354. Similarly, only 40.7% of the households have access to the sewerage and drainage system while 20.5% are still looking to have this facility. People complained that their life becomes miserable, especially during the rain owing to a muddy situation in the streets.

355. Besides, the roads are available to 98% of the households, however, the local people are not happy on the available road infrastructure, as mostly required extensive maintenance.

Table 4-24: Access to Social Amenities in the project Area

Facility	*Road*	*Electricity*	*Education*	*Sui Gas*	*Water supply*	*Telephone / mobile*	*Sewerage / Drainage*	*Health care center/ BHU/ Dispensary*
Access (%)	98	100	96	60	45	99	40.7	80

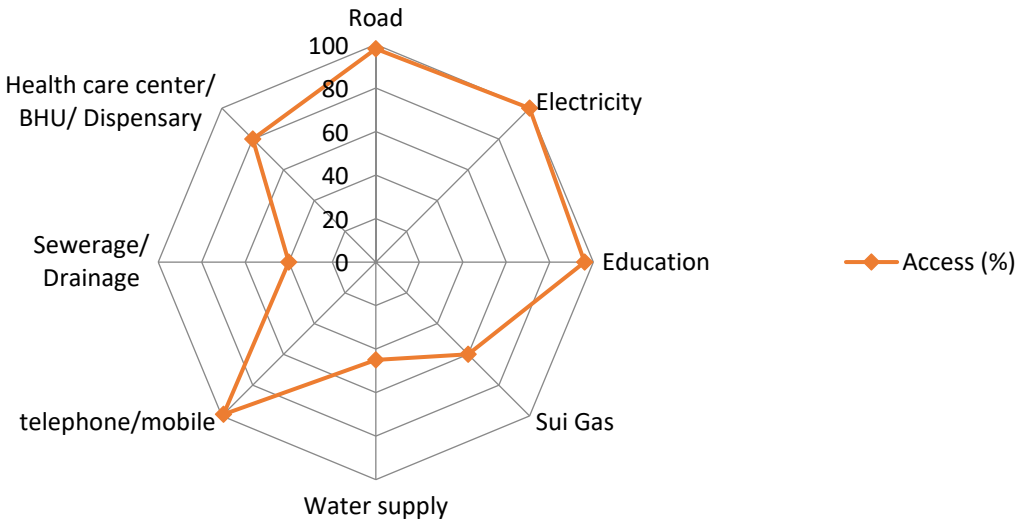


Figure 4-19: Access to Social Amenities in the project Area

Housing

356. The housing condition is also an important parameter for the assessment of the living standard/household well-being of the locals. Information collected from primary as well as secondary sources indicates that the settlement pattern of the houses in the districts of Ghotki and Rahim Yar Khan very simple.

357. In the project area, poor people are living in a hut consisting of mud or cattle walls and a roof of thatch with a hedge around it. It consists of living rooms, a kitchen, a storeroom, and a bathroom. The houses of Zamindar (Landlord) and well-off people are constructed of sun-dried bricks with a flat roof. It consists of a living room, with one or two side rooms, which serve as box-rooms. The houses of the rich people are distinguished by ample accommodation and more grandeur along the same lines. In the big towns such as Daharki, Kamo Shaheed, Sadiqabad, Zahir pir and Rahim yar Khan houses are usually made of burnt bricks and provided with necessary furniture and other luxury items. Examples of houses within the Study Area are shown in **Photo 4-8**.

Photographs taken: August 2022

Photo 4-8: Housing Structures in the Study Area

Electricity

358. The electricity supply is available to almost all the villages and settlements along the line route. Electricity is provided by the SEPCO and MEPCO.

Sanitation / Drainage Facilities and Solid Waste

359. Sanitation is poor in the area. There is no proper sewerage system available and only a few villages of the project area are connected with the sewerage system. In most cases, the village wastewater is disposed of in open spaces or nearby ponds. Ultimately, wastewater is drained into a pond/nullah, thus it becomes a source of pollution. Similarly, there is no proper arrangement for the disposal of solid waste.

Sui Gas

360. The facility of Sui gas is available to a limited number of residents along the project route. Data reveals that most people are using locally available wood and animal dung for cooking purposes, while gas is the second-highest source for cooking. Compared to wood, only a few people use kerosene oil because of the high prices of kerosene oil. The rationale to utilize wood for cooking is because it is cheap and easily available in rural areas as compared to other methods.

Education

361. During the field visit, it was observed that in the project area, educational buildings are available. Educational institutions were found but were observed to be in poor condition. Due to the non-availability of students as well as teachers, most of the school buildings have collapsed or are in poor condition.

Telecommunication

362. Mobile phone communication is widely spread in the RoW and the project area, and the frequent use of the mobile phone was observed. Landline facilities are available in the project area outside the RoW. The landline facilities are available in urban areas only.

Post Offices and Banks

363. Postal, money order and bank facilities exist throughout the vicinity of the project area.

Water Supply

364. In the project area, the public water supply is not available, and people are dependent on the local water supply system (**Photo 4-9)** to meet the drinking as well as household use requirements.

Photographs taken in August 2022

Photo 4-9: Drinking Water Resources in the Project Area

Sources of Income and Livelihood

365. District Ghotki and Rahim Yar Khan are agriculture-based rural districts where 84% of the population reside in rural areas, and the sources of livelihood are less diversified for the resident population. While agriculture is the main source of employment for the rural population, in the urban areas of the district people are engaged in various other economic activities like trade, services, industry, personal business, and government and private jobs. Sadiq Abad, Rahim Yar Khan, Daharki, Ghotki and Mirpur Mathelo are the main trading centers of this area, here mega industries also provide livelihood earning opportunities to the resident population. 70% male population are engaged in agricultural activities

366. The Agriculture Census 2000 classifies rural households under three broad categories: agricultural households that operate the land as owner-cultivators or tenants, livestock owners, and non-agricultural households. Given the cultural trait of Sindh and its rural areas, where women actively work side by side with the men, female participation in economic activity is reasonable in this district, as 44 mouzas (16%) have reported that women are also engaged in agriculture. In the category of some, services sector, personal business, and casual labor are the main sources of livelihood for the female population.

Agriculture

367. The agriculture sector plays a significant role in the overall economic performance of Pakistan. Currently, this sector provides employment opportunities to 45% of the labor force in Pakistan. This sector provides sources of livelihood to 60% of the population in rural areas. Agriculture contributes 21% to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Pakistan

368. The local economy the district Rahim Yar Khan is mainly driven by agriculture sector with a good yield of different cash crops along with the production of fruits. The main crops grown in district Rahim Yar Khan are wheat, cotton, and sugarcane whereas mangoes and citrus are main fruits produced in this region.

369. The vegetables mostly produced in this district include garlic, potato, turnip, carrot, tomato, ladyfinger, cauliflower, turnip, onion, peas, and chillies.

370. Agriculture is the main source of livelihood for the majority of the population in Ghotki district. Only a handful of people have big land holdings here while the rest of the population are either small landholders or landless harees, who survive on daily wages living a hand-to-mouth life. The total reported area of District Ghotki is 629,000 hectares, consisting of 232,000 hectares of cultivated areas, 258,000 hectares of the cropped area. The total un-cultivated area is 397,000 hectares, out of which 19,000 hectares are covered by forest, 117,000 hectares by cultivable waste and 261,000 hectares are not available for cultivation. Principal crops grown in the district are wheat, cotton, rice, and sugarcane while other minor crops are jowar, maize, gram, rapeseed and mustard, tobacco etc.

Industry

371. According to the records of the Government of Punjab, there are 311 major industrial units of different sectors in the district of Rahim Yar Khan. The type of industry includes cotton ginning and pressing (184), flour mills(62), textile weaving (12), sugar (5), poultry feeds(5), agricultural implements(3), rice mills, seed processing, fans/coolers, seed processing, fertilizer, cement products, soap, and detergent etc.

372. The different industries that have been set up in Ghotki include Gas Fields, Fertilizer Plants, Power Generation Plants and Sugar mills. Engro Chemical Pakistan (Pvt.) Ltd and Pak Saudi Fertilizer limited are two very important fertilizer plants that are located here. These two plants are one of the biggest producers of fertilizers in Pakistan and their products are supplied and retailed all over the country.

373. Since cotton is one of the major crops of the Ghotki District, there are 38 cotton ginning factories functioning in various talukas of the district. A large number of skilled, semi-skilled and un-skilled labor force is gainfully employed in these industrial units. The presence of these industries is playing a vital role in the socio-economic development and uplift of the people living in the district.

374. The cottage industry includes ginning, pottery/clay products, electric desert coolers, agricultural machinery, handicrafts, food industry, and embroidery. Unilever, the international manufacturer of some famous brands of the world like Sunsilk shampoos, Walls ice cream, Lux, soaps etc. has one of their major factories in Pakistan in Rahim Yar khan and Daharki.

Livestock

375. The livestock sector maintains a unique position within the agriculture sector of this area. Most people living in the Rahim Yar Khan and Ghotki own livestock i.e. cattle, buffalo, goat, and sheep to meet their daily needs. There are many commercial-level dairy farms in the area.

376. People keep these animals for producing milk, ghee/butter, and other dairy products. Horses and Donkeys *are* also reared as livestock animals in the Project area. They are used for cart driving, transport and riding etc. The number of horses is gradually decreasing with the rise in the number of motor vehicles and improved metaled roads.

5. Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures

377. This section discusses the Project's potential impact on the area's physical, ecology and socioeconomic environment and mitigation measures that will reduce, if not eliminate, its adverse impact. The mitigation measures then become part of the environmental management plan (EMP) for implementation provided in **Section 9**.

5.1 Methodology for Impact Assessment

378. Environmental and socioeconomic impacts are assessed in the following stages:

- **Scoping:** Scoping is a broad term that refers to the process through which potential environmental issues associated with the proposed project are identified. Potential impacts are identified by various means. These include, for example, concerns expressed by the community, formal checklists, and previous experience of the experts. The outcome of the exercise is the identification of all issues that need further investigation and screening out of issues that are not relevant.
- **Prediction of potential impacts:** This step refers to the evaluation and prediction, quantitatively, if possible, of the anticipated impacts of the proposed Project on various environmental factors.
- **Evaluation of the significance of predicted impacts:** Significance of the potential impacts can be determined by considering both the *consequence* and the *likelihood of* occurrence of the impact. The consequence of the proposed activity is evaluated by comparing it against recognized significance criteria, such as institutional recognition, technical recognition, scientific or technical knowledge, or judgment of recognized experts, public recognition, and professional and experience-based interpretation of the evaluator.
- **Mitigation measures:** If it is determined that the predicted impact is significant, practicable mitigation measures are identified to reduce impacts for each activity to acceptable levels.
- **Residual impacts:** This step refers to the identification of the anticipated remaining impacts after mitigation measures have been applied.
- **Management actions and** monitoring**:** The last step in the assessment process is the identification of the monitoring requirements to confirm that the residual impacts are within the predicted limits and to provide timely information if the impacts exceed predicted limits.

5.1.1 Evaluation of Significance of Potential Impacts

379. The significance of potential or the predicted impacts are evaluated based on their associated risk levels or effects on the receiving environment.

380. Risk is assessed as the likelihood that the activity will have an effect on the environment as well as the consequence of the effect occurring. It is often described like this:

Risk = Likelihood X Consequence

381. Likelihood definition, consequence scale and risk score evaluation approach is provided in **Table 5-1, Table 5-2** and **Table 5-3**.

Table 5-1: Evaluation of Impact Significance Matrix (Likelihood Scale**)**

Likelihood	Definition	Scale
Certain	Will certainly occur during the activity at a frequency greater than every week if preventative measures are not applied	5
Likely	Will occur more than once or twice during the activity but less than weekly if preventative measures are not applied	3
Unlikely	May occur once or twice during the activity if preventative measures are not applied	2
Rare	Unlikely to occur during the project	1

Table 5-2: Evaluation of Impact Significance Matrix (Consequence Scale)

Consequence	Definition	Score
Catastrophic	The action will cause unprecedented damage or impacts on the environment or surrounding communities	5
Major	The action will cause major adverse damage to the environment or surrounding communities	3
Moderate	No or minimal adverse environmental or social impacts	2
Minor	No or minimal adverse environmental or social impacts	1

Table 5-3: Evaluation of Impact Significance Matrix (*Risk Score Table)*

	Consequence			
	Catastrophic	Major	Moderate	Minor
Certain	**25**	**15**	**10**	5
Likely	**15**	**9**	**6**	3
Unlikely	**10**	**6**	4	2
Rare	5	3	2	1

Risk:
Critical: 15 – 25, Significant/ Moderate: 6 – 10, Low: 1 - 5
Critical and moderate risks will be addressed in EMP.

5.2 Pre-construction (design) phase Impacts

382. Proper planning during project design can significantly reduce the negative impacts at the time of construction and operation.

383. A summary of screening of potential impacts at the pre-construction (design) phase, based on methodology discussed in *Section 6.1*, is provided in **Table 5-4**.

Table 5-4: Screening of Potential Impacts at Pre-construction (design) phase

No.	Potential Impact	Likelihood (Certain, Likely, Unlikely, Rare)	Consequence (Catastrophic, Major, Moderate, Minor)	Risk Score (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)	Residual Impact (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)
1	Lack of integration of IEE/EMP/EIA requirements into construction bid documents	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
2	Lack of planning in ETL design[60]	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
3	Improper Location of Camps Leading to Environmental and Social Issues	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
4	Lack of Project environmental safeguards (human resource) capacity	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
5	Removal of vegetation/trees	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
6	Noise caused by construction equipment	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
7	Land acquisition	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
8	Waste generation	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
9	Disruption to existing drainage pathways and utilities	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
10	Impacts on Sensitive and High Value Areas	2 Unlikely	2 Moderate	4 Low	Low
11	EMF	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
12	Impact on Community Safety due to Structure/ Mechanical Failure of the overhead conductors	2 Unlikely	3 Major	6 Moderate	Low
13	Natural hazard risks (flooding, earthquakes, etc.)	2 Unlikely	2 Moderate	4 Low	

Critical Risk Level

Significant/ Moderate Risk Level

Low Risk Level

[60] Covering (i) Route Selection, (ii) Transmission, (iii) Structure Design, (iv) Tower Placement Add-ons, (v) Visual Amenity, and (vi) Mechanical Failure of the Overhead Conductors.

5.2.1 Lack of Integration of IEE/EMP/EIA Requirements into Construction Bid Documents

Assessment

384. The bidding documents must reflect the requirement to select a qualified and experienced Contractor from the perspective of ensuring implementation of required safeguards during project development.

Mitigation Measures

385. The mitigation measures described below will be implemented while completing the final design of the Project.

- The ESIC should be assigned the task to check that design and bid documents are responsive to key environmental, social, and safety considerations, and that the proposed method of work reflects the boundaries defined in the EMP.
- The bid documents must include the EMP, and its implementation cost must be reflected in the bill of quantity (BoQ).

5.2.2 Lack of Planning in ETL Design[61]

Assessment

47. Vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters poses an additional significant challenge to the sustainable and reliable electricity supply, as witnessed by the monsoon rains and the subsequent flashfloods in July and August 2022, which wreaked tremendous devastations in Pakistan.[62] As per the NTDC's Rapid Flood Damage Assessment of its network, no damage was reported on 500 kilovolt (kV) and 220kV grid stations except two high voltage ETLs with a total of thirteen towers collapsed as a result of floods.[63] The Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA)[64] of September 2022 concluded that changes in intensity and frequency of extreme weather events and unseasonal deviations from average weather will affect current and future energy infrastructure, supply reliability, and the energy sector's profitability. Therefore, additional investment is required to ensure the transmission network resilient to climate change and natural disaster.

The pre-construction (design) phase planning is very important for the following parameters. Better planning will produce less environmental and social impacts during later phases of construction and operations.

- Route Selection
- Transmission Structure Design

[61] Covering (i) Route Selection, (ii) Transmission, (iii) Structure Design, (iv) Tower Placement Add-ons, and (v) Visual Amenity, (vi) Mechanical Failure of the Overhead Conductors.
[62] Islamic Relief Pakistan. 2022. *Rapid Assessment: Flood Emergency – Balochistan and Sind (28 August 2022).*
[63] One tower on 220kV Khuzdar-Dadu transmission lines and 12 towers on 220kV Dadu-Sibbi transmission line.
[64] The Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment is in Appendix 12.

- Tower Placement
- Add-ons
- Visual Amenity
- Mechanical Failure of the Overhead Conductors

Mitigation Measures

386. The mitigation measures described below will be implemented while completing the final design of the Project.

- Using corridor-sharing with existing ETLs for minimize RoW requirements. Preference will be given to a route with a minimum community displacement and minimum tree cutting requirement
- Better planning during the selection of RoW will generate less negative socioeconomic impacts on the affected persons.
- Selection and use of the latest available technology for reducing the EMF from ETLs.

a. ETLs to be designed for higher resilience to climate change impacts to ensure the transmission network resilient to climate change and natural disaster.

- Choosing a ETL tower with aesthetic appeal such as the darker color of oxidized steel structures may blend in better with forested backgrounds.
- Making minor adjustments in tower locations to avoid archeological sites or minimize effects on agricultural operations.
- Adding flight diverters to conductors to minimize bird collisions with the wires.
- Location of high-voltage transmission and distribution lines in less populated areas, where possible, to mitigate the impact on visual amenity and noise. This will also create less land acquisition and resettlement issues.

5.2.3 Improper Location of Camps Leading to Environmental and Social Issues

Assessment

387. The selection of campsites for construction and field residence is very important step to be taken by the contractors before mobilization for construction. Poor planning in selection of the sites and poor camping facilities, can cause environmental and social issues during construction.

Mitigation Measures

388. The mitigation measures described below will be implemented while completing the final design of the Project.

- Camp locations at least 200-300 m from the sensitive receptors including settlements and water bodies.
- Development of the campsite plans indicating walkways, car parking, recreational areas, rooms, kitchen, dining, storm run-off, toilets and sewerage lines and treatment, disposal, freshwater storage, and lines, etc.

5.2.4 Lack of Project environmental safeguards (human resource) capacity

Assessment

389. The lack of environmental and social safeguards team and lack of capacity within project proponent and contractors creates implementation issues of project environmental safeguard documents including local law requirements, ADB SPS requirements, IEE, EIA, SSEMP, and NOC.

Mitigation Measures

390. The mitigation measures described below will be implemented while completing the final design of the Project.

b. The ESIC/PMU to make sure that it is staffed by EHS Manager, Deputy EHS Manager and Assistant EHS Manager in addition to social safeguard staff.

- The ESIC/PMU to ensure, contractor's environmental safeguards capacity before construction starts. Make sure that the Construction Contractor assigns and retains a full-time and qualified ESO and a full-time and qualified HSO.

5.2.5 Removal of vegetation/trees

Assessment

391. Due to the proposed project, 350-400 trees of varying species and sizes, may be affected by the project. This impact will be permanent and moderate adverse. Lack of planning in clearing RoW from trees can cause unnecessary cutting trees.

Mitigation Measures

392. The proposed mitigation measures will include:

- Incorporate technical design measures to minimize the removal of these trees, as far as possible.
- Compensatory planting of ten (10) trees against each fallen tree of similar floral function will be planted; and,
- The plantation plan will prefer the prevalent indigenous species of plants and ensure that there will be no exotic species in the plantation plan with known environmental setbacks.

5.2.6 Noise caused by construction equipment

Assessment

393. Increase in ambient noise levels are expected in construction phase of the Project especially in areas near to sensitive receptors. An early assessment in pre-construction (design) phase, at sensitive receptors, will be useful.

Mitigation Measures

394. The following measures will be implemented to ensure that the cumulative noise impacts are within acceptable limits during construction activities:

- Conduct detailed acoustic assessment for all residential buildings, schools, (other sensitive structures) within 50 m of RoW.
- After the assessment, identify the areas where noise barriers are required. Also, suggest noise reducing devices on equipment such as mufflers and silencers.

- The audible noise of the ETL is most severe under wet conditions. During detailed design, it will be ensured that audible noise under wet conditions is within acceptable limits.
- During detail design, it will be ensured that audible noise as per CISPR18-2 “Methods for measurement of RI characteristics of overhead power lines and high voltage equipment” will be either category-I (which is Interference not audible) or category-ii (which is Interference just perceptible).

5.2.7 Land Acquisition

Assessment

395. Though no land will be acquired permanently, however, damages (crops and trees) to the land will be happened during ETL construction. This may result in loss of land, assets and livelihood associated with the loss of crops and trees. This impact will be permanent and high adverse in nature.

Mitigation Measures

396. Mitigation measures will involve careful alignment selection by the designer to minimize the impact by avoiding the acquisition of residential and commercial areas. Also, an adequate budget will be provided in the project cost for the compensation to the affected people as per the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and framing of a judicious and fair compensation package for the provision of compensation on the prevailing market rates.

- NTDC to select the route in a way that minimum impact on trees and crops occur.
- Assessment of loss of land, trees and crops (if any) due to construction of ETL towers.
- Preparation of land acquisition and resettlement plan (LARP) for the proposed Project before commencement of construction activities.
- All the impacts identified by the IEE will be incorporated into the project LARP and relevant entitlements will be included into the Entitlement Matrix.
- All the payments / entitlements are paid according to the Entitlement Matrix, prepared according to the LARP.

397. According to Land Acquisition Act 1894, the following points are to be considered while determining compensation to the project affectees:

- The market value of the land at the date of publication of the notification under section 4 sub section (1).
- The damage sustained by the person interested, because of the taking of any standing crops, or trees which may be on the land at the time of the collector’s taking possession thereof.
- The damage if any sustained by the person interested at the time of the collector’s taking possession of the land because of acquisition injuriously affecting his other property, moveable, or immoveable, in any other manner, or his earning; and
- As a consequence of the acquisition of the land by the collector, the person affected is compelled to change his residence or place of business, the reasonable expenses incidental to such change.

5.2.8 Waste Generation

Assessment

398. The appropriate disposal of waste and management of spills needs to be assessed at pre-construction (design) phase and its implementation cost must be reflected in BoQ.

Mitigation Measures

399. The following measures will be implemented to ensure that adequate disposal options for all wastes are in place:

- Identify enough locations for disposal of transformer oils, unsuitable soils, scrap metal "cradle to grave".
- Include in contracts for unit rates for re-measurement for disposal.
- Designate disposal sites in the contract and cost unit disposal rates accordingly.

5.2.9 Disruption to Existing Drainage Pathways and Utilities

Assessment

400. The construction of Project may affect the drainage system and irrigation crossings and other public utilities within RoW.

Mitigation Measures

401. The possible mitigation measures, to be include in preliminary and detailed designs, are as follows:

- Identify locations where drainage or irrigation crossing, utilities within RoW may be affected by works.
- Include in protection works contract as a payment milestone(s).

5.2.10 Impacts on Sensitive and High Value Areas

Assessment

402. The construction and operation of the Project will result in several impacts including air, noise and water pollution, electrocution, collisions, aesthetics, EMF and community health and safety.

403. However, the impact will be low as 1) the majority length of the ETL passes from the least populated area, 2) the ETL RoW is not located in any protected or ecologically sensitive area, and 3) there is no mosque, graveyard, tomb or any other religious/archaeological site within 100 m boundary from the edge of the Project.

Mitigation Measures

404. The following mitigation measures will be implemented:

- Siting the Project facilities away from any residential area.
- If, siting of Project facilities cannot be avoided altogether, the area of disruption should be minimized, and the impacts should be mitigated.

5.2.11 Electromagnetic field (EMF)

Assessment

405. Electric fields are produced by voltage and increase in strength as the voltage increases whereas EMF result from the flow of electric current and increase in strength as the current increases. The operation of the Project will result in the production of EMF which needs to be controlled to protect environment and public health.

406. EMF are also created by electrical household appliances such as motors in refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, televisions, and computers. Due to the proximity of humans to household appliances, the level of EMF is often far greater than those levels produced by ETLs fixed on high towers (**Figure 5-1**).[65]

407. EMF generated by electric lines are in the extremely-low-frequency (ELF) range of the electromagnetic spectrum. The energy from these EMF is very small. EMF from appliances and ETLs cannot break molecular bonds. The highest frequency electromagnetic radiation, like gamma rays, can break apart DNA and lead to cancer. Low frequency radiations such as microwaves do not have enough energy to break molecular bonds but can heat food items.[66]

408. For overhead ETLs, the EMF typically range from about 5 to 150 mG (**Table 5-5**) depending on current load, separation of the conductors, and distance from the lines. In general, at a distance of about 300 feet from an ETL, measured EMF are similar to typical ambient background levels found in most homes.[67]

409. The EMF interference is significantly dependent on the power line configurations, separation distance between ETL and objects underneath, separation distance between conductors of ETL, the ETL tower height, existence of the earth wire, and the length of system parallelism.[68]

410. In the literature, EMF data are presented in either units of Gauss (G) or Tesla (T). A milligauss (mG) is equal to one-thousandth of a Gauss (G). One Tesla is equal to 10,000 Gauss. A microtesla (μT) is equal to one-millionth of a Tesla or 10 mG.

411. EMF strength and distances from overhead ETLs is provided in **Figure 5-2** and **Table 5-6**. This generalized graphic view is showing on how EMF quickly diminish with distance.[69]

[65] https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/Brochures/EMF.pdf
[66] ibid
[67] ibid
[68] Chaaban, Farid & Hassan, Heba. (2009). Modelling and Measurements of the Electromagnetic Field of High Voltage Transmission Lines: A Practical Case in Lebanon.
[69] ibid

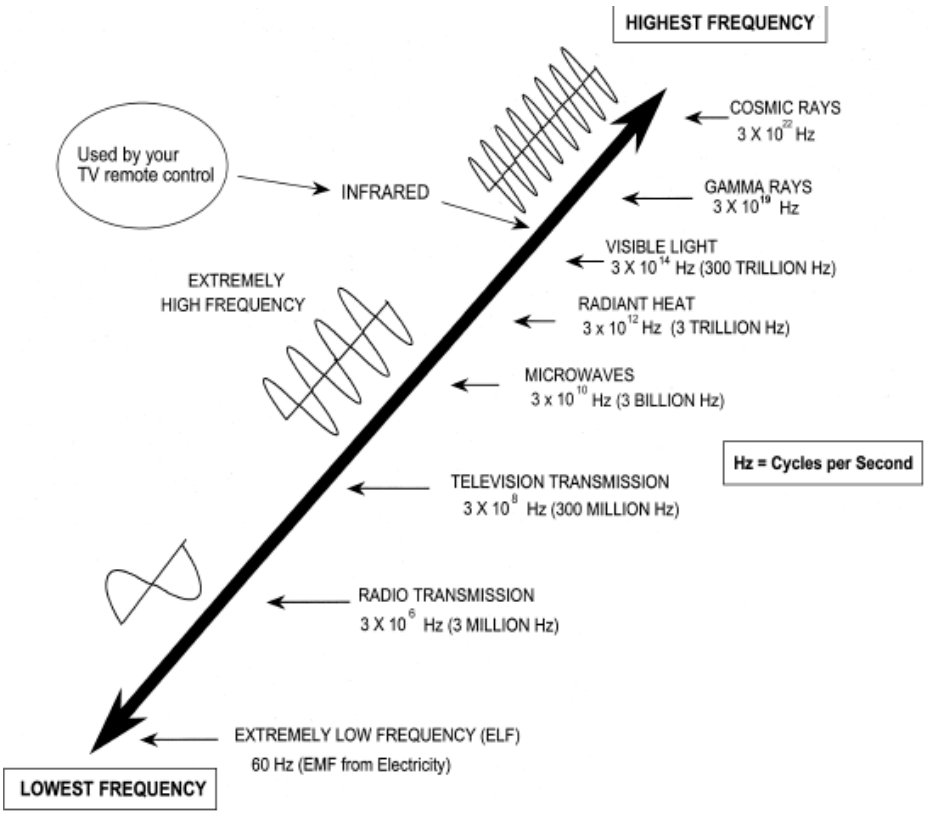


Figure 5-1: Electromagnetic Spectrum

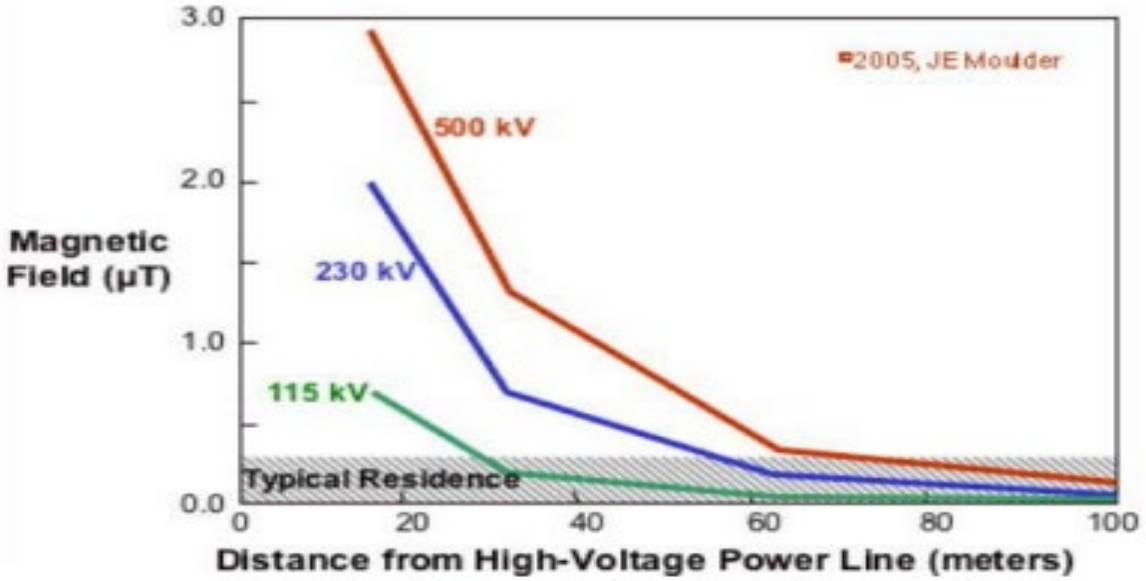


Figure 5-2: Magnetic Strength from Overhead Transmission Lines

Table 5-5: Magnetic Fields Observed for Overhead Transmission Lines

Overhead Transmission Line Voltages	Usage	Typical Magnetic Field Measurements (mG)				
		Maximum in ROW	Approximate Distance From Centerline (Feet)			
			50	100	200	300
115 kV	Average	30	7	2	0.4	0.2
	Peak	63	14	4	0.9	0.4
230 kV	Average	58	20	7	1.8	0.8
	Peak	118	40	15	3.6	1.6
500 kV	Average	87	29	13	3.2	1.4
	Peak	183	62	27	6.7	3.0

Table 5-6: Safety Distances for 220 kV Transmission Line

Description[70]	Distance (meters)
Minimum Approach Distance for People	3m (Authorized person) 6m (Ordinary)
Minimum Safe Vertical Distance	8 m
Clearance distance from ETL to ground and road	7m
Clearance distance to trees/hedges	4.6
Clearance distance to water course	7.6 m
Vertical Passing clearance (if vehicles will below the power line)	2.4 m

412. Many studies have been conducted by researchers through animal experiments, clinical studies, computer simulations, and human population (epidemiological) to determine the relationship between exposure to EMF and impact on health such as childhood leukemia[71], cardiovascular disease, cancer etc. In the past, numerous reports have presented conflicting information. Some of these reports have provided evidence of adverse health effects like anxiety, poor sleep[72] ; while results of most of these studies did not indicate any correlation between the EMF and chronic diseases emanating from power lines.[73] ,[74],[75]

[70] UK Power Network Standards -EI 02-2019

[71] Tynes, T., & Haldorsen, T. (1997). Electromagnetic fields and cancer in children residing near Norwegian high-voltage power lines. *American journal of epidemiology*, *145*(3), 219-226.

[72] Bagheri Hosseinabadi, M., Khanjani, N., Ebrahimi, M. H., Haji, B., & Abdolahfard, M. (2019). The effect of chronic exposure to extremely low-frequency electromagnetic fields on sleep quality, stress, depression and anxiety. *Electromagnetic biology and medicine*, *38*(1), 96-101.

[73] Liu, J., Dawalibi, F. P., Ma, J., & Mitskevitch, N. (2006, August). Modeling techniques for analyzing electromagnetic interference caused by high voltage power lines to neighboring communication cables. In *The 2006 4th Asia-Pacific Conference on Environmental Electromagnetics* (pp. 235-243). IEEE.

[74] Valberg, P. A. (1996). Electric and magnetic fields (EMF): What do we know about the health effects. *International archives of occupational and environmental health*, *68*(6), 448-454.

[75] Kim J Fernie and S James Reynolds. The effects of electromagnetic fields from power lines on avian reproductive biology and physiology: a review. *Journal of toxicology and environmental health. Part B, Critical reviews.* Vol. 8(2).

413. Birds use electrical power lines, and towers for perching, and nesting. Therefore, many bird species, like humans, are exposed to EMFs throughout their lives.[76]

414. The significance of impact for this Project is moderate to major, because the ETL is passing overhead of a seelment near Hala Road Grid Station. The ETL will use the RoW of an exisiitng 132 kV ETL.

415. This Project involves dismantling of the low-line exisiitng 132 kV ETL owned by local distribution company and the same will be built again with similar standards as it planned for the Project and will result in decrease EMF effects on the residents due to increased height. The Project ETL will be designed with a better tower structure and technology compared to the existing transmission system at the Hala Road Grid Station and surroundings, as discussed in *Project Description Section*.

Mitigation Measures

416. The following mitigation measures will be implemented at pre-construction (design) phase to reduce the future impact on environment:

- NTDC's standard operating procedures (SOPs) of a minimum vertical ground clearance for ETL conductor of 7 meters will be ensured.
- Raising conductor height above the ground to 8 m, typically by increasing tower height, will be ideal.
- Reducing conductor spacing.
- Arranging phases so that fields tend to cancel.
- Increasing transmission voltage (since EMF intensities are a function of current, and increased voltage, all things being equal, will result in reduced current).
- Reducing loads (and therefore, currents).
- Identification of potential exposure levels in the work area including surveys of exposure levels and establishment of safety zones.
- Safety signs and warning zone will be highlighted to indicate EMF in the area
- Limit access to properly trained workers and those equipped with appropriate PPE when entering safety zones.
- Increasing RoW widths or buffer zone widths, to move people further from ETLs.

5.2.12 Impact on Community Safety due to Structure/ Mechanical Failure of the overhead conductors

Assessment

417. Risks related to EMFs and natural hazards, such as earthquakes, landslides, and rockfalls, can result in adverse impacts during operation. Structure failure, especially near or at residential areas, may create public safety issues if better design and technology is not recommended.

Mitigation Measures

418. The following mitigation measures will be implemented at pre-construction (design) phase:

[76] Biasotto, L. D., & Kindel, A. (2018). Power lines and impacts on biodiversity: A systematic review. *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*, *71*, 110-119.

- Ensure all safety aspects related to safety of structure is considered.
- Ensure seismic design requirements are incorporated in the Project design.
- The ETL will be constructed using very robust design and there is very low probability of mechanical failure even under extreme weather conditions. Nonetheless, following special arrangements will be made in this section to ensure safety in case of mechanical failure of the ETL conductors.
- Installation of special tower/pole structures that would support a long span of up to 500 m so that no tower/pole has to be installed inside the streets.
- Special tower/pole structures will be designed with load safety margin factor of 2.5 instead of generally used 1.5, thus having an extraordinary strength bearing margin to cater for any untoward mechanical hazardous situation.
- Special tower/pole structures will be designed to achieve enhanced vertical ground clearance of 15-20 meters whereas the standard requirement of ground clearance of 220 kV line is 7.1 meter.
- Installation of grounded metallic mesh beneath the lowest conductor to act as fall arrester in case of mechanical failure of the conductor in residential areas.

5.3 Construction Phase Impacts

419. The construction phase impacts on the physical environment, ecology, and socioeconomic environment are listed separately in the below sections.

420. A summary of potential impacts at the construction phase, based on methodology discussed in *Section 7.1*, is provided in **Table 5-7**.

Table 5-7: Potential Impacts at Construction Phase

No.	Potential Impact	Likelihood (Certain, Likely, Unlikely, Rare)	Consequence (Catastrophic, Major, Moderate, Minor)	Risk Score (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)	Residual Impact (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)
1	Dust from construction activity and Air emissions from construction equipment and vehicles	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
2	Noise from construction vehicles and heavy equipment	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
3	Sediment run-off from construction sites	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
4	Impact on Water Resources Quality and Quantity	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
5	Untreated disposal of effluent from worker camps and batching plant(s)	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
6	Vibrations	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
7	Traffic Congestions	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
8	Disposal of spoils and waste materials	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
9	Impact on Occupational Health and Safety	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
10	Habitat loss and impact on mammals, amphibians, birds, and reptiles	2 Unlikely	3 Major	6 Moderate	Low
11	Increased employment opportunities and local economy (positive impact)	 –	 –		
12	Overburden on local resources	3 Likely	2 Moderate	6 Moderate	Low
13		3	2	6	Low

No.	Potential Impact	Likelihood (Certain, Likely, Unlikely, Rare)	Consequence (Catastrophic, Major, Moderate, Minor)	Risk Score (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)	Residual Impact (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)
	Social Conflicts due to Influx of Workers	Likely	Moderate	Moderate	
14	Impact on Community Health and Safety Risk	2 Unlikely	3 Major	6 Moderate	Low
15	Impact on Physical Cultural Resources (PCRs)	2 Unlikely	3 Major	6 Moderate	Low
16	Uncontrolled Solid Waste Disposal, Communicable Diseases	3 Likely	3 Major	9 Significant	Low
17	Natural Hazard Risks (Flooding, Earthquakes etc.)	2 Unlikely	3 Major	6 Moderate	Low

Critical Risk Level

Significant/ Moderate Risk Level

Low Risk Level

5.3.1 Physical Environment

5.3.1.1 Dust from construction activity and Air emissions from construction equipment and vehicles

Assessment

421. Fugitive dust and other emissions are expected from earthwork, construction site camps, vehicle traffic, and other construction activities including land clearing activities and materials stockpiles.

422. The baseline values for particulate matter were deducted 108 to 120 µg/m^3 for PM_{10} and 30 to 33 µg/m^3 for $PM_{2.5}$. The values are well within prescribed standard but exceeding WHO guideline values indicating already degraded environment for this pollutant.

423. The construction works will be carried out within RoW i.e. 15 m on both sides of ETL route. The nearest sensitive receptors such as settlements are located at about 40 m from center of ETL route. Therefore, at least a distance of about 25 m is expected from work sites to nearby settlements along ETL route.

424. The major activities related to construction which will generate dust emissions (or PM) during the construction phase include vehicular movement, site preparation, loading/unloading of materials, and stockpiles.

425. The amount of dust generation is highly dependent on the activity type, construction methods, and weather conditions during the activity hence any estimation of dust generation is highly uncertain therefore a worst-case area-based emission factor has been used to estimate the dust emissions from the construction activities. Level 1 general emission factor suggested in '*Improvement of Specific Emission Factors (BACM Project No. 1)' report (MRI 1996) prepared for the South Coast Air Quality Management District*' have been used to estimate the emissions from the construction activities (Muleski, G.E, Garman G. 1996).[77] The suggested emission factor of 0.11 ton/acre-month for average conditions and 0.40 ton/acre-month for worst-case scenarios (construction sites with active large-scale earth moving operations) were considered and worst-case scenario has been used for impact assessment.

- Emission Factor: 0.40 ton/acre-month
- Project Site Active Area: 785 Acre [a]
- Construction Phase time: 18 months
- Total Emission = 0.40 × 785 × 18 = 5,652 tons in 18 months
- Emission Rate: 1.25×10^{-10} g/s/m^2 (260 hours per month Assumed)

Notes: [a] Right of way of 30 m and 105 km long and two campsites of approximately 6 acres land.

426. Although the estimated emission rates are not significant, but as discussed before, the baseline concentrations of PM in the area are higher than the WHO AQGs values, therefore, additional dust could further deteriorate the quality of air in the area. If not mitigated.

427. During the construction phase, the area of probable impact for air can typically reach 500 m from the boundary of the construction site. It is envisaged that in areas more

[77] Muleski, G.E, Garman G. (1996). Improvement of Specific Emission Factors (BACM Project No. 1); Prepared for South Coast Air Quality Management District, Contract 95040; Diamond Bar, CA.

than 500 m away from the construction area, the impact due to fugitive dust will be insignificant due to settling effects, unless there are exceptional gusts of wind, in which case a small amount of very fine dust particles (<10µm in diameter) could reach up to 1,000 m. Apart from human health impacts and nuisance, PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ when deposited on vegetation inhibits photosynthesis and potentially degrades habitats and also affect the crop yield of agricultural fields nearby.

428. Therefore, based on the above discussions, unmitigated air quality impacts due to dust emissions are considered to be significant.

Mitigation Measures

429. A Dust Management Plan must be prepared by the Contractor. A sample plan has been provided in **Annexure VIII**.

430. The following mitigation measures will be used to limit dust generation during construction activities:

- Water will be sprinkled through a dedicated water-bowser at source, around the construction site and along the routes used for construction activities to prevent the generation of dust and to minimize the levels of dust within the vicinity of orchards and fruit farms.
- A speed limit of not more than 30 kilometers per hour (km/h) will be imposed on the vehicles in areas where the potential of dust generation is greater including unpaved roads.
- Fuel-efficient and well-maintained haulage trucks will be employed to minimize exhaust emissions.
- Vehicles transporting soil, sand and other construction materials will be covered.
- The movement of vehicles through densely populated areas will be avoided.
- Water will be sprayed at bare areas that are prone to high dust emissions.
- Stockpiled soil and sand will be kept slightly wet before loading, particularly in windy conditions.
- Dust emissions at the camp and construction sites to be minimized by implementing good housekeeping and sound management practices.
- All project vehicles and other equipment will be maintained as per SEQS for vehicular emissions.
- The construction material will be stored in the boundary wall and no disturbance to surrounding areas is expected. The contractor will be, however, required to provide a traffic management plan before the commencement of work at the site.
- The need for large stockpiles will be minimized by careful planning of the supply of materials from controlled sources. Stockpiles (if required) will not be located within 50 m of schools, hospitals or other public amenities such as wells and pumps and should be covered with tarpaulins when not in use and at the end of the working day to enclose dust.
- Concrete plants will not be located close to any sensitive receptors.
- A check will be kept by the NTDC that no construction will be allowed within 100 m of the ETL.

431. Once the mitigation measures given above are incorporated, it is expected that the project will not have any significant incremental impacts on the baseline dust and gaseous

levels of the area. The effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be monitored during the construction, restoration, and operation phases.

5.3.1.2 Noise from construction vehicles and heavy equipment

Assessment

432. No blasting is anticipated. However, a slight increase in ambient noise conditions is expected due to construction activities. As per noise baseline values discussed in **Section 4.2**, levels found exceeded to the SEQS and IFC guidelines in ETL section that fall near the urban area of Hyderabad and the ETL area that fall in rural area is well within SEQS and IFC nighttime and daytime guidelines.

433. Construction activity employing heavy machinery such as powered mechanical equipment and heavy traffic such as trucks for transportation of construction materials and supplies can generate significant noise and vibration. The cumulative effects of several machines can be significant.

434. The construction works will be carried out within RoW i.e., 15 m on both sides of ETL route.

435. Majority length of ETL (12 km) falls in agricultural land and the nearest sensitive receptors such as settlements are located at about 40 m from center of ETL route. Therefore, at least a distance of about 25 m is expected from work sites to nearby settlements along ETL route.

436. However, part of ETL (8 km) is passing through populated areas where ETL passes nearby sensitive receptors. For example, a 400 m ETL is passing over settlements near Hala Road Grid Station, Hyderabad.

437. Therefore, the construction noise is considered significant due to nearby sensitive receptors to the construction sites.

438. **Table 5-8** represents typical noise levels from various construction equipment items. It should be noted that the values indicated in the table may differ depending on the brand and age of machinery provided/used by the construction company.

Table 5-8: Construction Equipment Noise Ranges, dB (A)

Equipment	Quantity	Usage Factor		Distance ft	Actual Lmax (50ft)	Lmax	Leq
Batch Plant		15%	0.15	1066	83	56.4	48.2
Concrete Mixers	1	40%	0.40	1066	78.8	52.2	48.2
Crane	1	16%	0.16	1066	80.6	54.0	46.1
Excavator	1	40%	0.40	1066	80.7	54.1	50.1
Tractor/Trolley	2	40%	0.40	1066	80	53.4	49.4
Bulldozers		40%	0.40	1066	80	53.4	49.4
Paver		50%	0.50	1066	77	50.4	47.4
Compactor	1	20%	0.20	1066	83	56.4	49.4
Pumps		50%	0.50	1066	77	50.4	47.4
Generators	1	50%	0.50	1066	80.6	54.0	51.0

Equipment	Quantity	Usage Factor		Distance ft	Actual Lmax (50ft)	Lmax	Leq
Vibrators	1	20%	0.20	1066	76	49.4	42.4
Drilling machines		10%	0.10	1066	90	63.4	53.4
Compressors	2	40%	0.40	1066	77.7	51.1	47.1
Dump Truck	1	40%	0.40	1066	76.5	49.9	45.9
Welder	1	40%	0.40	1066	74	47.4	43.4

Mitigation Measures

439. A Noise Management Plan must be prepared by the Contractor. A sample plan has been provided in **Annexure XXI**.

440. The following specific measures will be adopted to mitigate any potential issues.

- Noise monitoring will be carried out at edge of RoW or at boundary wall of communities located within 100 m of RoW, if required, to assess compliance with day and nighttime noise limits of 55 dBA and 45 dBA prescribed in the SEQS / IFC guideline values.
- No nighttime work will be allowed in populated areas of ETL's RoW.
- All heavy equipment and machinery will be maintained as per SEQS/ IFC guideline values and with effective noise controlling devices in place such as silencers.
- The noise level from construction activity can be reduced by regular maintenance of machinery. Noise can be controlled through engineering control e.g., hammering actions can be substituted by hydraulic.
- Ensure that the workers are wearing necessary personal protection equipment (PPE's) such as earplugs, earmuffs, etc. where engineering control is not applicable to reduce the impact of noise.
- Equipment emitting excessive noise in comparison with other similar equipment will not be allowed to operate.
- Equipment under use will be regularly maintained, tuned, and provided with mufflers and speed controls to minimize noise levels.
- Blowing horns on all access roads except under emergency conditions will be prohibited.
- Muffled breakers and silenced diesel generators and compressors will be used to reduce construction noise.
- Contractor will take necessary measures to minimize noise nuisance using acoustic enclosures and barriers.
- A check will be kept by the NTDC that no construction will be allowed within 100 m of the ETL.

441. Once the mitigation measures given above are incorporated, it is expected that the project will not have any significant incremental impacts on the baseline noise levels of the area. The effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be monitored during the construction, restoration, and operation phases.

5.3.1.3 Sediment run-off from construction sites

Assessment

442. Construction of the Project will require clearing of some vegetation, excavation, and stockpiling of excavated and construction material.

443. The following potential impacts on the geomorphology and soil are identified:

- Loss of soil fertility due to loss of topsoil
- Contamination of soil due to the accidental release of solvents, oils, and lubricants.
- Failure of stockpile areas resulting in increased erosion and sediment flash.
- Generation of waste (hazardous and non-hazardous)
- Soil erosion and surface run-off from materials sourcing areas and site preparation activities.
- Potential for hazardous materials and oil spills associated with heavy equipment operation and fueling activities.

444. The project involves excavation. Therefore, find a chance is to be considered while digging or excavation. In case of chance finding, The Contractor must follow procedures provided in **Annexure IX**.

445. The significance criteria were found significant based on the methodology discussed in **Section 5.1**.

Mitigation Measures

446. The mitigation measures described below will be implemented to reduce the impacts listed above:

- All construction workers will be provided awareness training on the prevention of waste generation and spill prevention.
- The topsoil can be preserved and used after the restoration of construction campsites and storage areas after the construction period.
- Surplus excavated material will be disposed of at appropriate or designated sites and will be disposed of in a manner that does not disturb the natural and community drainages and tracks.
- Equipment will be maintained properly to minimize oil or fuel leakages from construction machinery. Clean-up will be undertaken in the event of an oil spill larger than half a liter. This will include the removal of contaminated soil and disposal at a proper location.
- A Spill Prevention and Response Plan will be prepared including the induction of staff for spill prevention and management.
- All storage fuel tanks will be marked with their contents and stored in diked areas with an extra 10% of the storage capacity of the fuel tank. The area will be lined with an impervious base.
- Grease traps will be constructed wherever needed, to prevent the flow of oily water into drainage channels or waterbodies.
- Spill cleanup kits (shovels, plastic bags, and absorbent materials) will be available near fuel and oil storage areas. Should any accidental spills occur, the immediate cleanup will be undertaken, and all cleanup materials will be stored in a secure area for further disposal. Disposal of such will be undertaken by a waste management

company contracted by the Contractors. The waste management company must have the required licenses to transport and dispose any hazardous waste before any such waste is removed from the site. The Contractors will keep copies of the company's licenses and provide waste transfer manifests at their camp site for routine inspection by the engineer.

- Cleanup kits will be carried in all fuel trucks.
- Fueling of construction vehicles and machinery will take place at designated places or over impermeable surfaces for fixed machinery.
- Hazardous materials will be stored in designated places having impervious linings.

447. In addition to above, the following measures will also be implemented to specifically mitigate soil erosion and surface run-off:

- Schedule works in sensitive areas (e.g. water body) for dry season.
- Temporary erosion control plan one month before commencement of works.
- Proper installation of TD and EC before works within 50 m of water bodies.
- Cut areas will be treated against flow acceleration while filled areas will be carefully designed to avoid improper drainage.
- Stockpiles will not be formed within such distances behind excavated or natural slopes that would reduce the stability of the slopes.
- In the short-term, either temporary or permanent drainage works will protect all areas susceptible to erosion.
- Measures will be taken to prevent pounding of surface water and scouring of slopes. Newly eroded channels will be backfilled and restored to natural contours.
- Contractor will arrange to adopt suitable measures to minimize soil erosion during the construction period. Contractor will consult concerned authorities in the area before deciding mitigation measures.
- Clearing of green surface cover to be minimized during site preparation.
- Replanting trees to be done before the site is vacated and handed back to NTDC with appropriate trees (other vegetation cover as appropriate) to ensure interception of rainwater and the deceleration of surface run-off.

448. After the mitigation measures given above are incorporated, it is expected that the Project will not have any significant residual impacts on the area's geomorphology or soils. The effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be monitored during the construction and restoration phases.

5.3.1.4 Impact on Water Resources Quality and Quantity

Assessment

449. As stated in **Section 4.2**, the ETL crosses few canals and distributary channels.

450. However, the following are the potential impacts on water resources that may result during the construction of the ETL Project:

- Contamination of surface and groundwater due to improper handling of materials, leakage of oil and fuels and discharge from construction activities.
- Increased usage of local water resources due to its use in construction activities; and Blockade of natural drainage ways due to foundations construction.

451. The wastewater may be generated from the construction site or camp if constructed nearby may produce a major impact on these if not disposed of properly. However, the impact of construction activities on water availability may not be significant as there are few water resources available in the area.

Mitigation Measures

452. The following specific measures will be adopted to mitigate any potential issues:

- Erosion and sediment flash-control measures will be employed and maintained where necessary.
- Washing vehicles will be allowed only in designated places such as local car wash or a similar facility to be built at the site with the provision of oil-water separators (OWS) and waste collection pits. Further details are given in **Section 5.3.1**.
- Equipment will be maintained properly to minimize oil or fuel leakages from construction machinery.
- No effluents will be released to the environment untreated, as per procedures discussed in **Section 5.3.1**.
- All types of solid and liquid wastes will be handled as per procedures discussed in **Section 5.3.1**.
- The natural drainages will be restored after completion of civil works of the tower foundations in areas where tower locations fall within the catchment of dry stream beds.
- The source of water for construction from authorized abstraction sources will be agreed between the local communities, local government, and the contractor.
- Water conservation techniques will be developed and implemented by the contractor.
- Access routes of the community to water sources will be kept clear and open so that the community's ability to meet its water requirements are not compromised.
- Care will be exercised while moving heavy machinery to avoid damage or blockage of natural waterways and channels.
- Records will be kept of water usage in all Project activities.
- Construction camp and residential camp will not be built nearby water bodies.

453. In addition to above, the following are specific measures to mitigate hydrology and drainage aspects:

- Consideration of weather conditions when construction activities are undertaken.
- Limitations on excavation depths in use of recharge areas for material exploitation or spoil disposal.
- Use of landscaping as an integrated component of construction activity as an erosion control measure.
- Minimizing the removal of vegetative cover as much as possible and providing for its restoration where construction sites have been cleared of such areas.

454. In addition to above, the following are specific measures to mitigate water quality impacts:

- Compile temporary drainage management plan one month before commencement of works.

- Proper installation of Temporary Drainage (TD) and Erosion Control (EC) before works within 50 m of water bodies.
- Proper construction of TD and EC measures, maintenance and management including training of operators and other workers to avoid pollution of water bodies by the considerate operation of construction machinery and equipment.
- Storage of lubricants, fuels, and other hydrocarbons in self-contained dedicated enclosures >50 m away from water bodies.
- Proper disposal of solid waste from construction activities and labor camps.
- Cover the construction material and spoil stockpiles with a suitable material to reduce material loss and sedimentation and avoid stockpiling near to water bodies.
- Topsoil stripped material will not be stored where natural drainage will be disrupted.
- Borrow sites (if required) will not be close to sources of drinking water.

455. Once the mitigation measures listed above are incorporated, it is expected that the project will not have any significant impacts on the area's water resource. The effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be monitored during the construction and restoration phases.

5.3.1.5 Untreated disposal of effluent from worker camps and batching plant(s)

Assessment

456. The workers camp and construction camp facilities such as batching plant (s) will produce effluent during construction and if not handled and treated appropriately, it can contaminate local land, surface, and groundwater resources.

Mitigation Measures

457. The following specific measures will be adopted to mitigate any potential issues:

- Ensure safe storage and handling of fuels, oils, and other hazardous substances according to standard safety practices. Disposal should be carried out through SEPA approved contractors and facilities.
- All efforts will be made for the proper disposal of solid waste, applying principles of reducing waste as far as possible, reusing what is practical and recycling all recyclable materials.
- The solid waste generated during construction and campsites will be safely disposed of in demarcated waste disposal sites and the contractor will provide a proper waste management plan.
- The sewage system for camps will be properly designed (pit latrines or, as required, septic tanks) to receive all sanitary wastewaters.
- The solid residue from the septic tanks will be transported to the nearby municipal sewage disposal site.
- Lined wash areas will be constructed within the campsite or at the site, for the receipt of wash waters from construction machinery; and ensure proper labeling of containers, including the identification and quantity of the contents, hazard contact information, etc.
- Construction workers and supervisory staff will be encouraged and educated to practice waste minimization, reuse, and recycling to reduce the quantity of waste.

5.3.1.6 Vibration

Assessment

458. Piling-induced ground vibrations can lead to human disturbance and structural damage.

459. Other construction activity employing heavy machinery such as powered mechanical equipment and heavy traffic such as trucks for transportation of construction materials and supplies can also generate vibration. The cumulative effects of several machines can be significant.

460. The construction works will be carried out within RoW i.e., 15 m on both sides of ETL route.

461. The ETL RoW is passing through agricultural fields, opend land and barren lands.

462. Construction activities generate vibration. These activities include site clearing, site grading and soil compaction, pile driving, installation of deep foundations and industrial dynamic sources such as forge hammers etc. This vibration-inducing equipment used for land clearing are excavators, dozers, loaders, and large trucks.

463. For comparison, building impact vibration levels are often noted as a single number quantifying the peak particle velocity (PPV), in in/sec or mm/sec.[78]

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[78] Svinkin, Mark R. "A choice of proper criteria for soil and structural vibrations from construction and industrial sources." *ICSMGE 2017â€“19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, Seoul, pp 1589â*. Vol. 1592. 2017.

465. **Table 5-9** provides typical construction equipment vibration level. **Table 5-10** provide predicted minimum separation between piling operations and sensitive buildings.[79]

466. According to The United States Bureau of Mines (USBM) RI 8507 vibration limits for 1- and 2-story houses which are the most typical structures in urban and rural areas, the vibration limits in the resonance zone are 12.7 mm/s and 19.0 mm/s for walls with plaster and dry walls, respectively. [80]

467. British Standard provides vibration guidelines for two types of buildings.

- Industrial and heavy commercial buildings the limit of 51 mm/s is used for frequencies from 4 to 100 Hz.
- Residential or light commercial type buildings, the limits are: 15 mm/s at 4nHz increasing to 20 mm/s at 15 Hz and then increasing to 50nmm/s at 40 Hz and above.[81]

[79] http://www-civ.eng.cam.ac.uk/geotech_new/people/bolton/mdb_pub/117_DFC_2002_363_371.pdf
[80] FTA Report No. 0123 (2018), Transit noise and vibration impact assessment manual, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration
[81] BS 735-2:1993 (1993), Evaluation and measurement for vibration in buildings – Part 2: Guide to damage levels from groundborne vibration (British Standard)

Table 5-9: Construction Equipment Vibration Level

measured at 7.6 m from the source

Equipment	PPV, in in/sec or mm/sec
Vibratory Roller	5.6
Mounted Impact Hammer (Hoe Ram)	2.3
Grader	2.3
Compaction Machine	2.3
Excavator	2.3
Large Bulldozer	2.3
Loaded Trucks	1.9
Crane	1.9
Semi-Trucks	1.9
Cement Trucks	1.9
Dump Trucks	0.9
Jack Hammer	0.9

Table 5-10: Predicted Minimum Separation between Piling Operations and Sensitive Buildings

Building type (vibration limit from Eurocode 3)	Piling method					
	Press-in method (Eq^{n} 4)	Impact hammer (stiff clay / medium dense sand; (C=0.75) (Eurocode 3)		Vibrator (Eurocode 3) kJ/cycle		
		5 kJ/blow	25 kJ/blow	2 kJ/cycle	10 kJ/cycle	50 kJ/cycle
Architectural merit (2 mm/s)	3.5 m	26.5 m	59 m	16 m	36 m	78 m
Residential area (4 mm/s)	1.75 m	13 m	30 m	8 m	18 m	39 m
Light comercial (10 mm/s)	0.7 m	5 m	12 m	3.1 m	7 m	16 m
Heavy Industrial (15 mm/s)	0.5 m	3.6 m	8 m	2.1 m	5 m	10 m

Mitigation Measures

468. A Vibration Management Plan must be prepared by the Contractor. A sample plan has been provided in **Annexure XXI**.

469. The following specific measures will be adopted to mitigate any potential issues:

- construction will not be allowed during nighttime (10 PM to 6 AM) and will only be conducted during daytime.
- Vibration from the construction of piles to support pads may be required for some tower construction and maybe a significant impact but this should be for a short duration. Where vibration could become a major consideration (within say 100 m of schools, religious premises, hospitals or residences) a building condition survey will take place before construction.
- Use of better equipment with less vibration effects will be used such as Free-Suspended Vibrators (FSV).[82]

[82] https://www.vpgroundforce.com/gb/footer-links/useful-links/industry-resources/reducing-ground-vibrations-during-the-piling-proce/

- The physical effect of piling will be assessed before construction and measures will be discussed with the local population as well as the timing of the works to serve as a vehicle for further public consultation at the implementation stage and to assist in public relations. At nearby schools, the contractor will discuss with the school principals the agreed time for operating these machines and completely avoid machine use near schools during examination times, if such a need arises.
- Ensure that the workers are wearing necessary personal protection equipment (PPE's) such as earplugs, earmuffs, etc. where engineering control is not applicable to reduce the impact of noise.
- Equipment under use will be regularly maintained, tuned, and provided with mufflers and speed controls to minimize noise levels.

470. Once the mitigation measures given above are incorporated, it is expected that the vibration impacts will be significantly reduced at nearby buildings to RoW.

5.3.1.7 Traffic Congestions

Assessment

471. There will be limited traffic during construction of the Project and will have little or no incremental effects on the existing traffic on the national or provincial highways.

472. There will be an increase in traffic on the internal roads, used for the transportation of construction materials, spoils, equipment and machinery. However, the increase will be for a limited period i.e. during construction activities.

Mitigation Measures

473. Contractor to provide a traffic management plan as part of SSEMP. A template for typical traffic plan is provided in **Annexure X**.

474. The following measures will be employed to minimize potential impacts:

- Efforts will be made to minimize the use of heavy trucks by preferring transport of equipment and supplies using 4x4 pickups, wherever possible, and
- A speed limit of not more than 30 km/h will be imposed near settlements, on unpaved roads and link roads for reducing traffic accident risks and dust generation.
- A traffic management plan, if required, will be prepared and submitted to NTDC one month prior to start of works. Vicinity of schools, hospitals and communities will be considered while preparing plans and will be avoided to the extent feasible.
- Plan of alternate routes for heavy vehicles will be formulated and implemented. Existing roads will be used wherever practical for transportation of materials and a 'no-short-cut' policy will be used.
- While preparing plan of access routes, existing conditions of roads and bridges will also be considered to see for any requirement of widening and upgrading of access paths and roads.
- Traffic warning signs will be installed, and traffic regulations will be enforced during transportation of materials and equipment and machinery.
- Nighttime construction traffic will be avoided as much as possible.
- Drivers will be instructed to give way to locals while driving on access tracks, to keep a close watch for wild/domestic animals and children while driving and to not throw any litter or cigarettes out of vehicle.

- The use of canal flood protection bunds for the movement of heavy vehicles will be minimized. Wooden/damaged bridges on canal/river/ other crossings will not be used for the movement of heavy vehicles.
- Dry stream beds will not be used as access routes.
- Any damage to access tracks, metaled roads, watercourses or the canal/river protection bunds, etc., will be appropriately repaired to bring these structures to their pre-construction condition. Any damage, which may cause hardship to the local community or wildlife, will be immediately repaired.

5.3.1.8 Disposal of spoils and waste materials

Assessment

475. There is a possibility of the generation of hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste during construction such as used vehicle oil filters, oil-contaminated cloths, used batteries, iron and copper, cotton and kitchen waste, solid residue from the septic tanks, etc. These can create a nuisance to the environment if not handled appropriately.

476. It is anticipated that demolition of an existing ETL will be required. The demolition will not generate or relates to hazardous wastes such as PCB's, asbestos containing materials etc. However, if found then suitable waste disposal plans dealing with this type of wastes will be prepared and implemented.

Mitigation Measures

477. Measures that will be implemented are as follows:

- Ensure safe storage and handling of fuels, oils, and other hazardous substances according to standard safety practices. Disposal should be carried out through SEPA approved contractors and facilities.
- Management and storage of fuel, waste oil, hazardous waste will be planned in accordance with EHS General Guidelines on Hazardous Materials Management.[83] This includes the use of appropriate secondary containment structures capable of containing the larger of 110 % of the largest tank or 25% of the combined tank volumes in areas with above-ground tanks with a total storage volume equal or greater than 1,000 liters.
- All efforts will be made for the proper disposal of solid waste, applying principles of reducing waste as far as possible, reusing what is practical and recycling all recyclable materials.
- The solid waste generated during construction and campsites will be safely disposed of in demarcated waste disposal sites and the contractor will provide a proper waste management plan as part of SSEMP. A framework waste management plan is attached as **Annexure-XI**.
- The sewage system for camps will be properly designed (pit latrines or, as required, septic tanks) to receive all sanitary wastewaters.
- The solid residue from the septic tanks will be transported to the nearby municipal sewage disposal site.
- Lined wash areas will be constructed within the campsite or at the site, for the receipt of wash waters from construction machinery; and ensure proper labeling of

[83] https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/90231ba8-5bb3-40f4-9255-eaf723d89c32/1-5%2BHazardous%2BMaterials%2BManagement.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=nPtgwml

containers, including the identification and quantity of the contents, hazard contact information, etc.

- Construction workers and supervisory staff will be encouraged and educated to practice waste minimization, reuse, and recycling to reduce the quantity of waste.

5.3.1.9 Impact on Occupational Health and Safety

Assessment

478. The occupational health and safety hazards associated with the construction of ETLs mainly include:

- Exposure to fall hazards from working at heights for poles and structures
- Exposure to EMFs to workers as the workers typically have a higher exposure to EMF than the general public due to working in proximity to electric power lines.
- The construction activities and vehicular movement at the construction site and access service roads may also result in roadside accidents particularly inflicting local communities who are not familiar with the presence of heavy equipment and machinery.

Mitigation Measures

479. The contractor will prepare OHSE Management Plan as part of SSEMP. A template for OHSE Management Plan is provided in **Annexure XII**.

480. The following are prevention and control measures will be implemented to the extent feasible to mitigate any issue related to occupational health and safety:

- Provide adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and working platforms as per the job requirements
- Install occupational safety warning signs at construction sites and camps.
- Provide workers with skull guard or hard hat.
- Allow only trained and certified workers to install electrical equipment with safety and insulation measures in place.
- Test structures for integrity prior to undertaking work.
- Prepare and implement fall protection program that will include training in climbing techniques and use of fall protection measures; inspection, maintenance, and replacement of fall protection equipment; and rescue of fall-arrested workers, among others.
- The fall protection system will be appropriate for the tower structure and necessary movements, including ascent, descent, and moving from point to point and fixtures will be installed, wherever possible, to facilitate the use of fall protection systems.
- Provide adequate work-positioning device system for workers to the extent possible.
- Properly maintained hoist equipment will be used along with properly trained personnel.
- Proper safety belts will be provided. The Safety belts should be of not less than 16 millimeters (mm) (5/8 inch) two-in-one nylon or material of equivalent strength.
- Use a backup safety strap when operating power tools at height.
- Remove signs and other obstructions from poles or structures prior to undertaking work.

- Provide an approved tool bag for raising or lowering tools or materials to workers on structures.
- Prepare and implement EMF safety program to prevented or minimize occupational hazards due to exposure to EMF.
- The contractor will prepare OHSE Management Plan as part of SSEMP. Also include provision of a safety champion program to be initiated on a monthly basis to encourage workers to adhere with H&S requirements.
- The plan will also include impacts and mitigation measures related with COVID-19. COVID-19 health and safety management plan are attached as Annexure-XIII.
- The plan will also include details related with labour working conditions and details on prohibit child labour.
- Identify potential exposure levels in the workplace, including surveys of exposure levels in new projects and the use of personal monitors during working activities.
- Train workers in the identification of occupational EMF levels and hazards.
- Establish and identify safety zones to differentiate between work areas with expected elevated EMF levels compared to those acceptable for public exposure, limiting access to properly trained workers.
- Prepare and implement action plans to reduce adverse impact of EMF and to address occupational exposure. Action plans may include limiting exposure time through work rotation, increasing the distance between the source and the worker, when feasible, or the use of shielding materials.
- Worker's Accommodation Plan will be prepared in reference to Workers' Accommodation: Processes and Standards[84] as part of SSEMP and implemented.

481. Once the mitigation measures given above are incorporated, it is expected that the project will not have any significant incremental impacts. The effectiveness of the mitigation measures will be monitored during the construction, restoration, and operation phases.

5.3.2 Ecological Environment

482. This section assesses the impacts on ecology in and around the Project site and outlines the mitigation measures proposed for the management of those impacts.

5.3.2.1 Habitat loss and impact on mammals, amphibians, birds, and reptiles

Assessment

483. The Area of Habitat Loss is defined as the area that will be occupied due to the construction and operation of the Project infrastructure and from where vegetation will be cleared for the Project-related activities.

484. Since the proposed ETL passes through mostly covered with seasonal crops and mango and other fruit tree orchards so an estimate of 250-300 trees may be required to clear from RoW during construction.

485. Due to construction-related activity the fragmentation of habitat, and loss of wildlife habitat including bird nesting sites due to removal of vegetation.

[84] A guidance note by IFC and the EBRD Workers' Accommodation: Processes and Standards (August 2009)

486. The disturbance created by heavy types of machinery and the movement of the heavy vehicle will disturb fauna.

487. During the excavation period, accidental death of small mammals and reptiles may occur particularly if the excavation-related activities are performed in winter because reptile species mostly went hibernation during this period of the year.

488. Due to construction-related disturbances, many mammalian and bird species may leave their habitats.

489. Existing threats to biodiversity could be exacerbated by project-related indirect impacts caused by road access, wildlife hunting/poaching particularly Desert Hare and Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard, and migratory birds.

490. Project construction-related activities may cause the spread of invasive plant species such as *Prosopis juliflora, Cannabis sativa*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, etc. through the import of material and reinstatement activities

491. As described in **Section 4.3**, ecology, no plant species of conservation importance has been observed or reported from the Area of Habitat Loss or AoI. Similarly, none of the mammal species from the AoI are included in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. There are no threatened or endemic herpetofauna species.

492. No critical or endangered species found in the AoI. IBAT identifies no key biodiversity areas or protected areas within a buffer of 10 km around The Project area.

493. For these reasons, project construction is not likely to have a significant impact on ecology. Though there will be irreversible harm to some ecological receptors (individuals), the species will not suffer, as the area of habitat occupied by the Project infrastructure or disturbed by construction will be in an already disturbed and modified habitat.

Mitigation Measures

494. The following mitigation measure will be followed during the project construction activities to minimize the impact on ecology:

- If tree cutting is unavoidable for RoW clearance, the contractor will keep a record of cut trees. During plantation, ten-time (1 x 10 times) more plants will be planted. Before the plantation campaign, the forest department will be consulted on the selection of local species. A tree management plan will be prepared as part of SSEMP. **Annexure XIV** provides a framework plan for tree plantation.
- Provide adequate knowledge to the Project workers on relevant government regulations and punishments for illegal poaching to prevent hunting, trapping and exploitation of wildlife
- Minimize disturbance to, or movement of, soil and vegetation to prevent soil damage and erosion leading to spread of alien invasive plant species
- Revegetate disturbed areas with native plant species
- Ensure that solid and liquid waste is disposed only at designated locations, to prevent pollution of the water bodies in the AOI and vicinity.
- In addition to this, spray water twice or thrice a day (as per needed) to avoid dispersal of dust on the adjacent flora.
- Lights used in the camps, during the construction of towers will be kept to the minimum requirement. Upward scattering lights will preferably be used.

- Vehicle speed will be controlled to avoid incidental mortality of small mammals and reptiles.
- The contractor's staff and labor will be strictly directed not to damage any vegetation such as trees or bushes.
- Clearing of green surface cover for construction, for borrow for development, cutting trees and other important vegetation during construction will be minimized.
- Provide awareness training identifications of animal hazards (such as venomous snakes); what to do if dangerous animals are encountered; report kills of large mammals and other migratory birds particularly designated species of conservation concern.
- Provide adequate knowledge to the workers on relevant government regulations and punishments for illegal poaching and trade in animals and plants; incorporate in contract documents regulations for Project staff and contractors to avoid illegal poaching of wild animals.
- The relevant stakeholders should ensure the protection of all wildlife species particularly species which are highly trafficked like Indian Pangolin and Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard.
- Reflective balls or a moving tag with different colors should be installed on lines for diverting the birds flight. Reflective ball installment is very important for reducing mortality, especially among the nocturnal migrant species.
- A line space of about 1.4 m should be ensured between different conductors and between conductors and grounded wires or hardware. This mitigation will minimize the electrocution of large size birds such as vultures and other raptor species.

5.3.3 Socioeconomic Environment

495. The Project will have both positive and negative socio-economic impacts during the construction phase. Positive socio-economic impacts of the project are the creation of job opportunities and a boost to the local economy, while negative impacts include a disturbance to the privacy of locals due to the influx of workers and increased risks of community and occupational safety due to construction machinery and vehicles. The following sections provide impact assessment, significance and mitigation measures for the positive and negative impacts of the project and measures to maximize the benefits of the project.

5.3.3.1 Increased Employment Opportunities and Local Economy

Assessment

496. Direct, indirect, and induced employment at the local level, resulting in increased prosperity and wellbeing due to higher and more stable incomes of people. The impact has positive and high significance as the Project will provide economic opportunities for local people.

Enhancement Measures

497. To maximize benefits to the local community, the following mitigation, enhancement, and good-practice measures will be adopted.

- The contractor and sub-contractors will explain the recruitment process to local communities.

- Local candidates will be given preference for jobs provided they have the required qualifications and skills for the announced positions.
- Coordinate efforts to recruit unskilled labor, if any are required under the Project, from the adjacent areas.
- Determine what is 'fair and transparent' in the distribution of jobs between different community groups in consultation with local communities and their leaders.
- As the nearby economy is mostly based on agriculture, it will be ensured that construction activities do not disturb or disrupt agricultural activities in the surrounding areas.
- Local communities will be consulted before the start of work.

5.3.3.2 Overburden on Local Resources

498. During the construction, overburden on local resources is possible if construction facilities such as workers camp and construction camp built near rural areas and can create problems for local communities.

Mitigation Measures

499. Proposed mitigation measures include:

- Construction Contractor will prepare a resource conservation plan as per template given in **Annexure XV**.
- The use of water will not disturb public water availability and the source of water will be selected carefully.
- Contractor to source raw material and camp utilities from Hyderabad city to avoid overburden on local resources.

5.3.3.3 Social Conflicts due to Influx of Workers

Assessment

500. The influx of workers into the AOI can potentially result in the deterioration of social values and an increase in social conflict in the communities due to the in-migration of employees and jobseekers. The presence of outsiders can also restrict the movement of local women, affecting their economic and social opportunities. The growth in population and associated economic disparity can result in increased crime, such as theft and robbery.

501. The impact has moderate impact as most of the workers will be hired from local communities as this will provide a monetary benefit to the contractor as well by saving overheads on housings and food if hired personnel from other areas.

Mitigation Measures

502. Proposed mitigation, enhancement, and good-practice measures include.

- Require non-locals employed by the Project to adhere to a social 'code of conduct' in terms of relations with local communities including restricting their movement to stay within camping sites
- Provide employees and visitors with cultural awareness training.

5.3.3.4 Impact on Community Health and Safety

Assessment

503. During the construction phase, there will be a health and safety risks to community members and there is risk of spreading communicable diseases.

Mitigation Measures

504. To mitigate these risks the following measures are proposed:

- The camping sites of the Project site will be completely fenced off before the commencement of any other construction activities.
- Access to the site will be controlled and unauthorized people will not be allowed to enter. Workers will not allow socializing with local communities.
- Potential for the spread of vector-borne and communicable diseases (such as COVID-19, HIV infection, etc.) from labor camps will be suppressed through worker awareness orientation and appropriate accommodation and sanitation systems.
- Children will not be allowed to enter the site under any circumstances.
- The prescribed vehicle speed limit will be strictly enforced for community and worker safety.
- Dust emissions due to vehicular traffic will be minimized by enforcing the speed limit. Water will be sprinkled on unpaved surfaces where necessary.
- All vehicles used by the project will undergo regular maintenance and will be tuned following the requirements of the SEQS.
- The labor works with different transmittable diseases will be restricted within the construction site.
- Efforts will be made to create awareness about road safety among the drivers operating construction vehicles.
- Timely public notification on planned construction works.
- Close consultation with local communities to identify optimal solutions for diversions to maintain community integrity & social links.
- Seeking cooperation with local educational facilities (schoolteachers) for road safety campaigns.
- Provision of proper safety and diversion signage, particularly at sensitive/accident-prone spots;
- The use of water will not disturb public water availability and the source of water will be selected carefully.

5.3.3.5 Impact on Physical Cultural Resources (PCRs)

Assessment

505. The location of mosques and other cultural and other heritage sites has been reviewed. There is no mosque, graveyard, tomb or any other religious/archaeological site within 100 m boundary from the edge of the Project; therefore, no impact on the site is expected.

Mitigation Measures

506. However, a chance find procedure is presented in **Annexure-IX** in case of finding any artifact during construction activities.

5.3.3.6 Uncontrolled Solid Waste Disposal, Communicable Diseases

Assessment

507. The main issues of concern are uncontrolled or unmanaged disposal of solid and liquid wastes into watercourses and natural drains, improper disposal of stormwater and black water and open defecation by construction workers.

508. Wherever water can accumulate in temporary drainage facilities, due to improper stormwater management, or improper disposal of wastewater generated from the site, there is the risk of mosquitoes and another insects breeding.

509. The impact has a significant impact on local communities if appropriate mitigation measures are not taken.

Mitigation Measures

510. To mitigate these risks the following measures are proposed:

- To maintain proper sanitation around construction sites, access to the nearby public lavatories will be allowed or provision of temporary toilets will be made. Construction worker camps will be necessary, based on the scale of the works needed. The construction camp will be provided with toilets with soakage pits or portable lavatories or at least pit latrines.
- Disposal of surplus materials will also be negotiated through local authority approvals before the commencement of construction. The Project work will not involve any significant cutting and filling, but minor excavations (down to 4m) and piling may be required to create the foundations for towers (if required). It is expected (depending on the mode of contract) that the surface under the towers will need to be scrabbled to remove unstable materials, or to stockpile topsoil.
- If surplus materials arise from the removal of the existing surfaces from specific areas, it will be used elsewhere on the Project before additional soil, rock, gravel, or sand is brought in. The use of immediately available material will generally minimize the need for additional rock-based materials extraction from outside.
- Contractual clauses will require the contractor to produce a materials management plan (one month before construction commences) to identify all sources of cement and aggregates and to balance cut and fill. The plan will clearly state the methods to be employed before and during the extraction of materials and all the measures to be employed to mitigate nuisances to residents. Financial compensation will not be allowed as mitigation for environmental impacts or environmental nuisance.
- Contractual clauses will require the contractor to produce a solid waste management plan so that the proper disposal of waste can be ensured.
- Claims/complaints of the people on construction nuisance/damages close to RoW will be considered and responded promptly by the Contractor.
- Temporary and permanent drainage facilities will be designed to facilitate the rapid removal of surface water from all areas and prevent the accumulation of surface water ponds.
- The contractor will organize temporary means of access and make alternative arrangements to avoid access problems to local community and to avoid such short-term negative impacts.

- Potential for the spread of vector-borne and communicable diseases (such as COVID-19, HIV infection, etc.) from labor camps will be avoided through worker awareness orientation and appropriate sanitation systems.

5.3.3.7 Natural Hazard Risks (Flooding, Earthquakes etc.)

Assessment

511. According to the classifications in **Section 4.2.3**, the Project is located in minor to moderate risk zone for earthquakes and unprecedented precipitation events as observed in the current year (see current data in **Section 4.2.4)**, It is predicted to receive more rainfalls in the following years.

Mitigation Measures

512. The structures of the ETL such as tower bases should be built as per the rules of Pakistan Building Code (PBC).

513. The tower bases should be built considering the local climatic conditions including flooding.

514. Project construction facilities should be built considering climatic conditions such as risk of flash flooding in case of high precipitation events.

515. Material testing and tensile strength of conductors must be checked before commencement of works.

5.4 Operation Phase

516. The operation phase impacts on the physical environment, ecology, and socioeconomic environment are listed separately in the below sections.

517. A summary of potential impacts during operation phase, based on methodology discussed in *Section 7.1*, is provided in **Table 5-11**.

Table 5-11: Potential Impacts at Operation Phase

No.	1. Potential Impact	Likelihood (Certain, Likely, Unlikely, Rare)	Consequence (Catastrophic, Major, Moderate, Minor)	Risk Score (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)	Residual Impact (Critical, Significant/ Moderate, Low)
1	Noise	2	2	4	Low
		Unlikely	Moderate	Low	
2	Impact of Faulted SF6	2	2	4	Low
		Unlikely	Moderate	Low	
3	Electrocution and Collision of birds	3	3	9	Low
		Likely	Major	Significant	
4	Occupational Health and Safety	3	3	9	Low
		Likely	Major	Significant	
5	Community Health and Safety Risk	3	3	9	Low
		Likely	Major	Significant	
6	Visual Amenity	3	3	9	Low
		Likely	Major	Significant	
7	Aircraft Navigation Safety	2	2	4	Low
		Unlikely	Moderate	Low	
8	Reduced Pressure for Local Resources	3	3	9	Low
		Likely	Major	Significant	

Critical Risk Level

Significant/ Moderate Risk Level

Low Risk Level

5.4.1 Physical Environment

5.4.1.1 Noise

Assessment

518. The Project works will extend the power distribution. Maintenance works will be very small in scale and infrequent. The operation of the ETL project is not likely result in atmospheric pollution during operation and generate liquid or solid waste during operation.

519. However, the operations may cause increased audible noise specially in raining times. This will have a major impact in areas where ETL is passing through settlements.

Mitigation Measures

520. The height of ETL and RoW as per NTDC standard for 220 kV ETL discussed in **Section 3** will be maintained to avoid audible noise issues.

521. In addition to above, much more robust design for ETL and its ground clearance with much higher levels have been proposed for this project due to the Project passing through settlements in parts of the RoW.

5.4.1.2 Impact of Faulted SF6

Assessment

522. Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) used as circuit breaker in electric transmission operations. Toxic decomposition products are formed when SF6 gas is subjected to an electric arc. The decomposition products are metal fluorides and form a white powder. Toxic gases are also formed which have the characteristic odor of rotten eggs.

523. Faulted Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) will be handled carefully ensuring standard industry practices. EHS Guidelines on Electric Transmission and Distribution (footnote **23**) will also be followed to handle SF6.

Mitigation Measures

- Do not breathe the vapors remaining in a circuit breaker where arcing or corona discharges have occurred in the gas.
- Evacuate the faulted SF6 gas from the circuit breaker and flush with fresh air before working on the circuit breaker
- Arc products which do not recombine, or which combine with any oxygen or moisture present, are normally removed by the molecular sieve filter material within the circuit breaker.

5.4.2 Ecological Environment

5.4.2.1 Electrocution and Collision of birds

Assessment

524. Operations and maintenance will be very small in scale and infrequent and involve a few changes to the existing situation. The practice of allowing some re-growth of vegetation along the RoW will also have ecological benefits as it will allow plants and animals to re-colonize.

525. The combination of the height of transmission towers and distribution poles and the electricity carried by transmission and distribution lines can pose significant risk to birds and bats through collisions and electrocutions.

526. The following possible risks of bird's collision can occur during operation of the Project:

- Electrocution: spacing of conductors (the current-carrying wires) and the availability of perches affect electrocution risk. The risk of electrocution of large birds by ETL is real as they provide a structure for birds from which they can hunt and roost.
- Electrocution occurs when a bird encounters two wires or when it perches on a conductive pylon and comes into simultaneous contact with a wire. The impact of electrocution of birds depends on the electrotechnical design of a pylon and the natural features surrounding it.[85] In short, the birds may be electrocuted by power lines in one of three ways:
    - Simultaneously touching an energized wire and a neutral wire;
    - Simultaneously touching two live wires; and
    - Simultaneously touching an energized wire and any other piece of equipment on a pole or tower that is bonded to the earth through a ground wire.
- Collisions may also occur if the ETLs are difficult to see. Earth wires (sometimes called the static or ground wires, which protect the power line from lightning strikes) are thought to be responsible for a much higher rate of collisions than the thicker, often bundled conductor wires. This is because they are harder for birds to see and are typically positioned at the top of the wire array, putting them in the flight path of birds which have taken avoiding action to fly over the conductors.
- In addition to above, bird collisions with power lines may result in power outages and fires.

527. The net impact of electrocution of large birds is not considered significant because there is an EMF around the high voltage ETLs which produces noise and the excessive noise deters birds.[86] However, even if the birds sit on the conductors, the danger will arise if two phases of the current meet, but as there is sufficient distance between the two opposite phased conductors; therefore, no danger to birdlife is expected. The collision and siting of birds will be further avoided by installing visibility enhancement objects such as marker balls, bird deterrents, or diverters.

Mitigation Measures

528. The following mitigations are proposed to avoid the electrocution and collision affects:

- Maintain 1.5 meter (60-inch)[87] spacing between energized components and grounded hardware or, where spacing is not feasible, covering energized parts and hardware.
- Install visibility enhancement objects such as marker balls, bird deterrents, or diverters.[88]
- Make power lines less of an 'obstacle' for birds to collide with
- Keep birds away from the power line by making the power lines more visible by placing colorful/fluorescent tape on the towers to make them conspicuous enough to enable birds to see them.
- Keep power line cables lower to the ground to the extent feasible as these are better for preventing bird collision.
- Keep vertical separation of cables as less to the extent feasible, as it poses less of an 'obstacle' for birds to collide with.

[85] EIA, 132kV ETL, Nikachhu Pothead Yard to Mangdechhu Pothead Yard, ADB, 2014

[86] https://sciencing.com/sounds-frighten-birds-7807173.html, and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird_scarer

[87] Manville, Albert M. 2005. Tall Structures: Best Management Practices for Bird- Friendly Tall Buildings, Towers and Bridges – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recommendations to Address the Problem. Prepared for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

[88] Crowder, Michael R. and Olin E. Rhodes, Jr. 1999. Avian Collisions with Power Lines: A Review. Proceedings of a workshop on Avian Interactions with Utility and Communication Structures Charleston, South Carolina, December 2-3, 1999. Edited by Richard G. Carlton. Electric Power Research Institute.

- Provide horizontal separation of conductors and construct cage box on conductors to prevent birds from sitting or making nest on the towers; and
- Construct self-supporting towers, which do not require stay wires.

5.4.3 Socioeconomic Environment

5.4.3.1 Occupational Health and Safety

Assessment

529. The occupational health and safety hazards associated with operation, repair, and maintenance, and decommissioning of ETLs mainly include:

- Exposure with live power lines.
- Exposure to fall hazards from working at heights for poles and structures.
- Exposure to EMFs to workers as the workers typically have a higher exposure to EMF than the general public due to working in proximity to electric power lines.

530. The impact has a significant impact related to occupational safety if appropriate mitigation measures are not taken.

Mitigation Measures

531. The following are prevention and control measures will be implemented to the extent feasible to mitigate any issue related to occupational health and safety:

- All associated ETLs will be shut down before conducting any repair and maintenance work as per the NTDC's operation and maintenance procedures.
- Adherence to the standards Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines.
- Allow only trained and certified workers to maintain, or repair electrical equipment with safety and insulation measures in place.
- Deactivate and properly ground the live power distribution prior to performing work on or in proximity to the ETLs.
- Ensure proper use of special safety equipment and procedures when working near or on exposed energized parts of an electrical system.
- Ensure worker is properly isolated and insulated from the energized part with gloves or other approved insulation and energized part is properly insulated from the worker.
- Test structures for integrity prior to undertaking work.
- Prepare and implement fall protection program that will include training in climbing techniques and use of fall protection measures; inspection, maintenance, and replacement of fall protection equipment; and rescue of fall-arrested workers, among others.
- The fall protection system will be appropriate for the tower structure and necessary movements, including ascent, descent, and moving from point to point and fixtures will be installed, wherever possible, to facilitate the use of fall protection systems.
- Provide adequate work-positioning device system for workers to the extent possible.
- Properly maintained hoist equipment will be used along with properly trained personnel.
- Proper safety belts will be provided. The Safety belts should be of not less than 16 millimeters (mm) (5/8 inch) two-in-one nylon or material of equivalent strength.
- Use a backup safety strap when operating power tools at height.
- Remove signs and other obstructions from poles or structures prior to undertaking work.
- Provide an approved tool bag for raising or lowering tools or materials to workers on structures.

- Prepare and implement EMF safety program to prevented or minimize occupational hazards due to exposure to EMF.
- Identify potential exposure levels in the workplace, including surveys of exposure levels in new projects and the use of personal monitors during working activities.
- Train workers in the identification of occupational EMF levels and hazards;
- Establish and identify safety zones to differentiate between work areas with expected elevated EMF levels compared to those acceptable for public exposure, limiting access to properly trained workers.
- Prepare and implement action plans to reduce adverse impact of EMF and to address occupational exposure. Action plans may include limiting exposure time through work rotation, increasing the distance between the source and the worker, when feasible, or the use of shielding materials.
- Signs and barriers (e.g. locks on doors, use of gates, use of steel posts surrounding transmission towers) will be used.

5.4.3.2 Community Health and Safety

Assessment

532. The community health and safety impacts associated with operation, and decommissioning of ETLs include:

- **Electrocution:** Electrocution through direct contact with high-voltage electricity or from contact with devices or equipment that are in contact with high-voltage electricity
- **Noise:** Noise in the form of buzzing or humming can often be heard around transformers or high voltage power lines producing corona. Noise from ETLs reaches its maximum during periods of precipitation, including rain, sleet, snow or hail, or as the result of fog. The sound of rain typically masks the increase in noise produced by the ETLs, but during other forms of precipitation (e.g. snow and sleet) and fog, the noise from overhead power lines can be troubling to nearby residents.
- **Aircraft Navigation Safety:** Power transmission towers, if located near an airport or known flight paths, can impact aircraft safety directly through collision or indirectly through radar interference
- **Impacts of EMF:** The local people believe that their movement will be restricted in the project area due to EMF, and it may have adverse impacts on their health. However, there has been much research on the health and environmental impacts of EMF since the 1970s, but most research and laboratory studies have failed to show strong associations between exposure to EMF and health effects. Several scientific panels convened by national and international health agencies and the U.S. Congress reviewed the research and concluded that there was insufficient evidence to prove the same. However, they also concluded that there is insufficient evidence to prove that EMF exposure is safe.[89] Since the Project has been planned in the least populated area, even if some effects due to EMF are envisaged, these will be minimal due to safe distance. More assessment on EMF has been provided in **Section 5.2.11**.

Mitigation Measures

533. The following are prevention and control measures that will be implemented, to the extent feasible, to mitigate impacts related to community health and safety:

- Signs and barriers (e.g. locks on doors, use of gates, use of steel posts surrounding transmission towers) will be used.

[89] EIA, 132kV ETL, Nikachhu Pothead Yard to Mangdechhu Pothead Yard, ADB, 2014

- Conducting objects (e.g. fences or other metallic structures), installed near power lines, will be grounded to prevent shock.
- A vertical clearance, required as per international standards, will also be maintained especially near the populated areas. If required, application of engineering techniques will be considered to reduce the EMF produced by power lines and grid stations such as increasing height of transmission towers, modification to size, spacing, and configuration of conductors, shielding with metal alloys (This is effective for reduction of electric field exposure, but not for reduction of EMF exposure.).
- During the operation stage, a check will be kept by the NTDC that no construction will be allowed within 100 m of the ETL.
- Power lines will be designed, with due consideration to landscape views and important environmental and community features.
- Use of noise barriers or noise canceling acoustic devices will be considered as necessary.
- Adherence to regional or national air traffic safety regulations.
- Use of buried lines when installation is required in flight sensitive areas.

5.4.3.3 Visual Amenity

534. Impact on visual amenity due to the transmission and distribution facilities to communities may be visually intrusive and undesirable to nearby residents

535. However, it is common practice to create some local hard and soft landscaping and successful planting of fruit trees at such sites. This practice should be encouraged as far as practicable. Other opportunities for enhancements can be assessed before construction and proposed enhancements will be discussed with the local population to serve as a vehicle for further public consultation at the implementation stage and to assist in public relations.

5.4.3.4 Aircraft Navigation Safety

Assessment

536. Power transmission towers and ETL, if located near an airport or known flight paths, can impact aircraft safety directly through collision or indirectly through radar interference. There is an international airport in Rahim Yar Khan city at about 30 km from ETL route. Therefore, aircraft collision or radar interferences are not likely to occur due to the Project operations.

Mitigation Measures

537. The following are prevention and control measures that will be implemented, to the extent feasible:

- Use of buried lines when the installation is required in flight sensitive areas.
- Making the power lines more visible by placing colorful/fluorescent tape on the towers and colorful balls on the conductor to make them visible.
- Keep power line cables lower to the ground to the extent feasible

5.4.3.5 Reduced Pressure for Local Resources

538. During the operation phase, no negative social impacts are anticipated. Instead, the people will benefit positively due to the availability of uninterrupted power and reduced pressure on demand of liquid petroleum gas, kerosene, diesel, and fuelwood.

5.5 Cumulative, and Induced impacts

Assessment

539. Cumulative impacts are those impacts that result from the successive, incremental, and/or combined effects of an action, project, or activity when added to other existing, planned, and/or reasonably anticipated future ones. For practical reasons, the identification and management of cumulative impacts are limited to those effects generally recognized as important based on scientific concerns and/or concerns of affected communities (local communities directly affected by the Project).[90]

540. The Project is being developed and will connect existing Daharki and Rahimyar Khan Grid Stations that already having many other ETLs and distribution lines.

541. Other ETLs of Rahimyar khan GS include 500KV Rahimyar Khan-Guddu ETL and 500KV Rahimyar Khan -Multan ETL along with Two 500kV Rahimyar Khan -Moro ETL. This Grid station feeds six nos. 132kV circuits. 132kV Khanpur-I ETL and Khanpor-II ETL were commissioned on Feb 10, 2018 arid , 132kV Rahimyar Khan-I ETL & RYK-II ETL, 132kV Feroza-I ETL and Feroza-II ETL.[91]

542. The incremental EMF impacts are expected, and local population concern will be increased with the addition of this ETL.

Mitigation Measures

543. The measures to be taken in the pre-construction (design) phase section 5.2.9 above will also further reduce the incremental EMF impacts of this ETL. The measures include,

- NTDC's standard operating procedures (SOPs) of a minimum vertical ground clearance for ETL conductor of 7 meters will be ensured.
- Raising conductor height above the ground to 8 m, typically by increasing tower height, will be ideal.
- Reducing conductor spacing.
- Arranging phases so that fields tend to cancel.
- Increasing transmission voltage (since magnetic field intensities are a function of current, and increased voltage, all things being equal, will result in reduced current).
- Reducing loads (and therefore, currents).
- Identification of potential exposure levels in the work area including surveys of exposure levels and establishment of safety zones.
- Safety signs and warning zone will be highlighted to indicate EMF in the area
- Limit access to properly trained workers and those equipped with appropriate PPE when entering safety zones.
- Increasing RoW widths or buffer zone widths, to move people further from ETLs.

[90] Cadinale, Pablo, and Lorne Greig. "Cumulative Impact Assessment and Management: Guidance for Private Sector in Emerging Markets." In Good Practice Handbook: International Finance Corporation and ESSA Technologies Ltd, 2013.

[91] https://ntdc.gov.pk/220kv-gird-station

6. Analysis of Alternatives

544. The Project is a subproject of Tranche 4 of MFF. Tranche 4 will expand the 220 kV transmission systems in the provinces of Sindh and Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It will also upgrade the supervisory control and data acquisition system across the national grid to enable the NTDC to monitor and control the grid in real-time, and to prevent network outages or reduce their duration, thereby increasing grid stability, reliability, and resilience to accommodate more intermittent renewable energy.

545. Several alternatives, including no project alternative, layout and design alternatives were considered for the proposed Project. The consideration of these alternatives is detailed below.

6.1 No Project Alternative

546. Based on the available information, the predictions have indicated that without the power enhancement projects, the supply will not be reliable. This Project is a part of an overall strategic improvement to the system.

547. In the absence of the Project, the potential for interruptions to the power supply will increase and socio-economic development, especially in the low-income areas of the province will be affected in the short to medium term.

548. In an un-enhanced state, the wear and tear on existing facilities will rise and further power disruptions may have occurred.

6.2 Alternative Construction Methods

549. The feasibility and constructability of the ETL towers are well established locally, and the installation of equipment is well-practiced in the international context (even if some types of equipment are new to Pakistan). The process includes the transportation of equipment to the site and the assembly of prefabricated units' in-situ. Thus, the impacts of construction activities are very manageable from the environmental viewpoint.

550. An alternative to overhead tower-based ETL is buried ETL which was proposed but not implemented. Special towers will be designed for section of ETL passing through the residential areas for power evocation considering community safety.

6.3 Design/Technology Alternatives

551. This project will promote high-level technologies and climate change resilient transmission system. It will promote deployment of high-temperature low sag (HTLS) conductors which can operate at higher ambient temperature within requested vertical clearance. Comparing to equivalently sized conventional aluminum conductor steel reinforced (ACSR) conductors, the HTLS conductors can also transfer more current with less loss. This project will also support the replacement of porcelain insulators with fog-resistant insulators such as glass or composite types in the heavily polluted area. Moreover, this project will contribute to the reduction of CO_2, due to loss reduction and improved efficiency.

552. The total conductor to ground clearance will in no way be less than 7.0 meters.

6.4 Alternative Alignments for Transmission Line

553. The design and route of the ETL is as short as it can be and avoids the local villages by erecting angle towers. The ETL route is of total 105 km and the settlements have been avoided by passing the line through cultivated and semi forested land. Some further detailed surveys may be carried out for the detailed design to determine the exact construction methods and locations, but no private land acquisition is envisaged to be involved in this Project.

6.5 Economic Alternatives

554. The proposed Project is considered highly economical viable. The project's useful economic life has been assumed as 40 years and will help in reduction in transmission system losses apart of improvement in reliability of NTDC, SEPCO and MEPCO system networks.

555. The project will provide additional source of supply to 220 kV Daharki, 220 kV Bahawalpur and Lal Suhanra Grid Stations

556. The proposed project will provide the resynchronization of the NTDC network during collapse due to severe bad weather conditions.

557. It has been visualized that if the project is delayed then the cost of the project is going to escalate each year. The cost escalation impact for each year can be estimated @ 6.5% p.a.

7. Information Disclosure, Consultation, and Participation

558. Stakeholders are groups and individuals that are affected by or can affect the outcome of a project. Stakeholder engagement is a broad, inclusive, and continuous process between a developer of a project and its stakeholders. This process comprises of a range of coherent approaches and activities that spans the entire life cycle of the project. This is achieved by informing the stakeholders on time about the proposed project and its potential consequences on the environment and by encouraging their feedback.

559. The purpose of this exercise is to inform all the stakeholders about the project and include their concerns, suggestions, and opinions and develop confidence amongst them that the project will be developed responsibly.

560. A continuous engagement with the local community and other stakeholders will be carried out through the Project lifecycle including construction and operation phases.

7.1 Consultation Methodology

561. A stakeholder is an individual, group or organization who is impacted by the outcome of a project. There are two types of stakeholders, i.e. community and institutions. Firstly, these stakeholders were identified. Then separate consultations have been done with both and their concerns, suggestions, and opinions have been recorded on a consultation form. Their concerns, suggestions, and opinions are included in the project's potential impacts and mitigation measures are advised for each of the impacts.

562. The baseline data for the IEE for this ETL was collected from the field through field surveys conducted from 30 August 2022 to 10th September 2022.

7.1.1 Consultation Material

563. During the field survey for IEE of the project, a Basic Information Document (BID) was prepared in English, Urdu, and Sindhi for communities living nearby the RoW. BID was distributed to stakeholders during the consultation to inform the stakeholders about the project. The BID contained information about the project and the IEE process.

564. A consultation form was used to record the issues, concerns, and suggestions of the stakeholders. The BID and consultation form used for the project is included as **Annexure VII**.

7.1.2 Community Consultation Mechanism

565. The focus of this consultation is the population living near the proposed ETL route i.e., the population that is living around a radius of 30 m to around 1.5 km of the proposed ETL.

566. To conduct the consultations more inclusively, the vulnerable population of the AOI including women and the elderly were made a part of the consultation process.

567. The list of the communities consulted is given in **Table 7-1**. The dates of consultations, names and contact details of community consultation participants are given in **Table 7-2**.

568. The location of these communities is shown in a Google image map with a ETL passing near these villages in **Figure 7-1**.

569. Photographs from the public consultation campaign are presented in in **Photo 7-2**.

570. The community consultations were conducted in Sindhi and Urdu language to make consultations understandable to the communities. The meetings progressed in the following manner:

571. Stakeholders were introduced to the visiting team and briefed about the consultation process and its objectives

572. The main points of the BID were read out to the stakeholders in Urdu. Through the BID an overview of the project and IEE/EIA process was provided

573. Stakeholders could raise queries or concerns regarding the project. Queries were responded to, and concerns were documented.

Table 7-1: List of Communities Consulted

Communities within Study Area
1. Malikan Da Goth
2. Jhanghal Malik
3. Kamo Saeed
4. Adampur
5. Sanjarpur
6. Walana
7. Chak no 11NP
8. Basti Shah Kot
9. Iqbal Abad
10. Shaikh Wahn

Table 7-2: Participant of the Community Consultations

No.	*Participant Name*	*Village/Area*	*Date Consulted*
1.	Aziz Malik 0304 3691916 Mir Muhammad 0302 2776591 Sarwan 0302 3609664 Hassan Ali Nawab Khan Ali Murad0301 7664344	Malikan da Goth	August 30, 2022
2.	Shabir Ahmed 0300 370276 Saleem Ahmed 0305 8480324 Allah Nawaz Ghulam Hayder 0302 2789315 Mir Muhammad Miran Bux Liquat Ali	Jhanghal Malik	August 30, 2022
3.	Qurban Ali 0348 3554692 Asif Ali Abdul Majeed Khan 0300 8678007 Abdul Aziz somro Nawaz Ali Hassan Haroom 0333 7156283	Kamo Saeed	August 31, 2022
4.	Sadam khan Asif Ali 0300 8777377 Hussain 0300 9742937 Manzoor Ul Haq 03034 8571733	Adampur	August 31, 2022

No.	Participant Name	Village/Area	Date Consulted
	Javed Khan		
5.	Ahsan Ali 0307 3267955 Saifullah Mir Muhammad 0300 3118826 Ali Muhammad Abdul Shakoor 0300 8313617	Sanjarpur	August 31, 2022
6.	Mujeeb u Rahman Sayed Ahmed Shah 03008615129 Ghulam Hayder 0302 2789315 Gulam Mujtaba 0302 8300367 Gulam Murtaza	Walana	September 01, 2022
7.	Ghulam Rasool 0304 8212965 M ameen hasnani 0300 9274279 Pasand khan hasnani 03479267869 Muhammad Hashim 0340 2823100	Chak no 11NP	September 01, 2022
8.	Haji Habib Dagoo 03003316439 Faiz Muhammad Dago Haji Muhammad Dago Rameesh Kumr	Basti Shah Kot	September 01, 2022
9.	Salah Muhammad 0300 9679510 Muhammad Yasir Javid Hussain 0301 7632332 Fida Hussain	Iqbal Abad	September 02, 2022
10.	Farman Ali 03003110492 Khi Muhammad Hamid Ali 0300 4274156 Aaftab Ali Hadi Bux 0300 5220901	Shaikh Wahn	September 02, 2022

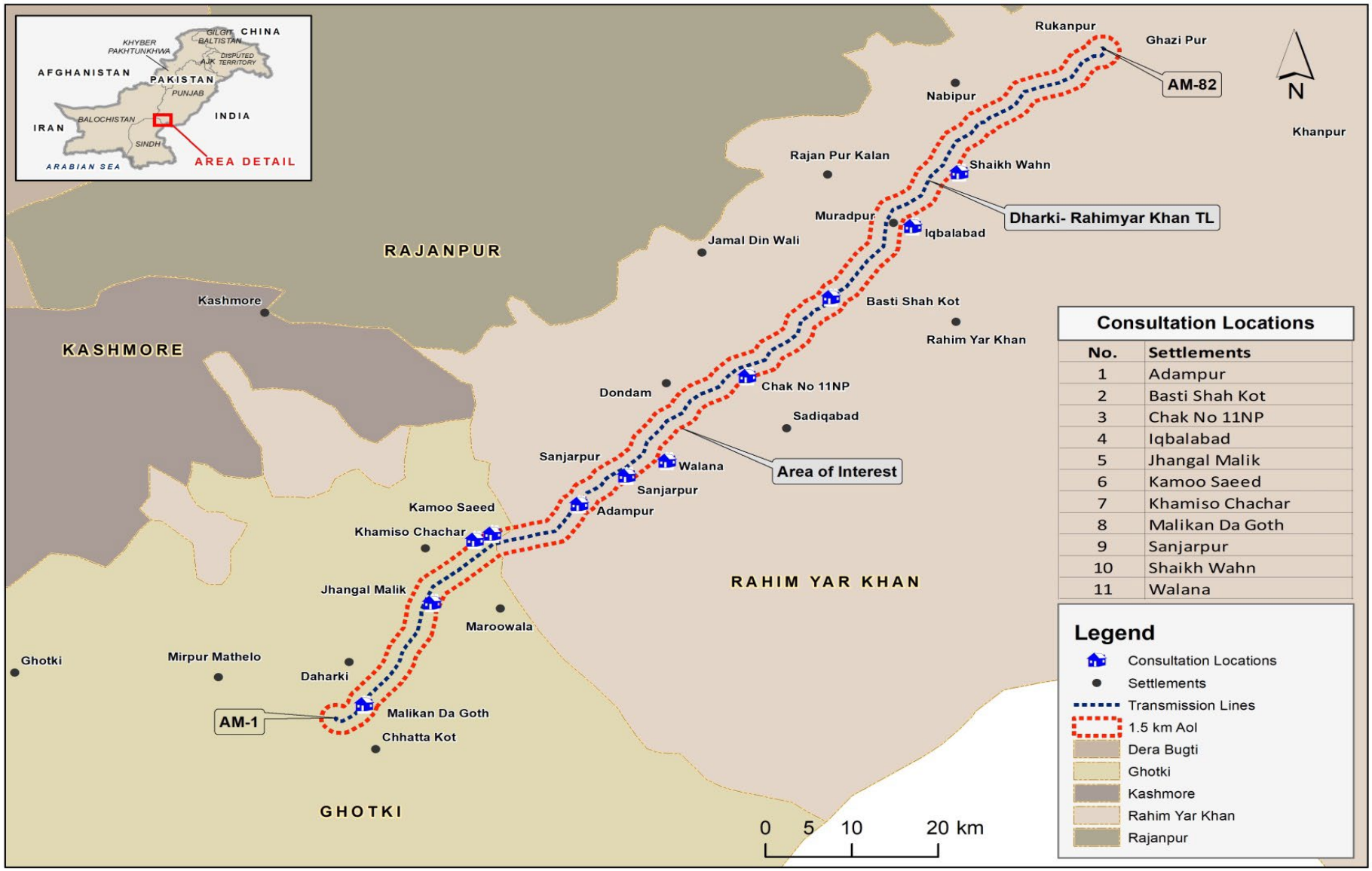

Figure 7-1: Locations of Community Consultations

Community Consultation at village Iqbal Abad (August 2022)

Community Consultation at village Sanjar pur August 2022)

Community Consultation at Village Malikan da Goth (August 2022)

Community Consultation at village Adampur (August 2022)

Consultation with elderly people in Iqbalabad (August 2022)

Community Consultation at village Kamo Saeed (August 2022)

Community Consultation at village Jhanghal Malik (August 2022)

Community consultation with females at village Walna (August 2022)

Photo 7-1: Community Consultations Photographs

7.1.3 Institutional Consultation Mechanism

574. Various important Government departments were consulted to accumulate their concerns concerning the project activities. The list of institutional stakeholders is given in **Table 7-3.**

575. The meetings progressed in the manner mentioned below.

- The institutions were provided with the BID in advance of the meeting. Stakeholders were provided with an overview of the project description.
- The IEE/EIA process that will be undertaken for the project was briefly described, and the structure of the IEE/EIA report was presented to facilitate understanding of the process.
- Their opinion, concern, and issues related to the physical environment, socioeconomic environment and other general views about the project were documented.

576. Photographs from the public consultation campaign are presented in **Photo 7-2**.

Table 7-3: List of Institutional Stakeholders

No.	Institutional Stakeholders	Date Consulted
1	Forest Department, Daharki	September 05, 2022
2	Agriculture Department, Daharki	September 05, 2022
3	Health Department	September 06, 2022

No.	Institutional Stakeholders	Date Consulted
4	District Council Member	September 07, 2022
5	Sugar Mill	September 07, 2022
6	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan	September 08, 2022
7	Agriculture Department, Rahim Yar Khan	September 08, 2022
8	Wildlife Department, Rahim Yar Khan	September 09, 2022
9	Forest Department, Rahim Yar Khan	September 09, 2022

Institutional Consultation with Agriculture Department Daharki (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with Forest Department, Daharki (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with Agriculture Department Rahim Yar Khan (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with Environmental Protection Agency Rahim Yar Khan (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with Medical Officer Daharki (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with District Council Member Daharki (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with Forest Department, Rahim Yar Khan (August 2022)

Institutional Consultation with Shugar Mill Field Manager (August 2022)

Photo 7-2: Institutional Stakeholder Consultations

7.2 Summary of Concerns Raised by Stakeholders

577. Stakeholders raised various issues during the consultation process. The most raised issues were that the ETL will damage the crops and will impact the residents living near the ETL. The other significant point of view highlighted by the stakeholder was to provide timely and fair compensation to the affected people whose crops, trees or land might be affected by the project.

578. In the stakeholder consultations, the other topics which were discussed with communities and government officials are noise pollution, dust pollution, environmental monitoring, EMF effect of ETL, water pollution, solid waste and chemical handling, disturbing residents, and some ecological issues. A detailed summary of the concerns raised by the community and institutions with responses is provided in **Table 7-4** and **Table 7-5**.

The consultation logs are provided in **Annexure VIII**.

Table 7-4: Summary of the Concerns Raised by Community

Environmental Parameter	***Opinion, Concern, and Issues***	***Response Provided***
Physical Environment		
Damage to Vegetation	Minimum wastage of crops & orchids.	Minimum vegetation will be damaged and a proper record will be kept of vegetation loss.

Environmental Parameter	*Opinion, Concern, and Issues*	*Response Provided*
	avoid construction during the peak cropping season i.e. July to Sep	
Air Pollution	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas	This issue will be addressed in IEE
Soil Pollution	Agricultural land should not be polluted as it affects soil productivity and crop yield.	This issue will be addressed in IEE
Socioeconomic Environment		
Compensations	Fair & timely compensation of crops	A resettlement plan will be prepared to compensate for all the affectees of the Project.
Jobs	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be provided according to shares in crops.	The project will generate job and business opportunities for locals.
Cultural Issues	Company workers should take care of the local culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.	Contractor camp will be set away from the residential area and the local culture will not be disturbed
Local employment	Employment should be given to local men	Locals will be preferred for the job.
Gender	As the project area lies close to the rural areas and rural community, women activities in the field may become affected due to the construction activities The induction of outside labor may create social and gender issues due to the unawareness by them of local customs and norms. It will also cause hindrance to the mobility of local women.	Labor mobility will be ristricted.
General		
Intimation of work	Early information before the start of work	The contractor will inform the locals before commencing the construction works
Privacy	Company works should not disturb the local during agricultural activities	The construction works will be limited to the Project area and the privacy of the locals will not be disturbed. The construction crew's interaction with the local population will be minimized
Health hazards for existing ETL	Rehabilitation of the existing ETL.	The existing conductors' loss height and is damaging crops as well as posing community health hazards; therefore; the people requested the rehabilitation of the existing ETL.

ETL = Electricity Transmission Line, IEE = initial environmental examination

Table 7-5: Summary of Institutional Consultations

Concern/Issue	*Stakeholder*	*Response Provided*
Physical Environment		
Develop a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to resolve community reservations and issues.	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan	A GRM will be provided
Socioeconomic Environment		
The contractor should promote local employment for skilled as well as non-skilled tasks.	District Councle Membre Dahrki	Noted.
Most of the people in the region are farmers, the contractor should train them for non-skilled jobs and hire them	District Councle Membre Dahrki	
Construction activities should not disturb the existing facilities such as gas or sewage water pipeline facilities.	Agriculture Office Rahim Yar Khan	
The construction waste should not be left unattended. There should be a wastewater and solid waste management plan for domestic and hazardous waste disposal.	Environment Department	Environmental mitigation and monitoring plan are prepared to minimize the negative impacts of the project and are discussed in **Section 5.3**.
Develop a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to resolve community reservations and issues.	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan	Environmental mitigation and monitoring plan are prepared to minimize the negative impacts of the project and are discussed in **Section 5.3**.
Government institutions need to be contacted for stakeholder consultations such as Agriculture, Wildlife, Board of Revenue, and Irrigation Department.	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan	Noted
Soil analysis must be carried out before the project execution.	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan	Noted
Residential areas in the Right of Way (RoW) should be identified and the EIA report should incorporate relevant impacts and mitigation measures	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan	Site-Specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared for the project.
Earthing wires of the towers can be dangerous for domestic animals and farmers during rainy seasons as some cases have been reported of getting electrocuted from the earthing wires. EMF from high voltage wires may affect pollination, which in turn causes low crop and fruit yields.	Agriculture Department Rahim Yar Khan	Warning signs will be installed at the towers and awareness of the local community will be done. The ETL will be at a very height from the crops and EMF will not disturb the crops and pollination
Socioeconomic Environment		

Concern/Issue	*Stakeholder*	*Response Provided*
The contractor should promote local employment for skilled as well as non-skilled tasks.	Agriculture Office Tando Daharki	Noted.
Most of the people in the region are farmers, the contractor should train them for non-skilled jobs and hire them	Agriculture Office Rahim Yar Khan	
Construction activities should not disturb the existing facilities such as gas or sewage water pipeline facilities.	Agriculture Office Dahrki	
Compensation against the loss of the crops/trees should be paid effectively and in time. The revenue department should be consulted for compensation of damage as per local rates.	Agriculture Office Dahrki	Compensation will be paid for the damage done to the crops as per LARP.
The revenue department should be engaged for compensation against the damage to crops.	Agriculture Office Rahim Yar Khan	
Ecology		
Major crops and orchards in the surrounding of the proposed ETL are mostly Banana, Mango, Sugarcane, Cotton, and vegetables.	Agriculture Office Rahim Yar Khan	Noted. The concern will be made part of IEE/EIA.
The construction activities may affect the route of migratory birds. Construction activities to be minimized in the migratory season of birds, especially from the resting areas of these birds.	Forest Department Dahrki and Rahim Yar Khan	A tree plantation in proportion of 1:10 mature trees has been proposed for each cut tree.
Minimize dust pollution so that the migratory birds find no hindrance during migratory season. Dust may also disturb the locals of the area.	Forest Department Rahim Yar Khan	
Avoid cutting trees especially large canopy shady trees during construction activities	Forest Department Rahim Yar Khan	
Route for heavy machinery and equipment should be planned and to avoid traffic congestion and damage to orchards while going offroad.	Forest Department Rahim Yar Khan	
The contractor should ensure no hunting policy during the whole construction phase of the project.	Forest Department Daharki	
Major crops and trees of the area include Conocarpus, babul and a wide range of vegetables	Forest Department Daharki	
Orchards and big trees must be avoided from the cutting. Minimum trees should be cut and for each tree cut plantation should be done.	Forest Department Rahim Yar Khan	
Hunting of local fauna must be prohibited by the contractor during the construction phase. Training on ecological preservation should be delivered to contractor staff.	Forest Department Daharki	

Concern/Issue	*Stakeholder*	*Response Provided*
A tree plantation drive must be carried out in the affected areas of project facilities and also promote landscaping to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the area.	Forest Department Dahrki	
Major crops in the area include wheat, sugarcane, rice, etc	Agriculture Department Rahim Yar Khan	
The area where the towers will be constructed will no longer be used by the farmers and will have economic effects on them.	Agriculture Department Rahim Yar Khan	
avoid construction activities in major cropping seasons to minimize the loss of crops.	Local Gov Department Daharki	
Migratory birds such as Partridges and Geese should not be interrupted in migratory season, also breeding shelters for the birds should be undisturbed.	Wildlife Department Rahim Yar Khan	
Wildlife species in the project surrounding such as reptiles, Indian pangolin, snakes and lizards, should be of major concern.	Wildlife Department Rahim Yar Khan	
Worker camps construction should be made away from residential areas and resting areas of animals and birds.	Wildlife Department Rahim Yar Khan	

NTDC = National Transmission and Despatch Company

7.3 Information Disclosure

2. ADB SPS environmental Policy Principle #6 requires the borrower to "Disclose a draft environmental assessment (including the EMP) in a timely manner, before project appraisal, in an accessible place and in a form and language(s) understandable to affected people and other stakeholders."

579. The executive summary of the IEE and the EMP will be translated to Urdu and Sindhi languages[92] for disclosure along with complete existing document (in English). Within 2 weeks after ADB's clearance of the IEE, the summary (including the EMP) in Urdu and Sindhi languages will be disclosed on NTDC's website. The summary will also be placed at main gate of Daharki and Rahimyar Khan Grid Stations for public access. During construction phase, complete document along with translated executive summary to Urdu and Sindhi languages will be kept at main gate of construction camp for access to public.

580. Provincial EPAs will also disclose EIA on its website before the public hearing and NOC award. The disclosure on the website with the invitation for participation in public hearings, which is required by the law before approval is granted, will be announced by EPA through public advertisement in the local and national newspapers.

8. Grievance Redress Mechanism

581. NTDC will establish a mechanism to receive and facilitate the resolution of affected peoples' concerns, complaints, and grievances about the project's environmental performance. NTDC at site will be the PMU. The PMU will overall be responsible for executing

[92] Sindhi and Punjabi are the mother tongues spoken in the project areas. However, Urdu, Saraiki and Balochi are also spoken. (para. 343 on page 95)

the work at site. The Executive Engineer/Resident engineer will be in charge of the project. The Executive Engineer will be supported with Sub Divisional Officers and other supporting staff.

582. The GRM will be established at each project location as described below:

583. A grievance mechanism will be available to allow affected persons appealing any disagreeable decision, practice or activity arising from land or other assets compensation. affected persons will be fully informed of their rights and of the procedures for addressing complaints whether verbally or in writing during consultation, survey, and time of compensation.

584. Affected persons/ local community will enter their complaints/ concerns and issues formally including the information of date, name and address of complainant, description of complain. The Assistant Manager (social mobilization) at PMU will maintain a register named as *"community complaint register (CCR)"*. The register will include the information such as date, name and address of complainant, description of complaints, and will enter the complaints in a date covering the minimum information of name and address of complaint, description of complaints, action taken, status of redress of complaints and reasons in case issue not resolved.

585. Prior to the contractor's mobilization to the project site NTDC ESIC will assist the affected communities to establish a Grievance Redress Committee (GRC) and identify local representatives to act as Grievance Focal Points (GFP) for that community. GRC will work at field level, while unsettled issues will be referred to the PMU at sub-project level. The field level PMU will inform the affected persons about GRC and its mechanism by passing the information at known places. The GRC will comprise of:

- Executive Engineer (NTDC)
- EHS Manager under ESIC, NTDC
- FMC-IESS, FMC-NESS, and FMC-NEIs
- Representative of Contractor; and
- GFP of relevant community

586. The function of the GRC is to address the project related grievances of the affected parties that are unable to be resolved satisfactorily through the initial stages of the GRM procedure.

587. The GFPs are designated personnel from within the community who will be responsible for: i) acting as community representatives in formal meetings between the project team (contractor, FMC, EHS Manager under ESIC, ESIC and the local community he/she represents and ii) communicating community members' grievances and concerns to the contractor during project implementation.

(i) A pre-mobilization public consultation meeting will be convened by ESIC and attended by GFPs, contractor, FMC, ESIC representatives and other interested parties (e.g. District level representatives, NGOs). The objectives of the meeting will be as follows: Introduction of key personnel of each stakeholder including roles and responsibilities.

(ii) Presentation of project information of immediate concern to the communities by the contractor (timing and location of specific construction activities, design issues, access constraints etc.). This will include a brief summary of the EMP - its purpose and implementation arrangements.

(iii) Establishment and clarification of the GRM to be implemented during project implementation including routine (proactive) public relations activities proposed by the project team (contractor, FMC, ESIC) to ensure communities are continually advised of project progress and associated constraints throughout project implementation.

(iv) Identification of members of the GRC;

(v) Elicit and address the immediate concerns of the community based on information provided above.

588. Following the pre-mobilization public consultation meeting, environmental complaints associated with the construction activity will be routinely handled through the GRM as explained below and shown schematically in **Figure 8-1**:

(i) Individuals will lodge their environmental complaint/grievance with their respective community's nominated GFP.

(ii) The GFP will bring the individual's complaint to the attention of the Contractor.

(iii) The Contractor will record the complaint in the onsite Environmental Complaints Register (ECR) in the presence of the GFP.

(iv) The GFP will discuss the complaint with the Contractor and have it resolved.

(v) If the Contractor does not resolve the complaint within one week, then the GFP will bring the complaint to the attention of the CSC's Environmental Specialist. The SC's Environment Specialist will then be responsible for coordinating with the Contractor in solving the issue.

(vi) If the Complaint is not resolved within 2 weeks, the GFP will present the complaint to the GRC.

(vii) The GRC will have to resolve the complaint within a period of 2 weeks and the resolved complaint will have to be communicated back to the community. The Contractor will then record the complaint as resolved and closed in the Environmental Complaints Register.

(viii) Should the complaint not be resolved through the GRC, the issue will be adjudicated through local legal processes.

(ix) In parallel to the ECR placed with the Contractor, each GFP will maintain a record of the complaints received and will follow up on their rapid resolution.

(x) ESIC will also keep track of the status of all complaints through the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report submitted by the Contractor to the FMC and will ensure that they are resolved in a timely manner.

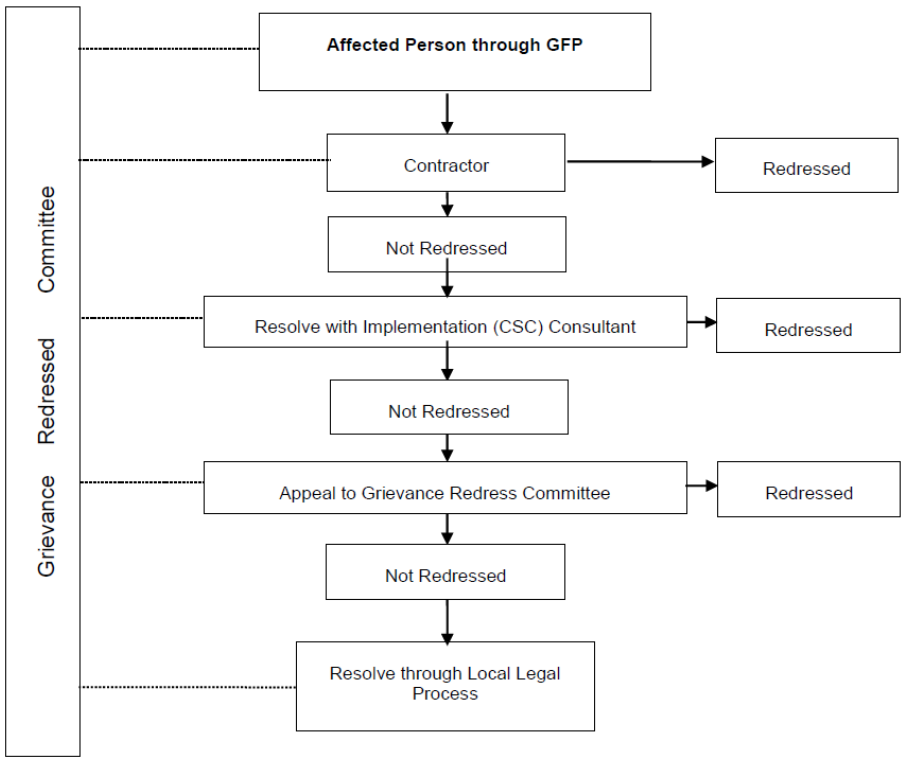

Figure 8-1: Grievance Redress Mechanism

589. An Organogram showing the institutional arrangements has been illustrated through a diagram presented in **Figure 8-2**.

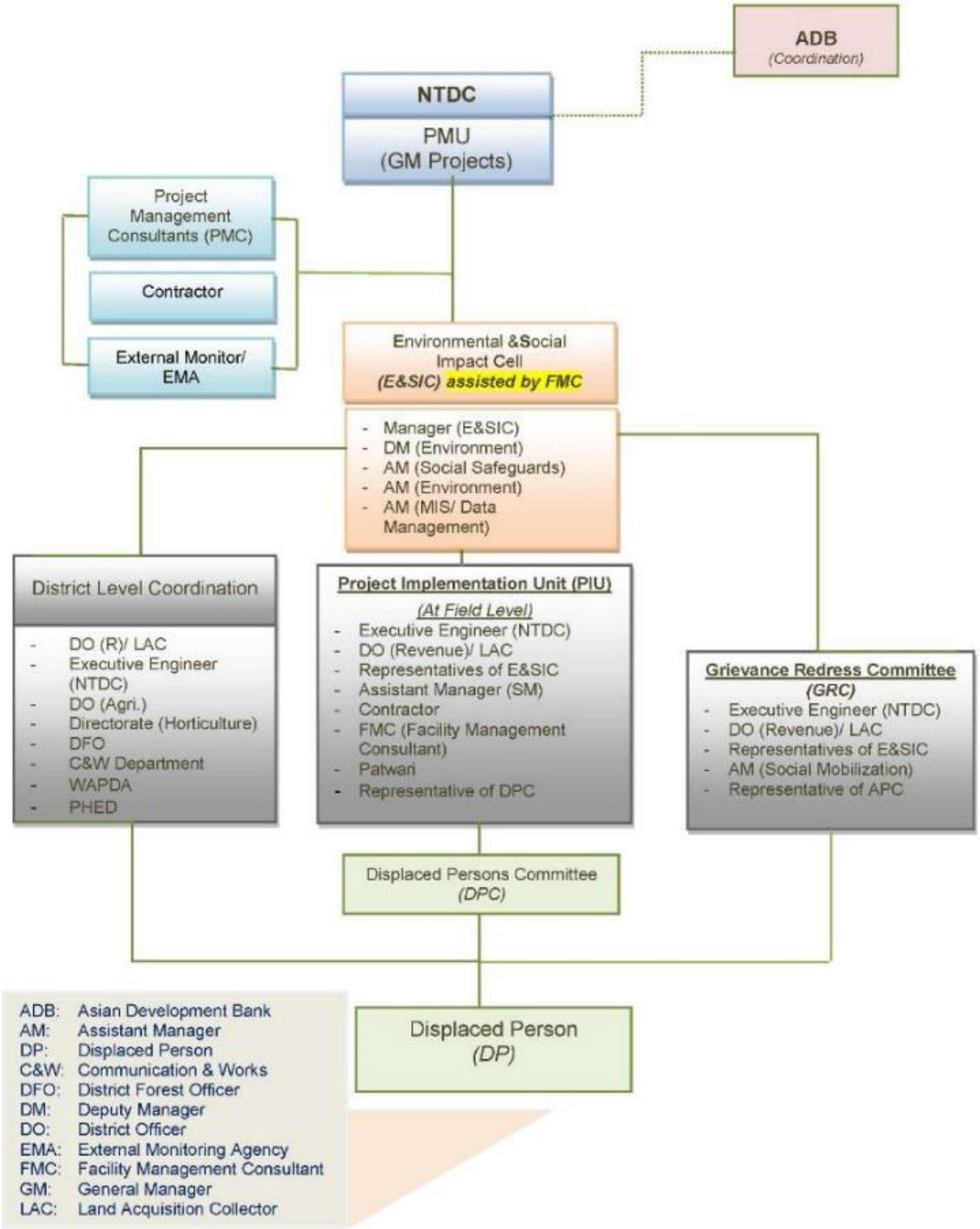

Figure 8-2: Institutional Set-up

9. Environmental Management Plan

590. This section provides an overall approach for managing and monitoring the environment-related issues and describes the institutional framework and resource allocations proposed by NTDC to implement the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the ETL construction.

591. The bid documents must include the EMP, and its implementation cost must be reflected in the bill of quantity (BoQ).

9.1 General

592. The main objectives of EMP are to:

- Provide the details of the project impacts along with the proposed mitigation measures, and a corresponding implementation schedule.
- Define the responsibilities of the project proponent, contractor, supervisory consultants, and other role players, and effectively communicate environmental issues among them.
- Define a monitoring mechanism, reporting frequency, auditing and identifying monitoring parameters to ensure that all the mitigation measures are completely and effectively implemented.
- Identify the resources required to implement the EMP and outline the corresponding financing arrangements.

9.2 Construction Schedule

593. As mentioned in **Section 3.7**, The Project Proponent (NTDC) plans to have the tranche-4 completed within 2 to 3 years, after completing the necessary arrangements, on the fast track. There will not be any significant land acquisition or compensation process except for the crop compensation of the ETL towers. Designs, power transmission arrangements, access, review of environmental management and construction processes will need to be completed in about three months after tranche 4 readiness approval by ADB. When the detailed designs are completed, tendering and award of contract will take place over about three to six months. The construction period will follow, and best estimates indicate between eighteen to twenty-four months.

Table -: Implementation Arrangements for Tranche 4

Aspects	Arrangements
Implementation period	January 2023–June 2026
Estimated completion date	30 June 2026
Estimated loan closing date	23 August 2026

9.3 Summary of Impacts and Mitigation Measures

594. The environmental protection and enhancement are achieved in various ways. These approaches should begin right at the embryonic stage i.e. i) project location, ii) design, specifications and tender/contract documents, iii) construction activities and iv) post completion activities i.e. operation and maintenance stage. Appropriate environmental management measures are required to be exercised in a cascade order by NTDC at each stage of the project.

595. An EMP establishes the linkages between the environmental and social impacts, mitigation strategy and the agencies responsible for execution. Thus, the EMP in **Table 8-1** cover:

- A comprehensive listing of mitigation measures (actions).
- The institution(s)/ person(s) responsible for implementation of specific actions.
- The parameters to be monitored to ensure the effective implementation of the actions.
- A timescale for the implementation of actions has been indicated subject to the project life cycle and indicated as During Construction or During Restoration.
- Set out a basis for preparing SSEMP by the Contractor.

596. The Effects Monitoring Plan for the ongoing activities is presented in **Table 9-1.**

Table 9-1: Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
Pre-construction (design) phase					
Lack of Integration of IEE/EMP/EIA Requirements into Construction Bid Documents	1. The ESIC should be assigned the task to check that design and bid documents are responsive to key environmental, social, and safety considerations, and that the proposed method of work reflects the boundaries defined in the EMP. 2. The bid documents must include the EMP, and its implementation cost must be reflected in the bill of quantity (BoQ).	Bid Preparation	BOQ	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC
Lack of planning in ETL design[93]	3. Using corridor-sharing with existing ETLs to minimize RoW requirements. 4. Preference will be given to a route with a minimum community displacement and minimum tree cutting requirement 5. Better planning during the selection of RoW will generate fewer negative socioeconomic impacts on the affected persons. 6. Selection and use of the latest available technology for reducing the EMF from ETLs. 7. ETLs to be designed for higher resilience to climate change impacts to ensure the transmission network resilient to climate change and natural disaster. 8. Choosing a ETL tower with aesthetic appeal such as the darker color of oxidized steel structures may blend in better with forested backgrounds. 9. Making minor adjustments in tower locations to avoid archeological sites or minimize effects on agricultural operations.	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	NTDC with the design consultant	NTDC

[93] Covering (i) Route Selection, (ii) Transmission, (iii) Structure Design, (iv) Tower Placement Add-ons, and (v) Visual Amenity, (vi) Mechanical Failure of the Overhead Conductors.

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	10. Adding flight diverters to conductors to minimize bird collisions with the wires. 11. Location of high-voltage transmission and distribution lines in less populated areas, where possible, to mitigate the impact on visual amenity and noise. This will also create fewer land acquisition and resettlement issues.				
Improper Location of Camps Leading to Environmental and Social Issues	12. Camp locations at least 200-300 m from the sensitive receptors including settlements and water bodies. 13. Development of the campsite plans indicating walkways, car parking, recreational areas, rooms, kitchen, dining, storm run-off, toilets and sewerage lines and treatment, disposal, freshwater storage, and lines, etc.	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	Camps Location	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC
Lack of Project environmental safeguards (human resource) capacity	14. The ESIC/PMU to make sure that it is staffed by EHS Manager, Deputy EHS Manager and Assistant EHS Manager in addition to social safeguard staff. 15. The ESIC/PMU to ensure, contractor's environmental safeguards capacity before construction starts. Make sure that the Construction Contractor assigns and retains a full-time and qualified ESO and a full-time and qualified HSO.	During bidding and before construction starts	Bid document and contractor human resources	ESIC/ PMU	NTDC
Removal of vegetation/trees	16. Incorporate technical design measures to minimize the removal of these trees, as far as possible. 17. Compensatory planting of ten (10) trees against each fallen tree of similar floral function will be planted. 18. The plantation plan will prefer the prevalent indigenous species of plants and ensure that there will be no exotic species in the plantation plan with known environmental setbacks.	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	NTDC with the design consultant	NTDC

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Noise caused by construction equipment	19. Conduct detailed acoustic assessment for all residential buildings, schools, (other sensitive structures) within 50 m of RoW. 20. After the assessment, identify the areas where noise barriers are required. 21. Also, suggest noise-reducing devices on equipment such as mufflers and silencers. 22. The audible noise of the ETL is most severe under wet conditions. During detailed design, it will be ensured that audible noise under wet conditions is within acceptable limits. 23. During detail design, it will be ensured that audible noise as per CISPR18-2 “Methods for measurement of RI characteristics of overhead power lines and high voltage equipment” will be either category-I (which is Interference not audible) or category-ii (which is Interference just perceptible).	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC
Land Acquisition	24. NTDC to select the route in a way that minimizes impact on trees and crops occur. 25. Assessment of loss of land, trees, and crops (if any) due to the construction of ETL towers. 26. Preparation of land acquisition and resettlement plan (LARP) for the proposed Project before the commencement of construction activities. 27. All the impacts identified by the IEE will be incorporated into the project LARP and relevant entitlements will be included in the Entitlement Matrix. 28. All the payments/entitlements are paid according to the Entitlement Matrix, prepared according to the LARP.	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	NTDC with the design consultant	NTDC

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Waste Generation	29. Identify enough locations for disposal of transformer oils, unsuitable soils, and scrap metal “cradle to grave”. 30. The unit rates to include in contracts to cover the cost of disposal. 31. Designate disposal sites in the contract and cost unit disposal rates accordingly.	Well before commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	NTDC with the design consultant	NTDC
Disruption to Existing Drainage Pathways and Utilities	32. Identify locations where drainage or irrigation crossing, and utilities within RoW may be affected by works. 33. Include in protection works contract as a payment milestone(s)	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC
Impacts on Sensitive and High Value Areas	34. Siting the Project facilities away from any residential area. 35. If, siting of Project facilities cannot be avoided altogether, the area of disruption should be minimized, and the impacts should be mitigated.	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC
EMF	36. NTDC’s standard operating procedures (SOPs) of a minimum vertical ground clearance for ETL conductor of 7 meters will be ensured. 37. Raising conductor height above the ground to 8 m, typically by increasing tower height, will be ideal. 38. Reducing conductor spacing. 39. Arranging phases so that fields tend to cancel. 40. Increasing transmission voltage (since EMF intensities are a function of current, and increased voltage, all things being equal, will result in reduced current). 41. Reducing loads (and therefore, currents).	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	42. Identification of potential exposure levels in the work area including surveys of exposure levels and establishment of safety zones. 43. Safety signs and warning zone will be highlighted to indicate EMF in the area 44. Limit access to properly trained workers and those equipped with appropriate PPE when entering safety zones. 45. Increasing RoW widths or buffer zone widths, to move people further from ETLs.				
Impact on Community Safety due to Structure/ Mechanical Failure of the overhead conductors	46. Ensure all safety aspects related to the safety of the structure are considered. 47. Ensure seismic design requirements are incorporated in the Project design. 48. The ETL will be constructed using very robust design and there is a very low probability of mechanical failure even under extreme weather conditions. 49. Nonetheless, following special arrangements will be made in this section to ensure safety in case of mechanical failure of the ETL conductors. 50. Installation of special tower/pole structures that would support a long span of up to 500 m so that no tower/pole has to be installed inside the streets. 51. Special tower/pole structures will be designed with load safety margin factor of 2.5 instead of generally used 1.5, thus having an extraordinary strength bearing margin to cater for any untoward mechanical hazardous situation. 52. Special tower/pole structures will be designed to achieve enhanced vertical ground clearance of 15-20 meters whereas the standard requirement of ground clearance of 220 kV line is 7.1 meter.	Well before the commencement of the construction phase	RoW of ETL	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	53. Installation of grounded metallic mesh beneath the lowest conductor to act as fall arrester in case of mechanical failure of the conductor in residential areas.				
Construction Phase					
Dust from construction activity and Air emissions from construction equipment and vehicles	1. Water will be sprinkled through a dedicated water-bowser at source, around the construction site and, along the routes used for construction activities to prevent the generation of dust and to minimize the levels of dust within the vicinity of orchards and fruit farms. 2. A speed limit of not more than 30 kilometers per hour (km/h) will be imposed on the vehicles in areas where the potential for dust generation is greater including unpaved roads. 3. Fuel-efficient and well-maintained haulage trucks will be employed to minimize exhaust emissions. 4. Vehicles transporting soil, sand and other construction materials will be covered. 5. The movement of vehicles through densely populated areas will be avoided. 6. Water will be sprayed at bare areas that are prone to high dust emissions. 7. Stockpiled soil and sand will be kept slightly wet before loading, particularly in windy conditions. 8. Dust emissions at the camp and construction sites to be minimized by implementing good housekeeping and sound management practices. 9. All project vehicles and other equipment will be maintained as per SEQS/ PEQS for vehicular emissions. 10. The construction material will be stored in the boundary wall and no disturbance to surrounding	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor Oversee by FMC	NTDC

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	areas is expected. The contractor will be, however, required to provide a traffic management plan before the commencement of work at the site. 11. The need for large stockpiles will be minimized by careful planning of the supply of materials from controlled sources. Stockpiles (if required) will not be located within 50 m of schools, hospitals or other public amenities such as wells and pumps and should be covered with tarpaulins when not in use and at the end of the working day to enclose dust. 12. Concrete plants will not be located close to any sensitive receptors. 13. A check will be kept by the NTDC that no construction will be allowed within 100 m of the ETL.				
Noise from construction vehicles and heavy equipment	14. Noise monitoring will be carried out at edge of RoW or at boundary wall of communities located within 100 m of RoW, if required, to assess compliance with day and nighttime noise limits of 55 dBA and 45 dBA prescribed in the SEQS/ PEQS. 15. All heavy equipment and machinery will be maintained as per SEQS/ PEQS for vehicular noise emissions and with effective noise controlling devices in place such as silencers. 16. Noise from the construction of Grid Stations is not covered under any regulations however to keep in line with the best international practice, construction will not be allowed during nighttime (10 PM to 6 AM) and will not only be conducted during daytime. 17. Vibration from the construction of piles to support pads may be required for some tower construction and maybe a significant impact but this should be for a short duration. Where vibration could become a major consideration (within say 100 m of schools,	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor Oversee by FMC	NTDC

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	religious premises, hospitals or residences) a building condition survey will take place before construction. 18. The physical effect of piling will be assessed before construction and measures will be discussed with the local population as well as the timing of the works to serve as a vehicle for further public consultation at the implementation stage and to assist in public relations. 19. At nearby schools, the contractor will discuss with the school principals the agreed time for operating these machines and completely avoid machine use near schools during examination times, if such a need arises. 20. The noise level from construction activity can be reduced by regular maintenance of machinery. 21. Noise can be controlled through engineering control e.g. hammering actions can be substituted by hydraulic. Ensure that the workers are wearing necessary personal protection equipment (PPE's) such as earplugs, earmuffs, etc. where engineering control is not applicable to reduce the impact of noise. 22. Equipment emitting excessive noise in comparison with other similar equipment will not be allowed to operate. 23. Equipment under use will be regularly maintained, tuned, and provided with mufflers and speed controls to minimize noise levels. 24. Blowing horns on all access roads except under emergency conditions will be prohibited. 25. Muffled breakers and silenced diesel generators and compressors will be used to reduce construction noise.				

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	26. Contractor will take necessary measures to minimize noise nuisance using acoustic enclosures and barriers. 27. A check will be kept by the NTDC that no construction will be allowed within 100 m of the ETL.				
Sediment run-off from construction sites	28. All construction workers will be provided awareness training on the prevention of waste generation and spill prevention. 29. The topsoil can be preserved and used after the restoration of construction campsites and storage areas after the construction period. 30. Surplus excavated material will be disposed of at appropriate or designated sites and will be disposed of in a manner that does not disturb the natural and community drainages and tracks. 31. Equipment will be maintained properly to minimize oil or fuel leakages from construction machinery. Clean-up will be undertaken in the event of an oil spill larger than half a liter. This will include the removal of contaminated soil and disposal at a proper location. 32. A Spill Prevention and Response Plan will be prepared including the induction of staff for spill prevention and management. 33. All storage fuel tanks will be marked with their contents and stored in diked areas with an extra 10% of the storage capacity of the fuel tank. The area will be lined with an impervious base. 34. Grease traps will be constructed wherever needed, to prevent the flow of oily water into drainage channels or waterbodies. 35. Spill cleanup kits (shovels, plastic bags, and absorbent materials) will be available near fuel and oil storage areas. Should any accidental spills occur, the	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	immediate cleanup will be undertaken, and all cleanup materials will be stored in a secure area for further disposal. Disposal of such will be undertaken by a waste management company contracted by the Contractors. The waste management company must have the required licenses to transport and dispose any hazardous waste before any such waste is removed from the site. The Contractors will keep copies of the company's licenses and provide waste transfer manifests at their camp site for routine inspection by the engineer. 36. Cleanup kits will be carried in all fuel trucks. 37. Fueling of construction vehicles and machinery will take place at designated places or over impermeable surfaces for fixed machinery. 38. Hazardous materials will be stored in designated places having impervious linings. 39. Schedule works in sensitive areas (e.g. water bodies) for the dry season. 40. Temporary erosion control plan one month before the commencement of works. 41. Proper installation of TD and EC before works within 50 m of water bodies. 42. Cut areas will be treated against flow acceleration while filled areas will be carefully designed to avoid improper drainage. 43. Stockpiles will not be formed within such distances behind excavated or natural slopes that would reduce the stability of the slopes. 44. In the short-term, either temporary or permanent drainage works will protect all areas susceptible to erosion.				

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	45. Measures will be taken to prevent pounding of surface water and scouring of slopes. Newly eroded channels will be backfilled and restored to natural contours. 46. Contractor will arrange to adopt suitable measures to minimize soil erosion during the construction period. Contractor will consult concerned authorities in the area before deciding mitigation measures. 47. Clearing of green surface cover to be minimized during site preparation. 48. Replanting trees to be done before the site is vacated and handed back to NTDC with appropriate trees (other vegetation cover as appropriate) to ensure interception of rainwater and the deceleration of surface run-off.				
Impact on Water Resources Quality and Quantity	49. Erosion and sediment flash-control measures will be employed and maintained where necessary. 50. Washing vehicles will be allowed only in designated places such as local car wash or a similar facility to be built at the site with the provision of oil-water separators (OWS) and waste collection pits. Further details on the construction of OWS, waste collection pits, and the handling of contaminated waste are included in the Spill Prevention and Waste Generation sections. 51. Equipment will be maintained properly to minimize oil or fuel leakages from construction machinery. 52. No effluents will be released to the environment untreated, 53. All types of solid and liquid wastes will be handled and disposed of as per disposal plan. 54. The natural drainages will be restored after completion of civil works of the tower foundations in	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	areas where tower locations fall within the catchment of dry stream beds. 55. The source of water for construction from authorized abstraction sources will be agreed between the local communities, local government, and the contractor. 56. Water conservation techniques will be developed and implemented by the contractor. 57. Access routes of the community to water sources will be kept clear and open so that the community's ability to meet its water requirements are not compromised. 58. Care will be exercised while moving heavy machinery to avoid damage or blockage of natural waterways and channels. 59. Records will be kept of water usage in all Project activities. 60. Construction camp and residential camp will not be built nearby water bodies. 61. Consideration of weather conditions when construction activities are undertaken. 62. Limitations on excavation depths in use of recharge areas for material exploitation or spoil disposal. 63. Use of landscaping as an integrated component of construction activity as an erosion control measure. 64. Minimizing the removal of vegetative cover as much as possible and providing for its restoration where construction sites have been cleared of such areas. 65. Compile temporary drainage management plan one month before commencement of works. 66. Proper installation of Temporary Drainage (TD) and Erosion Control (EC) before works within 50 m of water bodies. 67. Proper construction of TD and EC measures, maintenance and management including training of				

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	operators and other workers to avoid pollution of water bodies by the considerate operation of construction machinery and equipment. 68. Storage of lubricants, fuels, and other hydrocarbons in self-contained dedicated enclosures >50 m away from water bodies. 69. Proper disposal of solid waste from construction activities and labor camps. 70. Cover the construction material and spoil stockpiles with a suitable material to reduce material loss and sedimentation and avoid stockpiling near to water bodies. 71. Topsoil stripped material will not be stored where natural drainage will be disrupted. 72. Borrow sites (if required) will not be close to sources of drinking water.				
Untreated disposal of effluent from worker camps and batching plant(s)	73. Ensure safe storage and handling of fuels, oils, and other hazardous substances according to standard safety practices. Disposal should be carried out through provincial EPAs' approved contractors and facilities. 74. All efforts will be made for the proper disposal of solid waste, applying principles of reducing waste as far as possible, reusing what is practical and recycling all recyclable materials. 75. The solid waste generated during construction and campsites will be safely disposed of in demarcated waste disposal sites and the contractor will provide a proper waste management plan. 76. The sewage system for camps will be properly designed (pit latrines or, as required, septic tanks) to receive all sanitary wastewaters.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	77. The solid residue from the septic tanks will be transported to the nearby municipal sewage disposal site. 78. Lined wash areas will be constructed within the campsite or at the site, for the receipt of wash waters from construction machinery; and ensure proper labeling of containers, including the identification and quantity of the contents, hazard contact information, etc. 79. Construction workers and supervisory staff will be encouraged and educated to practice waste minimization, reuse, and recycling to reduce the quantity of waste.				
Vibration	80. Construction will not be allowed during nighttime (10 PM to 6 AM) and will only be conducted during daytime. 81. Vibration from the construction of piles to support pads may be required for some tower construction and maybe a significant impact but this should be for a short duration. Where vibration could become a major consideration (within say 100 m of schools, religious premises, hospitals or residences) a building condition survey will take place before construction. 82. Use of better equipment with less vibration effects will be used such as Free-Suspended Vibrators (FSV).[94] 83. The physical effect of piling will be assessed before construction and measures will be discussed with the local population as well as the timing of the works to serve as a vehicle for further public consultation at the implementation stage and to assist in public relations. At nearby schools, the contractor will discuss with the school principals the agreed time for operating these	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

[94] https://www.vpgroundforce.com/gb/footer-links/useful-links/industry-resources/reducing-ground-vibrations-during-the-piling-proce/

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	machines and completely avoid machine use near schools during examination times, if such a need arises. 84. Ensure that the workers are wearing necessary personal protection equipment (PPE's) such as earplugs, earmuffs, etc. where engineering control is not applicable to reduce the impact of noise. 85. Equipment under use will be regularly maintained, tuned, and provided with mufflers and speed controls to minimize noise levels.				
Traffic Congestions	86. Efforts will be made to minimize the use of heavy trucks by preferring transport of equipment and supplies using 4x4 pickups, wherever possible, and, 87. A speed limit of not more than 30 km/h will be imposed near settlements, on unpaved roads, and on link roads for reducing traffic accident risks and dust generation. 88. A traffic management plan, if required, will be prepared and submitted to NTDC one month prior to start of works. Vicinity of schools, hospitals, and communities will be considered while preparing plans and will be avoided to the extent feasible. 89. Plan of alternate routes for heavy vehicles will be formulated and implemented. Existing roads will be used wherever practical for transportation of materials and a 'no-short-cut' policy will be used. 90. While preparing a plan of access routes, existing conditions of roads and bridges will also be considered to see for any requirement of widening and upgrading access paths and roads. 91. Traffic warning signs will be installed, and traffic regulations will be enforced during the transportation of materials and equipment, and machinery.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	92. Nighttime construction traffic will be avoided as much as possible. 93. Drivers will be instructed to give way to locals while driving on access tracks, to keep a close watch for wild/domestic animals and children while driving, and to not throw any litter or cigarettes out of the vehicle. 94. The use of canal flood protection bunds for the movement of heavy vehicles will be minimized. Wooden/damaged bridges on canal/river/ other crossings will not be used for the movement of heavy vehicles. 95. Dry stream beds will not be used as access routes. 96. Any damage to access tracks, metaled roads, watercourses or the canal/river protection bunds, etc., will be appropriately repaired to bring these structures to their pre-construction condition. Any damage, which may cause hardship to the local community or wildlife, will be immediately repaired.				
Disposal of spoils and waste materials	97. Ensure safe storage and handling of fuels, oils, and other hazardous substances according to standard safety practices. Disposal should be carried out through provincial EPAs' approved contractors and facilities. 98. Management and storage of fuel, waste oil, hazardous waste will be planned in accordance with EHS General Guidelines on Hazardous Materials Management.[95] This includes the use of appropriate secondary containment structures capable of containing the larger of 110 % of the largest tank or 25% of the combined tank volumes in areas with above-ground tanks with a total storage volume equal or greater than 1,000 liters.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

[95] https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/90231ba8-5bb3-40f4-9255-eaf723d89c32/1-5%2BHazardous%2BMaterials%2BManagement.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=nPtgwml

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	99. All efforts will be made for the proper disposal of solid waste, applying principles of reducing waste as far as possible, reusing what is practical and recycling all recyclable materials. 100. The solid waste generated during construction and campsites will be safely disposed of in demarcated waste disposal sites and the contractor will provide a proper waste management plan as part of SSEMP. A framework waste management plan is attached as Annexure-XI. 101. The sewage system for camps will be properly designed (pit latrines or, as required, septic tanks) to receive all sanitary wastewaters. 102. The solid residue from the septic tanks will be transported to the nearby municipal sewage disposal site. 103. Lined wash areas will be constructed within the campsite or at the site, for the receipt of wash waters from construction machinery; and Ensure proper labeling of containers, including the identification and quantity of the contents, hazard contact information, etc. 104. Construction workers and supervisory staff will be encouraged and educated to practice waste minimization, reuse, and recycling to reduce the quantity of waste.				
Impact on Occupational Health and Safety	105. Provide adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) as per the job requirements and install warning signs at construction sites and camps. 106. Allow only trained and certified workers to install electrical equipment with safety and insulation measures in place. 107. Test structures for integrity prior to undertaking work.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	108. Prepare and implement fall protection program that will include training in climbing techniques and use of fall protection measures; inspection, maintenance, and replacement of fall protection equipment; and rescue of fall-arrested workers, among others. 109. The fall protection system will be appropriate for the tower structure and necessary movements, including ascent, descent, and moving from point to point and fixtures will be installed, wherever possible, to facilitate the use of fall protection systems. 110. Provide adequate work-positioning device system for workers to the extent possible. 111. Properly maintained hoist equipment will be used along with properly trained personnel. 112. Proper safety belts will be provided. The Safety belts should be of not less than 16 millimeters (mm) (5/8 inch) two-in-one nylon or material of equivalent strength. 113. Use a backup safety strap when operating power tools at height. 114. Remove signs and other obstructions from poles or structures prior to undertaking work. 115. Provide an approved tool bag for raising or lowering tools or materials to workers on structures. 116. Prepare and implement EMF safety program to prevented or minimize occupational hazards due to exposure to EMF. 117. The contractor will prepare OHSE Management Plan as part of SSEMP. Also include the provision of a safety champion program to be initiated monthly to encourage workers to adhere with H&S requirements.				

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	118. The plan will also include impacts and mitigation measures related with COVID-19. COVID-19 control and prevention. 119. The plan will also include details related to labor working conditions and details on prohibiting child labor. 120. Identify potential exposure levels in the workplace, including surveys of exposure levels in new projects and the use of personal monitors during working activities. 121. Train workers in the identification of occupational EMF levels and hazards. 122. Establish and identify safety zones to differentiate between work areas with expected elevated EMF levels compared to those acceptable for public exposure, limiting access to properly trained workers. Prepare and implement action plans to reduce adverse impact of EMF and to address occupational exposure. Action plans may include limiting exposure time through work rotation, increasing the distance between the source and the worker, when feasible, or the use of shielding materials. 123. Worker's Accommodation Plan will be prepared in reference to Workers' Accommodation: Processes and Standards[96] as part of SSEMP and implemented.				
Habitat loss and impact on mammals, amphibians, birds, and reptiles	124. If tree cutting is unavoidable for RoW clearance, the contractor will keep a record of cutting trees. 125. During plantation, ten-time (1 x 10 times) more plants will be planted.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

[96] A guidance note by IFC and the EBRD Workers' Accommodation: Processes and Standards (August 2009)

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	126. Before the plantation campaign, the forest department will be consulted on the selection of local species. 127. Provide adequate knowledge to the Project workers on relevant government regulations and punishments for illegal poaching to prevent hunting, trapping and exploitation of wildlife 128. Minimize disturbance to, or movement of, soil and vegetation to prevent soil damage and erosion leading to spread of alien invasive plant species. 129. Revegetate disturbed areas with native plant species 130. Ensure that solid and liquid waste is disposed only at designated locations, to prevent pollution of the water bodies in the AOI and vicinity. 131. In addition to this, sprinkle water twice or thrice a day (as per needed) to avoid dispersal of dust on the adjacent flora. 132. Lights used in the camps, during the construction of towers will be kept to the minimum requirement. 133. Upward scattering lights will preferably be used. 134. Vehicle speed will be controlled to avoid incidental mortality of small mammals and reptiles. 135. The contractor's staff and labor will be strictly directed not to damage any vegetation such as trees or bushes. 136. Clearing of green surface cover for construction, for borrow for development, and cutting trees and other important vegetation during construction will be minimized.				
Increased Employment Opportunities and Local Economy	137. The contractor and sub-contractors will explain the recruitment process to local communities.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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	138. Local candidates will be given preference for jobs provided they have the required qualifications and skills for the announced positions. 139. Coordinate efforts to recruit unskilled labor, if any are required under the Project, from the adjacent areas. 140. Determine what is 'fair and transparent' in the distribution of jobs between different community groups in consultation with local communities and their leaders. 141. As the nearby economy is mostly based on agriculture, it will be ensured that construction activities do not disturb or disrupt agricultural activities in the surrounding areas. 142. Local communities will be consulted before the start of work.				
Overburden on Local Resources	143. Construction Contractor will prepare a resource conservation plan as per template given in Annexure XV. 144. The use of water will not disturb public water availability and the source of water will be selected carefully. 145. Contractor to source raw material and camp utilities from Hyderabad city to avoid overburden on local resources.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC
Social Conflicts due to Influx of Workers	146. Require non-locals employed by the Project to adhere to a social 'code of conduct' in terms of relations with local communities including restricting their movement to stay within camping sites. 147. Provide employees and visitors with cultural awareness training.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

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Impact on Community Health and Safety	148. The camping sites of the Project site will be completely fenced off before the commencement of any other construction activities. 149. Access to the site will be controlled and unauthorized people will not be allowed to enter. Workers will not allow socializing with local communities. 150. Potential for the spread of vector-borne and communicable diseases (such as COVID-19, HIV infection, etc.) from labor camps will be suppressed through worker awareness orientation and appropriate accommodation and sanitation systems. 151. Children will not be allowed to enter the site under any circumstances. 152. The prescribed vehicle speed limit will be strictly enforced for community and worker safety. 153. Dust emissions due to vehicular traffic will be minimized by enforcing the speed limit. Water will be sprinkled on unpaved surfaces where necessary. 154. All vehicles used by the project will undergo regular maintenance and will be tuned following the requirements of the SEQS/PEQS. 155. The labor works with different transmittable diseases will be restricted within the construction site. 156. Efforts will be made to create awareness about road safety among the drivers operating construction vehicles. 157. Timely public notification on planned construction works. 158. Close consultation with local communities to identify optimal solutions for diversions to maintain community integrity & social links. 159. Seeking cooperation with local educational facilities (schoolteachers) for road safety campaigns.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	160. Provision of proper safety and diversion signage, particularly at sensitive/accident-prone spots; 161. The use of water will not disturb public water availability and the source of water will be selected carefully.				
Impact on Physical Cultural Resources (PCRs)	162. A chance find procedure is presented in Annexure-IX in case of finding any artifact during construction activities				
Uncontrolled Solid Waste Disposal, Communicable Diseases	163. Maintain proper sanitation around construction sites, access to the nearby public lavatories will be allowed or provision of temporary toilets will be made. 164. The construction camp will be provided with toilets with soakage pits or portable lavatories or at least pit latrines. 165. Disposal of surplus materials will also be negotiated through local authority approvals before the commencement of construction. 166. The Project work will not involve any significant cutting and filling, but minor excavations (down to 4m) and piling may be required to create the foundations for towers (if required). 167. It is expected (depending on the mode of contract) that the surface under the towers will need to be scrabbled to remove unstable materials, or to stockpile topsoil. 168. If surplus materials arise from the removal of the existing surfaces from specific areas, it will be used elsewhere on the Project before additional soil, rock, gravel, or sand is brought in. 169. The use of immediately available material will generally minimize the need for additional rock-based materials extraction from outside.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	170. Contractual clauses will require the contractor to produce a materials management plan (one month before construction commences) to identify all sources of cement and aggregates and to balance cut and fill. 171. The plan will clearly state the methods to be employed before and during the extraction of materials and all the measures to be employed to mitigate nuisances to residents. 172. Financial compensation will not be allowed as mitigation for environmental impacts or environmental nuisance. 173. Contractual clauses will require the contractor to produce a solid waste management plan so that the proper disposal of waste can be ensured. 174. Claims/complaints of the people on construction nuisance/damages close to RoW will be considered and responded to promptly by the Contractor. 175. Temporary and permanent drainage facilities will be designed to facilitate the rapid removal of surface water from all areas and prevent the accumulation of surface water ponds. 176. The contractor will organize temporary means of access and make alternative arrangements to avoid access problems to the local community and to avoid such short-term negative impacts. 177. Potential for the spread of vector-borne and communicable diseases (such as COVID-19, HIV infection, etc.) from labor camps will be avoided through worker awareness orientation and appropriate sanitation systems.				

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
Natural Hazard Risks (Flooding, Earthquakes etc.)	178. The structures of the ETL such as tower bases should be built as per the rules of Pakistan Building Code (PBC). 179. The tower bases should be built considering the local climatic conditions including flooding. 180. Project construction facilities should be built considering climatic conditions such as risk of flesh flooding in case on high precipitation events. 181. Material testing and tensile strength of conductors must be checked before commencement of works	During design and before construction starts	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	NTDC design, Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC
Operation Phase					
Noise	1. The height of ETL and RoW as per NTDC standard for 220 kV ETL discussed in **Section 3** will be maintained to avoid audible noise issues. 2. In addition to above, much more robust design for ETL and its ground clearance with much higher levels have been proposed for this project due to the Project passing through settlements in parts of the RoW.	During operations	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	ESIC	NTDC
Impact of Faulted SF6	3. Do not breathe the vapors environment remaining in a circuit breaker where arcing or corona discharges have occurred in the gas. 4. Evacuate the faulted SF6 gas from the circuit breaker and flush with fresh air before working on the circuit breaker 5. Arc products that do not recombine, or which combine with any oxygen or moisture present, are normally removed by the molecular sieve filter material within the circuit breaker.	During Operations	RoW of ETL	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC
Electrocution and Collision of birds	6. Maintain 1.5 meter (60-inch) spacing between energized components and grounded hardware or,	During Operations	RoW of ETL	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	where spacing is not feasible, covering energized parts and hardware. 7. Install visibility enhancement objects such as marker balls, bird deterrents, or diverters. 8. Make power lines less of an 'obstacle' for birds to collide with. 9. Keep birds away from the power line by making the power lines more visible by placing colorful/fluorescent tape on the towers to make them conspicuous enough to enable birds to see them. 10. Keep power line cables lower to the ground to the extent feasible as these are better for preventing bird collision. 11. Keep vertical separation of cables as less to the extent feasible, as it poses less of an 'obstacle' for birds to collide with. 12. Provide horizontal separation of conductors and construct cage box on conductors to prevent birds from sitting or making nests on the towers; and 13. Construct self-supporting towers, which do not require stay wires.				
Occupational Health and Safety	14. All associated ETLs will be shut down before conducting any repair and maintenance work as per the NTDC's operation and maintenance procedures. 15. Adherence to the standards Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines. 16. Allow only trained and certified workers to maintain, or repair electrical equipment with safety and insulation measures in place. 17. Deactivate and properly ground the live power distribution prior to performing work on or in proximity to the ETLs.	During Operations	RoW of ETL	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	18. Ensure proper use of special safety equipment and procedures when working near or on exposed energized parts of an electrical system. 19. Ensure the worker is properly isolated and insulated from the energized part with gloves or other approved insulation and energized part is properly insulated from the worker. 20. Test structures for integrity prior to undertaking work. 21. Prepare and implement a fall protection program that will include training in climbing techniques and use of fall protection measures; inspection, maintenance, and replacement of fall protection equipment; and rescue of fall-arrested workers, among others. 22. The fall protection system will be appropriate for the tower structure and necessary movements, including ascent, descent, and moving from point to point and fixtures will be installed, wherever possible, to facilitate the use of fall protection systems. 23. Provide adequate work-positioning device system for workers to the extent possible. 24. Properly maintained hoist equipment will be used along with properly trained personnel. 25. Proper safety belts will be provided. The Safety belts should be of not less than 16 millimeters (mm) (5/8 inch) two-in-one nylon or material of equivalent strength. 26. Use a backup safety strap when operating power tools at height. 27. Remove signs and other obstructions from poles or structures prior to undertaking work. 28. Provide an approved tool bag for raising or lowering tools or materials to workers on structures.				

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	29. Prepare and implement EMF safety program to prevent or minimize occupational hazards due to exposure to EMF. 30. Identify potential exposure levels in the workplace, including surveys of exposure levels in new projects and the use of personal monitors during working activities. 31. Train workers in the identification of occupational EMF levels and hazards. 32. Establish and identify safety zones to differentiate between work areas with expected elevated EMF levels compared to those acceptable for public exposure, limiting access to properly trained workers. 33. Prepare and implement action plans to reduce adverse impact of EMF and to address occupational exposure. Action plans may include limiting exposure time through work rotation, increasing the distance between the source and the worker, when feasible, or the use of shielding materials. 34. Signs and barriers (e.g. locks on doors, use of gates, use of steel posts surrounding transmission towers) will be used.				
Community Health and Safety Risk	35. Signs and barriers (e.g. locks on doors, use of gates, use of steel posts surrounding transmission towers) will be used. 36. Conducting objects (e.g. fences or other metallic structures), installed near power lines, will be grounded to prevent shock. 37. A vertical clearance, required as per international standards, will also be maintained especially near the populated areas. If required, the application of engineering techniques will be considered to reduce the EMF produced by power lines and Grid Stations such as increasing the height of transmission towers,	During Operations	RoW of ETL	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	modifying to size, spacing, and configuration of conductors, and shielding with metal alloys (This is effective for reduction of electric field exposure, but not for reduction of EMF exposure.). 38. During the operation stage, a check will be kept by the NTDC that no construction will be allowed within RoW of the ETL. 39. Power lines will be designed, with due consideration to landscape views and important environmental and community features. 40. Use of noise barriers or noise canceling acoustic devices will be considered as necessary. 41. Adherence to regional or national air traffic safety regulations. 42. Use of buried lines when installation is required in flight sensitive areas.				
Visual Amenity	43. Impact on visual amenity due to the transmission and distribution facilities to communities may be visually intrusive and undesirable to nearby residents. 44. However, it is common practice to create some local hard and soft landscaping and successful planting of fruit trees at such sites. This practice should be encouraged as far as practicable. Other opportunities for enhancements can be assessed before construction and proposed enhancements will be discussed with the local population to serve as a vehicle for further public consultation at the implementation stage and to assist in public relations.	During Operations	RoW of ETL	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC
Aircraft Navigation Safety	45. Use of buried lines when the installation is required in flight sensitive areas. 46. Making the power lines more visible by placing colorful/fluorescent tape on the towers and colorful balls on the conductor to make them visible.	During Design	RoW of ETL	NTDC	ESIC, NTDC

Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures (MM)	Timing to Implement MM	Location to Implement MM	Implementation Responsibility	Monitoring Responsibility
	47. Keep power line cables lower to the ground to the extent feasible				
Cumulative, and Induced impacts	48. NTDC's standard operating procedures (SOPs) of a minimum vertical ground clearance for ETL conductor of 7 meters will be ensured. 49. Raising conductor height above the ground to 8 m, typically by increasing tower height, will be ideal. 50. Reducing conductor spacing. 51. Arranging phases so that fields tend to cancel. 52. Increasing transmission voltage (since EMF intensities are a function of current, and increased voltage, all things being equal, will result in reduced current). 53. Reducing loads (and therefore, currents). 54. Identification of potential exposure levels in the work area including surveys of exposure levels and establishment of safety zones. 55. Safety signs and warning zone will be highlighted to indicate EMF in the area 56. Limit access to properly trained workers and those equipped with appropriate PPE when entering safety zones. 57. Increasing RoW widths or buffer zone widths, to move people further from ETLs.	During Construction	Project-wise facilities and construction sites	Construction Contractor with FMC	NTDC

COVID-19= Coronavirus Disease 2019, EMF= Electromagnetic Field, ESIC = Environment and Social Impact Cell, ETL = Electricity Transmission Line, HIV= human immunodeficiency virus, LARP= Land Acquisition and Resettlement Plan, NEQS= National Environmental Quality Standards, NTDC =National Transmission and Despatch Company, PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard, PMU = Project Management Unit, PPE= Personal Protective Equipment, RoW= Right of Way, SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

9.4 Capacity Building and Training

597. Personnel, including Contractors' personnel, working for or on behalf of the Project will receive training to maintain awareness of relevant environmental and social aspects, impacts and risks associated with the Project and corresponding controls. The training will also maintain awareness of the environmental benefits of improved personal performance and the potential consequences of departure from specified procedures.

598. Visitors to Project sites will receive relevant environmental and social awareness training as part of site induction training. Environmental training will help to ensure that the requirements of this IEE and EMP are clearly understood and followed by all Project personnel in the course of the construction phase.

599. The Contractors will have primary responsibility for providing training to all construction personnel in line with the Training Plan shown in **Table 9-2**. The plan will be finalized before the commencement of the training.

Table 9-2: Training Schedule

Target Audience	Trainers	Contents	Schedule
Contractor Supervisors/ Managers	NTDC's ESIC Team/FMC	Induction training per 'Training Plan'	Before the start of construction activities
Selected management staff from contractor	Contractor	Key findings of IEE Mitigation measures EMP	Before the start of construction activities
All site personnel	Contractor	Mitigation measures of EMP and IEE SSEMP Camp rules	Before and during construction activities
Construction crew	Contractor	EMP Waste disposal procedures	Before and during construction activities
Drivers	Contractor	Road safety Defensive driving Road access restrictions Vehicle movement restrictions Waste disposal	Before and during the construction phase
Construction Staff	Contractor	Waste disposal Vehicle movement restrictions	Before and during the construction phase
Camp staff	Contractor	Camp operation Waste disposal Natural resource conservation Housekeeping Camp Rules	Before and during the construction phase

ESIC = Environment and Social Impact Cell, FMC = Facility Management Consultant

9.5 Site-Specific Environmental Management Plan (SSEMP)

600. The EMP and other safeguard requirements (including any conditions stipulated in the EIA approval) will be included in bidding documents and civil works contracts. The bidders will be required to submit, as part of their bids, the expected costs of implementing the EMP to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated for EMP implementation. The Contractor(s) will be required to prepare SSEMP outlining how they intend to implement the EMP. They will describe the precise locations of the required mitigation/monitoring, the persons responsible for the mitigation/monitoring, the schedule and reporting methodology.

601. The SSEMP needs to include COVID-19 health and safety management plan and emergency response plan.[97] These plans will be prepared based on a risk assessment following relevant government regulations, guidelines, and international best practices. The Contractor(s) will be required to submit the SSEMP to ESIC for approval before taking possession of any work site. No access to the site will be allowed until the SSEMP is approved by ESIC. NTDC will have the right to suspend works or payments if the Contractor is in violation of any of his obligations under the EMP and SSEMP. A template for SSEMP is provided as **Annexure XVI**.

9.6 Equipment Maintenance Details

Construction

602. Equipment during the construction phase includes dump trucks, loader trucks, excavators, cranes, front-end loaders, fuel tankers, water bowser, cars, etc. This equipment and other machinery will only be repaired at designated sites at the warehouse.

Operations

603. Limited vehicle movement by the maintenance team will be required on a need basis.

9.7 Waste Management

604. This section provides the key elements to be included in a waste management plan or operating procedure to be developed by the Contractor that will be employed during the construction activities of the Project. The plan or operating procedure will be approved by ESIC, NTDC.

605. The Contractor will prepare a detailed Waste Management Plan as part of SSEMP. A framework plan has been provided as **Annexure XI**.

606. Every effort will be made to minimize the waste generated while the project is in progress. The main types of waste that will be generated are:

- Used oils and chemicals
- Garage Waste
- Sewage
- Camp waste

[97] Other subplans to be included in the SSEMP are tree management plan, waste management plan, vibration management plan, traffic management plan, camp management plan, worker accommodation plan, resource conservation plan, spill prevention and response plan, emergency response plan, chance finds procedure, dust management plan, OHSE management plan, fire management and protection plan, construction noise and vibration management plan, and worker accommodation plan.

- Medical waste
- Packing waste
- Excess construction material.

607. The solid and liquid waste to be generated from the project activities and camps is to be disposed of as per measures discussed in **Table 9-1.**

9.8 Worker Accommodation Plan

608. Worker's Accommodation Plan for the Project covers guidelines, the standards and practices to be used in the design and management of workers accommodation by NTDC, its contractors and subcontractors. The Worker's Accommodation Plan will largely be implemented by the Contractor. The scope and applicability of the Worker's Accommodation Plan are limited to the design and management of the worker accommodations provided during the construction phase of the Project. NTDC and its contractors will ensure sufficient resources are allocated on an on-going basis to achieve the effective implementation of the worker accommodation plan.

609. Worker accommodations will be located within the Project site and will be provided during the construction phase of the Project. The worker accommodations will encompass areas where it will not interfere with the construction activities.

610. Alongside the construction planning, the Contractor along with the Project Management Unit (PMU) of NTDC, will conduct a space assessment of accommodations.

611. Worker's Accommodation Plan will be prepared by contractor as part of SSEMP. A template plan has been provided in **Annexure XVII**.

612. An **emergency** response plan and fire management plan will be prepared by contractor as part of SSEMP. The template plans are given in provided in **Annexure XVIII** and **Annexure XIX**.

9.9 Environmental Monitoring and Reporting

613. Implementation of the EMP during construction will be done by the contractors and supervised by FMC and ESIC.

614. The parameters to be monitored, frequency and duration of monitoring as well as the locations to be monitored will be as per the environmental monitoring plan (EMoP) prepared as part of the EMP (Table 9-3 and **Table 9-4**).

615. The EMoP identifies environmental monitoring activities to ensure that negative environmental impacts are addressed properly. It identifies environmental parameters to be monitored, frequency of monitoring, applicable standards, agencies and institutions responsible for monitoring; and provide indicative monitoring costs. The FMC will assist the PMU in this regard. During construction, monitoring will be undertaken by contractors and the FMC. PMU and NTDC ESIC will monitor contractor's environmental performance. During the operation stage, monitoring will be the responsibility of NTDC.

616. The main objectives of the pre-construction and construction phase EMoP will be:

- The compensation for loss of assets will be monitored during the pre-construction activities as per the latest rates announced by the government as every year rates have to be revised by the government. This aspect will be strictly monitored.

- Monitor the actual impact of the construction activities on the project corridor's physical, biological and socio-economic receptors. This will indicate the adequacy of the IEE.
- Recommend mitigation measures for any unexpected impact or where the impact level exceeds that anticipated in the IEE.
- Ensure compliance with legal and community obligations including safety at construction sites.
- Monitor the impacts on land, water resources, air quality, noise level and cutting of trees in the project area as described in the EMP.

617. The main objectives of EMoP during the operation phase will be to:

- Appraise the adequacy of the IEE concerning the project's predicted long-term impact on the corridor's physical, biological, and socio-economic environment.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the mitigation measures proposed in the EMP and recommend improvements, if necessary

618. Compile periodic accident data to support the analysis that will help to minimize future risks.

The contractors will report the results and conclusions of EMP implementation and environmental monitoring to the PMU and ESIC NTDC monthly. The budget for environmental monitoring will be included as part of civil works contracts.

619. NTDC through its PMU will:

(i) Establish and maintain procedures to monitor the progress of implementation of EMPs;
(ii) Verify the compliance with environmental measures and their progress toward intended outcomes.
(iii) Document and disclose monitoring results and identify necessary corrective and preventive actions in the periodic monitoring reports.
(iv) Follow up on these actions to ensure progress toward the desired outcomes,
(v) Submit SAEMRs to ADB.

620. PMU through NTDC's ESIC will submit semiannual environmental monitoring reports (SAEMRs), which cover all subprojects under Trance 4, to ADB for review and disclosure, within 30 days after completion of each monitoring period. SAEMRs will be prepared and submitted to ADB, starting after Tranche 4 becomes effective, until ADB's Project Completion Report (PCR) is issued. Within three months after completion of all civil works, a report on the project's environmental compliance performance (including lessons learned that may help the NTDC in their environmental monitoring of future projects) will also be prepared. This report will be part of the input to the overall PCR.

621. NTDC, with the support of the FMC, will translate the summary of these documents into Sindhi[98] and Urdu languages, and post them on NTDC website with the full reports (in English), within two weeks after ADB's clearance of each document. In case the FMC's liability period ends before ADB's PCR issuance, the NTDC ESIC itself will prepare the SAEMRs. In addition to the above-mentioned reports, in case of any accident related to occupational and community health and safety causing fatality or near-fatal event, NTDC

[98] In the areas of Subprojects 1, 2, and a part of Subproject 5 (of "220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan"), Sindhi is spoken as a mother tongue, although Urdu and Punjabi are also spoken in the areas.

will to (i) report to ADB within 24 hours of any fatal or near-fatal event, (ii) prepare and submit to ADB an incident notification form within 48 hours, and (iii) prepare and submit to ADB an incident root cause investigation and corrective action form within 72 hours.

Table 9-3: Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMoP)

Environmental Concern	Performance Indicator	Frequency to Monitor	Timing to Check	Locations to implement	Responsible to implement	Resp supervision
Pre-Construction Phase						
1. Possible encroachment on reserved forests	Route survey to define alternative alignments (Field mapping with Global Positioning System (GPS) Equipment preferable)	1-time survey to finalize design	During detailed design	All transmission and Substation and ETL sites	NTDC / PMU through route survey contractor	NTDC
Construction Phase						
2. Dust, equipment emissions, erosion, noise control, and Waste management	Incorporation of appropriate clauses in construction contracts (Field inspections to ensure that appropriate measures are implemented, and facilities are installed)	Once	Before construction	All construction contracts for all ETL sites	NTDC and PMU to include in bidding documents.	NTDC, ESIC
3. Encroachment and Physical Disfiguration	Landscape Conditions, Baseline Environment	Once (update monthly as necessary)	One Month after Construction Work	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
4. Soil Erosion	Soil Compression, Land Clearing, Vegetation Removal	Once (update monthly as necessary)	Before construction. Update monthly	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
5. Soil Contamination	Fuels Spillage, Chemicals Containers	Monthly	During Construction	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC

6. Ecological Resources	Land Clearing, Habitat destruction	Monthly	Update monthly	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
7. Loss of Barani Crops	Number of People affected due to unavailability of Opportunistic Agriculture	Once (update monthly as necessary)	During Construction	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
8. Local Community Work Force	Disturbance due to Stringing, Good engineering practices adopted	Once (update monthly as necessary)	Update monthly	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
9. Safety Hazards	Zero near miss, minor, major and fatal accidents	Monthly	Update monthly	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
Operational Phase						
10. Electric Current	Earthing of the Towers, Safety Plan by the contractor to be followed	Monthly	During Operation	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
11. Breaking of Conductors	Frequency of Conductors Tripping, Complaints reported	Quarterly	Throughout the Project	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
12. Towers Collapse	Soil Geology, Climatic Conditions, Records on displacement (if any)	Six Monthly	During Implementation Phase	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC
13. Avifauna Movement	The reported death of Birds, Audit Report by the ESIC	Quarterly	After ETL is erected	All NTDC'S alignment	Contractor	NTDC, ESIC

ESIC = Environment and Social Impact Cell, ETL = Electricity Transmission Line, NTDC = National Transmission and Despatch Company, PMU= Project Management Unit

Table 9-4: Instrumental Environmental Monitoring Plan

No	Monitoring Parameter	Monitoring Location	Frequency	Responsibility	Resource Requirement	Criteria for Triggering Action	Documentation
Construction Phase							
1.	Water quality: pH, dissolved oxygen (DO), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), hydrocarbon and PCBs Solid waste generation and disposal	At representative existing wells (if any) within 100 m of the campsite	Every six months	Contractors to implement, PMU staff to provide oversight via regular field inspections	Resources for water sample collection and analysis	Water quality deterioration that can be attributed to the effluents released by the project facsimiles	A complete record of sample collection and analyses.
2.	Ambient Air Quality: Suspended particulate matter (SPM)	• Campsite • Access road • Communities within 100 m of RoW, campsite or access road	Every six months	Same as above	Resources for monitoring dust generation	To ensure compliance against SEQS/ PEQS for emissions	Records of measured values to be maintained
3.	Noise	• Campsite • Access road • Communities within 100 m of RoW, campsite or access road	Every six months	Same as above	Noise meter (1-hr concentration levels)	Exceeding World Bank limits (55 dBA during the day, 45 dBA during the night, measured at the receptor; or an increase of 3 dBA if the background noise is higher than the above-specified levels)	Records of measured values to be maintained
4.	Visual check for exhaust	• Campsite • Access road	Routine visits	Contractor	-	Personal judgment	Records of abnormal emissions.

No	Monitoring Parameter	Monitoring Location	Frequency	Responsibility	Resource Requirement	Criteria for Triggering Action	Documentation
Construction Phase							
	emissions from equipment and vehicles	• RoW • Other construction sites					
5.	Visual check for soil erosion	• Campsite • Access road • RoW • Other construction sites	Routine Visits	Contractor	-	Visible signs of any soil erosion	Photographic record
6.	Grievances of the local communities	• Campsite • Access road • RoW • Other construction sites	During field activities	Contractor	Monitoring register	Complaints	Complete grievance record to be maintained in the social complaint register.
Operation Phase							
7.	Dust, equipment emissions, and erosion control Waste management (Same parameters as during construction period)	• All ETLs	As necessary based on inspections and complaints	NTDC through PMU	Same resource as during construction period	Spot checks based on visual inspections and any complaints as necessary based on inspections and complaints	SAEMRs

PEQS = Punjab Environmental Quality Standard, ETL = Electricity Transmission Line, NTDC =National Transmission and Despatch Company, PMU = Project Management Unit, RoW = Right of Way, SAEMR = semi-annual environmental monitoring report, SEQS = Sindh Environmental Quality Standards

9.10 Institutional Arrangement

622. The lack of an environmental and social safeguards team and lack of capacity within project proponents and contractors creates implementation issues of project environmental safeguard documents including IEE, EIA, SSEMP, and NOC. To overcome this, NTDC will ensure institutional arrangements as described below.

623. The NTDC has established a PMU to implement MFF II. The PMU's day-to-day project management includes procurement, project execution, financial management, and monitoring of and reporting on project progress. The PMU of NTDC which already exists and executes other tranches of the MFF II Program will implement environmental safeguard requirement through its dedicated wing, the ESIC. The ESIC is staffed by EHS Manager, Deputy EHS Manager and Assistant EHS Manager in addition to social safeguard staff. Further resources for environmental safeguards management will be provided by FMC.

Table -: Implementation Arrangements for Tranche 4

Aspects	Arrangements
(i) Oversight body	Ministry of Energy (Power Division) Mr. Zafar Abbas (chair) Mr. Hammad Raza (member)
(ii) Executing agency	National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC)
(iii) Implementation unit	Program Management Unit (PMU) established in NTDC
Consulting services	NTDC consulting firm National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK), recruited by NTDC from its resources, will provide supervision support to NTDC.

624. Specific roles and responsibilities for environmental monitoring are provided in **Table 9-5**.

625. Institutions responsible for executing and monitoring the environmental aspects of this project are:

9.10.1 National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC)

626. NTDC, the proponent of the ETL, is the executing agency of the Project. NTDC will monitor the implementation of the investment program and all tranches under the program.

9.10.2 Project Management Unit (PMU) under NTDC

627. The existing PMU established in NTDC under the first MFF 0007-PAK: Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (MFF I)[99] will be responsible for day-to-day project implementation for the physical outputs relating to the transmission system and operation (as defined under their transmission license). PMU will also be responsible for complying with the safeguard's requirements and design and monitoring framework, and loan covenants.

628. EHS Manager of ESIC under PMU will be responsible for environmental and social safeguards requirement implementation during design, construction and operations of the ETL though Deputy EHS Manager and Assistant EHS Manager in addition to social safeguard staff.

629. The top management of ESIC of PMU will be ultimately responsible to ensure that the SSEMP/EMP is implemented through a monitoring mechanism. For this purpose, ESIC will develop and maintain internal institutional capacity for environmental management.

630. ESIC should be assigned the task to check that design and bid documents are responsive to key environmental, social, and safety considerations, and that the proposed

[99] 37192-013: MFF - Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program | Asian Development Bank (adb.org)

method of work reflects the boundaries defined in the EMP. Further, PMU to ensure, the contractor's environmental safeguards capacity before construction starts.

631. ESIC within the PMU, with the assistance of FMC, will be responsible for:

- Preparing environmental screening checklists and classifying subprojects that have not been yet classified.
- Based on the checklist and as per the requirements of ADB SPS, Pak-Act (1997) and relevant provincial Environmental Protection Acts, preparing IEEs and EMPs.
- Submitting the checklists and IEE reports to ADB.
- Ensuring that EMPs are included in Tender documents.
- Ensuring that all regulatory clearances are obtained before starting civil works for the subproject.
- Ensuring that the EMPs, including all proposed mitigation measures and monitoring programs are properly implemented.
- Undertaking monitoring of subprojects and preparing SAEMRs every six months, to be delivered to ADB.
- In the case of unpredicted environmental impacts occurring during project implementation, preparing and implementing a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
- In the case that a subproject needs to have its siting or alignment changed or its environmental classification reconfirmed, reviewing it to determine whether a supplementary study is required. If so (where unanticipated environmental impacts become apparent), carry out the study and implement any amendments to the original EMP.
- Approving SSEMP to be submitted by each construction contractor.
- Providing awareness training in environmental management for all employees working on the subproject.
- Ensuring 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 will be recorded in a systematic manner.
- Sharing information and disclosure of environmental safeguard documents (including any Corrective Action Plans prepared in cases of change to original project design) as required.

9.10.3 Facility Management Consultant (FMC)

632. Overall tranche supervision will be supported by the FMC: National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK) funded by NTDC's own resources. The FMC (NESPAK) will have following positions for catering environment safeguards requirements of the Project. Person-months indicated here are exclusively for Tranche 4.

- International Environmental Safeguards Specialist (FMC-IESS, 04person-months, intermittent)
- National Environmental Safeguards Specialist (FMC-NESS, 1 Position, 24 person-months full-time)
- National Environmental Inspectors, (FMC-NEIs, 2 Positions, 24 months each full-time)

633. The FMC will be responsible for

- To maintain adequate staff for implementation of IEE and EMP including one FMC-IESS, one FMC-NESS and two FMC-NEIs.

- Supervising the Project's Contractors and ensuring that all the contractual obligations related to the design and construction, as well as environmental and social compliance, are met.
- Ensuring that the day-to-day construction activities are carried out in an environmentally and socially sound and sustainable manner and developing 'good practices' construction guidelines to assist the Contractors and PMU staff in implementing the EMMP
- Assisting the Chief Engineer (EHV-II) in coordinating with the provincial EPAs, provincial agriculture, forest and Wildlife departments, NGOs/CBOs and other public/private sector organizations.

9.10.4 Construction Contractor

634. Only one Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC) contractor (Construction Contractor) is expected to be mobilized for Subproject 5 (construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan), while the EPC contractor can hire sub-contractors for timely completion of the Project. The Construction Contractor will assign and retain a full-time and qualified Environmental Safeguards Officer (ESO) and a full-time and qualified Health and Safety Officer (HSO). The contractor is responsible for developing similar arrangement in the subcontractor hierarchy. ESIC of NTDC will make sure the positions are filled with appropriate human resource.

635. The Contractor will be primarily responsible for the implementation of the EMP and SSEMP. Contractor will develop an internal monitoring and reporting mechanism for all activities undertaken.

636. Contractor is also responsible for developing Site-specific EMP (SSEMP) or making necessary changes to the SSEMP if and as required as a result of any changes in design or location, and ongoing reviews and requirements.

Table 9-5: Roles and Responsibilities for Implementation of EMP

Aspect	NTDC's ESIC Responsibilities	Contractor's Responsibilities	Relevant Documentation
Contracting	Ensure that the SSEMP/ EMP implementation and internal monitoring and reporting requirements are included in the contract between NTDC and the Contractors.	Understand the requirements and estimate the required resources.	The contract between NTDC and Contractors
SSEMP and subsequent Updates	Review and approve SSEMP.	Preparing SSEMP. Update SSEMP if any changes to design happened	SSEMP Revised SSEMP
Resources	Ensure the availability of resources required for EMP implementation, monitoring of Contractors and preparing reports to authorities	Ensure the availability of resources required for EMP implementation and internal monitoring throughout the construction duration and reporting to NTDC.	Project SSEMP implementation and monitoring plans and budgets.
Environmental personnel	Assign and retain full-time and qualified EHS Manager, Deputy EHS Manager and Assistant EHS Manager for the Project	Assign and retain a full-time and qualified ESO and a full-time and qualified HSO	Job descriptions.

Aspect	NTDC's ESIC Responsibilities	Contractor's Responsibilities	Relevant Documentation
Monitoring surveys and inspections	Undertake periodic inspections and carry out field measurements, where needed over and above those of Contractor. Review Contractor monitoring.	Systematically observe and collect data on environmental performance, undertake inspections, and carry out surveys	Inspection and survey reports.
Environmental inspections	Conduct periodic internal inspections of the construction sites and commissioning third-party (external) inspections	Conducting periodic internal audits.	Audit reports.
Reporting	Ensure that periodic environmental monitoring reports are received from the Contractors and are reviewed. Prepare reports to authorities if necessary	Generate monthly environmental monitoring reports and disseminating these to the management and appropriate staff members.	Periodic reports.
Corrective actions	Verify that the activities that are carried out comply with the IEE or EIA and EMP and identify corrective actions if needed.	Carry-out the required corrective actions.	Corrective action record.
Maintenance of record	Maintain monitoring data and record of all incidents of environmental significance and related corrective measures.	Maintain monitoring data and record of all incidents of environmental significance and related corrective measures.	Environmental databases.

ESIC = Environment and Social Impact Cell, ESO = Environmental Safeguards Officer, NTDC = National Transmission and Despatch Company, HSO = Health and Safety Officer, SSEMP = Site-specific Environmental Management Plan

9.11 Change Management

637. The Change Management System proposed for the project recognizes three orders of changes in the project design or project area:

638. **First-Order:** A first-order change is one that leads to a significant departure from the project described in IEE and consequently requires a reassessment of its environmental impact. Examples of first-order changes include:

- Shifting of the project area by more than 5 km
- Increasing the total length of RoW by over 50 km
- Using technology that has significantly greater effects
- Increasing the crew size by more than 50%
- Re-routing the RoW through any sensitive wildlife areas.

639. A new environmental assessment will be conducted, and a revised IEE report submitted to the provincial EPAs for a first-order change in the project.

640. **Second Order:** A second-order change is one that entails project activities not significantly different from those described in the IEE.

641. A second-order change may alter the project's impact, but not its overall magnitude. In case of such changes, the ESIC will be required to reassess the impact of the activity on the environment, specify additional mitigation measures, if necessary, and report the changes to the provincial EPAs. Examples of such changes include:

- Shifting of the project area by 1 to 5 km
- Increasing the total length of RoW by 10 to 50 km

- Using a different technology that is as disturbing, or less disturbing than that proposed
- Increasing the crew size by more than 10% but less than 50%.

642. **Third Order:** A third-order change or uncertainty is of little consequence to the IEE findings. Where unanticipated environmental impacts become apparent during project implementation, NTDC will update this IEE and EMP or prepare a new IEE and EMP to assess the potential impacts, evaluate the alternatives, and outline mitigation measures and resources to address those impacts.

643. Examples of third-order changes are:

- Shifting of the project area by 1 km or less
- Increasing the total length of RoW by less than 10 km
- Changing the layout of the campsites or construction sites.

644. The examples given above are hypothetical and have been given to illustrate the magnitude of the three types of changes. At this stage, no changes are under consideration. Any change in the project design will be evaluated based on the criteria provided above, and appropriate action will be taken. The record will be maintained in the Change Record Register.

9.12 Environment Management Cost

645. An estimated cost for implementation of mitigation measures prescribed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been provided in **Table 9-6**, **Table 9-7** and **Table 9-8**.

646. The cost includes the hiring of staff, arrangements for water sprinkling, provision of PPEs to workers, the arrangement of first aid kits at the site and waste management, etc. The budget for tree plantation and landscaping is also included in the given cost where required.

647. The cost does not cover the implementation of mitigation measures prescribed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the operational phase which will be included as part of NTDC's ongoing environment management program.

Table 9-6: Estimated Cost for Contractor's EMP Implementation[100]

Item	Quantity	Unit cost	Estimated cost
SSEMP preparation	Lumpsum	$7,000	$7,000
SSEMP implementation (construction mitigation measures)	Lumpsum	$7,000	$7,000
Planting of trees	4,000[101]	$2	$8,000
Mobile toilets for workers at each construction site	15	$150	$2,250
PPEs and safety measures like signages, barricading etc.	Lumpsum	$8,000	$8,000
Hazardous Waste Disposal[102]	24 months	$500	$12,000
Instrumental Environmental Monitoring			
Water Quality	16 samples[103]	$300	$4,800
Ambient Air Quality	16 samples[104]	$500	$8,000

[100] The construction period will be between eighteen to twenty-four months. (para. 558 on page 150)
[101] Due to the proposed project, 350-400 trees of varying species and sizes, may be affected by the project. Compensatory planting of ten (10) trees against each fallen tree of similar floral function will be planted (paras. 382 and 383 on page 111)
[102] Contaminated soil or residue of sewerage waste, used filters, other)
[103] 4 locations (at representative existing wells [if any] within 100 m of the campsite) x 4 times (every six months) (See **Table 9-4**)
[104] 4 locations (Campsite, Access Road and Communities within 100 m of RoW, campsite, or access road) x 4 times (every six months) (See **Table 9-4**)

Item	Quantity	Unit cost	Estimated cost
Noise Level	16 samples[105]	$150	$2,400
Mobilization of ESO	24 months	$350	$8,400
Mobilization of HSO	24 months	$350	$8,400
		Total	$**76,250**

ESO = Environmental Safeguards Officer, HSO = Health and Safety Officer, SSEMP = site-specific environmental management plan

Table 9-7: Estimated Cost for FMC's EMP Implementation

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost
International Environmental Safeguards Specialist (FMC-IESS)	4 months (intermittent)	$20,000	$80,000
National Environmental Safeguards Specialist (FMC-NESS)	24 months (full-time)	$1,200	$28,800
National Environmental Inspectors (FMC-NEIs)	24 months (full-time) x 2	$350	$16,800
Training on EMP and GRM	Lumpsum	$2,500	$2,500
		Total	**$128,100**

EMP = environmental management plan, GRM = grievance redress mechanism
Note: The cost of FMC represents for complete MMF T-4 Program covering all subprojects

Table 9-8: Estimated Cost for ESIC's EMP Implementation

Item	Quantity	Unit Rate	Estimated Cost
EHS Manager	24 months (full-time)	$2,000	$48,000
Deputy EHS Manager	Same as above	$1,500	$36,000
Assistant EHS Manager	Same as above	$1,200	$28,800
		Total	$**112,800**

EMP = environmental management plan, GRM = grievance redress mechanism
Note: The cost of ESIC represents for complete Tranche 4 covering all subprojects

[105] 4 locations (Campsite, Access Road and Communities within 100 m of RoW, campsite, or access road) x 4 times (every six months) (See **Table 9-4**)

10. Conclusion and Recommendations

10.1 Conclusion

648. This document is the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) for the proposed construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan, under Subproject 5. The Project passes through two provinces; Sindh and Punjab.

649. An EARF (footnote **2**) was prepared for MFF II in May 2016. This EARF is applicable for subprojects under MFF II and Tranche-I, funded by ADB. The EARF outlines the policy, procedures, and institutional requirements for preparing the subprojects. These subprojects need to be processed under ADB SPS.

650. An IEE has been conducted following the EARF to assess the environmental and socioeconomic impact of NTDC's proposed Project following ADB SPS.

651. Key components of the Project, construction materials, transport infrastructure, water requirements, generated emissions and schedule and staffing for the Project are also discussed in the IEE.

652. An EIA report in accordance with the local environmental requirements to be prepared and submitted to SEPA and Punjab EPA and approval or NOC to be sorted before start of construction activities.

653. Alternatives related to the construction method, technology, and ETL RoW were analyzed. The 'No Project Alternative' was also discussed in detail, to ensure that the Project is sufficiently benefitting the local economy and is not unnecessarily degrading the environment.

654. Baseline environmental and socioeconomic information was collected from a variety of sources, including published literature, and field surveys. Baseline studies were conducted on the physical, ecology and socioeconomic environment conditions of the AOI around the Project site.

655. Proposed Project activities were reviewed and their potential impacts on the physical, biological, and socio-economic environment were assessed. Where appropriate, mitigation measures have been proposed to keep potential adverse environmental impacts within acceptable limits.

656. An EMP has been developed in this report to effectively implement the mitigation measures identified in the impact assessment. Contractor will develop SSEMP before construction activities start. The bid documents must include the EMP, and its implementation cost must be reflected in the bill of quantity (BoQ).

657. Therefore, if the Project's construction and operation activities, including the implementation of all proposed mitigation measures, are carried out as described in this document, the anticipated impact of the project on the area's natural and socioeconomic environment shall remain well within acceptable limits.

658. Following requirements of ADB SPS, NTDC will apply pollution prevention and control technologies and practices consistent with international good practice as reflected in internationally recognized standards such as EHS Guidelines (footnotes **21**, **22** and **23**). When Government regulations differ from these levels and measures, NTDC will achieve whichever is more stringent. If less stringent levels or measures are appropriate in view of specific project circumstances, NTDC will provide full and detailed justification for any proposed alternatives that are consistent with the requirements presented in ADB SPS.

659. This IEE will be updated if unanticipated environmental impacts become apparent and will be submitted to ADB for clearance and disclosure at ADB website.

660. NTDC will have the right to suspend works or payments if the Contractor is in violation of any of his obligations under the EMP and SSEMP.

10.2 Recommendations

661. Comprehensive mitigation measures have been proposed in **Section 5** and **Section 9** of this report to minimize the negative impacts and to enhance the positive impacts of the project. However, major recommended mitigation measures are summarized as follows:

- Temporary labor camps will be developed inside the grid station boundary and will be facilitated with proper drainage facilities.
- Soil erosion and contamination, water contamination, air pollution, and high noise levels will be controlled with the use of good engineering practices.
- The contractor will develop subplans (listed in footnote on page of this IEE) as part of SSEMP before starting the construction activities. No access to the site will be allowed until the SSEMP is approved by the ESIC.
- Fair and negotiated compensation following the prevailing market prices will be made for the loss of crops and trees during the construction activities of the project.
- The contractor will take due care of the local community and its sensitivity towards local customs and traditions.
- EMP proposed in **Section 9** will be implemented in true letter and spirit.

Initial Environmental Examination Annexures

Project Number: 37192-044
Date: October 2022

Pakistan: Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (Tranche 4)

Subproject 5: Procurement of goods for the construction of about 105 km of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar transmission lines and extension of 220kV Daharki grid stations for interlinking of 220kV Daharki – Rahim Yar Khan

Prepared by the National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) for the Asian Development Bank.

Annexures

Annexure I: ADB's Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) Checklist

Rapid Environmental Assessment

Project Name: MFF Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program II Tranche 4

Date: September 10, 2022

Environmental Screening and Categorization Report for

- 220kV Daharki to Rahimiyar Khan TL (105 km)

Environment and Social Impact Cell of
National Transmission & Despatch Company Limited,
Lahore

1. Introduction

1 The Government of Pakistan (GoP) signed a loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for financial support for the construction of the Power Enhancement Projects in Pakistan. The multi-tranche financing facility for the Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (MFF II or the Program) will expand and reinforce Pakistan's power transmission system, enabling the system to provide a reliable and quality service capable of meeting increasing customer demand and supporting economic growth. MFF II comprises four tranches and Projects located in different areas of the country.

Brief Program Background

2 Under Tranche 4 Readiness, NTDC is planning to construct new 220 kV transmission lines, construct of a grid station, the argumentation of nine existing grid stations and procurement of substation equipment. The names of these subprojects are listed hereunder.

a. Subproject 1: Design, supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of 220kV transmission line for looping in/out of the proposed Hala Road Jamshoro 220kV s/c transmission line at Mirpur Khas New

b. Subproject 2: Design, manufacture, supply, installation, testing & commissioning of 220kV double circuit transmission line for looping in/out one circuit of the existing Jamshoro T.M. Khan 220kV D/C T/L at Hala Road 220kV Substation

c. Subproject 3: Addition and augmentation of existing substations for removal of NTDC system constraints

d. Subproject 4: Construction of 220kV Jamrud Grid Station and the associated 220kV Jamrud-Sheik Muhammadi transmission line

e. Subproject 5: Interlinking of 220kV Dharki - Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalpur grid stations

f. Subproject 6: Procurement of Substation Equipment for Asset Management NTDC

Subproject Background and Work scope

3 Under Subproject 5, the proposed project covers:

- 220kV Daharki to Rahimiyar Khan TL (105 km)

4 The subproject location in Sindh and Punjab, is shown in **Figure 1**.

2. Salient Features of the Subprojects

5 The subproject 220 kV TL for Daharki,-Rahim Yar Khan- Substations Inter Linking, 105 km passes through Ghotki district of Sindh province and, Rahimyar Khan district of Punjab province.

6 Within the 100 m of the TL route on each side, the area consists of barren land, open areas, agricultural fields, and sparsely populated areas in all two districts.

7 The construction cost as per the estimate made in April 2018 was 7,016.52 million Pak Rupees for the transmission line construction[1].

8 No protected area is located within 5 km of the subprojects i.e. Reserved Forest, Game Reserves, National Parks, and Wildlife Sanctuaries, which fall on the transmission line route (**Figure 2**).[2]

9 No wetlands were found along the entire transmission line route notified by the GoP or Govt of Punjab.

10 IBAT Assessment report identifies No protected areas and no key biodiversity areas within 5 km of the TL route.

3. Environmental Categorization

11 There will not be any land acquisition or compensation process per the prevailing law of the country except for the crop compensation of the transmission line towers.

12 Rapid Environmental Assessment (REA) was conducted, followed by the ADB checklist by REA provided in **Appendix A**.

13 The ADB's Safeguard specialist staff will confirm the categorization of the proposed projects as per ADB SPS 2009 based on the information provided in this document, i.e., sensitive receptor mapping, the scale of the project works with an assessment of the expected impacts also provided in the enclosed.

14 However, based on the information in **Section 2**, the environmental categorization for the projects has been proposed and provided in **Table 1**.

15 As far as the host country's approval following national guidelines is concerned, considering the scale of this project and the scale of the works involved, and the capital expenditure to be incurred to develop it, this project falls under Schedule II.

16 The transmission lines (11 kV and above) and distribution projects are included in Schedule II which requires an EIA[3] under the Sindh Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the Review of Initial Environmental Examination, and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (IEE-EIA Regulations 2014).

Table 1: Summary of Proposed Environmental Category

S/No.	Sub-project City	Scoping Findings	Proposed Environment Category
1	• 220kV Daharki to Rahimiyar Khan TL (105 km)	• Barren Land/ Open Areas and Agricultural land • Limited Tree Cuttings • No significant number of settlements fall on the TL route	Category 'B'

[1] PC-1, 220kV Daharki,-Rahim Yar Khan-Bahawalpur Substations Inter Linking, 255 km, April 2017

[2] The Protected Area in close vicinity of the subprojects was assessed using the data from different sources including Bird Life International, Punjab Wildlife, Fisheries and Forest Departments, IUCN, WWF Pakistan and World Data Base on Protected Area. This was further verified by assessing the area using the the IBAT tool.

3 https://epasindh.gov.pk/Rules/EIA%20IEE%20Regulations%202014.pdf

		• No protected area is located within 3-4 km of the subprojects i.e., Reserved Forest, Game Reserves, National Parks, and Wildlife Sanctuaries, which fall on the transmission line route. • No wetlands were found along the entire transmission line route notified by the GoP. • No land acquisition is involved.	

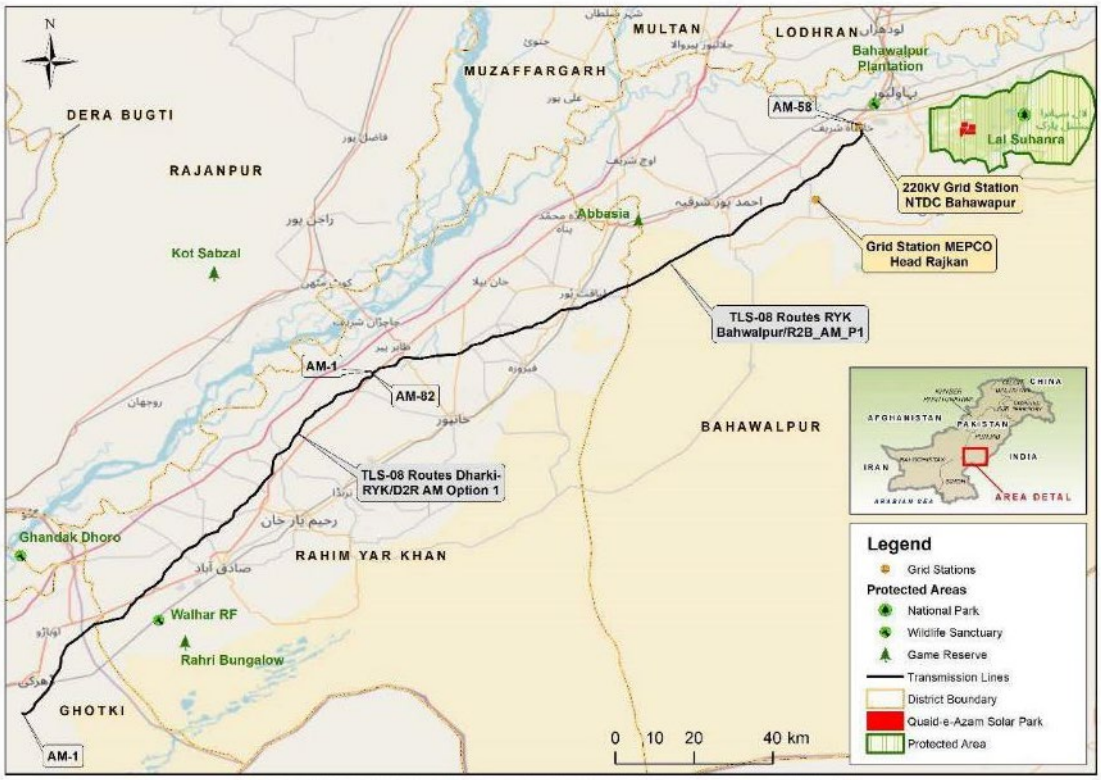

Figure 1: 220 kV TL for Dharki,-Rahim Yar Khan-Bahawalpur TL

APPENDIX A: RAPID ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (REA) CHECKLIST

220 kV TL for Daharki-Rahim Yar Khan- Substations Inter Linking, 105 km

Instructions:

(i) The project team completes this checklist to support the environmental classification of a project. It is to be attached to the environmental categorization form and submitted to Environment and Safeguards Division (SDES) for endorsement by Director, SDES and for approval by the Chief Compliance Officer.

(ii) This checklist focuses on environmental issues and concerns. To ensure that social dimensions are adequately considered, refer also to ADB's (a) checklists on involuntary resettlement and Indigenous Peoples; (b) poverty reduction handbook; (c) staff guide to consultation and participation; and (d) gender checklists.

(iii) Answer the questions assuming the "without mitigation" case. The purpose is to identify potential impacts. Use the "remarks" section to discuss any anticipated mitigation measures.

Country/Project Title: Pak/ MFF II Tranche 4 Subprojects

Sector Division:

Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks
A. Project siting Is the project area adjacent to or within any of the following environmentally sensitive areas?			
▪ Cultural heritage site		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
▪ Protected area		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
▪ Wetland		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
▪ Mangrove		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
▪ Estuarine		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
▪ Buffer zone of protected area		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
▪ Special area for protecting biodiversity		No	There are not any such sites within 100 m of the TL route on each side.
B. Potential environmental impacts Will the project cause…			
▪ encroachment on historical/cultural areas, disfiguration of landscape and increased waste generation?		No	The TL does not pass or encroach on historical/cultural areas, disfiguration of landscape, and increased waste generation. The spoil/ overburden material will be backfilled after the base construction of the tower then restoring of preserved topsoil cover. No such acts are anticipated during construction or operations
▪ encroachment on precious ecosystem (e.g. sensitive or protected areas)?		No	No such acts are anticipated during construction or operations
▪ alteration of surface water hydrology of waterways crossed by roads and resulting in		No	Existing public roads will be used for material transport. Local water bodies

REA of 220 kV Daharki-Rahimyar Khan TL

Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks
increased sediment in streams affected by increased soil erosion at the construction site?			will be protected during access route construction.
▪ damage to sensitive coastal/marine habitats by construction of submarine cables?		No	No such acts are anticipated during construction or operations
▪ deterioration of surface water quality due to silt runoff, sanitary wastes from worker-based camps and chemicals used in construction?	Yes		Construction camps generate solid and liquid wastes therefore they should be built appropriately and away from settlements.
▪ increased local air pollution due to rock crushing, cutting and filling?		No	There is no such activity involved in the project construction.
▪ risks and vulnerabilities related to occupational health and safety due to physical, chemical, biological, and radiological hazards during project construction and operation?	Yes		Significant occupational health and safety hazards will exist at the construction sites considering the tower erecting, and in operations.
▪ chemical pollution resulting from chemical clearing of vegetation for construction site?		No	No such method will be adopted.
▪ noise and vibration due to blasting and other civil works?	Yes		During the construction phase, significant noise and dust emissions are expected from the movement of construction vehicles and equipment.
▪ dislocation or involuntary resettlement of people?		No	No dislocation or involuntary resettlement of people is expected.
▪ disproportionate impacts on the poor, women and children, Indigenous Peoples or other vulnerable groups?		No	No such impacts are expected on the poor while no indigenous peoples are in the project area that would get affected.
▪ social conflicts relating to inconveniences in living conditions where construction interferes with pre-existing roads?		No	No such impacts are expected
▪ hazardous driving conditions where construction interferes with pre-existing roads?	Yes		The TL project is expected to pass local roads. Hazardous driving conditions may have arisen during the movement of construction machinery and equipment.
▪ creation of temporary breeding habitats for vectors of disease such as mosquitoes and rodents?	Yes		The temporary breeding habitats for vectors of disease such as mosquitoes and rodents can be created at camps sites if sewage waste and surface runoff do not handle appropriately.
▪ dislocation and compulsory resettlement of people living in right-of-way of the power transmission lines?		No	No dislocation or involuntary resettlement of people is expected.
▪ environmental disturbances associated with the maintenance of lines (e.g. routine control of vegetative height under the lines)?	Yes		A significant part of the Mirpur Khas TL passes through mango orchards where a routine control of vegetative height under the lines will be required
▪ facilitation of access to protected areas in case corridors traverse protected areas?		No	No protected areas are falling on the TL route.
▪ disturbances (e.g., noise and chemical pollutants) if herbicides are used to control vegetative height?		No	No such methods will be adopted to control vegetative height.
▪ large population influx during project construction and operation that cause increased burden on social infrastructure and services (such as water supply and sanitation systems)?		No	No such conflicts are expected since local labor will be utilized as far as possible.

REA of 220 kV Daharki-Rahimyar Khan TL

Screening Questions	Yes	No	Remarks
▪ social conflicts if workers from other regions or countries are hired?		No	No such conflicts are expected since local labor will be utilized as far as possible.
▪ poor sanitation and solid waste disposal in construction camps and work sites, and possible transmission of communicable diseases from workers to local populations?	Yes		The temporary breeding habitats for vectors of disease such as mosquitoes and rodents can be created at camps sites if sewage waste and surface runoff do not handle appropriately.
▪ risks to community safety associated with maintenance of lines and related facilities?		No	NTDC applies strict procedures for community safety associated with the maintenance of lines, so the risk is negligible.
▪ community health hazards due to electromagnetic fields, land subsidence, lowered groundwater table, and salinization?		No	NTDC applies strict procedures for community safety associated with the maintenance of lines, so the risk is negligible.
▪ risks to community health and safety due to the transport, storage, and use and/or disposal of materials such as explosives, fuel and other chemicals during construction and operation?		No	No such material is envisaged or required during the construction of the TL.
▪ community safety risks due to both accidental and natural hazards, especially where the structural elements or components of the project (e.g., high voltage wires, and transmission towers and lines) are accessible to members of the affected community or where their failure could result in injury to the community throughout project construction, operation and decommissioning?	Yes		The risks to the community exist, particularly during the operation of the TL, considering the proximity of the site to residential settlements in some areas of the route.

Annexure II: Field Sampling Plan (Physical Environment)

Fieldwork Schedule for IEE

at

220kV Daharki to Rahim Yar Khan TL (105 km)

The Government of Pakistan (GoP) signed a loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for financial support for the construction of the Power Enhancement Projects in Pakistan. The multi-tranche financing facility for the Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program (MFF II or the Program) will expand and reinforce Pakistan's power transmission system, enabling the system to provide a reliable and quality service capable of meeting increasing customer demand and supporting economic growth. MFF II comprises four tranches and Projects located in different areas of the country.

Tranche 4 will help evacuate hydro and wind power to load centers in central Pakistan through the construction of 500 & 220 kV transmission lines in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab & Sindh and will reduce the existing system constraints through an augmentation of the existing 500/220 kV grid stations in Punjab & Sindh.

The proposed Project 48078-006 MFF Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program II Tranche 4 and covers two subprojects . One of them is inter Linking 220 kV TL for Daharki,-Rahim Yar Khan-Bahawalpur, and Chishtian Grid Stations.

This document provides information on the team, and schedule for execution of IEE fieldwork for collection of physical environment sample and data for the 220KV Transmission Line from Daharki to Rahim Yar Khan (105 km).

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Tentative Schedule

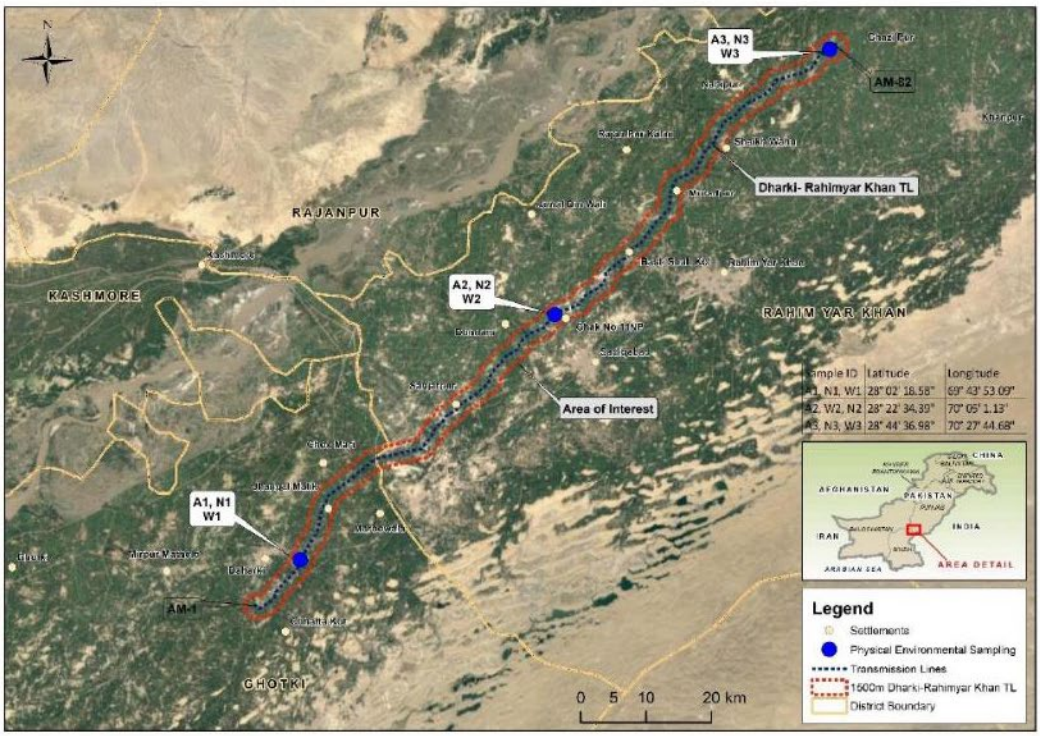
The team is planning to arrive in the field on 26th August 2022 and will completed the fieldwork in 3 days.

Sampling Plan

During this field work, the team will collect samples and data about the physical environment including water, noise, and air particularly. The details of the sampling locations are provided in the table below:

Sampling ID	Coordinates (Lat, Long)	Rationale
A1, N1, W1	28 ° 02' 18.58" , 69 ° 43' 53.09"	This sampling point is located near Daharki where there is settlement of people and agricultural land.
A2, N2, W2	28 ° 22' 34.39" , 70 ° 05' 1.13"	This sampling point is located near settlement of people and agricultural land.
A3, N3, W3	28 ° 44' 36.98" , 70 ° 27' 44.68"	This sampling point is near the Grid station which is surrounded mainly by agricultural land and some residential area.

Sampling Points Location Map



Fieldwork Schedule for IEE

at

220kV Rahim Yar Khan to Bahawalpur TL (150 km)

Socioeconomic Survey Plan

August 24, 2022

Socioeconomic Survey Plan

Introduction

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Objective

The main objective of the IEE is to quantify project impacts on surrounding communities and to propose mitigation measures for these impacts. For the development of the IEE the required information is as under;

1 Socioeconomic baseline conditions

2 Project impacts on surrounding local communities

3 Benefits of the project for surrounding local communities

The socioeconomic baseline surveys at settlement level will also provide the profile for communities that will likely be affected by the Project. This will allow assessment of potential Project impacts against existing socioeconomic conditions.

Socioeconomic Aspects of Interest

Socioeconomic aspects of interest include the following:

- **Demography:** a description of the sample population and its characteristics, such as dependency ratio, population pyramid and sex ratio.
- **Infrastructure:** information on existing social and physical infrastructure, such as roads, police facilities, electricity availability, water and sanitation and postal services.
  - **Health:** information on key health issues prevailing in the area and access to health facilities.
  - **Education:** information on educational institutions and their accessibility.

- **Livelihood:** information on key occupations and income sources.
- **Income and poverty:** discussion on incomes, use of natural resources, expenditures and debts.
- **Culture:** describes indigenous people, way of life, cultural and social norms, languages, social events, cultural heritage, and socio-political system, and gender roles, including the role of women.

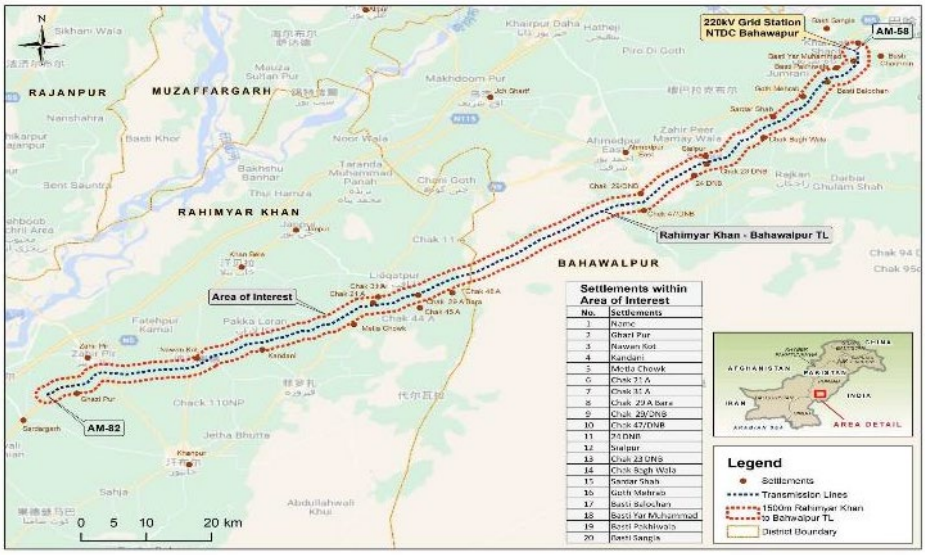
Data Sources

Data will be collected through a combination of primary and secondary sources. Primary data will be collected at the settlement level by administering settlement questionnaires. Key secondary sources of information for this baseline study includes maps, census reports, previous ESIA/IEE studies and others in the area, and other available documentation on the history and culture of the people.

Study Area

The study area for the survey is fixed within 1.5 Km around the 220KV Transmission Line. The built up area shown in Error! Reference source not found.

Exhibit 1: Socieconomic Sampling Locations



Settlement Level Survey

The settlement level survey will be conducted in the settlements located within the Study Area.. Following Technique that will be employed are listed below:

- Transit walk (an observational survey of the area of concern)
- Focus Group Discussion (FGD)
- Key Stakeholders Interviews

Principal areas covered in the in the above mentioned techniques include the following:

- Demographic variables, such as population, migration trends;
- Socioeconomic variables, such as access to educational, health facilities, water, power supply and occupations;
- Livelihood variables, such as sources of income, variation to incomes, alternate sources of income;
- Dependence variables, such as dependence on ecological/natural resources of the area, including surface water, as source of livelihood, enjoyment or to meet day to day requirements (air, water, soil, flora and fauna);
- Cultural aspects, such as culture and social capital, cultural norms, socio-political system, gender equity profile etc.
- Social institutions and local decision-making institutions

Survey Team

Survey team will be deployed

- Socioeconomic specialist
- Female social investigator to liaise with the women in the affected settlements

Social investigators will be familiar with the local culture and languages and will preferably be locals with tertiary education in social sciences or related fields. The proposed team members along with the assigned responsibilities are provided in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1: Proposed Socioeconomic Field Team

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Sawera Intazar		

Fieldwork Schedule for IEE

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220kV Daharki to Rahimiyar Khan TL (150 km)

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This document provides information on the scope of the study, survey team, and schedule for execution of IEE fieldwork for data collection of terrestrial ecological resources for the 220kV Transmission Line from Daharki to Rahimiyar Khan (105 km).

Objectives and Scope

The objectives and scope of the proposed study are given below:

- A review of the available literature on the biodiversity of the Ecological Study Area.
- Field surveys including:
    - Qualitative and quantitative assessment of flora, mammals, birds, and herpetofauna
    - Identification of key species, and their conservation status in the country and worldwide particularly of migratory birds
    - Habitat survey of the entire Project site areas to identify the habitat assemblages and areas of high ecological value
- The analysis will be carried out to further develop the basis for evaluating the potential impacts of Project-related activities on biodiversity;
    - Identify the value of the Project site and species assemblages
    - Identify the sensitivity of ecological receptors identified using accepted criteria, such as IUCN
    - Significance of impact associated with the loss of all-natural habitats from within the Project site
    - Identify potential solutions for avoidance, mitigation, and/or compensation

Team

The HBP team members are:

	Name	*Role*	*Cell Number/Email*
1	Shakeel Ahmad	Ecologist	+92343-9813640

Tentative Schedule

The team is planning to arrive in the field on 30th August 2022 and will complete the fieldwork in 3 days.

Sampling Plan

During this field work, the team will collect data about the terrestrial ecological resources including vegetation, mammals, birds, and herpetofauna. The details of the sampling locations are provided in **Figure 1**.

Study Area

The proposed study for terrestrial ecological resources (vegetation, mammals, birds, and herpetofauna) will be carried out within a 1.5 km buffer area of the proposed Daharki to Rahimiyar Khan Transmission Line. A map of the study area and sampling locations for terrestrial ecological resources is given in **Figure 1**. The sampling locations may be changed during the fieldwork after careful examination of different habitats within the study area. Various habitats e.g. vegetation, barren land, and agricultural land will be sampled to obtain quality information regarding different species of different classes. The reason for selecting different sampling locations in different habitats is mainly because of the affiliation of some flora and fauna species to a specific habitat.

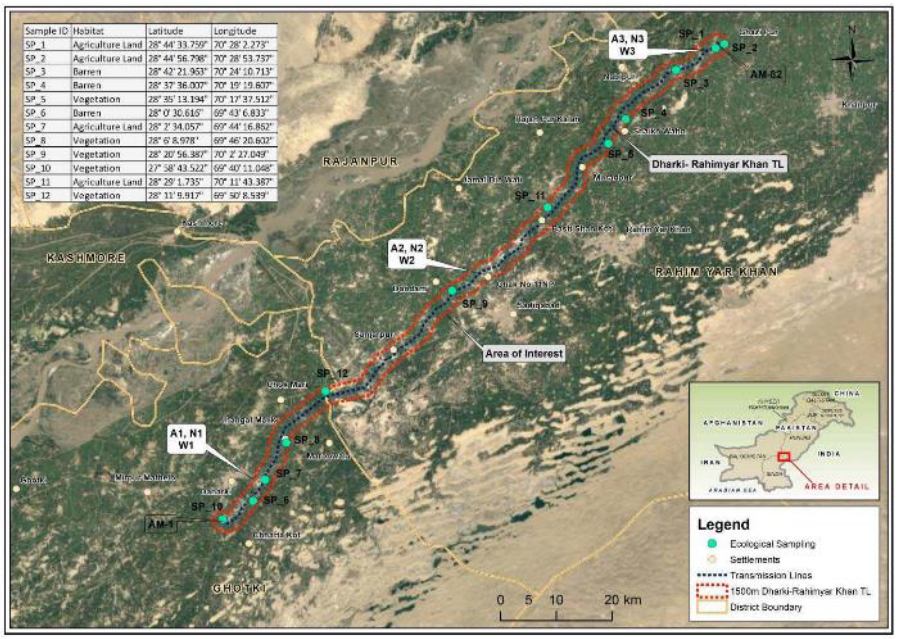

Figure 1: Proposed Sampling Locations for the Terrestrial Ecological Resources.

Survey Methodology

The line transect method will be used in the proposed study for different ecological sources.

Terrestrial Vegetation

The usual means of sampling vegetation for floristic composition is the quadrat. The vegetation in the terrestrial Study Area will be sampled by the quadrate method, taking 3 quadrates of 5m x 5m at each sampling site. The first quadrat will be taken at the beginning of the transect, the second at 250 meters, and the third at 500 m. Plants from each quadrate will be noted. Additional plant species in the area adjacent to the quadrate will also be noted down. Cover, relative cover, density, relative density, frequency, relative frequency percentages, and Importance Value Index (IVI) for each species from the study will be calculated. The proposed sampling locations for terrestrial vegetation are shown in **Figure 1**. The observed information (GPS reading, habitat type, species name, number of each species counted, and circumference of each species) at each sampling location will be noted on a survey form. Additional plant species in the area adjacent to the quadrat will also be noted. The sample form for terrestrial vegetation is given in **Appendix 1**.

Terrestrial Mammals

Line transects (500 m long and 20 m wide) will be placed at each sampling location to record all mammals or their signs (**Figure 1**). All the mammal species sighted, or their signs (footmarks, droppings, dens, burrow, etc.) found will be identified with necessary information like coordinates of the site, species, sign type, sign age (on the base of freshness), etc. GPS coordinates of the location and habitat type will also be documented. Transects will be walked as early as possible in the day and covered all possible habitat types to avoid the bias of stratification. Anecdotal information regarding specific mammals like large carnivores will be collected from the local people and relevant literature will also be consulted. The sample form for mammal data recording is given in **Appendix 1**.

Birds

Line transect sampling involves an observer traveling along a predetermined line of a consistent length, recording the total number of birds, nests, and other relevant sites detected.[1] To count birds of different species, a total of 12 transects will be placed at different locations in different habitats of the study area (**Figure 1**), each with an approximate length of 500 m long and 50 m wide. A single observer will spend approximately 40 min walking along each transect and will count all birds of each observed species on both sides of the transect.[2] Binoculars (Nikon 8245 ACULON A211 8 × 42) will be used for observation and transects will be walked at the times of peak bird activity, i.e., early in the morning (4 hr of surveying) and late in the afternoon (2.5 hr of surveying).

We will also document the associated habitat of the transect, and the GPS location of each transect will be marked. A digital camera will be used for the photography of birds and associated habitats. The abundance of birds (number of individuals of each species observed) and diversity (number of species observed) will be calculated. The sample form for bird data recording is given in **Appendix 1**.

Collection of bird data from IUCN, Birdlife International, Avibase, Birds of Pakistan, and other relevant sources will be used to ensure that a comprehensive data set is established.

Herpetofauna

For the herpetofauna survey, line transects of 500m long and 20 m wide will be walked at each sampling location **(Figure 1).** Active searching will be carried out along the line transect to record the presence of herpetofauna species. The specimens will be identified with the help of the most recent key available in the literature. Density and diversity will be calculated for each sampling point. Microhabitats (e.g. stagnant water bodies) will also search for herpetofauna species, particularly for the presence of amphibians. The sample form for herpetofauna data recording is given in **Appendix 1**.

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Appendix 1

Terrestrial Vegetation Survey Form

ID		WP		Observer(s)		
Date		Start Time		End Time		
GPS	**Starting Coordinates**			**End Coordinates**		
Latitude	N			N		
Longitude	E			E		
Habitat	☐ Agriculture Land ☐ Barren Land ☐ Vegetation ☐ Other (Specify)_____			Locality		

No.	*Species Name*	*Circumference (Inches)*						
		Count	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*

Mammals Survey Form (Line Transect)

ID		WP		Observer(s)	
Date		Start Time		End Time	
GPS Reading	**Starting Coordinates**		**End Coordinates**		
Latitude	N		N		
Longitude	E		E		
Habitat	☐ Agriculture Land ☐ Vegetation ☐ Pastures ☐ Scrub Forest ☐ Barren ☐ Other		Locality		

No.	*Species Name*	*Distance* (m)*	*Sighting*	*Type of Sign*				*Latitude*	*Longitude*
				Pug marks	*Scats*	*Burrow*	*Scrap*		

Birds Survey Form (Line Transect)

ID		WP		Observer(s)		
Date			Start Time		End Time	
GPS Reading	**Starting Coordinates**		**End Coordinates**			
Latitude						
Longitude						
Habitat	☐ Agriculture Land ☐ Vegetation		☐ Barren Land ☐ Other (Specify)_____		Locality	

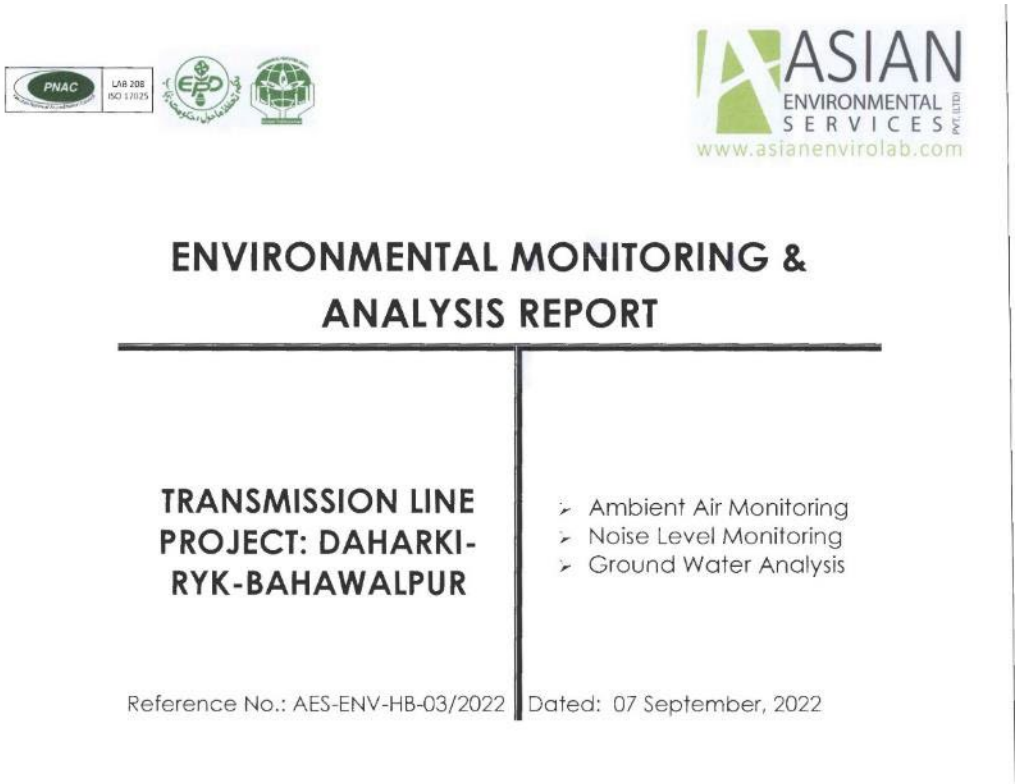
No.	*Species Name*	*Count*	*Comments*

Herpeto-fauna Survey Form (Line Transect)

ID		WP		Observer(s)		
Date			Start Time		End Time	
GPS Reading	**Starting Coordinates**		**End Coordinates**			
Latitude						
Longitude						
Habitat	☐ Agriculture Land ☐ Vegetation	☐ Barren Land ☐ Other (Specify)_____		Locality		

No.	*Species Name*	*Count*	*Comments*

Annexure III: Laboratory Provided Analysis Reports



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- Noise Level Monitoring
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Reference Number	AES-ENV-HB-03/2022-AA-01	**Sampling Point**	Kanjuwala, Daharki
Date of Monitoring	29-Aug-2022 to 30-Aug-2022	**Sampling Coordinates**	26°16'27.786" **N** 71°34'3.594" **E**
Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Sr. No.	Time	CO (mg/m³)	NO (µg/m³)	NO_2 (µg/m³)	NO_x (µg/m³)	SO_2 (µg/m³)
1	11:30	0.84	12.01	23.89	35.85	24.53
2	12:30	0.85	12.62	24.78	37.35	25.10
3	13:30	0.93	13.09	25.16	38.20	27.01
4	14:30	0.95	13.80	26.40	40.14	26.55
5	15:30	0.94	14.25	27.71	41.90	28.81
6	16:30	1.01	12.60	28.19	40.74	31.98
7	17:30	1.01	12.51	30.09	42.55	34.97
8	18:30	0.86	11.76	30.03	41.74	36.85
9	19:30	0.82	11.68	30.49	42.12	37.49
10	20:30	0.85	12.08	28.60	40.64	33.60
11	21:30	0.88	11.73	26.00	37.69	34.47
12	22:30	0.87	10.59	26.70	37.24	33.55
13	23:30	0.83	9.62	24.97	34.55	32.26
14	00:30	0.88	10.51	24.25	34.72	30.06
15	01:30	0.79	8.98	24.41	33.35	28.30
16	02:30	0.80	9.02	24.29	33.27	29.94
17	03:30	0.64	9.03	23.25	32.23	28.78
18	04:30	0.62	7.82	22.72	30.50	32.74
19	05:30	0.59	8.48	21.57	30.01	35.91
20	06:30	0.78	9.37	24.18	33.51	35.58
21	07:30	0.75	10.86	26.88	37.69	38.49
22	08:30	0.81	11.85	26.82	38.63	37.12
23	09:30	0.98	13.03	28.40	41.37	39.85
24	10:30	1.02	13.36	30.84	44.14	42.05
Average Concentration		**0.85**	**11.28**	**26.28**	**37.51**	**32.75**

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Parameters	Units	Monitoring Duration	LDL	Average Obtained Concentration	SEQS	Remarks
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	26.28	80.0	Optimal
Nitrogen Oxide (NO)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	11.28	40.0	Optimal
NO_x	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	37.51	120.0	Optimal
Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	32.75	120.0	Optimal
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	mg/m³	24Hours	0.01	0.85	05.0	Optimal
Particulate Matter (PM_{10})	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	119.75	150	Optimal
Particulate Matter ($PM_{2.5}$)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	30.36	75	Optimal
Total Particulate Matter (TSP)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	214.56	500	Optimal
Ozone (O_3)	µg/m³	01 Hour	1.00	12.70	130	Optimal

Abbreviations:
LDL= Lower Detection Limit **SEQS=** Sindh Environmental Quality Standards **µg/m³** = Micro Gram per Meter Cube

Remarks:
Optimal = Compliance with Permissible Range **Marginal** = Close to Extreme Edge **High** = Exceeds from Permissible Range
Low = Less Than Permissible Range

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3	13:30	35	S	0.5	49	752.80
4	14:30	36	S	0.6	47	752.43
5	15:30	36	S	0.8	46	751.56
6	16:30	36	SW	0.9	47	751.00
7	17:30	35	S	1.1	50	751.91
8	18:30	34	S	0.5	54	752.40
9	19:30	33	S	1.2	51	754.85
10	20:30	32	S	1.1	54	755.08
11	21:30	31	S	1.0	70	756.14
12	22:30	30	S	1.6	72	756.52
13	23:30	30	S	1.5	75	754.29
14	00:30	29	S	1.8	77	753.08
15	01:30	29	SW	1.9	80	751.62
16	02:30	28	SW	2.0	83	751.40
17	03:30	28	SW	2.2	85	751.02
18	04:30	28	S	2.2	87	750.08
19	05:30	27	S	2.0	85	752.42
20	06:30	27	S	1.8	85	753.68
21	07:30	28	S	1.5	86	754.31
22	08:30	29	S	1.6	81	755.82
23	09:30	31	S	1.3	74	756.05
24	10:30	32	S	1.1	68	756.44

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Sr. No.	Time	Noise (Leq) dB(A)*		SEQS
1	11:30	49.55		
2	12:30	48.62		
3	13:30	47.86		
4	14:30	47.44		
5	15:30	48.66		
6	16:30	48.94	Day Time	55
7	17:30	47.73		
8	18:30	47.51		
9	19:30	45.71		
10	20:30	42.84		
11	21:30	39.95		
12	22:30	37.49		
13	23:30	36.09		
14	00:30	35.56		
15	01:30	35.49		
16	02:30	35.08	Night Time	45
17	03:30	36.21		
18	04:30	38.24		
19	05:30	39.33		
20	06:30	40.39		
21	07:30	41.50		
22	08:30	44.49		
23	09:30	45.99	Day Time	55
24	10:30	47.42		

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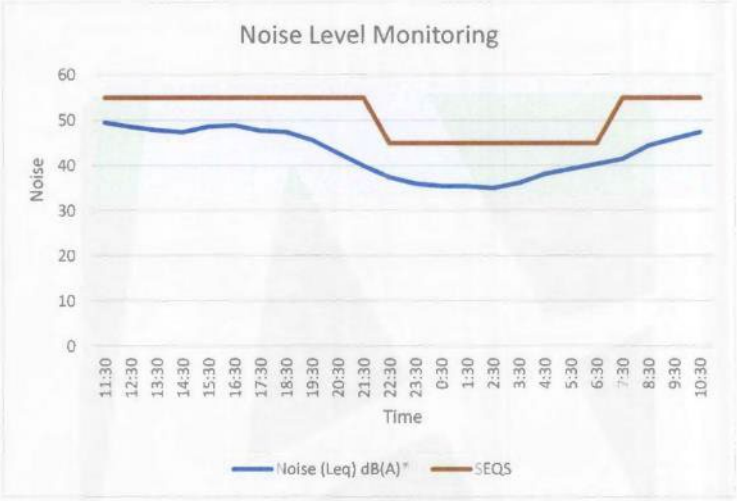

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GROUND WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

Sample Detail

Reference No.	AES-ENV-HB-03/2022-GW-03	**Reporting Date**	07-09-2022
Nature of Sample	Ground Water	**Sampling Method Reference**	AES/LMS/QSP-014
Grab/Composite	Grab	**Sample Collected by/Sent By**	AES
Sampling Date	29-08-2022	**Sample Receiving Date**	02-09-2022
Analysis Completion Date	07-09-2022	**Lab Temp & Humidity**	24.6°C & 53%
Ambient Temperature & Humidity at the Time of Sampling			32°C & 61%
Sample ID	AES-ENV-GW-04/2022	**Sampling Location**	Daharki
Project Name	Transmission Line Project Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur.	**Validation Officer**	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)

Ground Water Analysis Results

Parameter	Analysis Method	SEQS	LDL	Result	MU (CL95%)	Remarks
Lab Analysis						
Color	SMWW 2120 C	≤ 15 TCU	1.0	0	N.A.	Optimal
Taste	SMWW 2160 C	Non-Objectionable	-	Non-Objectionable	N.A.	Optimal
Odor	SMWW 2150 B	Non-Objectionable	-	Non-Objectionable	N.A.	Optimal
Turbidity	SMWW 2130 B	< 5 NTU	1.0	0.0	N.A.	Optimal
Total Hardness (as $CaCO_3$) **	SMWW 2340 C	< 500 mg/L	0.5	55	± 0.87	Optimal
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)**	SMWW 2540 C	< 1000 mg/L	5.0	850	± 0.81	Optimal
pH**	SMWW 4500 H^+ B	6.5- 8.5	0.1	8.09	± 0.70	Optimal
Aluminum (Al)	SMWW 3111 B	≤ 0.2 mg/L	0.001	0.006	N.A.	Optimal
Antimony (Sb)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.005 mg/L	0.0005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
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Barium (Ba)	SMWW 3113 B	0.7 mg/L	0.0035	0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Boron (B)	SMWW 3113 B	0.3 mg/l	0.02	0.022	N.A.	Optimal
Cadmium (Cd)	SMWW 3113 B	0.01 mg/L	0.00002	<0.006	N.A.	Optimal
Chloride (Cl^-) **	SMWW 4500 Cl^- B	< 250 mg/L	0.5	167	± 1.22	Optimal
Chromium (Cr)	SMWW 3113 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.0004	<0.004	N.A.	Optimal
Copper (Cu)	SMWW 3111 B	2.0 mg/L	0.0015	<0.164	N.A.	Optimal
Cyanide (CN^-)	SMWW 4500 CN^- F	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.1	0	N.A.	Optimal
Fluoride (F^-)**	SMWW 4500 F^- D	≤ 1.5 mg/L	0.1	0.21	± 0.71	Optimal
Lead (Pb)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Manganese (Mn)	SMWW 3113 B	≤ 0.5 mg/l	0.015	<0.015	N.A.	Optimal
Mercury (Hg)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.001 mg/L	0.001	<0.001	N.A.	Optimal
Nickel (Ni)	SMWW 3113 B	≤0.02 mg/L	0.06	<0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Nitrate (NO_3^-)	SMWW 4500 NO_3^- B	≤ 50 mg/L	0.01	0	N.A.	Optimal
Nitrite (NO_2^-)	SMWW 4500 NO_2^- B	≤ 3.0 mg/L	0.01	0.037	N.A.	Optimal

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Sample ID	AES-ENV-GW-04/2022	**Sampling Location**	Daharki
Project Name	Transmission Line Project Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur.	**Validation Officer**	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)

Ground Water Analysis Results

Parameter	Analysis Method	SEQS	LDL	Result	MU (CL95%)	Remarks
Selenium (Se)	SMWW 3114 B	0.01 mg/L	0.005	<0.01	N.A.	Optimal
Residual Chlorine (Cl_2)	SMWW 4500 Cl- B	0.5 mg/L	0.1	0	N.A.	Optimal
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols)	SMWW 5530 D	NGVS	0.01	0.016	N.A.	Optimal
Zinc (Zn)	SMWW 3113 B	5.0 mg/L	0.15	0.055	N.A.	Optimal
Microbiological Analysis						
Total Coliforms	SMWW 9222 B	0/ 100 mL CFU		0	N.A.	Optimal
Fecal Coliforms	SMWW 9222 D	0/ 100 mL CFU		0	N.A.	Optimal

**Parameters are accredited from Pakistan National Accreditation Council.

Abbreviations:

SEQS = Sindh Environment Quality Standards
SMWW = Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Wastewater
TCU = True Color Unit
N.A. = Not Available
CFU = Colony forming Unit
NTU = Nephlometric Turbidity Unit
MU = Measurement Uncertainty
NGVS = No Guideline Value Set

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Marginal = Close to Extreme Edge
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Monitoring Details

Reference Number	AES-ENV-HB-03/2022-AA-02	**Sampling Point**	Sadiqabad, Rahimyar Khan
Date of Monitoring	28-Aug-2022 to 29-Aug-2022	**Sampling Coordinates**	28°22'14" **N** 70°4'56" **E**
Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Sr. No.	Time	CO (mg/m³)	NO (µg/m³)	NO_2 (µg/m³)	NO_x (µg/m³)	SO_2 (µg/m³)
1	12:30	1.02	13.79	29.89	43.62	35.12
2	13:30	0.99	14.20	29.72	43.86	35.82
3	14:30	0.96	14.64	30.69	45.27	33.79
4	15:30	1.00	16.30	28.82	45.07	33.58
5	16:30	0.98	16.28	28.88	45.10	33.59
6	17:30	0.87	15.08	27.95	42.98	34.66
7	18:30	1.00	14.29	27.69	41.93	33.88
8	19:30	0.96	13.09	26.01	39.05	33.31
9	20:30	0.88	12.56	26.40	38.91	33.51
10	21:30	0.87	11.27	27.04	38.26	31.89
11	22:30	0.81	10.97	25.71	36.63	30.97
12	23:30	0.78	10.35	24.08	34.38	30.94
13	00:30	0.86	9.29	22.28	31.53	33.04
14	01:30	0.75	9.19	22.76	31.90	30.83
15	02:30	0.67	8.49	22.19	30.65	28.79
16	03:30	0.70	7.97	23.40	31.33	30.70
17	04:30	0.56	7.69	24.01	31.67	32.20
18	05:30	0.64	10.51	25.61	36.07	34.29
19	06:30	0.71	10.71	26.74	37.40	35.52
20	07:30	0.76	9.58	27.83	37.36	36.84
21	08:30	0.75	10.36	29.15	39.46	38.82
22	09:30	0.76	11.65	27.51	39.11	40.65
23	10:30	0.81	11.95	30.72	42.61	42.08
24	11:30	0.92	14.39	31.27	45.60	41.76
Average Concentration		**0.83**	**11.86**	**26.93**	**38.74**	**34.44**

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Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Parameters	Units	Monitoring Duration	LDL	Average Obtained Concentration	PEQS	Remarks
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	26.93	80.0	Optimal
Nitrogen Oxide (NO)*	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	11.86	40.0	Optimal
NO_x*	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	38.74	120.0	Optimal
Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	34.44	120.0	Optimal
Carbon Monoxide (CO) *	mg/m³	24Hours	0.01	0.83	05.0	Optimal
Particulate Matter (PM_{10}) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	110.16	150	Optimal
Particulate Matter ($PM_{2.5}$) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	32.92	35	Optimal
Total Particulate Matter (TSP)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	215.39	500	Optimal
Ozone (O_3)	µg/m³	01 Hour	1.00	17.66	130	Optimal

*Parameters are approved from Punjab Environment Protection Agency.

Abbreviations:
LDL= Lower Detection Limit **PEQS=** Punjab Environmental Quality Standards **µg/m³** = Micro Gram per Meter Cube

Remarks:
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Sr. No.	Time	Ambient Temperature °C	Wind Direction	Wind Velocity m/s	Humidity %	Pressure (mm of Hg)
1	12:30	34	S	0.5	57	749.85
2	13:30	35	S	0.7	54	749.41
3	14:30	36	S	0.6	51	749.15
4	15:30	37	S	0.1	51	748.72
5	16:30	36	S	0.2	50	748.25
6	17:30	35	S	0.5	52	749.32
7	18:30	34	S	0.9	57	750.61
8	19:30	34	S	1.1	65	750.48
9	20:30	32	S	1.2	72	751.82
10	21:30	30	S	1.5	76	752.69
11	22:30	30	S	1.8	82	753.14
12	23:30	29	S	1.4	79	752.08
13	00:30	29	S	1.5	74	751.60
14	01:30	28	SW	1.3	78	750.00
15	02:30	28	SW	1.8	82	749.53
16	03:30	27	SW	1.7	85	749.15
17	04:30	26	SW	2.1	85	748.00
18	05:30	26	SW	2.2	85	748.82
19	06:30	27	SW	2.3	87	750.23
20	07:30	27	S	2.0	86	751.67
21	08:30	29	S	1.7	81	752.00
22	09:30	30	S	1.5	74	753.08
23	10:30	31	S	1.1	66	753.44
24	11:30	33	S	0.9	61	751.20

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Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Sr. No.	Time	Noise (Leq) dB(A)*	PEQS	
1	12:30	47.74		
2	13:30	48.83		
3	14:30	49.94		
4	15:30	50.73		
5	16:30	50.38	Day Time	55
6	17:30	48.79		
7	18:30	47.55		
8	19:30	46.31		
9	20:30	44.70		
10	21:30	42.01		
11	22:30	39.41		
12	23:30	37.65		
13	00:30	36.40		
14	01:30	35.09		
15	02:30	36.15	Night Time	45
16	03:30	38.07		
17	04:30	40.24		
18	05:30	42.13		
19	06:30	43.83		
20	07:30	45.82		
21	08:30	47.34		
22	09:30	48.79	Day Time	55
23	10:30	50.01		
24	11:30	50.61		

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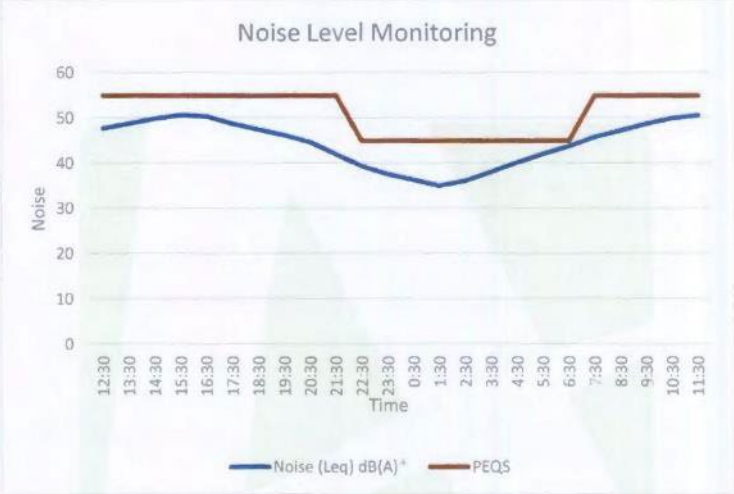

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Project Name	Transmission Line Project Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur.	**Validation Officer**	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)

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Odor*	SMWW 2150 B	Non-Objectionable	-	Non-Objectionable	N.A.	Optimal
Turbidity*	SMWW 2130 B	< 5 NTU	1.0	0.0	N.A.	Optimal
Total Hardness (as $CaCO_3$) **	SMWW 2340 C	< 500 mg/L	0.5	310	± 0.87	Optimal
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)**	SMWW 2540 C	< 1000 mg/L	5.0	853	± 0.81	Optimal
pH**	SMWW 4500 H^+ B	6.5- 8.5	0.1	7.61	± 0.70	Optimal
Aluminum (Al)	SMWW 3111 B	≤ 0.2 mg/L	0.001	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Antimony (Sb)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.005 mg/L	0.0005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Arsenic (As)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.0005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Barium (Ba)	SMWW 3113 B	0.7 mg/L	0.0035	0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Boron (B)	SMWW 3113 B	0.3 mg/l	0.02	0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Cadmium (Cd)	SMWW 3113 B	0.01 mg/L	0.00002	<0.006	N.A.	Optimal
Chloride (Cl^-) **	SMWW 4500 Cl^- B	< 250 mg/L	0.5	149.9	± 1.22	Optimal
Chromium (Cr)	SMWW 3113 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.0004	<0.004	N.A.	Optimal
Copper (Cu)	SMWW 3111 B	2.0 mg/L	0.0015	<0.164	N.A.	Optimal
Cyanide (CN^-)*	SMWW 4500 CN^- F	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.1	0	N.A.	Optimal
Fluoride (F^-)**	SMWW 4500 F^- D	≤ 1.5 mg/L	0.1	0.18	± 0.71	Optimal
Lead (Pb)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Manganese (Mn)	SMWW 3113 B	≤ 0.5 mg/l	0.015	<0.015	N.A.	Optimal
Mercury (Hg)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.001 mg/L	0.001	<0.001	N.A.	Optimal
Nickel (Ni)	SMWW 3113 B	≤0.02 mg/L	0.06	<0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Nitrate (NO_3^-) *	SMWW 4500 NO_3^- B	≤ 50 mg/L	0.01	0	N.A.	Optimal
Nitrite (NO_2^-) *	SMWW 4500 NO_2^- B	≤ 3.0 mg/L	0.01	0.020	N.A.	Optimal

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Sample Detail

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Nature of Sample	Ground Water	**Sampling Method Reference**	AES/LMS/QSP-014
Grab/Composite	Grab	**Sample Collected by/Sent By**	AES
Sampling Date	28-08-2022	**Sample Receiving Date**	02-09-2022
Analysis Completion Date	07-09-2022	**Lab Temp & Humidity**	24.6°C & 53%
Ambient Temperature & Humidity at the Time of Sampling			30°C & 63%
Sample ID	AES-ENV-GW-03/2022	**Sampling Location**	Sadiqabad
Project Name	Transmission Line Project Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur.	**Validation Officer**	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)

Ground Water Analysis Results

Parameter	Analysis Method	PEQS	LDL	Result	MU (CL95%)	Remarks
Selenium (Se)	SMWW 3114 B	0.01 mg/L	0.005	<0.01	N.A.	Optimal
Residual Chlorine (Cl_2) *	SMWW 4500 Cl- B	0.5 mg/L	0.1	0	N.A.	Optimal
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols) *	SMWW 5530 D	NGVS	0.01	0.027	N.A.	Optimal
Zinc (Zn)	SMWW 3113 B	5.0 mg/L	0.15	0.052	N.A.	Optimal
Microbiological Analysis						
Total Coliforms*	SMWW 9222 B	0/ 100 mL CFU	-	0	N.A.	Optimal
Fecal Coliforms *	SMWW 9222 D	0/ 100 mL CFU	-	0	N.A.	Optimal

*Parameters are approved from Punjab Environment Protection Agency.

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Abbreviations:

PEQS = Punjab Environment Quality Standards
SMWW = Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Wastewater
TCU = True Color Unit
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Monitoring Details

Reference Number	AES-ENV-HB-03/2022-AA-03	**Sampling Point**	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahimyar Khan
Date of Monitoring	26-Aug-2022 to 27-Aug-2022	**Sampling Coordinates**	28°44'24" **N** 70°27'52" **E**
Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Sr. No.	Time	CO (mg/m³)	NO (µg/m³)	NO_2 (µg/m³)	NO_x (µg/m³)	SO_2 (µg/m³)
1	13:00	1.06	15.72	31.23	46.89	37.92
2	14:00	1.10	16.24	31.72	47.89	38.61
3	15:00	1.10	15.61	32.46	48.01	37.08
4	16:00	1.00	14.69	31.95	46.59	36.96
5	17:00	0.92	15.20	30.91	46.05	35.29
6	18:00	0.89	15.42	29.79	45.16	32.85
7	19:00	0.92	15.39	28.56	43.89	30.88
8	20:00	0.89	14.15	27.90	42.00	32.64
9	21:00	0.76	13.26	27.74	40.95	33.29
10	22:00	0.76	12.02	25.82	37.80	30.85
11	23:00	0.79	11.30	25.63	36.88	30.52
12	00:00	0.83	10.69	26.45	37.09	29.59
13	01:00	0.73	11.11	23.99	35.05	29.52
14	02:00	0.65	10.09	23.91	33.96	28.52
15	03:00	0.65	8.90	22.13	30.99	30.78
16	04:00	0.57	10.36	23.01	33.32	32.37
17	05:00	0.64	11.69	22.82	34.46	35.34
18	06:00	0.75	11.94	25.31	37.20	37.56
19	07:00	0.75	12.19	27.48	39.62	38.76
20	08:00	0.81	12.37	29.14	41.46	41.40
21	09:00	0.92	14.28	29.04	43.27	40.18
22	10:00	1.00	13.37	30.89	44.20	37.25
23	11:00	1.01	14.10	30.03	44.08	40.31
24	12:00	0.98	14.37	31.12	45.43	40.82
Average Concentration		**0.85**	**13.10**	**27.88**	**40.93**	**34.97**

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Date of Monitoring	26-Aug-2022 to 27-Aug-2022	**Sampling Coordinates**	28°44'24" **N** 70°27'52" **E**
Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Parameters	Units	Monitoring Duration	LDL	Average Obtained Concentration	PEQS	Remarks
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO_2) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	27.88	80.0	Optimal
Nitrogen Oxide (NO)*	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	13.10	40.0	Optimal
NO_x*	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	40.93	120.0	Optimal
Sulphur Dioxide (SO_2) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	34.97	120.0	Optimal
Carbon Monoxide (CO) *	mg/m³	24Hours	0.01	0.85	05.0	Optimal
Particulate Matter (PM_{10}) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	108.25	150	Optimal
Particulate Matter ($PM_{2.5}$) *	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	31.80	35	Optimal
Total Particulate Matter (TSP)	µg/m³	24Hours	1.00	210.72	500	Optimal
Ozone (O_3)	µg/m³	01 Hour	1.00	20.40	130	Optimal

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Abbreviations:
LDL= Lower Detection Limit **PEQS=** Punjab Environmental Quality Standards **µg/m³** = Micro Gram per Meter Cube

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Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Sr. No.	Time	Ambient Temperature °C	Wind Direction	Wind Velocity m/s	Humidity %	Pressure (mm of Hg)
1	13:00	35	SW	1.2	52	749.07
2	14:00	36	S	1.5	50	748.66
3	15:00	37	S	1.6	48	748.14
4	16:00	38	S	1.2	48	747.45
5	17:00	36	S	1.3	46	748.01
6	18:00	35	S	0.8	45	749.22
7	19:00	35	S	1.1	48	749.79
8	20:00	33	SW	1.3	50	750.40
9	21:00	31	SW	1.5	52	751.09
10	22:00	29	SW	1.1	69	751.56
11	23:00	29	W	1.8	72	750.82
12	00:00	29	W	1.9	70	750.39
13	01:00	28	W	2.1	73	749.68
14	02:00	27	W	2.2	76	748.87
15	03:00	26	W	2.0	80	748.40
16	04:00	26	W	2.3	80	747.42
17	05:00	27	W	2.5	78	747.95
18	06:00	27	SW	2.1	75	748.30
19	07:00	28	SW	1.8	74	748.65
20	08:00	29	SW	1.5	69	749.50
21	09:00	31	SW	1.4	65	750.89
22	10:00	32	SW	1.1	60	751.54
23	11:00	33	SW	0.8	58	750.41
24	12:00	34	SW	0.6	56	749.90

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Noise Monitoring Report

Monitoring Details

Reference Number	AES-ENV-HB-03/2022-AA-03	**Sampling Point**	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahimyar Khan
Date of Monitoring	26-Aug-2022 to 27-Aug-2022	**Sampling Coordinates**	28°44'24" **N** 70°27'52" **E**
Validation Officer	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)		

Sr. No.	Time	Noise (Leq) dB(A)*		PEQS
1	13:00	46.81		
2	14:00	46.57		
3	15:00	48.12		
4	16:00	49.37		
5	17:00	48.81	Day Time	55
6	18:00	46.81		
7	19:00	44.26		
8	20:00	41.51		
9	21:00	37.86		
10	22:00	36.42		
11	23:00	36.40		
12	00:00	36.44		
13	01:00	35.74		
14	02:00	35.73	Night Time	45
15	03:00	37.33		
16	04:00	39.29		
17	05:00	41.30		
18	06:00	43.37		
19	07:00	45.54		
20	08:00	46.11		
21	09:00	47.32		
22	10:00	48.36	Day Time	55
23	11:00	48.75		
24	12:00	49.37		

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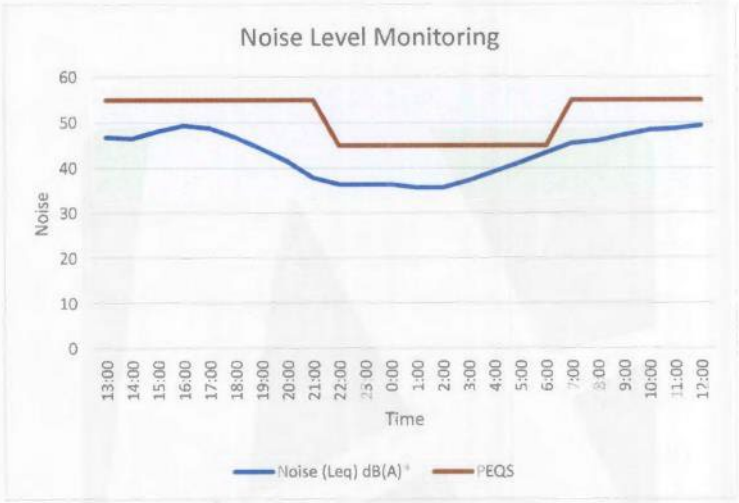

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Nature of Sample	Ground Water	**Sampling Method Reference**	AES/LMS/QSP-014
Grab/Composite	Grab	**Sample Collected by/Sent By**	AES
Sampling Date	27-08-2022	**Sample Receiving Date**	02-09-2022
Analysis Completion Date	07-09-2022	**Lab Temp & Humidity**	24.6°C & 53%
Ambient Temperature & Humidity at the Time of Sampling			30°C & 63%
Sample ID	AES-ENV-GW-02/2022	**Sampling Location**	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahimyar Khan.
Project Name	Transmission Line Project Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur.	**Validation Officer**	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)

Ground Water Analysis Results

Parameter	Analysis Method	PEQS	LDL	Result	MU (CL95%)	Remarks
Lab Analysis						
Color*	SMWW 2120 C	≤ 15 TCU	1.0	0	N.A.	Optimal
Taste*	SMWW 2160 C	Non-Objectionable	-	Non-Objectionable	N.A.	Optimal
Odor*	SMWW 2150 B	Non-Objectionable	-	Non-Objectionable	N.A.	Optimal
Turbidity*	SMWW 2130 B	< 5 NTU	1.0	4.69	N.A.	Optimal
Total Hardness (as $CaCO_3$) **	SMWW 2340 C	< 500 mg/L	0.5	165	± 0.87	Optimal
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)**	SMWW 2540 C	< 1000 mg/L	5.0	555	± 0.81	Optimal
pH**	SMWW 4500 H^+ B	6.5- 8.5	0.1	7.54	± 0.70	Optimal
Aluminum (Al)	SMWW 3111 B	≤ 0.2 mg/L	0.001	0.006	N.A.	Optimal
Antimony (Sb)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.005 mg/L	0.0005	0.006	N.A.	Optimal
Arsenic (As)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.0005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Barium (Ba)	SMWW 3113 B	0.7 mg/L	0.0035	0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Boron (B)	SMWW 3113 B	0.3 mg/l	0.02	0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Cadmium (Cd)	SMWW 3113 B	0.01 mg/L	0.00002	<0.006	N.A.	Optimal
Chloride (Cl^-) **	SMWW 4500 Cl^- B	< 250 mg/L	0.5	39.9	± 1.22	Optimal
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Fluoride (F^-)**	SMWW 4500 F^- D	≤ 1.5 mg/L	0.1	0.35	± 0.71	Optimal
Lead (Pb)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.05 mg/L	0.005	<0.005	N.A.	Optimal
Manganese (Mn)	SMWW 3113 B	≤ 0.5 mg/l	0.015	<0.015	N.A.	Optimal
Mercury (Hg)	SMWW 3114 B	≤ 0.001 mg/L	0.001	<0.001	N.A.	Optimal
Nickel (Ni)	SMWW 3113 B	≤0.02 mg/L	0.06	<0.02	N.A.	Optimal
Nitrate (NO_3^-) *	SMWW 4500 NO_3^- B	≤ 50 mg/L	0.01	2.0	N.A.	Optimal

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Sample ID	AES-ENV-GW-02/2022	**Sampling Location**	Ghazipur, Zahir Pir, Rahimyar Khan.
Project Name	Transmission Line Project Daharki-RYK-Bahawalpur.	**Validation Officer**	Mr. Fayyaz (Research Officer)

Ground Water Analysis Results

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Residual Chlorine (Cl_2) *	SMWW 4500 Cl^- B	0.5 mg/L	0.1	0	N.A.	Optimal
Phenolic Compounds (as Phenols) *	SMWW 5530 D	NGVS	0.01	0.032	N.A.	Optimal
Zinc (Zn)	SMWW 3113 B	5.0 mg/L	0.15	0.054	N.A.	Optimal
Microbiological Analysis						
Total Coliforms*	SMWW 9222 B	0/ 100 mL CFU	-	0	N.A.	Optimal
Fecal Coliforms *	SMWW 9222 D	0/ 100 mL CFU	-	0	N.A.	Optimal

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Annexure IV: Sensitive Receptors

Map ID	Category	Sub-Category	Sensitivity	Orientation	Distance from ROW	Latitude	Longitude
1	Commercial	Fuel Pump	Low	Left	70	28° 44' 51.212"	70° 28' 16.464"
2	Road	Highways	Medium	left	20	28° 44' 38.622"	70° 28' 8.988"
3	Commercial	Shop	Low	Left	90	28° 44' 30.838"	70° 27' 40.826"
4	Settlements	Large Size	High	Right	5	28° 43' 1.839"	70° 26' 7.820"
5	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 42' 36.506"	70° 25' 8.547"
6	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Both side	50	28° 41' 39.708"	70° 23' 0.511"
7	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 37' 58.615"	70° 18' 38.941"
8	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 36' 40.524"	70° 17' 53.383"
9	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 34' 4.383"	70° 15' 30.838"
10	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 34' 2.151"	70° 15' 26.247"
11	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 32' 18.313"	70° 14' 32.840"
12	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 31' 8.505"	70° 14' 16.791"
13	Settlements	Large Size	High	Right	40	28° 30' 31.639"	70° 13' 39.724"
14	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 29' 31.696"	70° 12' 52.175"
15	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Right	20	28° 27' 43.357"	70° 11' 13.979"
16	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Right	40	28° 27' 20.827"	70° 11' 0.528"
17	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 26' 56.865"	70° 10' 21.072"
18	Settlements	Large Size	High	Right	5	28° 26' 5.885"	70° 9' 16.366"
19	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 25' 12.684"	70° 9' 2.300"
20	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 24' 17.853"	70° 7' 46.556"

21	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 22' 50.434"	70° 5' 24.436"
22	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 22' 42.982"	70° 5' 13.669"
23	Road	Unsealed Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 22' 6.129"	70° 4' 33.471"
24	Agricultural Land	Orchard	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 21' 27.066"	70° 3' 56.932"
25	Agricultural Land	Orchard	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 20' 48.787"	70° 2' 41.623"
26	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 20' 40.067"	70° 2' 30.409"
27	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 20' 16.345"	70° 2' 9.280"
28	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Right	40	28° 19' 22.872"	70° 1' 15.920"
29	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 17' 4.461"	69° 59' 28.292"
30	Settlements	Large Size	High	Both side	50	28° 15' 36.100"	69° 57' 44.972"
31	Road	Highways (N5)	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 13' 56.836"	69° 55' 46.562"
32	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 13' 3.054"	69° 54' 58.882"
33	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 12' 33.191"	69° 54' 44.247"
34	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 10' 39.782"	69° 50' 14.917"
35	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 10' 28.193"	69° 49' 51.724"
36	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 10' 23.967"	69° 49' 46.631"
37	Settlements	Large Size	High	Right	25	28° 10' 13.900"	69° 49' 34.782"
38	Waterbody	Pond/Wetland	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 9' 23.536"	69° 48' 34.118"
39	Settlements	Large Size	High	Right	70	28° 8' 48.267"	69° 47' 51.728"
40	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 8' 33.922"	69° 47' 31.861"
41	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 8' 25.152"	69° 47' 19.772"
42	Waterbody	Pond/Wetland	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 8' 8.872"	69° 46' 57.072"
43	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 7' 42.886"	69° 46' 20.740"

44	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 6' 53.992"	69° 45' 55.430"
45	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 6' 17.428"	69° 45' 38.899"
46	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 5' 56.531"	69° 45' 33.475"
47	Settlements	Large Size	High	Left	30	28° 5' 42.240"	69° 45' 32.128"
48	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Right	12	28° 4' 33.780"	69° 45' 18.640"
49	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 3' 40.812"	69° 44' 42.589"
50	Railway Track	Railway Track	Low	Crossing	0	28° 2' 39.874"	69° 44' 13.929"
51	Settlements	Small Size	Medium	Left	8	28° 2' 14.875"	69° 44' 3.540"
52	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 2' 9.787"	69° 44' 0.796"
53	Commercial	Hotel/Restuarants	Low	Right	30	28° 2' 10.449"	69° 43' 58.529"
54	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	27° 59' 40.435"	69° 41' 55.490"
54	Road	Unsealed Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 1' 53.492"	69° 43' 51.346"
55	Settlements	Small Size	Medium	Left	50	28° 1' 50.384"	69° 43' 49.201"
56	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 1' 34.098"	69° 43' 37.885"
57	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 1' 23.029"	69° 43' 29.315"
58	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 1' 16.885"	69° 43' 23.561"
59	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 0' 57.806"	69° 43' 5.564"
60	Settlements	Small Size	Medium	Right	50	28° 0' 56.416"	69° 43' 4.309"
61	Waterbody	Canal/Pond	Medium	Crossing	0	28° 0' 44.515"	69° 42' 53.062"
62	Road	Unsealed Road	Low	Crossing	0	28° 0' 24.078"	69° 42' 33.705"
63	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Left	90	27° 59' 51.186"	69° 42' 2.882"
65	Settlements	Medium Size	High	Right	80	27° 59' 15.182"	69° 41' 43.247"
66	Road	Unsealed Road	Low	Crossing	0	27° 58' 57.467"	69° 41' 31.089"

67	Road	Small Blacktop Road	Low	Crossing	0	27° 58' 29.510"	69° 40' 54.124"

Annexure V: Ecological Field Data

Table A: Terrestrial Vegetation

Location ID	*Latitude*	*Longitude*	*Habitat*	*Acasia nilotica*		*Aerva javanica*		*Arundo donax*		*Albizia lebbeck*		*Bombax ceiba*		*Calotropis procera*		*Capparis decidua*		*Dalbergia sissoo*		*Datura inmoxia*	
				Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count
SP-1	28.742509	70.467238	Agricultural Fields	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.69%	1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	1.00%	2	1.63%	2	0.00%	-
SP-2	28.749111	70.481594	Agricultural Fields	4.49%	2	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	1.87%	1	0.03%	2	0.00%	-	0.31%	3	0.00%	-
SP-3	28.706048	70.402915	Barren Land	1.19%	2	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	1.98%	1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
SP-4	28.62667	70.322115	Barren Land	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	1.99%	4	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
SP-5	28.586998	70.293753	Vegetation	3.19%	3	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.99%	1	0.00%	-	3.20%	14	0.00%	-
SP-6	28.008546	69.718641	Barren Land	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
SP-7	28.042766	69.738014	Agricultural Fields	7.87%	7	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
SP-8	28.102314	69.772522	Vegetation	1.44%	1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
SP-9	28.349015	70.040827	Agricultural Fields	1.54%	1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.49%	11	0.78%	1	2.57%	6	0.09%	2
SP-10	27.978758	69.669737	Vegetation	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.03%	8	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	1.25%	1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
SP-11	28.483806	70.195383	Agricultural Fields	4.50%	5	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	2.84%	10	0.00%	-
SP-12	28.186088	69.835688	Vegetation	1.31%	4	0.22%	8	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-
				25.53%	**25**	**0.22%**	**8**	**0.03%**	**8**	**0.69%**	**1**	**1.87%**	**1**	**1.51%**	**14**	**6.99%**	**9**	**10.55%**	**35**	**0.09%**	**2**

Melia azedarach		*Prosopis juliflora*		*Saccharum sp.*		*Saccharum bengalense*		*Salsola imbricata*		*Salvadora oleoides*		*Tamarix aphylla*		*Typha domingensis*		*Zizyphus sp.*		**Total Cover**	**Total count**	**Species Count**
Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count	Cover	Count			
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.98%	10	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.13%	2	**4.42%**	**17**	**5**
1.16%	1	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**7.86%**	**9**	**5**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**3.17%**	**3**	**2**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**1.99%**	**4**	**1**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.73%	2	0.00%	-	1.18%	2	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**9.29%**	**22**	**5**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.08%	3	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**0.08%**	**3**	**1**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.25%	3	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.09%	12	0.00%	-	**8.21%**	**22**	**3**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.19%	2	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	12.23%	6	0.13%	3	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**14.00%**	**12**	**4**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.04%	4	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.22%	1	**5.73%**	**26**	**7**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	2.12%	20	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**3.40%**	**29**	**3**
0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	**7.33%**	**15**	**2**
0.00%	-	0.34%	1	0.00%	-	1.00%	7	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.05%	14	0.00%	-	**2.91%**	**34**	**5**
1.16%	**1**	**0.34%**	**1**	**0.27%**	**5**	**2.95%**	**22**	**0.04%**	**4**	**13.42%**	**8**	**2.24%**	**23**	**0.14%**	**26**	**0.35%**	**3**	**68.39%**	**196**	**18**

Table B: Mammals Data

Location ID	Habitat	Latitude	Longitude	*Golden Jackal*		*Small Indian Mongoose*		*Five Striped Palm Squirrel*		***Sighting***		***Sign***	
				Canis aureus		*Herpestes javanicus*		*Funambulus pennantii*		***Total***	***Species Count***	***Total***	***Species Count***
				Sighting	Sign	Sighting	Sign	Sighting	Sign				
SP-1	Agricultural Fields	28.742509	70.467238					1		**1**	**1**		
SP-2	Agricultural Fields	28.749111	70.481594					3		**3**	**1**		
SP-3	Barren Land	28.706048	70.402915					1		**1**	**1**		
SP-4	Barren Land	28.62667	70.322115										
SP-5	Vegetation	28.586998	70.293753		1			3		**3**	**1**	**1**	**1**
SP-6	Barren Land	28.008546	69.718641										
SP-7	Agricultural Fields	28.042766	69.738014										
SP-8	Vegetation	28.102314	69.772522			1		1		**2**	**2**		
SP-9	Agricultural Fields	28.349015	70.040827		2	1		1		**2**	**2**	**2**	**1**
SP-10	Vegetation	27.978758	69.669737					1		**1**	**1**		
SP-11	Agricultural Fields	28.483806	70.195383	1						**1**	**1**		
SP-12	Vegetation	28.186088	69.835688					2		**2**	**1**		
Total				**1**	**3**	**2**	**-**	**13**	**-**	**16**	**3**	**3**	**1**

Table C: Birds Data

S. NO	Species		IUCN Status	CITES Appendices	SP-1	SP-2	SP-3	SP-4	SP-5	SP-6	SP-7	SP-8	SP-9	SP-10	SP-11	SP-12	Total
	Common Name	Scientific Name															
1	Jacobin Cuckoo	*Clamator jacobinus*	Least Concern					2									**2**
2	Oriental Honey Buzzard	*Pernis ptilorhynchus*	Least Concern	II				1									**1**
3	Rosy Starling	*Pastor roseus*	Least Concern								2		1				**3**
4	White-eye	*Zosterops palpebrosus*	Least Concern					14									**14**
5	Black Kite	*Milvus migrans*	Least Concern	II							1					1	**2**
6	Barn Swallow	*Hirundo rustica*	Least Concern				10		6						10	6	**32**
7	Wire-tailed Swallow	*Hirundo smithii*	Least Concern		10				8			15	16		10	10	**69**
8	Crested Lark	*Galerida cristata*	Least Concern				6			7	3						**16**
9	Little Green Bee Eater	*Merops orientalis*	Least Concern		10				4		10		20		6	14	**64**
10	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	*Merops superciliosus*	Least Concern								6				2		**8**
11	Jungle Babbler	*Turdoides striata*	Least Concern									8					**8**
12	Common Babbler	*Argya caudata*	Least Concern									3					**3**
13	Common Myna	*Acridotheres tristis*	Least Concern		10	3		4	8		2		6	6	6	2	**47**
14	Bank Myna	*Acridotheres ginginianus*	Least Concern						6		8			4			**18**
15	Brown Rock Chat	*Oenanthe fusca*	Least Concern												2		**2**
16	Yellow-eyed Babbler	*Chrysomma sinense*	Least Concern								1					1	**2**
17	Indian Roller	*Coracias benghalensis*	Least Concern		7	8			3		2				4	2	**26**
18	Indian Robin	*Copsychus fulicatus*	Least Concern												3		**3**
19	Asian Koel	*Eudynamys scolopaceus*	Least Concern				2	1	2				1				**6**
20	Black Drongo	*Dicrurus macrocercus*	Least Concern		3				2		2		3		2		**12**
21	Rufous Treepie	*Dendrocitta vagabunda*	Least Concern					2									**2**
22	Coppersmith Barbet	*Psilopogon haemacephalus*	Least Concern										1				**1**

23	Purple Sunbird	*Cinnyris asiaticus*	Least Concern		1		2	2					2	2	2		**11**
24	Greater Coucal	*Centropus sinensis*	Least Concern					1	1							1	**3**
25	House Sparrow	*Passer domesticus*	Least Concern		10	7							3		4		**24**
26	Rock Pigeon	*Columba livia*	Least Concern									10					**10**
27	House Crow	*Corvus splendens*	Least Concern		10	12	8		10				14	12	8	10	**84**
28	Lesser Whitethroat	*Curruca curruca*	Least Concern						1								**1**
29	White cheeked Bulbul	*Pycnonotus leucotis*	Least Concern											2	3		**5**
30	Pied Kingfisher	*Ceryle rudis*	Least Concern								2						**2**
31	White-throated Kingfisher	*Halcyon smyrnensis*	Least Concern		6	2					1		1	1			**11**
32	Red-vented Bulbul	*Pycnonotus cafer*	Least Concern			3	2	2	5								**12**
33	Eurasian Hoopoe	*Upupa epops*	Least Concern											1			**1**
34	Graceful Prinia	*Prinia gracilis*	Least Concern	II		6	2					3	4		1		**16**
35	Striated Prinia	*Prinia crinigera*	Least Concern											2			**2**
36	Yellow-bellieded Prinia	*Prinia flaviventris*	Least Concern													1	**1**
37	River Tern	*Sterna aurantia*	Vulnerable		1							1					**2**
38	Black-winged Stilt	*Himantopus himantopus*	Least Concern		16		15				20	10					**61**
39	Little egret	*Egretta garzetta*	Least Concern		16		6					20			4	8	**54**
40	Laughing dove	*Spilopelia senegalensis*	Least Concern					2			2				2	1	**7**
41	Grey Wagtail	*Motacilla cinerea*	Least Concern													2	**2**
42	Eurasian Collared Dove	*Streptopelia decaocto*	Least Concern					3		2	2	8	1	3	2		**21**
43	Black-shouldered Kite	*Elanus axillaris*	Least Concern	II	1						1	1				1	**4**
44	Grey Francolin	*Francolinus pondicerianus*	Least Concern								1						**1**
45	Long-tailed Shrike	*Lanius schach*	Least Concern		2	1					1				1		**5**
46	Red-wattled lapwing	*Vanellus indicus*	Least Concern		12		6	10	1		8	12		10	6	10	**75**
47	Variable wheatear	*Oenanthe picata*	Least Concern													1	**1**
48	Common Moorhen	*Gallinula chloropus*	Least Concern		1		1										**2**

49	White-breated Moorhen	*Amaurornis phoenicurus*	Least Concern		1												**1**
50	Common Greenshank	*Tringa nebularia*	Least Concern		14		2			6		3				6	**31**
51	Baya Weaver	*Ploceus philippinus*	Least Concern		10	12			10			8	14				**54**
52	Indian Pond Heron	*Ardeola grayii*	Least Concern		10			3	1						7	1	**22**
53	Pied Bushchat	*Saxicola caprata*	Least Concern		3						1	1				3	**8**
54	Tailorbird	*Orthotomus sutorius*	Least Concern						1								**1**
55	Water Pipit	*Anthus spinoletta*	Least Concern							12							**12**
56	Cattle Egret	*Bubulcus ibis*	Least Concern		6		10		2			11	8		17	10	**64**
Total							**160**	**54**	**72**	**47**	**71**	**27**	**76**	**114**	**95**	**43**	**102**
Total Species							**22**	**9**	**13**	**13**	**17**	**4**	**20**	**15**	**15**	**10**	**21**

Table D: Herpetofauna Data

Location ID	Habitat	Latitude	Longitude	Indian Finge-fingered lizard	Punjab Snake-eyed Lacerta	Sand Boa	Asian Garden Lizard	Skittering Frog	Indian Flapshell Turtle	Total	Species Count
				Acanthodactyl us cantoris	*Ophisops jerdonii*	*Eryx johnii*	*Calotes versicolor*	*Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*	*Lissemys punctata*		
SP-1	Agricultural Fields	28.742509	70.467238								
SP-2	Agricultural Fields	28.749111	70.481594					6		**6**	**1**
SP-3	Barren Land	28.706048	70.402915	2		2				**4**	**2**
SP-4	Barren Land	28.62667	70.322115								
SP-5	Vegetation	28.586998	70.293753		1			10		**10**	**1**
SP-6	Barren Land	28.008546	69.718641								
SP-7	Agricultural Fields	28.042766	69.738014					4	1	**5**	**2**
SP-8	Vegetation	28.102314	69.772522								
SP-9	Agricultural Fields	28.349015	70.040827					2		**2**	**1**
SP-10	Vegetation	27.978758	69.669737								
SP-11	Agricultural Fields	28.483806	70.195383								
SP-12	Vegetation	28.186088	69.835688					7		**7**	**1**
Total				**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**29**	**1**	**36**	**6**

Annexure VI: IBAT Findings Report

Daharki to RYK (105 km)

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Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool

PROXIMITY REPORT

DAHARKI TO RYK

Country: Pakistan

Location: [28.4, 70.1]

Date of analysis: 23 June 2022 (GMT)

Buffers applied: 5 km

IUCN Red List Biomes: Freshwater, Terrestrial

Generated by: Abdul Basit Khan

Organisation: ADB

Overlaps with:

Protected Areas	0
Key Biodiversity Areas	0
IUCN Red List	38

Displaying project location and buffers: 5 km

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About this report

This report presents the results of [29327-31992] proximity analysis to identify the biodiversity features and species which are located within the following buffers: 5 km.

This report is one part of a package generated by IBAT on 23 June 2022 (GMT) that includes full list of all species, protected areas, Key Biodiversity Areas in CSV format, maps showing the area of interest in relation to these features, and a 'How to read IBAT reports' document.

WARNING: IBAT aims to provide the most up-to-date and accurate information available at the time of analysis. There is however a possibility of incomplete, incorrect or out-of-date information. All findings in this report must be supported by further desktop review, consultation with experts and/or on-the-ground field assessment. Please consult IBAT for any additional disclaimers or recommendations applicable to the information used to generate this report.

Please note, sensitive species data are currently not included in IBAT reports in line with the Sensitive Data Access Restrictions Policy for the IUCN Red List. This relates to sensitive Threatened species and KBAs triggered by sensitive species.

Data used to generate this report

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Protected Areas

The following protected areas are found within 5 km of the area of interest.
For further details please refer to the associated csv file in the report folder.

No protected areas within buffer distance

Key Biodiversity Areas

The following key biodiversity areas are found within 5 km of the area of interest.
For further details please refer to the associated csv file in the report folder.

No KBAs within buffer distance

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

The following threatened species are potentially found within 50km of the area of interest.

For the full IUCN Red List please refer to the associated csv in the report folder.

Species Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Group	IUCN Category	Population Trend	Biome
Ardeotis nigriceps	Great Indian Bustard	AVES	CR	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Vanellus gregarius	Sociable Lapwing	AVES	CR	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Gyps bengalensis	White-rumped Vulture	AVES	CR	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Geoclemys hamiltonii	Spotted Pond Turtle	REPTILIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Hardella thurjii	Crowned River Turtle	REPTILIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Nilssonia gangetica	Indian Softshell Turtle	REPTILIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater

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Species Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Group	IUCN Category	Population Trend	Biome
Nilssonia hurum	Indian Peacock Softshell Turtle	REPTILIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Platanista gangetica	South Asian River Dolphin	MAMMALIA	EN	Unknown	Freshwater
Axis porcinus	Hog Deer	MAMMALIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Oxyura leucocephala	White-headed Duck	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Rynchops albicollis	Indian Skimmer	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Haliaeetus leucoryphus	Pallas's Fish eagle	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Neophron percnopterus	Egyptian Vulture	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Falco cherrug	Saker Falcon	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Marine, Freshwater
Leptoptilos dubius	Greater Adjutant	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Manis crassicaudata	Indian Pangolin	MAMMALIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Varanus flavescens	Yellow Monitor	REPTILIA	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Aquila nipalensis	Steppe Eagle	AVES	EN	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Crocodylus palustris	Mugger	REPTILIA	VU	Stable	Terrestrial, Freshwater

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Species Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Group	IUCN Category	Population Trend	Biome
Pangshura tecta	Indian Roofed Turtle	REPTILIA	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Wallago attu		ACTINOPTERYGII	VU	Decreasing	Freshwater
Bagarius yarrelli		ACTINOPTERYGII	VU	Decreasing	Freshwater
Marmaronetta angustirostris	Marbled Teal	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Marine, Freshwater
Aythya ferina	Common Pochard	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Marine, Freshwater
Columba eversmanni	Yellow-eyed Pigeon	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Sterna aurantia	River Tern	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Marine, Freshwater
Clanga clanga	Greater Spotted Eagle	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Aquila rapax	Tawny Eagle	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Aquila heliaca	Eastern Imperial Eagle	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Chrysomma altirostre	Jerdon's Babbler	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Lissemys punctata	Indian Flapshell Turtle	REPTILIA	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial, Freshwater
Xenochrophis cerasogaster	Painted Keelback	REPTILIA	VU	Decreasing	Freshwater

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Species Name	Common Name	Taxonomic Group	IUCN Category	Population Trend	Biome
Panthera pardus	Leopard	MAMMALIA	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Ursus thibetanus	Asiatic Black Bear	MAMMALIA	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Saara hardwickii	Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard	REPTILIA	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Saxicola macrorhynchus	White-browed Bushchat	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Chlamydotis macqueenii	Asian Houbara	AVES	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial
Oryza malampuzhaensis		LILIOPSIDA	VU	Decreasing	Terrestrial

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Recommended citation

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How to use this report

This report provides an indication of the potential biodiversity-related features - protected areas, key biodiversity areas and species - close to the specified location. It provides an early indication of potential biodiversity concerns, and can provide valuable guidance in making decisions. For example, this information can be helpful when assessing the potential environmental risk and impact of a site, categorising investments/projects, preparing the terms of reference for an impact assessment, focusing attention on key species of conservation concern and sites of known conservation value, and reviewing the results of an impact assessment.

The report does not provide details of potential indirect, downstream or cumulative impacts. Furthermore, the report should be regarded as a "first-step", providing a set of conservation values sourced from global data sets, and is not a substitute for further investigation and due diligence, especially concerning national and/or local conservation priorities.

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Annexure VII: Consultation Material

August, 2022

Background Information Document
For IEE Update of
220 kV Daharki,-Rahim Yar Khan Transmission Line (105 km)

Introduction

The Government of Pakistan (GoP) signed a loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for financial support for the construction of the Power Enhancement Projects in Pakistan.
The overall objective of the project is to increase the power transmission capacity, efficiency, and coverage in Pakistan. It is also meant to increase the confidence of commercial financiers in financing long-term transmission and distribution assets in Pakistan. The specific objectives are:

- Improvement in transmission infrastructure and management.
- Improvement in Energy Market Transparency and efficiency

220 kV Daharki,-Rahim Yar Khan Transmission Line

The scope of work of this sub-project consists of the following sub-components:

- In/Out of D/C T/L Daharki,-Rahim Yar Khan (105 km)

The sub-project is located in the district of Daharki, in Sindh province and the district of Rahim Yar Khan in Punjab province of Pakistan. The main objective of the sub-project is to enhance the transmission capacity of the NTDC system to meet the growing power demand. The location of the transmission line is provided in **Exhibit 1**.

The layout plan of the substation, which involves various installations of equipment, control room and ancillary facilities is standardized by NTDC. NTDC has developed design parameters for the planning and design of transmission systems in Pakistan. The design parameters are based on standard NTDC's existing specifications and practices for the existing as well as proposed Grid stations and transmission lines.

Study Scope

This IIE is required to prepare to meet the requirements of ADB's SPS 2009 for project and loan approval, IEE study is required to be conducted as the project was categorized as 'B' during a Rapid Environmental Assessment by NTDC.
NTDC will develop an EIA later for meeting local regulations and obtaining approval from Punjab EPA and Sindh EPA.

Approach to IEE

The Project IEE will ensure, the proposed Project is in compliance with the environmental and social safeguards laid out by ADB and international best practices.
The major components of the IEE include:
comprehensive baseline studies to characterize the existing socioeconomic and biophysical environment.

- a public consultation process to ensure that project stakeholders are informed of the project development plan and have an opportunity to influence it;

- a comprehensive analysis of the environmental and social impacts of the project, both negative and positive; and,
- the development of impact mitigation plans and an environmental management plan.

A brief overview of the conceptual components of an IEE process that meets ADB Environment and Social Safeguards, and international standards is given in Exhibit 2.
A preliminary list of the potential environmental and social impacts of the Project that will be investigated during the IEE is provided below.
Damage to vegetation and wildlife in the area.
Effluent from the Project impacts the biodiversity and ecological functions.
Construction-related impacts such as noise and dust.
Dust, noise, vibration, road congestion, and safety hazard from truck traffic carrying construction materials; and,
Social and ecological impacts of construction-related activities.

Exhibit 1: Project Location

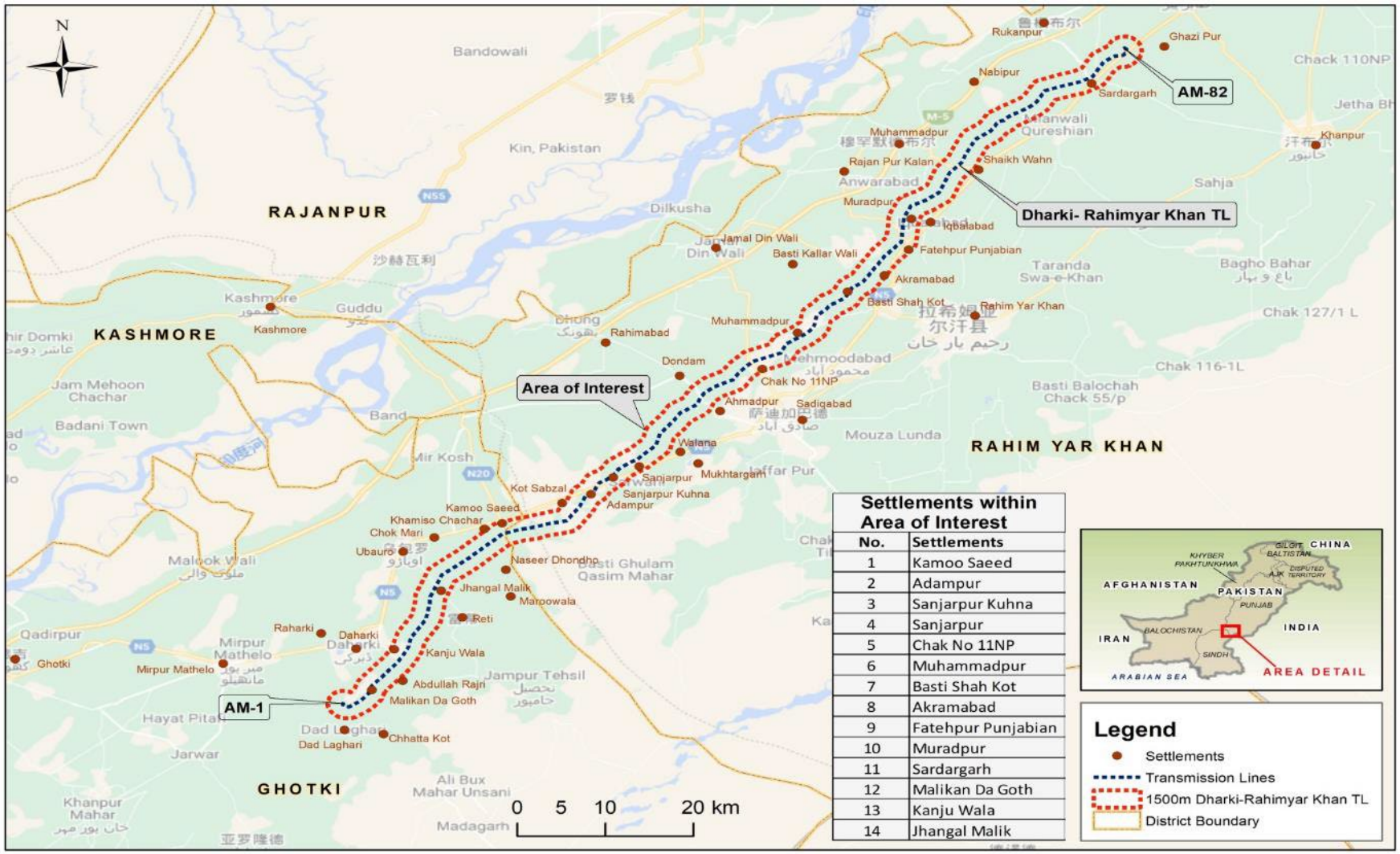

Exhibit 2: Conceptual Components of an IEE Process

Component	Main purpose	Activities related to Stakeholder Consultations
Scoping	Identify the issues on which the IEE should focus. Identify project alternatives that should be evaluated during the IEE.	Identify institutional and community stakeholders Engage stakeholders and record issues raised Provide feedback to the IEE team to incorporate stakeholders' concerns in baseline investigations and impact assessment
Baseline investigations	Collect background information on the environmental and social setting of the project.	Incorporate additional issues raised during the baseline survey
Impact assessment, studies	Define the potential impacts of the project Undertake specialist investigations to predict changes to the environment due to the project Determine the significance of the potential impacts Identify measures for the management of the impacts Determine the residual impacts of the project after incorporation of the management measures. Evaluate the overall acceptability of the project (from environmental and social perspectives).	Assess issues raised by stakeholders
Mitigation Measures and management plan	The environmental mitigation and monitoring plan will describe the measures proposed to ensure the implementation of the mitigation measures identified during the impact assessment. It will include, for example, specific designs and plans, training requirements, resource requirements, monitoring details (sampling locations, methodology, and frequency), review and reporting requirements and budget.	Assess the acceptability and practicability of the proposed mitigation measures
IEE Report Preparation	After the studies, the IEE team will pull together a detailed assessment of impacts and mitigation measures. This may involve liaison with various specialists to ensure the correct interpretation of information and compilation of the IEE report.	Compilation of draft report
IEE submittal to ADB for	Submittal and review of the IEE report by ADBs and other interested stakeholders. The reviewers will inform about their decision on the acceptability of the Project from environmental	respond to the issues and questions raised by ADB and the proponent for finalizing the report.

Component	Main purpose	Activities related to Stakeholder Consultations
decision making	and social perspectives and the conditions of approval for the development	

For more information on the IEE contact

For Project Proponents:
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Deputy Manager, ESIC, NTDC, Lahore
Tel: +92 333 574 02306

Annexure VIII: Consultation Logs

Record of the Institutional Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Forest Department, Daharki	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 05, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Forest Department at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	MR Ahsan Ali Sail	**03073267955**
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
Picture		

No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Discussed the payment mechanism against tree cutting involving both public and private stakeholders
2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
7	Employment should be given to local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Agriculture Department, Daharki
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.
Date	September 05, 2022
Time	10:00 Am

Meeting venue	Office of the Agriculture Department at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	MR Meer Muhammad	**03003118826**
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	The contractor should promote local employment for skilled as well as non-skilled tasks and Tree cutting should be avoided as much as possible
2	Exposure to noise and dust pollution will cause disturbance and health & safety issues to the local residents and other stakeholders throughout the construction stage due to the movement of construction machinery and transportation of construction materials. The effects of noise and dust pollution on the residents should be minimized by making necessary arrangements. Dust pollution should be controlled by water sprinkling on a regular basis
	A comprehensive tree plantation plan should be formulated (if tree cutting is unavoidable

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Health Department	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 06, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Health Department at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	Dr Abdul Wahid Soomro	**03043999136**
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions

1	Discussed the payment mechanism against tree cutting involving both public and private stakeholders
2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
7	Employment should be given to local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	District Council Member	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 07, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Council Member at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	MR Abdul Majeed khan Dahar	**03008615129**
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
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No.	**Issues, Concerns and Suggestions**
1	The contractor should promote local employment for skilled as well as non-skilled tasks.
2	Most of the people in the region are farmers, the contractor should train them for non-skilled jobs and hire them
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.

7	Employment should be given to local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Sugar Mill	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 07, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Sugar Mill at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	MR Qurban Ali Soomro	**03330235974**
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Discussed the payment mechanism against tree cutting involving both public and private stakeholders
2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
7	Employment should be given to local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Environment Department, Rahim Yar Khan
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.
Date	September 08, 2022
Time	10:00 Am
Meeting venue	Office of the Environment Department at District Ghotki

Attended by and contact details	Amir Arshad	**03006827162**
		NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	The construction waste should not be left unattended. There should be a wastewater and solid waste management plan for domestic and hazardous waste disposal.
2	Develop a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) to resolve community reservations and issues.
3	Government institutions need to be contacted for stakeholder consultations such as the Agriculture, Wildlife, Board of Revenue, and Irrigation Department.
4	Soil analysis must be carried out before the sub-project execution.
5	Residential areas in the Right of Way (RoW) should be identified and the EIA report should incorporate relevant impacts and mitigation measures

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Agriculture Department, Rahim Yar Khan	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Daharki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 08, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Agriculture Department at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	Iqrar Hassan	**03006753454**
		NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Earthing wires of the towers can be dangerous for domestic animals and farmers during rainy seasons as some cases have been reported of getting electrocuted from the earthing wires. EMF from high voltage wires may affect pollination, which in turn causes low crop and fruit yields.
2	Major crops and orchards surrounding the proposed transmission line are mostly Banana, Mango, Sugarcane, Cotton, and vegetables.
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Wildlife Department, Rahim Yar Khan	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kv Daharki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 09, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Wildlife Department at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	Mr Muhammad salah	**03006741522**
		NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Discussed the payment mechanism against tree cutting involving both public and private stakeholders
2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops

5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
7	Employment should be given to local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Forest Department, Rahim Yar Khan	
Consultation	Stakeholder consultation for 220 kV Dahrki to Zahir Pir.	
Date	September 09, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Office of the Wildlife Department at District Ghotki	
Attended by and contact details	Muhammad Yasir	**03006741522**
		NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	Team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinion expressed by the department.	
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No.	**Issues, Concerns and Suggestions**
1	Discussed the payment mechanism against tree cutting involving both public and private stakeholders
2	The Chief conservator very graciously offered technical support needed for the tree plantation campaign to offset the negative impacts of the sub-project
3	Engage landowners before tree cutting
4	Note down Girth and species carefully while estimating of compensation amount

Community Consultation Logs

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Malikan da Goth	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	August 30, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Village Malikan Da Goth	
Attended by and contact details	Aziz Malik 0304 3691916	03003241912
	Mir Muhammad 0302 2776591	NA
	Sarwan 0302 3609664	NA
	Hassan Ali	NA
	Nawab Khan	0308345372
	Ali Murad0301 7664344	0303 3003879
		NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
Preamble	The team briefed the objective of the consultation and shared information on the proposed Project its activities and location followed by the recording of opinions expressed by the department.	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Minimum wastage of crops & orchids. avoid construction during the peak cropping season i.e. July to Sep
2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
7	Employment should be given to the local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Jhanghal Malik	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	August 30, 2022	
Time	11:50 Am	
Meeting venue	Village Jhanghal Malik	
Attended by and contact details	Shabir Ahmed	0300 370276
	Saleem Ahmed	0305 8480324
	Allah Nawaz	NA
	Ghulam Hayder	0302 2789315
	Mir Muhammad	NA
	Miran Bux	NA
	Liquat Ali	NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Employment should be given to the local community
2	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
3	Fair & timely compensation of crops
4	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
5	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Kamo Shahed
Consultation	Community Consultation
Date	August 31, 2022
Time	02:00 Pm
Meeting venue	Village Kamo Shahed

Attended by and contact details	Qurban Ali	0348 3554692
	Asif Ali	NA
	Abdul Majeed Khan	0300 8678007
	Abdul Aziz somro	NA
	Nawaz Ali	NA
	Hassan Haroom	0333 7156283
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Sindhi	
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5	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
6	Employment should be given to the local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Adam pur	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	August 31, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Village Adam pur	
Attended by and contact details	Sadam khan	NA
	Asif Ali	0300 8777377
	Hussain	0300 9742937
	Manzoor Ul Haq	03034 8571733
	Javed Khan	NA

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3	Early information before the start of work
4	Company works should not disturb us during fieldwork
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Sanjar pur	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	August 31, 2022	
Time	11:40 Am	
Meeting venue	Village Sanjar pur	
Attended by and contact details	Ahsan Ali	0307 3267955
	Saifullah	NA
	Mir Muhammad	0300 3118826
	Ali Muhammad	NA
	Abdul Shakoor	0300 8313617
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Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Walana	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	September 01, 2022	
Time	10:00 Am	
Meeting venue	Village Village Walana	
Attended by and contact details	Mujeeb u Rahman	**NA**
	Sayed Ahmed Shah	03008615129
	Ghulam Hayder	0302 2789315
	Gulam Mujtaba	0302 8300367
	Gulam Murtaza	NA
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No.	Issues, Concerns and Suggestions
1	Minimum wastage of crops & orchids. avoid construction during the peak cropping season i.e. July to Sep
2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas

3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Fair & timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.
7	Employment should be given to the local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village . Chak no 11Np	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	September 01, 2022	
Time	03:00 pm	
Meeting venue	Village Chak no 11Np	
Attended by and contact details	Ghulam Rasool	0304 8212965
	M Ameen Hasnani	0300 9274279
	Pasand khan hasnani	03479267869
	Muhammad Hashim	0340 2823100
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Language	Urdu	
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7	Employment should be given to the local community

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Basti Shah kot	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	September 01, 2022	
Time	01:00 pm	
Meeting venue	Village Basti Shah kot	
Attended by and contact details	Haji Habib Dagoo	03003316439
	Faiz Muhammad Dago	NA
	Haji Muhammad Dago	NA
	Rameesh Kumr	NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
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6	Tree cutting should be avoided as much as possible
7	Local residents should be given priority for jobs during the construction phase

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Iqbal Abad	
Consultation	Community Consultation	
Date	September 02, 2022	
Time	05:00 pm	
Meeting venue	Village Iqbal Abad	
Attended by and contact details	Salah Muhammad	0300 9679510
	Muhammad Yasir	NA
	Javid Hussain	0301 7632332
	Fida Hussain	NA
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
Recorded by	Jan Muhammad	
Reviewed by		
Language	Urdu	
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2	Dust and noise should be minimum near the residential areas
3	Agricultural land should not be polluted which affects soil productivity and crop yield.
4	Timely compensation of crops
5	The project should offer jobs to the affected persons and compensation should be according to shares in crops.
6	Company workers should take care of our culture during the installation of T/L During the construction phase, labor and general workers should be inducted from the adjoining villages/areas.

Record of the Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder/s	Community/ Village Shaikh wahan
Consultation	Community Consultation
Date	September 02, 2022
Time	05:00 pm

Meeting venue	Village Shaikh wahan	
Attended by and contact details	Farman Ali	03003110492
	Khi Muhammad	NA
	Hamid Ali	0300 4274156
	Aaftab Ali	NA
	Hadi Bux	0300 5220901
Conducted by	Jan Muhammad	
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Annexure IX: Dust Management Plan

Every effort to minimize dust pollution on the site must be undertaken. The contractor must implement the following measures with regards to the management of dust on site:

The most important dust control measure is achieved by maintaining as much of the vegetative cover as possible (the method of securing panels with minimal excavations supports this measure).

The recommendations made with regard to the demarcation of no-go areas are important in this regard.

- Construction vehicles must adhere to speed limits and minimization of haul roads must be implemented
- During dry, dusty periods haul roads should be kept dampened to prevent excess dust. No potable water may be used for damping haul roads
- All vehicles used to deliver or remove loose material (sand, soil, gravel etc.) to and from the site must be covered with a 60% shade cloth to avoid dust blowing from the vehicle
- As an alternative, products such as Road Environment Dust Suppressants (REDS) would be recommended to minimize the use of water to control dust pollution. This is to be determined by the contractor during construction as required, and
- Exposed stockpile materials must be adequately protected against the wind (covered), and should be sited in consideration of the prevailing wind conditions.

Apart from those measures detailed above, the following additional measures must be implemented:

- Dust nuisances shall comply with the applicable standards according to the Occupational Health and Safety plan. The contractor shall be solely responsible for the control of dust arising from the contractor's operations and for any costs against the Employer for damages resulting from dust
- The contractor shall take all reasonable measures to minimize the generation of dust as a result of construction activities to the satisfaction of the Client)
- Removal of vegetation shall be avoided until such time as soil stripping is required and similarly exposed surfaces shall be re-vegetated or stabilized as soon as is practically possible
- Excavation, handling, and transport of erodible materials shall be avoided under high wind conditions or when a visible dust plume is present
- During high wind conditions the site manager, with input from the contractor, must evaluate the situation and make recommendations as to whether dust damping measures are adequate, or whether work should cease altogether until the wind speed drops to an acceptable level
- Where possible, soil stockpiles shall be located in sheltered areas where they are not exposed to the erosive effects of the wind. Where erosion of stockpiles

becomes a problem, erosion control measures shall be implemented at the discretion of the site manager

- Vehicle speeds shall not exceed 40km/h along dust roads or 20km/h when traversing unconsolidated and non-vegetated areas
- Appropriate dust suppression measures shall be used when dust generation is unavoidable, e.g. dampening with water or use of REDS, particularly during prolonged periods of dry weather in summer. Such measures shall also include the use of temporary stabilizing measures (e.g. chemical soil binders, straw, brush packs, clipping etc.)
- Straw stabilization shall be applied at a rate of one bale per 10m² and harrowed into the top 100mm of top material for all completed earthworks (i.e. all those areas that are not hard surfaced as part of the Solar Facility). This is only relevant to areas disturbed through the construction activities (such as cable trenches) and not areas where vegetation remains intact, and
- Should water be used for dust suppression on gravel roads, it must be of quality compliant with the General Special Effluent Standards (31/03/2009): Temperature: max.25ºC, pH: between 5.5 & 7.5 and conductivity: not be increased more than 15% above the intake water & not exceed 250 milliSiemens per meter (determined at 25ºC). The water used for dust suppression must be sourced from a licensed resource.

Annexure X: Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan

Objective

This management plan defines the measures to control and limit noise emissions and vibration levels, at residential properties and other sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the Project.

General Requirements

Best Practicable Means (BPM) of noise control will be applied during construction works to minimise noise (including vibration) at neighbouring residential properties and other sensitive receptors arising from construction activities

The general principles of noise management are given below:

Control at source:

- Equipment – noise emissions limits for equipment brought to the site.
- Equipment – method of directly controlling noise e.g. by retrofitting controls to plant and machinery.
- Equipment - indirect method of controlling noise e.g. acoustic screens.
- Equipment - indirect method of controlling noise e.g. benefits and practicality of using alternative construction methodology to achieve the objective e.g. vibratory piling techniques or hydro-demolition as opposed to more conventional but noisier techniques; selection of quieter tools/machines; application of quieter processes.

Control across the site by:

- Administrative and legislative control,
- Control of working hours,
- Control of delivery areas and times,
- Careful choice of compound location,
- Physically screening site,
- Control of noise via Contract specification of limits,
- Noise Monitoring, to check compliance with noise level limits, cessation of works until an alternative method is found.
- Many of the activities which generate noise can be mitigated to some degree by careful operation of machinery and the use of tools. This may best be addressed by toolbox talks and site inductions.

The maintenance of good community relations is vital. Experience shows that construction noise has the potential to cause disturbance but can be tolerated if prior warning and explanation have been given to residents. In particular advice regarding the nature of construction works, the duration of the works and mitigation measures to be implemented can help to reduce people's reaction to noise.

Contractors will consult local residents/communities regarding works and give them details of a responsible appointed person on site who will be able to deal with queries.

Construction working hours should be carefully managed. All works should take place between normal working hours 07:30 and 18:30, Monday to Friday with the exception of restricted works.

Noise and Vibration Control Measures

In addition to the specific requirements of the Local Authority, the Contractor will be required to adopt the following more specific measures:

Control measures

Without prejudice to the other requirements of this section, the Contractor shall comply with the recommendations set out in BS5228:2009 and in particular with the following requirements:

- Vehicles and the mechanical plant will be maintained in a good and effective working order and operated in a manner to minimise noise emissions. The contractor will ensure that all plant complies with the relevant statutory requirements;
- HGV and site vehicles will be equipped with broadband, non-tonal reversing alarms;
- Compressor, generator and engine compartment doors will be kept closed and plant turned off when not in use;
- All pneumatic tools will be fitted with silencers/mufflers;
- Care would be taken when unloading vehicles to avoid unnecessary noise;
- The use of particularly noisy plant will be limited, i.e. avoiding the use of particularly noisy plants early in the morning;
- Restrict the number of plant items in use at any one time;
- Plant maintenance operations will be undertaken at distance from noise-sensitive receptors;
- Reduce the speed of vehicle movements;
- Ensure that operations are designed to be undertaken with any directional noise emissions pointing away from noise-sensitive receptors;
- When replacing an older plant, ensure that the quietest plant available is considered;
- Drop heights will be minimised when loading vehicles with rubble;
- Vehicles should be prohibited from waiting within the site with their engines running or located in waiting for areas away from sensitive receptors;
- Local hoarding, screens or barriers should be erected to shield particularly noisy activities;

Piling will be carried out with the method that minimises both noise and the transmission of vibration to sensitive receptors

Vibration Mitigation

Vibration levels due to percussive piling are predicted to be approximately 1.0 mm/s Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) at the nearest residential properties on Wyberton Low Road which falls at the threshold of effects significant adverse effects due to vibration. Comparatively, piles installed using a vibratory piling rig are predicted to result in vibration levels exceeding 1.5mm/s PPV at the same location.

Press piling shall therefore be adopted by the contractor to minimise vibration levels during Piling along the right bank in conjunction with pre-auguring and jetting depending on ground conditions. Vibration levels at properties due to press piling including pre-auguring are predicted to be less than 0.2mm/s at 23m. Vibration levels due to the use of vibratory rollers at 10 m from the works are predicted to be approximately 1.5 mm/s PPV.

Noise and vibration monitoring

A regular programme of noise and vibration monitoring shall be implemented as a minimum following Appendix C of this document.

The Contractor will submit the proposed method, the frequency and the location of the monitoring site to the Planning Authority for agreement before commencing works. Proposed monitoring requirements and locations are detailed in Appendix C. Noise baseline levels will be agreed upon prior to commencement of construction.

Reference:

https://proaccionaau.blob.core.windows.net/media/4gbpg4vk/ctp-noise-and-vibration-management-plan.pdf.

Annexure XI: Chance Finds Procedure

CHANCE FIND PROCEDURES

The proposed project may involve deep excavation. Therefore the possibility of chance find is not ignorable. In case of any chance find, the contractor will immediately report through Supervision Consultant to Directorate General (DG) of Archeological Department, Punjab to take further suitable action to preserve those antiques or sensitive remains. Representative of the DG will visit the site and observed the significance of the antique, artifact and Cultural (religious) properties and significance of the project. The report will be prepared by representative and will be given to the DG. The documentation will be completed and if required suitable action will be taken to preserve those antiques and sensitive remains.

In case any artifact, antiques and sensitive remains are discovered, chance find procedures should be adopted by contractor(s) as follows:

- Stop the construction activities in the areas of chance find;
- Delineate the discovered site or area;
- Consult with the local community and provincial Archeological Department;
- The suggestion of the local communities and the concerned authorities will be suitably incorporated during taking the preventive measures to conserve the antique, artifact and cultural (religious) properties;
- Secure the site to prevent any damage or loss of removable objects. In case of removable antiquities or sensitive remain, a night guard should be arranged until the responsible local authorities take over; and
- After stopping work, the contractor(s) must immediately report the discovery to the Resident Engineer.

Annexure XII: Traffic Management Plan

The Construction Contractor will develop a traffic management plan covering the following headings.:

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Annexure XIII: Waste Management Plan

CONSTRUCTION WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Construction waste material consists mainly of concrete, masonry, limestone, sandstone, metal, and wood, depending on the construction type. In building waste, a larger percentage of paper, plastic, etc. is expected due to packaging materials and the wood retired from formwork and scaffolding. This is in addition to significant amounts of concrete, masonry and metal materials.

1.0 Origins and Causes of Construction Waste

Origins of waste	Causes of waste
Contractual	▪ Errors in contract documents ▪ Contract documents incomplete at commencement of construction
Design	▪ Design changes ▪ Design and detailing complexity ▪ Design and construction detail errors ▪ Unclear/unsuitable specification ▪ Poor coordination and communication (late information, last minute client requirements, slow drawing revision and distribution)
Procurement	▪ Ordering errors (i.e., ordering items not in compliance with specification) ▪ Over allowances (i.e., difficulties to order small quantities) ▪ Supplier errors
Transportation	▪ Damage during transportation ▪ Difficulties for delivery vehicles accessing construction sites ▪ Insufficient protection during unloading ▪ Inefficient methods of unloading
On-site Management and Planning	▪ Lack of on-site waste management plans ▪ Improper planning for required quantities ▪ Delays in passing information on types and sizes of materials and components to be used ▪ Lack of on-site material control ▪ Lack of supervision
Material storage	▪ Inappropriate site storage space leading to damage or deterioration

Origins of waste	Causes of waste
	▪ Improper storing methods ▪ Materials stored far away from point of application
Material handling	▪ Materials supplied in loose form ▪ On-site transportation methods from storage to the point of application ▪ Inadequate material handling
Site operation	▪ Accidents due to negligence ▪ Unused materials and products ▪ Equipment malfunction ▪ Poor craftsmanship ▪ Use of wrong materials resulting in their disposal ▪ Time pressure ▪ Poor work ethics
Residual	▪ Waste from application processes (i.e., over preparation of mortar) ▪ Off-cuts from cutting materials to length ▪ Waste from cutting uneconomical shapes ▪ Packaging
Other	▪ Weather ▪ Vandalism ▪ Theft

2.0 Construction Waste Management Plan

1) Waste Management Goals

To establish that this project shall generate at least 50% less waste into landfills and the processes shall be employed to ensure that this goal is met. These shall include prevention of damage to materials to be incorporated into the work due to mishandling, improper storage, contamination, inadequate protection or other factors as well as minimizing poor quantity estimation, as well as through building design.

2) Responsibility

- The Project Director shall be responsible for the implementation of the administrative portions of this program, including the notification of subcontractor management, the training of the site supervisor and the onsite posting of this plan.
- The site supervisor will be responsible for the implementation of the onsite portions of this program including the training of subcontractor personnel.

3) Waste Prevention Planning

- In addition to other requirements specified herein it is a requirement for the work of this project that the contractor comply with the applicable city waste disposal requirements.
- Of the inevitable waste that is generated, the waste materials designated in this specification shall be salvaged for reuse and or recycling where practical and possible.
- Project Construction Documents: The General Contractor will contractually require all subcontractors to comply with these recycling guidelines. A copy of this "Construction Waste Management Plan" will accompany all subcontractor agreements and require subcontractor participation.
- The "Construction Waste Management Plan" shall be implemented and executed as follows and as on the chart:
  - Salvageable materials will be diverted from disposal where feasible.
  - There will be a designated area on the construction site reserved for materials that can be recycled.
  - Areas shall be marked to designate what recycle materials are to be stored there.
  - Hazardous waste will be managed by a licensed hazardous waste vendor.

4) Communication & Education Plan

- This Construction Waste Management Plan will be posted onsite.
- Each subcontractor will be made aware of the intent of this project with respect to reduction of waste and recycling.
- Onsite recycling containers and/or areas will be plainly marked.
- The subcontractor will be expected to make sure all their crews comply with the Waste Management Plan.
- All recycling containers/areas will be clearly marked.
- Lists of acceptable/unacceptable materials will be posted at the site.
- All subcontractors will be informed in writing of the importance of non-contamination with other materials or trash.

5) Motivation Plan

The General Contractor will conduct a pre-award meeting for subcontractors. Subcontractors under consideration will be required to attend the meeting to review project goals and requirements with the project team. Attendance will be a prerequisite for award of subcontracts. This document will be an attachment to every subcontract. Copies of the attachment will be posted prominently at the job site.

6) Expected Project Waste, Disposal, and Handling

The following chart identifies waste materials expected on this project, their expected disposal methods and handling procedures. New items may be added as needed.

Material	Quantity	Disposal Method	Handling Procedure
Land clearing debris		Keep separate for reuse and or wood sale. Separate topsoil and rock for future landscaping use.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.
Clean dimensional wood and palette wood		Keep separate for reuse by on-site construction or by site employees for either heating stoves or reuse in home projects. May be offered to public.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.
Plywood, OSB, particle board		Reuse onsite when possible, landfill or recycle off site.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite. Place in "Trash" container.
Painted or treated wood		Reuse, off site recycle, landfill.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite. Place in "Trash" container.
Concrete		Recycle when possible.	
Concrete Masonry Units		Keep separate for re-use by on-site construction or by site employees.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.
Metals		Recycle off site when possible. Separate copper wire when possible.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite. Place in "Metals" container.
Paint		Reuse onsite.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite
Insulation		Reuse, landfill.	
Flooring		Reuse, landfill.	
Carpet and pad		Reuse or recycle with carpet manufacturer	
Glass		Glass Bottles: recycle locally.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.

Material	Quantity	Disposal Method	Handling Procedure
Plastics		Plastic Bottles: recycle locally; be aware of plastics that are acceptable to recycle facility.	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.
Beverage		Recycle locally	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.
Cardboard		Recycle locally	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.
Paper and newsprint		Recycle locally	Keep separated in designated areas onsite.

7) Waste Disposal Company

To be determined

a) Contact:

8) Recycle Hauler

To be determined

b) Contact:

c) Some or all recycle may be hauled by the builder.

9) Possible recycle locations and acceptable materials

i) Coordinate with companies which are registered with local Municipality that accept materials for recycle; and

ii) Using the above as a resource, a list will be kept indicating local opportunities for recycle of expected materials. New locations should be added as needed.

Annexure XIV: COVID-19 Management Plan

COVID-19 Health and Safety Management Plan

Project Name _____

Table of Contents

1. Introduction

1.1 Coronaviruses (CoV), COVID-19, and How It Spread?

1. A large family of viruses that cause a variety of illnesses including the common cold, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV), and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).[1]

2. In late 2019, a new coronavirus – not seen previously in humans – was identified as the cause of human illness in China and given the name 2019-nCoV. By late January 2020, the outbreak declared a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization (WHO).[2]

3. The Coronavirus Disease of 2019 is called COVID-19.[3]

4. The CoV spread by human-to-human transmission via respiratory droplets. The median incubation period from exposure to symptoms onset is 4–5 days.[4]

1.2 Purpose, Scope, and Applicability of COVID-19 H&S Plan

5. The purpose of COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan (COVID-19 H&S Plan) is to guide contractors and their staff and implement procedures to slow and stop transmission, prevent outbreaks and delay spread; to minimize the impact of epidemic diseases on health systems and project operations. This SOP has been tailored considering the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

6. The COVID-19 H&S Plan is a guidelines document providing standard operating procedures(SOP) for undertaking construction activities at the active and plan subprojects under Second Power Transmission Enhancement Investment Program.

7. The COVID-19 H&S Plan must be adhered to by all contractors, subcontractors, and its employees, its visitors, and any person that interacts with employees.

8. This Plan applies to all epidemic diseases. The World Health Organization has now confirmed the coronavirus as a pandemic; however, this SOP will be applicable for

[1] https://relief.unboundmedicine.com/relief/view/Coronavirus-Guidelines/2355000/all/Coronavirus_Disease_2019__COVID-19_#1
[2] Ibid
[3] Ibid
[4] Ibid

all epidemic outbreaks due to its greater scope and applicability in the prevention of disease transmission.

1.3 Frequency

9. The SOP in this plan must always be followed until an outbreak is no longer considered a public health emergency by WHO.

1.4 Distribution and Actions

10. The COVID-19 H&S Plan will be made part of the respective health and safety plans (HSP) and emergency response plans (ERP) of the contractors and subcontractors.

11. The HSP and ERP are standard elements of the environmental management plan (EMP), and now these need to be updated addressing COVID-19 health risks.

12. Broadly, the steps in this process include:

- The contractor's HSP and ERP should be aligned with this COVID-19 H&S Plan.
- The contractors' HSP and ERP should be reviewed by the PMU.
- The recommendation of the review (i.e. approval of the updated HSP and ERP or additional strengthening required etc.) will be forwarded to PMU for clearance.
- The PMU will then advise the Construction Contractors and also ADB Project Officer to be informed.

2. Workplace Risk Assessment

13. The risk of work-related exposure to COVID-19 depends on the probability of coming into close (less than 1 metre) or frequent contact with people who may be infected with COVID-19 and through contact with contaminated surfaces and objects.

14. The following risk levels may be useful in carrying out a workplace risk assessment for exposure to COVID-19 and planning for preventive measures in non-healthcare workplaces.

15. Low exposure risk – jobs or work tasks without frequent, close contact with the general public and other co-workers, visitors, clients or customers, or contractors, and that do not require contact with people known to be or suspected of being infected with COVID-19. Workers in this category have minimal occupational contact with the public and other co-workers.

16. Medium exposure risk – jobs or work tasks with close, frequent contact with the general public, or other co-workers, visitors, clients or customers, or contractors, but that do not require contact with people known to be or suspected of being infected with COVID-19. In areas where COVID-19 cases continue to be reported, this risk level may be applicable to workers who have work-related frequent and close contact with the general public, visitors, or customers in high-population-density work environments (e.g. food markets, bus stations, public transport, and other work activities where physical distancing of at least 1 metre may be difficult to observe), or work tasks that require close and frequent contact between co-workers. In areas without community transmission of COVID-19, this scenario may include frequent contact with persons returning from areas with community transmission.

17. High exposure risk – jobs or work tasks with high potential for close contact with people who are known or suspected of having COVID-19, as well as contact with objects and surfaces possibly contaminated with the virus. Examples of such exposure scenarios outside of health facilities include the transportation of persons known or suspected to have COVID-19 in enclosed vehicles without separation between the driver and the passenger, providing domestic services or home care for people with COVID-19, and contact with dead bodies of persons who were known or suspected of having COVID-19 at the time of their death.

18. In the same work setting there may be jobs with different levels of risk, and different jobs or work tasks may have similar levels of exposure. Therefore, the risk assessment should be carried out for each specific work setting and each job or group of jobs. For each risk assessment, it is prudent to consider the environment, the task, the threat, if any (e.g. for frontline staff), and resources available, such as personal protective equipment.

19. Some workers may be at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 illness because of age or pre-existing medical conditions; this should be considered in the risk assessment for individuals. Essential public services, such as security and police, food retail, accommodation, public transport, deliveries, water and sanitation, and frontline workers may be at an increased risk of exposure to occupational hazards for health and safety.

20. Employers, managers and EHS staff, in consultation with workers, should carry out and regularly update the risk assessment for work-related exposure to COVID-19, preferably with support of occupational health services.

3. Procedures and Guidelines – Managing Risk

21. Health measures can slow the transmission and spread of infectious diseases. These measures can take the form of personal protective equipment, social distancing, and travel-related interventions.

22. The following areas should be given consideration:

- Communication and Awareness
- Personal Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Access and Movement to/from Construction Site
- Compartmentalization
- Site Operation
- Meeting and Traveling
- Environmental Cleaning
- Working Remotely

3.1 Communication and Awareness

23. Clear signage is posted at entry points on the construction site and outline the commitment of the contractor to maintain health and safety measures during the COVID-19 crisis.

24. A display board at entry points of construction site showing daily statistics of COVID-19 in the locality, province, and in Pakistan using government official updates from appropriate jurisdictions' public health authorities.

25. Worksite policies as they relate to the COVID-19 crisis are communicated to workers and made available on site.

26. A clear signboard to show: All workers exercise the following recommended practices for reducing the risk of transmission:

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;

- When coughing or sneezing:
  - Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the bend of your arm, not your hand;
  - Dispose of any tissues you have used as soon as possible in a lined wastebasket and wash your hands afterward;
  - Use face mask all time
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, including all reusable personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Do not share personal items or supplies such as phones, pens, notebooks, tools, PPE, etc.;
- Use and remove PPE with care, being mindful of which surfaces may be contaminated. Individuals must clean their hands after handling any used PPE;
- Avoid common physical greetings, such as handshakes;
- Maintain a minimum physical distance of two meters from others; and
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the washroom, before handling food, after blowing the nose, coughing, or sneezing, and before smoking. If hands are not visibly soiled, and soap and water are unavailable, alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used.

27. Additional sanitary measures are implemented on-site: handwashing stations with a posted hand washing protocol, hand sanitizer stations, provision of disinfectant wiping products. These types of facilities are made available at site entries, exits, washrooms, eating areas, offices, and any other areas with commonly touched surfaces.

28. The EHS team can develop informative handouts about COVID-19 Risk Management and distribute it among the employees and visitors (**Form A**).

Uniform signage for workers to provide clear messaging

3.2 Personal Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

29. Every employee must follow a certain standard of self-hygiene and precaution, especially when in company premises or busy areas.

30. It is the responsibility of the Employee to inform EHS Manager in case they have come in contact with a person traveling from an infected area.

31. Every employee must use hand sanitizer whenever entering office premises. These and tissue boxes can be found in numerous locations

32. Employees must use the hand sanitizer before using the biometric device.

33. Frequent and thorough hand washing is recommended and better illustrated in **Form B**.

3.3 Personal Protective Equipment

34. Face masks are required for all staff and those in their vicinity. Please see Govt of Pakistan's Guidelines for Mandatory use of facemask, document 17-06, 13-June-2020 on how to use mask properly.

35. https://covid.gov.pk/new_guidelines/14June2020_20200613_Guidelines_for_Mandatory_use_of_face_mask_(urdu)_1704.pdf

36. Providing disposable gloves for service staff is mandatory at all construction sites, camps and field offices.

37. The persons who showing any symptoms include soreness of the throat, sneezing, runny nose, coughing, body aches, frequent headaches, and fever should not be allowed to go to work or public places such as kitchen, dining area, mosque, etc.

3.4 Access and Movement to/from Construction Site

38. Wherever possible, workers travel to site using individual modes of transportation (e.g., personal vehicle or bicycle). Additional parking arrangements are made as required.

39. Entry and exiting of the worksite is monitored and controlled to ensure that the minimum physical distancing is not broken when shifts begin and end.

40. All non-essential individuals are not permitted access to the site.

3.5 Compartmentalization

41. The construction site is to be segregated to the extent possible in zones or other methods to keep different crews/trades physically separated at all time. This promotes physical distancing and supports the containment of propagation should it arise.

42. Eating is restricted to clearly identified dedicated eating areas with handwashing stations, cleaning and disinfectant materials, and adequate space to maintain minimum physical distancing.

43. Upper limits are put on the number of people allowed in each zone and in facilities like washrooms, trailers, and eating areas at once to allow for the recommended minimum physical distancing.

44. One-way staircases are established wherever practical to minimize worker contact.

45. Freight elevators are operated/occupied by only one individual at a time or where feasible, by respecting the minimum physical distancing guidelines.

46. At residential camp sites, accomodation for workers should be provided as per the guidelines in Workers Accomodation Plan (**Form C**).

3.6 Site Operation

47. The number of in-person meetings is minimized. If required, meetings should involve only necessary individuals and include six people or fewer. Minimum physical distancing is maintained, and meetings are held in open spaces when possible.

48. The worksite is rearranged to reduce high-traffic areas and allow for the minimum physical distancing.

49. Site teams are encouraged to put forward split/alternating shifts to avoid extensive intermingling. Voluntary shift offset and implementing time gaps between shifts are highly encouraged.

50. Alternate arrangements are made as necessary to ensure workers avoid breaking the minimum physical distance with others for prolonged periods. When this is not feasible, plans are made to minimize the duration of the task. For any work that ultimately must be done in close-proximity, a procedure is formalized outlining the required PPE and all steps to be taken to minimize risk.

51. Where work is done in crews, the work is planned to minimize or eliminate the crossover of workers between crews.

52. Project teams stagger break and lunch schedules to minimize the number of people in close proximity to one another. Enclosed lunchrooms are only made available during inclement weather.

53. Work schedules are adjusted to provide time for proper cleaning and disinfecting as required.

54. Delivery zones are clearly identified and limited to receivers and deliverers only.

55. When possible, nothing is passed between the deliverer and the receiver (e.g. shipment documents and pens for signatures). Deliveries are unloaded solely by receivers using proper PPE, while deliverers remain in their vehicles.

56. When working in spaces currently occupied (e.g. private residences), the minimum physical distancing with any occupants is strictly enforced. Where possible, workers and occupants are segregated in different rooms.

57. Non-emergency work should not be done in any occupied spaces where an occupant is suspected to have contracted COVID-19 or is under self-isolation (per the directions of the applicable authorities). Emergency work can be carried out provided workers are equipped with nitrile gloves, Tyvek suits or coveralls, and facial/ respiratory protection.

58. Hands and tools are thoroughly cleaned before entering the workplace and after leaving, and any surfaces or equipment in the occupied space are disinfected before work is done on them.

3.7 Meetings and Travelling

59. Any unnecessary meetings and traveling should be avoided. Using alternatives such as online meetings is recommended and employees should refrain from interacting with people who have been recently traveling to vulnerable areas.

60. Similarly, the travel of staff for meetings to vulnerable areas should be postponed.

61. All workers and employees are advised to maintain a minimum 1.5-meter distance from one another.

62. Workers and employees should also refrain from shaking hands or hugging anyone.

63. Dining breaks shall be rescheduled at different times, in smaller groups to avoid crowding in the dining areas.

64. It is encouraged that you keep your own mug/glass with you throughout the day and use only that.

65. See **Section 7** for more details on traveling protocols.

Social distancing during meetings outdoors

- Only absolutely necessary participants should physically attend meetings and should maintain social distancing guidelines (2m, or 1m with risk mitigation where 2m is not viable, is acceptable).
- Avoiding transmission during meetings, for example, avoid sharing pens, documents and or other objects.
- Providing hand sanitiser in meeting rooms.
- Holding meetings outdoors or in well-ventilated rooms whenever possible.
- For areas where regular meetings take place, use floor signage to help people maintain social distancing.

3.8 Equipment Cleaning and Sanitizing

66. The concern will be provided rubbing alcohol, or a suitable disinfectant as well as sterile gloves to wipe down equipment and commonly touched surfaces and objects every morning.

67. All door handles, railings, ladders, switches, controls, eating surfaces, shared tools and equipment, taps, toilets, and personal workstation areas are wiped down at least twice a day with a disinfectant, such as disinfectant wipes. Individuals are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their workstations.

68. The implementation of cleaning procedures, safety prevention measures must be conducted twice a day to prevent any contamination. This will but is not limited to the following areas:

- Commonly touched surfaces such as vehicle'steering, vehicles' gear, and door handles, tools, chairs, tables, etc.
- , Workstations including keyboards, mice, telephones, desk surfaces
- Biometric devices
- Metal surfaces including door handles, knobs in and outside the office (includes main/rear exit)
- Kitchen surfaces
- Kitchen cutlery and utensils (before washing)
- Washrooms including the soap dispenser, hand dryer dyer, and other commonly touched surfaces
- Staplers, hole punchers, remotes, headphones, and other shared equipment.

69. Additional sanitary measures are implemented on-site: handwashing stations with a posted hand washing protocol, hand sanitizer stations, provision of disinfectant wiping products. These types of facilities are made available at site entries, exits, washrooms, eating areas, offices, and any other areas with commonly touched surfaces.

3.9 Working Remotely

70. Where practical, all office employees supporting a project work remotely.

71. Meetings are held through teleconferencing or videoconferencing.

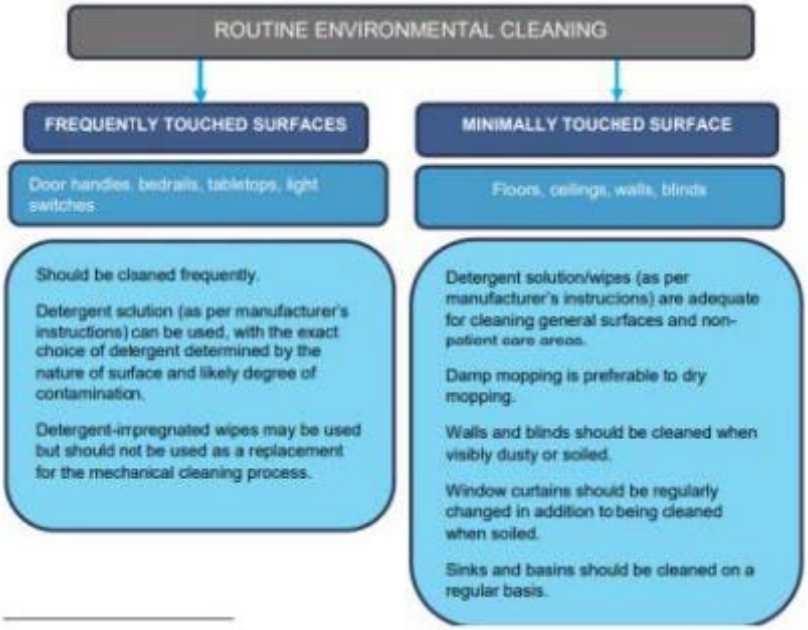
3.10 Cleaning Protocol

3.10.1 Cleaning/disinfection

72. Housekeeping staff undertaking the cleaning with detergent and disinfectant.

73. Perform hand hygiene then put on a plastic glove before and cleaning disinfection task

74. Dispose of used gloves in designated place/bin only.



3.10.2 On Entering the Room

75. Keep the door closed when using detergent and disinfection products, you may open a window if required.

76. All other personal items such as papers, pens, picture frames, etc. should be kept in drawers.

3.10.3 Cleaning of Communal Areas and Staff Workspaces

77. Wipe the surfaces with either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1000 parts per million (ppm or 1 m/l) which is equal to one-quarter teaspoon of chlorine per 4 glasses of water.

78. Commercially available chlorine or alcohol-based disinfectant spray can be used as an alternative. This applies to benchtops and chairs.

79. For equipment, disinfect with commercial alcohol-based cleaners safe for computer surfaces.

80. Use disposable cloths, paper rolls, or disposable mop heads to clean and disinfect all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles, or reusable non-invasive care equipment or sanitary fittings in the room, following one of the 2 options below:

- Use a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1m/l as described above or a commercial disinfectant spray.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application, and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants.

6.6.4 Cleaning and disinfection of reusable equipment

81. Clean and disinfect any reusable non-invasive care equipment, such as Punch machines, staplers, pens, etc., that are in the room before their removal. Clean all reusable equipment systematically.

4. Detection and Response Measures

4.1 Screening at the Entry of Construction Site

82. Before entering the site, individuals must confirm that:

- They are not currently exhibiting flu-like symptoms such as fever, tiredness, coughing, or congestion;
- They have not returned from outside of Pakistan within the past 14 days;
- To the best of their knowledge, they have not been in contact with someone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19; and
- They have not been working on a site that was shut down due to the virus.

Responses are to be kept private and treated as sensitive medical information.

83. Individuals who are at increased risk of serious illness (due to age, pregnancy or other medical condition) are not to be permitted on site.

84. Workers who are not authorized to access the site are to be safely transported directly back home, or to a preferred location of self-isolation. When unable to do so themselves, a vehicle and driver will be arranged for them.

85. When transporting a potentially ill individual, both driver and passenger are to be given masks and nitrile gloves. The passenger is to sit in the backseat, and the driver is to open and close the doors for them.

4.2 Response Measures

86. Possible Case of COVID-19

- Individuals who have been potentially exposed to the virus, or who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms such as fever, tiredness, coughing, or congestion are instructed to:
  - Not come to work;
  - Contact their supervisor and/or human resources department;
  - Stay at home and self-isolate; and
  - Contact local health authorities for further direction.
- Such individuals are required to follow the directions of the local health

authority and may not return to work until given approval by the proper health authorities.

- Individuals who begin to display flu-like symptoms on site are instructed to avoid touching anything, take extra care to contain coughs and sneezes, and return home immediately to undergo self-isolation as directed by the local health authority..
- All areas on-site potentially infected by a confirmed or probable case are barricaded to keep individuals two meters away until the area is properly cleaned and disinfected.

4.3 Health Monitoring

87. An infrared thermometer should be made available, and temperatures of all people entering the offices, work areas, premises will be checked and recorded in a log every day (**Form D**).

88. A separate log will be kept for staff and visitors (**Form E**).

89. Employees should proactively communicate any concerns or symptoms they may be experiencing and not rely on the company to identify and prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.

5. Responsibilities

5.1 Contractors and Subcontractors Management

90. Make sure resources including financial resources required for the implementation of the plan available

91. Must also ensure adequate stock of hand sanitizers and face masks are present for all offices, camps, and construction sites.

5.2 EHS Team/ Site Managers

92. Responsible for ensuring housekeeping inspections are completed following this SOP.

93. This includes making sure the inspection checklist is completed daily (**Form F**).

94. The team is also responsible for supervising housekeeping staff and making sure all equipment and areas are routinely disinfected.

95. Every construction project shall make proper arrangements for uninterrupted building services including but not restricted to, electricity, fuel, water supply, water disposal and sanitation, communication links, washrooms with hand hygiene and shower facility and with proper and adequate supply of soaps and disinfectants.

96. Workers should not use biometric attendance machines or crowd during attendance, entry or exit to the premises of the construction site.

97. Ensure the availability of the thermal gun at the entry and exit of the construction site and no worker should be allowed without getting his/her temperature checked.

98. Site manager must maintain a register of all contact details with NID number and addresses of all present at the site in case a follow up or tracing and tracking of contacts is required at a later stage.

99. Develop the employee roaster to decrease the number of people on the site very day.

100. Split the shifts of the workers in morning and evening with limit of each shift to 8 working hours.

101. Every worker must change into standard working attire at the time of commencement of duty and change back to their regular dress after taking shower when their duty hours end.

102. Non-essential work trainings must be postponed avoiding gathering of people.

103. Ensure the physical distance by creating more than one route of entry and exit to the site.

104. Instruct the workers to inform the EHS manager (or authorities) if,

105. They develop any symptoms of cough, flu or fever.

106. They have been exposed to someone suspected or confirmed with COVID 19.

107. They have met someone who has a travel history of COVID 19 endemic country.

108. They have travelled in last couple of days or plan to travel soon

109. Do not allow any worker at the construction site who has the symptoms.

110. The lunch breaks and stretch breaks of the workers must be staggered to avoid the clustering of workers. Workers must not sit at less than 2 meters distance while having meals and while any other activity requiring interpersonal communications.

111. In the wake of current restrictions on transportations site mangers will ensure safe transport arrangements for worker which should not be crowded and should have social distancing in place during the entire process from pickups till drops at destination.

112. A list of COVID-19 medical facilties should be kept update along the contact information in **Form G**.

113. For more details please visit Govt of Pakistan's Guidelines for Health & Safety of Building & Construction Workers during COVID-19 Outbreak, Document 11-01, 11-April-2020.
https://covid.gov.pk/new_guidelines/01June2020_20200411_Guidelines_for_the_health_&_safety_of_building_&_construction_workers_1101.pdf.

5.3 Employees

114. To follow the procedures and preventative guidelines in this SOP and to maintain a certain level of precaution.

115. Employees must monitor their health, wear face masks if showing signs of a compromised immune system.

116. Disinfect equipment underuse and living areas routinely.

117. Report any symptoms immediately to EHS Team.

5.4 Corrective Actions and Response Strategy

118. If the EHS team determines that the cleaning does not pass the examination, the cleaning procedure and inspections are repeated.

119. Upon daily temperature recordings (**Form D and Form E**), the following response strategy will be implemented (With consideration of a ~0.5 Degree Celsius uncertainty of measurements):

120. Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to stay room/ home and not come to work until they are free of fever. The signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants).

121. Employees should notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.

122. Ensure that contractor and subcontractor sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance and that employees are aware of these policies.

123. Do not require a healthcare provider's note for employees who are sick with acute respiratory illness to validate their illness or to return to work, as healthcare provider offices and medical facilities may be extremely busy and not able to provide such documentation in a timely way.

124. Contractors and subcontractors should maintain flexible policies that permit employees to stay home to care for a sick family member.

125. The contractor and subcontractor should be aware that more employees may need to stay at home to care for sick children or other sick family members than is usual.

126. Work from home for 2-3 days, and address fever and any other symptoms till status is more evident or symptoms subside.

127. Consult with and update the EHS team regarding your bill of health. Take medical leave; get examined by a doctor and tested for the virus.

6. SOP Auditing and Training

128. Contractors are to conduct periodic audits (frequency to be determined based on a project scale and scope) to verify that the appropriate measures have been implemented and are maintained.

129. EHS Team should arrange frequent awareness training sessions for employees and maintain a record.

130. Competence evaluations and repetition of training will be conducted as necessary to ensure the protection and continuance of this SOP.

7. Key Rules during Travel and Stop Overs

131. Avoid travelling if you have cough, fever/ flu like symptoms.

132. Persons having co morbidities (Diabetes, Heart conditions, Asthma), and persons older than 50 years of age should not travel unless very necessary.

133. Be sure to cover the mouth and nose with a mask (N-95) if not readily available, use a face mask.

134. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

135. Make sure distance of 2 meters between individuals.

136. Avoid mass gatherings

137. Avoid handshakes.

138. Avoid touching surfaces that may be frequently touched by other passengers, e.g. handles, seatback latches, seat belt buckles. Once touched, use a sanitizer to clean your hands as above.

139. Try using online check-in before moving.

140. Avoid touching surface, cards, machines; once touched, use a hand sanitizer to clean your hands.

141. Safety protocols should be followed at luggage check-in to ensure the safety of staff and passengers.

142. Avoid hugs and greeting styles which make you unnecessary close to each other.

143. Keep an alcohol-based hand rub in the car all time. Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

144. Avoid touching surfaces such as door handle, shelf, tools, equipment, etc. unnecessarily and use disinfectant before having any food and drinks.

145. Make sure you and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

146. Try to dedicate separate pairs of clothes for fieldwork.

147. Choose a hotel room which is well ventilated and well cleaned.

148. Ask the hotel services to replace the covers and blankets on arrival.

149. Try to take your towels and wipes during field visits.

150. Disinfect the doorknobs and side tables after entering the room every time.

151. Take good care of hygiene in your room and surroundings.

152. Avoid allowing any hotel staff for any room services during the stay.

153. Keep minimum interaction with other guests or staff during the stay.

154. Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

155. Regularly disinfect the area of stay and your frequently used stuff like keys, door handles, etc.

156. Avoid touching surfaces such as door handle, shelf, tools, equipment, etc. unnecessarily and use disinfectant before having any food and drinks.

157. Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow the advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority, or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

158. Ensuring availability of disposable cups, glasses, and plates for drinks and meals and their disposable after one-time-use.

159. More details, see Govt of Pakistan's Guidelines for Health Guidelines for Domestic Air Travel During COVID 19 Outbreak, document 29-03, 30-August-2020. https://covid.gov.pk/new_guidelines/31August2020_20200830_Guidelines_for_Domestic_Air_Travel_2903.pdf

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Form A: Information to Include in Leaflet

1. Wear Mask at Project Sites or busy areas.

When working at the project site and moving outside, be sure to cover the mouth and nose with a mask.

2. Avoid Shaking Hands.

Try to avoid unnecessary handshakes especially with strangers.

3. No Hugs.

Avoid hugs and greeting styles that make you unnecessarily close to each other.

4. Maintain Social Distancing (at least 2 meters/6 feet)

Maintain at least a 2-meter distance between yourself and other personnel during unavoidable meetings and gatherings. Maintain 2 meters from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

5. Avoid Social Gathering.

Avoid social gatherings of a small and large group for example meetings, family festivals, wedding ceremonies, political, religious and social gatherings, etc. Chances of spreading viruses in such gatherings are much higher.

6. Wash Hands Frequently.

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water thoroughly.

7. Reduce outdoor/outgoing Activities.

Reduce everyday routine activities with friends, also teach your family members and close friends these safety measures to take care of meeting outside people, especially if someone came from the virus affected city/area or country.

8. Do Proper Disinfection.

Regularly disinfect the area of your office and home as well as your frequently used stuff like keys, door handles, etc.

9. Avoid Touching Stuff in Public Places Unnecessarily.

Avoid touching surfaces such as door handle, shelf, tools, equipment etc. unnecessarily and use disinfectant before having any food and drinks.

10. Practice Respiratory Hygiene.

Make sure you and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

11. Seek Medical Care Early.

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention, and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

12. Stay Informed.

Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow the advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority, or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Form B: Hand-Washing Guide

Form C: Guidelines on Worker Accommodation

This document contains Worker Accommodation Plan (WAP) for the Project which covers guidelines, the standards and practices to be used in the design and management of workers accommodation by NTDC, its contractors and subcontractors.

The WAP shall largely be implemented by the Construction Contractor and sub-contractors

The scope and applicability of the WAP is limited to the design and management of the worker accommodations provided during the construction phase of the Project.

NTDC and its contractors shall ensure sufficient resources are allocated on an on-going basis to achieve the effective implementation of the worker accommodation plan.

Regulatory Requirements for WAP

Laws applicable to the WAP include the following:

- Constitution of Pakistan that provides for humane conditions of work (Article 37(e)).
- Factories Act 1934 requirements for occupational health and safety at the workplace:
- Building Code of Pakistan. The Building Code of Pakistan (2008) provides the requirements for safety to be included in the design of buildings in Pakistan. The Building Code of Pakistan – Fire Safety Provisions (2016) provide the requirements for fire prevention, life safety in relation to fire and fire protection of buildings and building-like structures.

Accommodation Planning and Arrangement

Worker accommodations will be located within the Project site and will be provided during the construction phase of the Project. The worker accommodations will encompass areas where it shall not interfere with the construction activities.

Alongside the construction planning, the Construction Contractor (CC) along with the Project Management Unit (PMU) of NTDC, shall conduct a space assessment of accommodations.

Average minimum space of usual standards ranges from 10 to 12.5 cubic meters (volume) or 4 to 5.5 square meters (surface) per person will be provided throughout the construction period. Minimum ceiling height of 2.1 meters shall be provided.

Other specifications including building construction standards and fire safety will be managed according to the Building Code of Pakistan.

Drinking water complying with the provincial Environmental Quality Standards shall be provided at the worker accommodations.

Sewage and waste disposal system will be provided residential facilities in accordance with the regulatory requirements. As septic tanks will be constructed for management of sewage from the residential area and grease traps will be constructed to manage sewage from kitchen/mess.

Health and hygiene facilities will be provided against cold, heat, damp, biological hazards (disease-carrying animals), noise, vibration, food security and fire.

Washing facilities are will be provided as required. For sanitation septic tanks will be constructed on the campsite as per guidelines.

Employees will be provided with first aid training to cope up with emergency situations at the camp, in addition to emergency response at the workplace. Basic health care facility at the Project site and ambulance services shall be available.

If required, the project site during construction shall be encompassed by walls to limit impact on communities and ensure camp security.

All workers will be provided with an employee identity card and no person will be allowed to enter in the worker accommodations area without identification, or prior approval through security for visitors and other employees.

Standby generators to be located away from the communities towards the backside of Project site and also away from Worker Accommodation.

Inspection

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Project Manager of the CC will conduct an ongoing assessment of the accommodation requirement and the residual requirements for upcoming staffing.

The responsible staff of HSE of the CC will prepare monthly inspection report based on the inspection checklists and keep records and submissions along with other submissions to NTDC.

Form D: Daily Temperature Checklist for Employees

HBP Employee Temperature (°C) Checklist

Month:										Inspected By:							Signature:											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Name																															

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Form E: Daily Temperature Checklist for Visitors

Use this checklist on daily basis to determine the temperature in °C of any visitors and the corrective actions required.

Inspected by: **Date:** dd/mm/yy

No	Name	Time	Temperature Recorded °C	Follow-up Action
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				
16.				
17.				

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Form F: Cleaning and Disinfecting Checklist

Month:								Inspected by:												Signature:									
S #	Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	Sweep and wash all hard surface flooring																														
2	Spot clean all interior glass																														
3	Clean and sanitize open desk surfaces																														
4	Clean and sanitize keyboard, mouse, and telephone																														
5	Dust computer monitors																														
6	Spot clean walls																														
7	Clean and sanitize all touchpoints																														
8	Empty and reline waste receptacles																														
9	Spot clean receptacles inside and out																														
10	Recycle paper waste																														
11	Detail floor edges, corners, and under desk																														
12	Dust all vertical surfaces																														
13	Dust window coverings																														
14	Clean all walls and glass																														
15	Clean between walls and furniture																														
12	Signature/ Initial																														

Form G: Nearby Covid-19 Facilities

To be updated by Contractor's EHS Manager/ Site Managers.

Annexure XV: Occupational Health, Safety, and Environment (OHSE) Management Plan

The Construction Contractor will develop an OSHE plan covering the following headings.:

1. Introduction
1.1 Purpose of the Plan
1.2 Applicability
1.3 Leadership Commitment
1.4 Project HSSE Objectives and Targets
2. Project Description
2.1 Scope of Work
3. Key Personnel and Health and Safety Responsibilities
3.1 General
3.2 Specific Roles and Responsibilities
4. Risk and Hazard Analysis and Control Measures
5. HSSE Requirements
5.1 General HSSE Requirements
5.2 General Standard Operating Procedures
5.3 Forms and checklists
5.4 Toolbox Talk
5.5 Documentation
6. Personal Protective Equipment
7. HSSE Training
8. Internal and External Communication
8.1 Communication Procedures
9. Emergency Preparedness and Response
9.1 Field Team
9.2 Hospital/ Clinics
9.3 Emergency Contact
9.4 Emergency Response Equipment
9.5 Emergency Response Procedure

Annexure XVI: Emergency Response Plan

Emergency Response Plan

1. Introduction

Emergency management can be defined as the organization, coordination and implementation of a range of measures to prevent, mitigate, respond to, overcome and recover from the consequences of emergency events affecting the community, its assets and the environment.

2. Purpose of Plan

This plan intends to provide a framework for safety and security to infrastructure, people and vehicles. It assigns responsibility to organizations and individuals for carrying out specific actions at projected times and places in an emergency situation that exceeds the capability or routine responsibility of any one agency.

The emergency response plan provides guidance to:

- Prevent any potential sources causing hazard to the resources during all stages of the project;
- Coordinate between various organizations to take actions in case of emergencies;
- Protect people and property in emergencies and disasters;
- Develop procedures to respond to the emergencies efficiently;
- Identify and ensure availability of personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies, and other resources for use in order to provide timely and efficient response and recovery operations; and
- Confirm that measures taken in an incident are adequate to recover the affected resources or further improvements are needed.

3. Planning

i. Emergency Response Team

A group/team shall be dedicated to identify and control potential emergencies during the construction and operation of the project. The roles and responsibilities of the group members shall be clearly defined.

The primary responsibilities of the group are described below:

- Identify the potential hazard or risk sources that can lead to emergency situations; Ensure availability of adequate resources, procedures and communication system to deal with the identified emergency situations;
- Ensure awareness and training of the staff to facilitate implementation of the emergency response plan;
- Maintaining the records of any previous incidents; and
- Post-event analysis to bridge the gaps of the existing risk prevention procedures.
- The emergency response team shall include but not limited to the following;
  1. Team Leader
  2. Safety Engineer
  3. Reporting officer/Inspector

Team Leader

- Approve/ modify devised measures to prevent or mitigate the risks associated with the identified risk sources
- Arrange resources for dealing with potential emergencies including, financial, equipments and personnel required to deal with emergencies.
- Assure that the Emergency Response plan is adequate, effective and can be implemented practically.

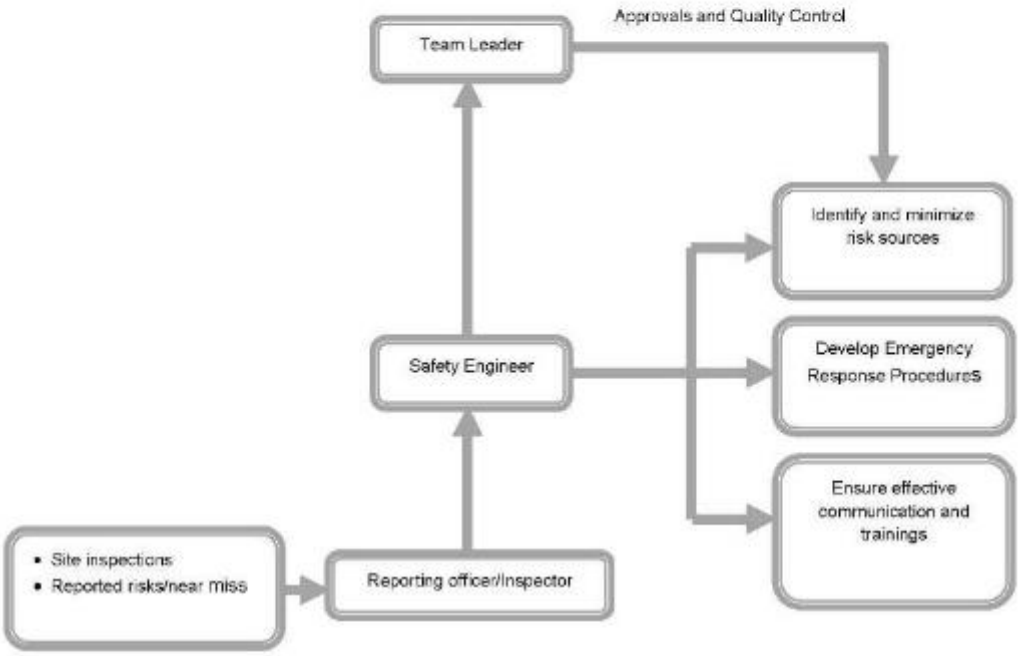
Safety Engineer

- Analyze the Identified risk sources and devise measures to prevent or mitigate the risks in close consultation with the Team Leader;
- Develop and implement the Emergency Response Procedures, in case of the possible emergencies arise;
- Ensure effective internal and external communication; and
- Provide regular trainings and arrange drills to make people aware of dealing with emergencies.

Reporting officer/Inspector

- Regular inspections of the site, to identify potential risks associated with equipments, materials and work practices;
- Anybody from the site can notify the reporting officer about potential risk and/or near misses on the site;
- Record any identified risks and mitigation measures to control the identified risk; and
- Notify the issue and control measures taken thereby to the safety engineer.

The designation, roles and responsibilities of each member shall be clearly defined and communicated to the employees. An outline of the framework of responsibilities is presented in the following organizational chart:



ii. Hazard Identification

A comprehensive identification and evaluation of the hazards/risks likely to cause an emergency shall be done by Emergency Response Team (ERT). Major potential emergencies identified in road projects are as follows:

- Structural failure
- Disruption of Utility (Power, Water, Telecommunications, Gas, etc)
- Accidents
- Vehicle accident
- Fog
- Smoke
- Power/equipment failure or Vandalism
- Fire
- Earthquake
- Terrorism including bombing
- Disease Outbreak

iii. Prevention and Mitigation

The ERT shall work to eliminate or reduce the impact of identified emergencies and increasing the resilience of an affected community to recover from the consequences of such events. These activities include:

- Design considerations to control flooding, earthquakes and adequate lightening for fog etc.;
- Regular inspection and maintenance of construction machinery and the structural integrity;
- Review of work schedules based on weather updates; and
- Security controls based on political situations.

4. Emergency Preparedness

The ERT shall be prepared with all necessary resources and the personnel's shall be trained regularly

i. Resources

Finance and administration

The financial resources shall be reserved for dealing with any emergencies arising on site during construction and operation. Responsibilities of the person managing the resources in case of emergencies shall be clearly defined and the required resources shall be adequate and updated regularly.

Equipment

All the necessary equipment needed in an event of emergencies shall be made available, as a minimum, the equipment needed include;

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Alarms/ Warnings
- Fire extinguishers
- Crowd control, flashlights, signs, barricades
- First Aid Facility
- Detection instruments, e.g; personal alarm kits; smoke detection instruments
- Tools to fix minor vandalism

Communication

All external and internal communication systems shall be made available. Local emergency numbers shall be clearly posted and communicated to the personnel involved in construction and during operation.

The local emergency numbers are given below, which shall be regularly updated.

Emergency Numbers

	Services
1	Edhi Ambulance
2	Emergency Police
3	Bomb Disposal

4 Rescue
5 Fire Brigade Center
6 Hospital Civil(casualties)

Trainings

Personnel shall be made aware of the importance of safety, potential emergencies and how to respond in case of emergencies. One day training and mock exercise shall be done to prepare, the personnel to deal with emergencies.

5. Emergency Response

Response includes actions taken to reduce the impacts of an emergency event, and to limit the threat to life, property and the environment.
The emergencies can be dealt with:

- On-Site Management of the situation
- Off-site coordination to arrange necessary resources to support the on-site management
- Providing advice and reports of the situation to stakeholders

i. Emergency Response Procedure:

Any person can report about an emergency, an on-site worker, an outside agency, or the public. Circumstances change during the course of an emergency in different events, thus, the procedure will vary as per the specific situation on ground. However, a basic action plan to be followed in an emergency is discussed below. This order of response is applicable to almost any emergency and should be followed in sequence.

Assess the situation:

The most important thing to do in case of emergency is to stay calm and avoid panic. Assess the situation, the cause and most immediate requirement to control, limit and/or manage the immediate, ongoing, or further damage.

Immediate control:

The most senior person on the scene should take control and contact, or delegate someone to contact emergency services as posted and communicated by ERT and inform the reporting officer of ERT and explain the situation. The area of emergency shall be restricted by barricades, tapes and adequate signage, if and as required.

Protection from further losses:

1. Once the site is restricted, to provide protection and reduce further losses, the source causing the emergency shall be controlled including equipments, materials, environment and accident scene from continuing damage or further hazards to the area and people. e.g: suppress fire, prevent objects from falling, shut down equipment or utilities, and take other necessary measures as required depending upon the type of emergency
2. Provide first aid if required or in doing so.
3. Designate people to emergency duties. e.g: assign personnel to guide emergency services on arrival.
4. Headcount People/personnel to identify any missing persons.
5. People/ personnel shall be directed to safe location.
6. Arrange diversions for the traffic to reduce disturbance to the flow of traffic, if and as far as possible.
7. Preserve the accident scene until experts mark it safe; only disturb what is essential to maintain life or relieve human suffering and prevent immediate or further losses.

ii. Communication:

Emergency service providers:
The emergency service providers' needs to be kept informed of the situation. On site, personnel from the emergency services shall be guided towards the emergency scene, brief about the event, ongoing and potential hazards and cause(s), if known.

Emergency Response Team and Management:
Members of ERT shall be immediately informed and the management shall also be kept informed.

Public:
Timely notifications to public shall be disseminated through electronic and print media depending upon the requirement and urgency of the emergency so that they can adopt alternate routes and avoid the hazards associated with the emergency encountered.

Utilities:
In case of disruption of utilities, the utility control authorities shall be immediately contacted to control the situation.

6. **Recovery:**

Emergency affected individuals, communities and infrastructure shall be restored in terms of emotional, economic, and physical well-being including the following as a minimum:

- A detailed analysis and assessment of causes of emergency , extent of damage and gaps if any, in managing the emergency;
- Recovery/replacement of the assets and infrastructure;
- Reinstatement of disrupted services;
- Road and bridge repairs;
- Updation of safety arrangements and Emergency response procedures to ensure better safety and security in any other arising emergencies.

Annexure XVII: Tree Plantation Plan

The Tree Plantation Plan

The Construction Contractor will develop a Tree Plantation Plan in consultation with the district office of the Forest and Wildlife Department of Sindh. A total of _____ trees will be planted in lieu of the expected _____affected trees.

The Plan should cover the following:

1. The tree plantation sites, were chosen in consultation with local Forest Offices.
2. The size of the tree and specie, as directed by the local Forest Offices.

Trees Recommended

The recommended trees from Forest Department should be mentioned in the following details.

#	Local Name	Scientific Name	Recommended Number and Size	Per Unit Cost	Total Cost (PKR)
1					
2					
3					

Project Implementation Period

The Construction of the Transmission Line Project Will be Completed in _____Years.

Tree Plantation Plan

1. **First Year**

Total _____ number of Trees will be planted in first year of project implementation.

2. **First Year**

Total _____ number of Trees will be planted in second year of implementation.

3. **First Year**

Total _____ number of Trees will be planted in second year of implementation.

4. **Rehabilitation Year**

Total _____ number of Trees will be planted during demobilization and rehabilitation period of the project implementation.

Measures for Maintenance of the Planted Trees

Finally, the Construction Contractor has to list the measures taken for the maintenance of the planted trees including regular watering and protection from animals, and removal by locals.

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Annexure XVIII: Resource Conservation Plan

RESOURCE CONSERVATION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

The most of the resources in this world are finite and non-renewable in nature. We are completely dependent on these resources to fulfill all our daily requirements. Therefore, sustainable development calls for the need to conserve resources in a way that meet our needs of present generation as well as future generation, especially the non-renewable resources.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN

The Resource Conservation Plan is intended to make an effort towards achieving sustainable development. The objective of the resource conservation plan is to:

- Minimize the use of natural resources; and
- Mitigate and prevent pollution contaminating the natural resources.

3. PLANNING

Careful estimations of quantities of material, fuel, water and energy required directly or indirectly shall be done to avoid excessive or unnecessary wastage of these materials. In addition to this, pollution prevention strategies shall also be devised to prevent contamination of resources.

- The estimations include the following:
  - Estimation of construction material required for the project;
  - Estimation of fuel consumption for construction machinery, construction vehicles and generators;
  - Estimations of the energy requirements during all the stages of the project; and
  - Estimations of water consumption for construction activities and construction camp sites.
- Strategies shall be planned to reduce loads on the identified resources to be consumed;
- Best management practices shall be devised to control or reduce pollution resulting from the activities during different stages of the project; and
- An inspector shall be assigned responsibility to oversee the ongoing activities to check the compliance of the planned strategies.

4. EXECUTION OF THE PLAN

The planned strategies shall be implemented to conserve the natural resources including but not limited to the following:

Material

- Material supplied shall be in conformance with the estimated quantities and excess material shall be returned to the supplier;
- Material wastage shall be avoided by using best management practices;
- Waste produced during the project execution shall be disposed off safely to the designated disposal sites through approved contractors; and
- Reuse of the materials shall be appreciated.

Energy

- Reduce trips and optimize routes to and from the construction site for all kinds of activities;
- Regular maintenance of equipment and vehicles to avoid leaks and sustain efficient fuel consumption;
- Switch off idle equipment and vehicles to avoid wastage of fuel;
- Minimize warm up time, unnecessary acceleration and deceleration of the construction equipment and vehicles;
- Avoid unnecessary burning of fuel for cooking in construction camps;

- Avoid unnecessary use of heating and cooling systems during extreme weathers events;
- Construction shall start in early hours of the day to avoid heat in summers and utilization of day light; and
- Alternate energy sources shall be considered for electricity generations during construction and operation to conserve fossil fuel as it is non-renewable resource.

Water

- Avoid using potable water for sprinkling, curing and washing of equipment and vehicles. Surface water or treated effluent can be used instead;
- Wastage of water should be controlled through providing proper valves and through controlling pressure of the water;
- Unnecessary equipment washings should be avoided;
- Awareness amongst workers shall be raised to conserve water and immediately report for any leaks detected; and
- Ensure protection of canal water from contamination resulting from construction activities.

Pollution

- Emissions shall be reduced and controlled as far as possible and direct discharges to air shall be avoided by strictly adhering to the mitigation measures outlined in EIA report;
- Waste water shall not be discharged directly and must be managed as per the recommendations presented in EIA; and
- Construction and demolition waste, and municipal solid waste shall not be dumped and burnt openly, and shall be handled according to the preventative measure given in EIA study.

5. CHECKING AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

C & W shall bind the construction contractor through contract agreement to comply with the strategies outlined in the Resource Conservation Plan. The Environmental Committee shall also appoint an Inspector who shall monitor the daily onsite activities and shall report any issues and concerns raised in relation to Resource Conservation Plan. The inspector shall recommend adequate corrective actions to mitigate the issues raised.

Annexure XIX: Site Specific EMP

The Construction Contractor will develop a SSEMP covering following headings.:

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Annexure XX: Worker Accommodation Plan

The Worker Accommodation Plan (WAP) for the Project covers guidelines, standards and practices to be used in the design and management of workers' accommodation by Proponent, its contractors and subcontractors. The WAP shall largely be implemented by the CC. The scope and applicability of the WAP are limited to the design and management of the worker accommodations provided during the construction phase of the Project. Proponent and its contractors will ensure sufficient resources are allocated on an ongoing basis to achieve the effective implementation of the worker accommodation plan.

Accommodation Planning and Arrangement

Worker accommodations will be located within the Project site and will be provided during the construction phase of the Project. The worker accommodations will encompass areas where it shall not interfere with the construction activities. Alongside the construction planning, the CC along with the Project Management Unit (PMU) of Proponent, shall conduct a space assessment of accommodations.

- The average minimum space of usual standards ranges from 10 to 12.5 cubic meters (volume) or 4 to 5.5 square meters (surface) per person will be provided throughout the construction period. A minimum ceiling height of 2.1 meters shall be provided.
- Other specifications including building construction standards and fire safety will be managed according to the Building Code of Pakistan.
- Drinking water complying with the provincial Environmental Quality Standards shall be provided at the worker accommodations.
- The sewage and waste disposal system will be provided in residential facilities following the regulatory requirements. As septic tanks will be constructed for the management of sewage from the residential area and grease traps will be constructed to manage sewage from the kitchen/mess.
- Health and hygiene facilities will be provided against cold, heat, dampness, biological hazards (disease-carrying animals), noise, vibration, food security, and fire.
- Washing facilities are will be provided as required. For sanitation, septic tanks will be constructed on the campsite as per guidelines.
- Employees will be provided with first aid training to cope with emergencies at the camp, in addition to emergency response at the workplace. Basic health care facilities at the Project site and ambulance services will be available.
- If required, the project site during construction may be encompassed by walls to limit the impact on communities and ensure camp security.
- All workers will be provided with an employee identity card and no person will be allowed to enter the worker accommodations area without identification, or prior approval through security for visitors and other employees.
- Standby generators to be located away from the communities towards the backside of the Project site and away from Worker Accommodation.

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Annexure XXI: Fire Management and Protection Plan

- Step 1: Designate a Responsible Person:
- Step 2: Action on Discovering Fire
- Step 3: Designate Exit Routes:
- Step 4: Designate the Assembly Area:
- Step 5: Designate Additional Duties:
- Reporting emergencies:
- Accounting for staff:
- First Aid:
- Step 6: Training:
- Step 7: Periodic review:
- How and When to Use a Fire Extinguisher?

Annexure XXII: Calibration Certificate of Noise and Air Quality Measuring Instruments

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Client	Asian Environment Services	**Job No.**	ACS-025-AES/21
Location	Asian Calibration Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/026-01
Equipment Detail	Noise Level Meter	**Inspection Date**	Nov 22, 2021
Model/type	WS2310CA	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Nov 21, 2022
Manufacturer	mi.sol	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	112828	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-WS-01	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Inspection Checks & Results:

Range: 10 – 99 % **Resolution:** 1 **Source:** Humidity

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: %	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: %	Deviation/Error Unit: %
20	21	1
30	30	0
40	40	0
50	51	1
60	61	1

Range: 0 – 50 mps **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source:** Speed

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: mps	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: mps	Deviation/Error Unit: mps
0.4	0.3	-0.1
1.3	1.2	-0.1
2.2	2.1	-0.1
4.1	4.0	-0.1
8.7	8.7	0
19.5	19.2	-0.3
27.8	27.3	-0.5
36.3	35.5	-0.8
45.7	45.9	-0.2

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Wind Direction speed (wind tunnel speed at 20mps)

True Direction	Indicated (°)
N	359
E	088
S	176
W	268

Range: 35 – 1300 hPa **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source:** Pressure

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: hPa	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: hPa	Deviation/Error Unit: hPa
1100	1100.4	0.4
1000	1000.4	0.4
950	950.4	0.4
800	800.4	0.4
300	300.3	0.3
200	200.2	0.2
100	100.1	0.1
50	50.1	0.1

Range: 0 – 60 °C **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source:** Temperature

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: °C	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: °C	Deviation/Error Unit: °C
3.3	3.4	0.1
14.3	14.4	0.1
25.4	25.4	0
35.2	35.3	0.1
45.0	45.2	0.2
55.0	55.1	0.1

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- The above instrument has been calibrated against the standards maintained in the instrument's division of ACS lab.
- Observed correction for anemometer are indicated above (acceptable limits of tolerance ± 0.1 mps upto 5.5 mps and ±2% beyond.

Reference / Calibration Standard

The weather station has been calibrated against thermocouple calibrator make GE Druck DPI821, Digital pressure indicator Sr no 51501374 of Druck Uk make, Digital thermometer & Digital Hygrometer make Extech /445814. which are traceable to certificates No. APCIC/PL (361)/ILO#938/29.05.19, APCIC/TL (907)/ILO#938/29.05.19, APCIC/TL (064)/ILO#764/24.12.19 and APCIC/TL (066)/ILO#764/24.12.19of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/20
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/027-12
Equipment Detail	Air Quality monitor	**Calibration Date**	Oct 2, 2021
Model/type	AF22E/ Sulfur Dioxide Analyzer	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Oct 1, 2022
Manufacturer	Environment SA	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	313AS	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-12	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 0-20.002 ppm **Resolution:** 0.001

Calibration Point (%FS)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
0.0	0.000	0.000	0.00
20.0	5.418	5.418	0.00
40.0	8.837	8.838	0.01
60.0	15.255	15.251	-0.01
80.0	20.673	20.673	-0.12

Instrument Under Test

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Reference / Calibration Standard

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/20
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/027-06
Equipment Detail	Air Quality monitor	**Calibration Date**	Oct 2, 2021
Model/type	CO12e	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Oct 1, 2022
Manufacturer	Environment SA	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	269SA	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-06	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 0-42.092 ppm Resolution: 0.0001

Calibration Point (%FS)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
0.0	0.000	0.000	0.00
20.0	8.418	8.547	0.19
40.0	16.837	16.847	0.11
60.0	25.255	25.257	-0.02
80.0	33.673	33.651	-0.12
100.0	420.092	42.095	0.01

Instrument Under Test

- Instrument was used and good in condition.
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Reference / Calibration Standard

The air quality monitor C342e e has been calibrated against reference standard id ID#ACS-INST-44 which is traceable to certificates No. APCIC/ML (44)/ILO#98/47.10.20 of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/027-05
Equipment Detail	Air Quality monitor	**Calibration Date**	Oct 2, 2021
Model/type	AC32e	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Oct 1, 2022
Manufacturer	Environment SA	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	389SA	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-05	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 0-0.3895 ppm **Resolution:** 0.0001

Calibration Point (%FS)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
0.0	0.0000	0.0000	0.18
20.0	0.0779	0.0799	0.24
40.0	0.1558	0.1560	0.19
60.0	0.2337	0.2387	0.18
100.0	0.3895	0.3848	-0.02

Instrument Under Test

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Reference / Calibration Standard

The air quality monitor AC32 e has been calibrated against reference standard id ID#ACS-INST-17 which is traceable to certificates No. APCIC/TL (78)/ILO#32/13.10.20 of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/20
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/027-04
Equipment Detail	Air Quality monitor	**Calibration Date**	Oct 2, 2021
Model/type	Mp101M	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Oct 1, 2022
Manufacturer	Environment SA	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No. `	362SA	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-04	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 10000 µg/m³ **Resolution:** 0.0001 **Source:** PM 10, PM 2.5

Calibration Point (%FS)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: µg/m³	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: µg/m³	Deviation/Error Unit: µg/m³
0.0 from HEPA filter	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.03

Instrument Under Test

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Reference / Calibration Standard

The air quality monitor Mp101M has been calibrated against reference standard id ID#ACS-INST-021 which is traceable to certificates No. APCIC/DL (62N)/ILO#64/24.12.19 of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/21
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/027-07
Equipment Detail	Stack Emission Analyser	**Calibration Date**	Sep 2, 2021
Model/type	340	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Sep 1, 2022
Manufacturer	Testo	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	6164345	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-07	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 100 °C **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source** Ambient Air Temperature

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: °C	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: °C	Deviation/Error Unit: °C
100.0	100.0	±0.0

Range: 100 °C **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source** Flue Gas Temperature

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: °C	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: °C	Deviation/Error Unit: °C
100.0	100.0	±0.0

Range: 8 hPa **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source** Pressure

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: hPa	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: hPa	Deviation/Error Unit: hPa
8.00	7.98	-0.02

Range: 0 - 5% **Resolution:** 0.01 **Source** O2

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: %	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: %	Deviation/Error Unit: %
0.0	0.00	0
2.51	2.55	+0.04
5.01	5.02	+0.01

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Calibration Results:

Range: 100-700 ppm **Resolution:** 1 **Source** CO

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
100	102	+2
401	399	-2
701	702	+1

Range: 100-1000 ppm **Resolution:** 1 **Source** SO2

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
100	96	-4
1000	979	-21

Instrument Under Test

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The stack emission analyser has been calibrated against reference standard id ID#ACS-INST-39 which is traceable to certificates No. APCIC/ML (40)/ILO#98/47.10.20 of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/20
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/027-04
Equipment Detail	Air Quality monitor	**Calibration Date**	Oct 4, 2021
Model/type	Mp101M	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Oct 3, 2022
Manufacturer	Environment SA	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	362SA	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-04	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 10000 µg/m³ **Resolution:** 0.0001 **Source:** PM 10, PM 2.5

Calibration Point (%FS)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: µg/m³	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: µg/m³	Deviation/Error Unit: µg/m³
0.0 from HEPA filter	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.03

Instrument Under Test

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/21
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/028-07
Equipment Detail	SO2 Gas Detector	**Calibration Date**	Nov 22, 2021
Model/type	QC-904	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Nov 21, 2022
Manufacturer	Oceanus	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.	190805002001	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-07	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 0-20 ppm **Resolution:** 0.1

Calibration Point (ppm)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2.0	2.0	1.9	0.1

Instrument Under Test

- Instrument was used and good in condition.
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Reference / Calibration Standard

The Indoor Air Monitor (SO2 Gas Detector) has been calibrated against reference standard id ID#ACS-INST-44 which is traceable to certificates No. APCIC/ML (44)/ILO#98/47.10.20 of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Client	Asian Environment Services	**Job No.**	ACS-025-AES/21
Location	Asian Calibration Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/026-01
Equipment Detail	Noise Level Meter	**Inspection Date**	Nov 22, 2021
Model/type	BSWA 308	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Nov 21, 2022
Manufacturer	BSWA TECH	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No.`	580036	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-NM-01	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Inspection Checks & Results:

Range: 93.8 dB **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source:** Sound

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: dB	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: dB	Deviation/Error Unit: dB
93.8	93.8	0.0
93.8	93.8	0.0
93.8	93.8	0.0

Level Linearity

Range: 20 – 134 dB **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source:** Electrical

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: dB	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: dB	Deviation/Error Unit: dB
20	20.2	0.2
21	21.1	0.1
22	22.2	0.2
23	23.2	0.2
24	24.1	0.1
25	25.1	0.1
30	30.2	0.2
40	40.0	0.0
50	50.0	0.0

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Range: 20 – 134 dB **Resolution:** 0.1 **Source:** Electrical

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: dB	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: dB	Deviation/Error Unit: dB
60	60.0	0.0
70	70.0	0.0
80	80.0	0.0
89	89.0	0.0
90	90.0	0.0
91	91.0	0.0
92	92.0	0.0
93	93.0	0.0
94	94.0	0.0
95	95.0	0.0
96	96.0	0.0
97	97.0	0.0
98	98.0	0.0
99	99.0	0.0
100	100.0	0.0
110	110.0	0.0
120	120.0	0.0
130	130.0	0.0
131	131.0	0.0
132	132.0	0.0
133	133.0	0.0
134	134.0	0.0

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Reference / Calibration Standard

The Noise Level Meter has been calibrated against Noise calibrator make BSWA BK4231 which is traceable to certificates No. APCIC/PL (361)/ILO#938, of PCSIR Laboratory Pakistan.

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/21
Location	ACS Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/030-09
Equipment Detail	LUX meter	**Calibration Date**	Nov 22, 2021
Model/type	LM-200LED	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Nov 21, 2022
Manufacturer	AMPROBE	**Site Temperature**	23.8 °C ± 3°C
Serial No.	18050461	**Site Humidity**	50% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-09	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Abdur Rehman

Calibration Results:

Range: 540 - 2586 LUX **Resolution:** 50.0 **Source:** LUX

Set value Ref. Std. Unit: LUX	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: LUX	Deviation/Error Unit: LUX
540	542	2.0
845	850	5.0
1241	1250	9.0
2037	2050	13.0
2586	2600	14.0

Instrument Under Test

- Instrument was used and good in condition.
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Reference / Calibration Standard

The LUX Meter has been calibrated against Master LUX Meter which is traceable to the certificate no. ACS/LMS/FRM-LUX.M-01 of ACS.

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Client	Asian Enviro Services.	**Job No.**	ACS-027-AES/21
Location	Asian Enviro Services Lab	**Data Sheet No.**	AES/029-08
Equipment Detail	NO2 Gas Detector	**Calibration Date**	Nov 22, 2021
Model/type	QC-904	**Due Date (Where Required)**	Nov 21, 2022
Manufacturer	Oceanus	**Laboratory Temperature**	26 ± 3°C
Serial No. `	190805002002	**Laboratory Humidity**	40% ± 20% RH
Code	ACS-AES-08	**Calibrated By**	Engr. Bilal Khalid

Calibration Results:

Range: 0-20 ppm **Resolution:** 0.1

Calibration Point (ppm)	Set value Ref. Std. Unit: ppm	Measured Value (IUT)* Unit: ppm	Deviation/Error Unit: ppm
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0

Instrument Under Test

- Instrument was used and good in condition.
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