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(SUSWA STATCOM, RABAI PROJECT, AND THE 400/220KV KIMUKA SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED LOOP IN LOOP OUT)

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP)



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AC Alternating Current CG County Government

CLO Community Liaison Officer

CRA Commission of Revenue Allocation EAP Employee Assistance Programme EEHP Eastern Electricity Highway Project

EMCA Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act

ESF Environmental and Social Frameworks

ESIA Environmental and Social Impact Assessment

ESS Environmental & Social Standards FPIC Free, Prior, Informed Consent

GoK Government of Kenya
GPS Global Positioning System
GRM Grievance Redress Mechanism
HVDC High Voltage Direct Current

ICT Information and Communication Technology

KFS Kenya Forest Service

KPLC Kenya Power and Lighting Company
KYDP Kenya Youth Development Authority
LCPDP Least Cost Power Development Plan

NEMA National Environment Management Authority NGAO National Government Administrative Leaders

NMK National Museums of Kenya
PAPs Project Affected Persons
PIT Project Implementation Team
RAP Resettlement Action Plan
SEA Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SEP Stakeholder Engagement Plan
SGBV Sexual and Gender Based Violence

SLO Social License to Operate

SS Substation

STATCOMs Static Synchronous Compensators

UN-REDD United Nations collaborative initiative on Reducing Emissions from

Deforestation and forest Degradation

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1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 Introduction

Kenya Vision 2030 aims to transform Kenya into a newly industrializing, middle-income country providing a high quality of life to all its citizens by 2030 in a clean and secure environment. Efficient, accessible, and reliable infrastructure has been identified as an enabler for achieving sustained economic growth, development, and poverty reduction by lowering cost of doing business and improving the country's global competitiveness.

The electricity sub-sector has adopted a 20-year Least Cost Power Development Plan [LCPDP] that will align the sector with the Vision targets. The plan provides a road map to meet the estimated power demand. Power generation sequence, necessary network upgrades and expansions required to adequately evacuate the generated power and efficiently meet the demand is proposed.

Kenya Electricity Transmission Company ("KETRACO") is mandated by the Government of Kenya to develop the country's power transmission grid with the primary objective of meeting the country's power transmission needs efficiently, effectively, and reliably. By 2039, KETRACO is expected to have cumulatively established around 11, 246Km of transmission lines and 129 substations.

To stabilize the grid, KETRACO is proposing to install **Static Synchronous Compensator** (STATCOM), as well as shunt reactors, within the Suswa High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Converter station, Rabai 220/132 kV substation and undertake the construction of a new 400/220kV Kimuka Substation with its associated Loop In Loop Out (LILO) lines. This Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) describes the stakeholder engagement activities and process that KETRACO will apply throughout the project implementation period.

1.2 Objective/Description of SEP

The overall objective of this SEP is to define a program for stakeholder engagement, including public information disclosure and consultation throughout the entire project cycle. The SEP outlines the ways in which the project team will communicate with stakeholders and includes a mechanism by which people can raise concerns, provide feedback, or make complaints about project activities or any activities related to the project.

The SEP is being prepared for two subprojects under the Green and Resilient Expansion of Energy, Phase 2, as briefly described in section 3 of this SEP.

1.3 Key Issues that should be communicated

The following is some of the information that will be communicated to the Stakeholders:

- Background of the Project.
- Project description.
- Project activities.
- The potential project benefits and impacts.
- The process that will be followed to engage with stakeholders.
- Feedback on issues raised by stakeholders.
- How and when stakeholders can participate in the project.
- The Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan report.
- The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) report
- The Labour Management Plan (LMP)
- The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

1.4 When to communicate

Project communication will be structured and offered regularly but with the flexibility of responding to issues as they emerge. Broadly, stakeholder engagement for the proposed Project has been categorised into preparation and operation engagement activities.

1.5 Communication Methods

A variety of communication methods are used to engage with stakeholders reflecting their level of authority, socio-economic context, and cultural and intellectual factors such as level of education and literacy.

While English is the official language, Kiswahili is the national language in Kenya. Therefore, all stakeholder engagements will be done in Kiswahili. In key stakeholder meetings, community sensitization and project affected persons meetings, Kiswahili will be used. Where necessary, a translator will be used during meetings to pass information to the relevant community members. All project information will be published in English and translated to Kiswahili or Maasai or Giriama when necessary.

2 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

2.1 Methodology

To meet best practice approaches, the project will apply the following principles for stakeholder engagement:

- *Openness and life-cycle approach:* Public consultations for the project(s) will be arranged during the whole life cycle, carried out in an open manner, free of external manipulation, interference, coercion, or intimidation.
- *Informed participation and feedback:* Information will be provided to and widely distributed among all stakeholders in an appropriate format; opportunities are provided for communicating stakeholder feedback, and for analyzing and addressing comments and concerns.
- Inclusiveness and sensitivity: Stakeholder identification is undertaken to support better communications and build effective relationships. The participation process for the projects is inclusive. All stakeholders are always encouraged to be involved in the consultation process. Equal access to information is provided to all stakeholders. Sensitivity to stakeholders' needs is the key principle underlying the selection of engagement methods. Special attention is given to vulnerable groups that may be at risk of being left out of project benefits, particularly women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, displaced persons, and migrant workers and communities, and the cultural sensitivities of diverse ethnic groups.

2.2 Affected parties and other interested parties

Identification and analysis of the various stakeholders was carried out during the ESIA for the two STATCOM projects from 24th July to 4th August 2023 and during the initial ESIA for the Kimuka substation undertaken from 8th to 13th February 2021, and later during the ESIA update and RAP for the Kimuka substation undertaken from 16th to 19th October 2023. After the public consultation and participation process the following were identified as stakeholders for this project. For purposes of effective and tailored engagement, the identified project stakeholders have been divided into the following categories:

i) Affected Parties:

a. These include the **local communities** neighbouring the proposed project site.

These are the Giriama around Rabai substation, and the Maasai and other communities around Suswa and Kimuka substations. Suswa and Kimuka are cosmopolitan areas comprising a mixture of communities around the project area, with the Maasai VMGs being the overwhelming majority.

b. Project Affected / Persons / Households

The line-in line-out (LILO) to Kimuka substation will lead to the acquisition of a 60 meter wayleave corridor along a 1.5 Km stretch, affecting 38 landowners. These landowners are the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in relation to the Kimuka substation subproject.

ii) Interested Parties

Other Interested Parties (OIPs) are individuals/groups/entities that may not experience direct impacts from the Project but who consider or perceive their interests as being affected by the project and/or who could affect or influence the project outcomes and the process of its implementation in some way. These are: World Bank, Ministry of Energy & Petroleum, the County Government of Mombasa and the County Government of Kajiado, National Administration offices, National Land Commission, and the Media

- a. **National Government Agencies** these are the machinery of government that is responsible for the oversight and administration of specific functions, such as an administration. They work to ensure the effective delivery of services, the enforcement of laws, and the implementation of government policies to enhance the well-being and development of the country and its citizens. County Government refer to government bodies and organizations established at the county level with specific mandates and functions. These agencies play various roles in implementing county-level policies and programs to serve the interests and needs of the residents within their respective counties.
- b. **Local Administration** local administration refers to the system of government officials who serve at the sub-national or local level to oversee and coordinate administrative and governance functions within specific areas, such as sub-locations, locations, and sub-counties. They help to mobilize communities for development activities and government programmes, solve disputes and conflicts at the local level and promote government programs and policies to the community.
- c. **International Partners** The World Bank will be the financier for this project and will carry duties such as monitoring project progress in relation to preparation, implementation, stakeholder engagements, joint control and management efforts, grievances received and how they are being handled and resolved etc.

2.3 Disadvantaged/vulnerable individuals or groups

Vulnerable groups are persons who may be disproportionately impacted or further disadvantaged by the Project (s) compared with any other groups due to their minority status, culture or language, and who may require special engagement efforts to ensure their equal representation in the consultation and decision-making processes associated with the project. Vulnerable groups and individuals include women; youth; cross-border communities; and people with disabilities (PWDs).

3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

3.1 Summary of stakeholder engagement done during project preparation

During project preparation, consultation meetings were held, questionnaires were administered, and key informant interviews were conducted in all the three project sites. Feedback received during consultation meetings from each project location is provided below.

3.1.1 Suswa Substation

i) Use of questionnaires- A total of 36 questionnaires (13 key informants, 23 community questionnaires) were administered and analysed during the field visit. Among the stakeholders who were consulted included, relevant government ministries, local administration officers, and local community members neighbouring the proposed project.

- *Baraza's / meetings targeting local communities-1* (one) public meeting was carried out in Suswa Town on 27th July 2023 from 11am -1pm. A total of **33** community members were engaged during the meeting.
- *Key informant interviews* The key informant interviews sought views from the following institutions within the project area:
- a. Ministry of Interior and Coordination, Chief- Suswa Location
- b. Ministry of Interior and Coordination, Chief- Ewaso Location
- c. Ministry of Interior and Coordination, Chief- Mai Mahiu Location
- d. Ministry of Interior and Coordination, Assistant County Commissioner- Kajiado North Subcounty
- e. Ministry of Interior and Coordination, Assistant County Commissioner- Kajiado West Subcounty
- f. Ministry of Interior and Coordination, Assistant County Commissioner- Mai Mahiu Location
- g. Kenya Forest Service- Ngong station
- h. Kenya Wildlife Service- Kajiado West
- i. Kenya Ports Authority- Dry Port in Suswa
- j. Kedong Ranch Ltd
- k. Institutions around the project area including: Suswa Girls' High school, Soila Maasai Girls Centre, Suswa Dispensary and Mayian School.

Key issues discussed include the environmental and socio-economic benefits including job creation, growth and emergence of other businesses and shopping centers in the area, a stable power supply and sourcing construction materials in the local area will improve the livelihood of the locals.

Potential negative environmental and socio-economic factors were also discussed including destruction of vegetation, dust emission, air pollution. soil erosion during the undertaking of the civil works. noise pollution from construction activities, creation of waste from the project among other effects. Mitigation measures to combat these effects were also disclosed.

3.1.2 Rabai substation

- a. **Use of questionnaires -** A total of twenty-two (22) community questionnaires 13-Males, 9-females) were administered during the consultative public participation exercise.
- b. *Baraza's / meetings targeting local communities-* One (1) public community meeting was held at Mwele/Kisurutini social hall, Kisurutini ward, Rabai sub-county, Kilifi County. 41 males and 10 females totaling to 51 people.
- c. **Key informant interviews:** The key informant interviews sought views from the following institutions within the project area:
 - Directorate of Occupational Safety and Health Service
 - Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government
 - Ministry of Labour and Social protection, Department of Children services
 - Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government
 - Rabai sub-county, Education office
 - · Rabai sub county, Agriculture office
 - National Museums of Kenya, Dr. Krapf memorial museum.
 - Administration police, Critical installation protection Unit, Rabai

The key issues raised in the meeting include the potential positive and negative effects of the project on the community. This includes creation of business and employment opportunities, and reliability of electricity supply. The negative effects include air pollution, social ills, fear of increased cases of insecurity and gender-based violence, fear of excessive vibration during construction to the neighbouring settlements as experienced during previous projects causing cracks in houses, etc. Mitigation measures were also disclosed for the negative effects.

3.1.3 Kimuka substation and LILO

The initial exercise of stakeholder mapping, identification and consultation took between 8th to 13th February 2021. The second one will be held as in 16th to 19th October 2023. Data collection was through public meetings, informative interviews, and administration of questionnaires to capture the concerns, comments and issues that the stakeholders, neighbours and businesspeople around the project site have regarding the construction of the proposed substation. The completion of such questionnaires allowed for the synthesis and analysis of issues that arose. The key informants consulted in the initial exercise were participants who were interviewed:

Key issues discussed include environmental and social benefits, negative impacts and mitigation measures including noise and air pollution. Delay in compensation was also highlighted by the PAPs as a major concern and PAPs were assured of prompt pay following submission of relevant documents. Environmental conservation was marked as a factor that should be accorded priority.

Table 11: Summary of project stakeholder needs and methods, tools, and techniques for stakeholder engagement

Stakeholde r group	Stakeholder	Key characteristics	Language needs	Preferred communication method(s)	Specific needs
Affected Parties	Local communities	Local communities neighbouring the proposed project site. These include Giriama around Rabai substation and the Maasai (considered VMGs since they arer pastoralists) and other communities around Suswa and Kimuka substations. Suswa and Kimuka are cosmopolitan comprising a mixture of tribes around the project area.	English, Swahili, Respective local languages	Formal public meetings Structured agendas	Disclosure of project information including benefits, negative effects and mitigation measures, employment opportunities
	Project Affected Persons (PAPs)	The LILO to Kimuka Substation will lead to the acquisition of a 60meter wayleave corridor affecting 38 landowners.	English, Swahili, Respective local languages	Formal public meetings Structured agendas Email communication Telephone Letters	Disclosure of the RAP and ESIA Reports Disclosure of entitlements GRM Regular formal and informal meetings
Interested Parties	National Government Agencies	These are the machinery of government that is responsible for the oversight and administration of specific functions, such as an administration. They work to ensure the effective delivery of services, the enforcement of laws, and the implementation of government policies to enhance the well-being and development of the country and its citizens.	English, Swahili	Formal technical virtual and physical meetings Structured agendas	Project roles and responsibilities, planned stakeholder engagements, Sensitization on project and its outcomes & how they can support or collaborate.
	County Government	Refer to government bodies and organizations established at the county level with specific mandates and functions. These agencies play various roles in implementing county-level policies and programs to serve the interests and needs	English, Swahili	Formal technical virtual and physical meetings Structured agendas Email Structured agendas	Project roles and responsibilities, planned stakeholder engagements, Sensitization on project and its outcomes &

Stakeholde r group	Stakeholder	Key characteristics	Language needs	Preferred communication method(s)	Specific needs
		of the residents within their respective counties.		Email	how they can support or collaborate.
	Local Administratio n	Refers to the system of government officials who serve at the sub-national or local level to oversee and coordinate administrative and governance functions within specific areas, such as sub-locations, locations, and sub-counties. They help to mobilize communities for development activities and government programmes, solve disputes and conflicts at the local level and promote government programs and policies to the community.	English, Swahili	Formal technical virtual and physical meetings Structured agendas Email Structured agendas Email	Project roles and responsibilities, planned stakeholder engagements, Sensitization on project and its outcomes & how they can support or collaborate.
Internatio nal partners	World Bank	Financiers of the project. Possess knowledge of E&S management	English	Email, telephone calls, meetings (in person or virtual)	Project progress in relation to preparation, implementation, stakeholder engagements, joint control and management efforts, experience sharing, grievances received and how they are being handled and resolved, Regular formal and informal meetings

Stakeholder engagement plan

3.2 Purpose and timing of the stakeholder engagement program

The overall goal of this SEP is to ensure a systematic, consistent, comprehensive, and coordinated approach to stakeholder participation and communication throughout the project cycle. The SEP outlines ways in which the project team will communicate with stakeholders and feedback mechanism to be utilized.

The plan will guide timely engagement with key stakeholders as well as dissemination and increased access to relevant project information. The project will innovate ways for consultations to be effective and meaningful to project and stakeholder needs.

In addition to this SEP, KETRACO has developed an Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) and Labor Management Procedures (LMP) which will be disseminated on the KETRACO and World Bank websites to ensure access to information about the environmental and social risks and respective mitigation measures. The KETRACO environmental and social safeguard specialists will be trained on the comprehensive ESF and requirements of ESS2 and ESS10 immediately after project effectiveness, to ensure understanding and effective implementation of this SEP. KETRACO will further prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the status of SEP implementation. The first report will be submitted three months after project effectiveness followed by quarterly reports throughout the project implementation period.

3.3 Proposed strategy for information disclosure

Electronic copies of the disclosure materials will be placed on the KETRACO and World Bank websites to allow easy access for all stakeholders. The disclosure materials will also be shared with the targeted stakeholders through email, during project related meetings and as appropriate, hard copies with be made available at strategically accessible location, especially for the Kimuka LILO community level stakeholder. The following information will be disclosed to the relevant stakeholders:

- a) Project objectives, positive and negative project impacts, risks, and mitigation measures,
- b) The project grievance mechanism, its steps, and processes, how to access it and resolution timeframes,
- c) Project Implementation schedule and roles and responsibilities of various parties as per the Project's institutional arrangement,
- d) The project ESCP,
- e) The project SEP.
- f) The project LMP,
- g) The RAP report for the Kimuka LILO,
- h) The project ESIA and ESMP.
- i) Project progress,

In addition to emails, public and formal meetings, the above information will be printed, and copies distributed to the relevant stakeholders.

3.4 Proposed strategy for consultation

KETRACO will conduct consultations with all identified stakeholders with the aim of creating awareness, improving access to information and receiving/giving feedback on project implementation. The communication channels highlighted above will play a key role in ensuring information flow between KETRACO and its stakeholders. The SEP for the GREEN Energy project phase 2 is presented in table 1 below.

Table 2: Stakeholder engagement plan by project

	Target for Engagement	Purpose of Engagement	Engagement Tasks / Methods	Schedule / Frequency	Responsibility	Project Phase
1.	National Government, County Government, local administrators	Establish and maintain a good working relationship with the various authorities to promote the Project's interests, facilitate compliance and cooperate on issues of material interest to all parties	- Planned communications and liaison with various levels of Ministry / directorates and County / Division authorities - Host regulatory visits and full cooperation during inspections and audits	Before commencing key Project activities at variable frequency depending upon role of stakeholder and subject matter (e.g. annual, bi- annual, monthly, etc., then as required during Project life cycle)	KETRACO	Pre- construction / Construction / Operation / Closure
2.	Local communities and Project Affected Persons	Sensitization and awareness-raising in relation to Project schedule, activities, impacts and compensation for the Kimuka LILO	- Undertake community meetings and public barazas to advise on Project progress, brief them on any specific issues (such as heavy construction equipment, electrical safety, increased road traffic, security, potential influx and employment) and explain the grievance procedures	Before compensation (for the LILO) and as need arises	KETRACO/CLO	Pre- construction/C onstruction
3.	Local communities	Sexual exploitation and abuse prevention and mitigation measures, HIV/ AIDS and STD sensitization	- Provide community awareness training ahead of the mobilization of contractor workforces - Collaboration with health authorities / NGOs to support health promotion (other communicable disease, lifestyles, etc.) as well	- in advance of contractor arrival	KETRACO/ CLO	Construction

	Target for Engagement	Purpose of Engagement	Engagement Tasks / Methods	Schedule / Frequency	Responsibility	Project Phase
4	. Maasai VMGs	Ensure adequate	as to respond to SEA cases - culturally appropriate	- Minimum 6-monthly	Community	Construction /
	and other vulnerable groups and individuals	participation in Project activities and access to project benefits (e.g. unskilled and semiskilled labor) by vulnerable groups and individuals	meetings with vulnerable groups / individuals, as required to provide subproject information especially on how to access subproject benefits (employment opportunities) and how to ensure equity among the VMG clans	during construction / annually in operations phase	Liaison office	Operations
5	. All affected and interested parties including World Bank	Provide stakeholders with information on Project progress and performance on matters of material concern including resolution of complaints	-Public meetings -Prepare and disclose brochure on the Project's local stakeholder engagement programme	Separate engagement brochures to be prepared for construction and operations phases	ESHS Manager / CLO	Construction- Operations transition / Operations

3.5 Reporting back to stakeholders

There will be continuous information disclosure to all stakeholders regarding the project implementation progress, project environmental and social performance, implementation of the stakeholder engagement plan and Grievance Redress Mechanism

3.6 Resources and Responsibilities for implementing stakeholder engagement activities.

3.6.1 Resources

KETRACO will be in charge of stakeholder engagement activities. The budget for the SEP implementation is KES. 11,338,635 as tabulated in the table 3 below.

Table 3: SEP Budget

		Tubic 3. DEI		1	
Budget Category	Quantity	Unit Costs	Times	Total Costs	Remarks
2. Community					1
Sensitization					
2a. organization of					Meeting Venue:
public meetings	6	3,000.00	3		tents, seats, &
				27,000	refreshments.
2b. Facilitation fees for					Facilitation fee for
local leadership	6	2,000.00	3		local
		2,000.00	J		administration /
				45,000	village elders etc.
3. Communication	T		T	T	
3a. Communication					Airtime, internet
operational costs	4	2,000.00	9		access, Public
	'	_,,			Address, projector
				72,000	etc.
4. Trainings	ı		ı	T	1
4a. Training on					
social/environmental	3	1,000,000.00	1		
issues for PIT and		,			
contractor staff				3,000,000	Training cost
4b. Training on					
gender-based violence	3	1,000,000.00	1		
(GBV) for PIT and					Tuoinin a oo ah
contractor staff				3,000,000	Training cost
5. Beneficiary					
surveys	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	1	
5a. [E.g., mid-project	1	200,000	1	000.000	Field costs
perception survey] 5b. [E.g., end-of-				200,000	rieiu cosis
project perception	_	000 000	_		
survey]	1	200,000	1	200,000	Field costs
6. Grievance				200,000	דובוע נטאוא
Mechanism					
Mechanism					

6a. training of CRCs committees	3	1,000,000.00	1	3,000,000	Training costs			
Subtotal				9,819,000				
7. Contingency 5%	7. Contingency 5%							
of subtotal	of subtotal 490,850							
Total				10,307,850				
7a. 10% of total expenditure				1,030,785				
TOTAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT BUDGET				11,338,635				

3.6.2 Management functions and responsibilities

KETRACO will be responsible for carrying out stakeholder engagement activities throughout the project cycle through the Social Safeguards and resettlement officer and Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) as follows:

The project's Social Safeguards officer will be responsible for ensuring that the stakeholder engagement strategy is communicated internally and that the staff, resources, and systems are in place to enable this SEP to be implemented. In addition, assist with liaison and communication with key national, county, and local government authorities and agencies, plan and attend key consultations with stakeholders as required, and assist in management of grievances. They will also monitor the complaints – handling performance at lower levels. Providing inputs into the monitoring and evaluation process, such as quarterly reports on grievances handled among other issues.

The CLOs will act as the link through communication (in the local language) between KETRACO and the Community. They will be responsible for assisting communities to file a complaint to address grievances as 1st point of contact, adjudicate, and develop redress options for the raised grievances, escalate grievances to KETRACO if they are unable to resolve them among other duties.

The stakeholder engagement activities will be documented through minutes of meetings and field visit reports and shared with national and other interested stakeholders including the financier.

4 GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM (GRM)

4.1 Introduction

It is highly unlikely that a project can be implemented without conflicts and complaints arising. Therefore, availability of an elaborate Grievances Redress Mechanism to resolve and address complaints is necessary.

4.2 GRM Objectives

The GRM is intended to:

- i) To receive, log, analyze and address complaints and grievances and enhance conflict resolution arising during project implementation, while keeping complainants informed of the progress being made to resolve the grievances.
- ii) Ensure transparency and accountability throughout the implementation of the project amongst the relevant stakeholders including project beneficiaries.
- iii) Resolve any emerging ESHS grievances in the project.
- iv) To promote relations between the project implementers, executers and beneficiaries.

v) Provide avenue for vulnerable groups and survivors of SEA/SH to have equal access to grievance redress, while ensuring that SEA/SH grievance response mechanisms are survivor centred.

6.2 Levels of Grievance Redress

The essence of GRM is to offer affected people avenues for registering a complaint or handling any dispute that may arise during the implementation of the project; guarantee that appropriate and mutually agreed redress actions are identified and implemented to the satisfaction of complainants; and prevent recourse to violent and forcible actions and/or judicial proceedings as well as providing a transparent and accountable implementation process. Nevertheless, people who feel their grievances or complaints have not been satisfactorily addressed will be free to have recourse to the judicial processes and other grievance redress avenues, including the World Bank's Grievance Redress Service (GRS). There will be two levels of grievance redress which are:

- a) Community level GRM
- b) KETRACO level GRM

The first level will be the Community Level GRM which will be developed during RAP preparation (for the Kimuka substation) and Grievance Redress Committees (GRCs) will be formed at the same time. It is expected that the GRCs will receive grievances from the community and resolve them in a culturally acceptable manner. In case the GRC is unable to resolve the grievances, they will escalate the same to KETRACO, therefore moving the grievances to the second level.

The second level is the KETRACO level GRM which is presented below.

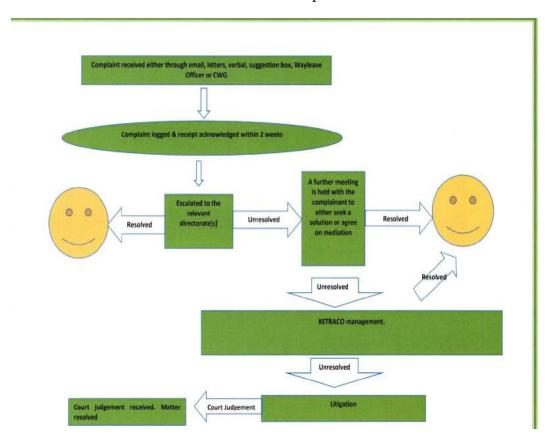


Figure 1: KETRACO's GRM procedure

In the second level grievance redress grievances will be received by KETRACO through email, letters, verbal, suggestion box, anonymously or through the CLO. Once grievances are received, they will be logged into the grievance log in the office. Some grievances may be resolved immediately, if not, they will be escalated to KETRACO's PIT. KETRACO will acknowledge receipt of complaints within two weeks and will strive to resolve each complaint within two months.

The PIT will convene a meeting with the aggrieved party and seek to resolve the grievance. However, if the PIT is unable to resolve it, depending on the nature of the grievance, the PIT will escalate the grievance to The NLC through the General Manager Project Development services (GMPDS) or the Company Secretary for arbitration. NLC will resolve it but if unable to, the aggrieved party will have an option to go to court in which case the court judgement will be final.

Feedback will be given to the aggrieved parties at every stage of the GRM to enable them to know the next steps.

KETRACO will also monitor the GRM implementation process and provide recommendations for future improvements.

The main objective of a GRM is to assist to resolve complaints and grievances in a timely, effective, and efficient manner that satisfies all parties involved.

4.3 Awareness

GRM will be widely publicized among stakeholder groups such as the affected parties including the PAPs, County Governments, Government administrative offices etc.

4.4 Implementing Steps

- i) The process of implementing the GRM involves the following steps:
- ii) The complaint submitted to PIT or designated GRC via email, cellphone, letter, Face-to-face or anonymously.
- iii) The Project Implementation Team (PIT) will register the complaint and acknowledge receipt.
- iv) An anonymous complaint should be investigated and handled in a confidential manner.
- v) The PIT will review the complaints and decide whether they will be processed.
- vi) The complainant will be notified of the case status.
- vii) The PIT will request additional information if required.
- viii) The complaint(s) will be assessed, and a response will be formulated.
- ix) The proposed solution will be communicated to the complainant within 15 working days from the receipt of the complaint.
- x) If the solution is acceptable to the complainant, then PIT will implement the solution(s) and settle the issue(s).
- xi) If the solution is not acceptable to the complainant, then the PIT will escalate raised the issue to management within KETRACO.

4.5 **Description of GRM**

The KETRACO GREEN Energy project will adopt the GRM arrangements described in the table below.

Table 4: GRM arrangements

Step	Description of Process	Time Frame	Responsibility
	Grievance redress mechanism at the Community level grievance redress	Throughout the project period as need arises	GRC

Step	Description of Process	Time Frame	Responsibility
	KETRACO level grievance redress	Throughout the project period as need arises	KETRACO
Grievance uptake	Grievances can be submitted via the following channels: • [e.g., Toll-free telephone hotline/Short Message Service (SMS) line • E-mail • Letter to Grievance focal points at local facilities • Complaint form to be lodged via any of the above channels and complainants may choose to identify themselves or to remain anonymous. • Walk-ins may register a complaint in a grievance logbook at a facility or suggestion box]	Throughout the project period as need arises	KETRACO & GRC
Sorting, processing	Any complaint received is forwarded to the relevant department Logged into the grievance log and categorized according to the following complaint types: -Delayed payments -Land ownership issues -Lack of compensation documents [X/Y/Z]	Upon receipt of complaint	Local grievance focal points and KETRACO
Acknowledgment and follow-up	Receipt of the grievance is acknowledged to the complainant by KETRACO or the GRC	Within 2 days of receipt	Local grievance focal points or KETRACO
Verification, investigation, action	Investigation of the complaint is led by the GRC or KETRACO A proposed resolution is formulated by the GRC or KETRACO and communicated to the complainant by the GRC or KETRACO	Within 10 working days to 2 months, depending on the complexity of the complaint	GRC and KETRACO
Monitoring and evaluation	Data on complaints are collected in from site and reported to KETRACO every once every week	Weekly	CRC
Provision of feedback	Feedback from complainants regarding their satisfaction with complaint resolution is collected by the CRCs [insert]	Weekly	CRC
Training	Training needs for staff/consultants I will be established through a capacity needs assessment prior to project implementation	Once	World Bank

A labour grievance Mechanism has been developed in the Labour Management Plan of this project, all project workers and labourers will be sensitized about it and encouraged to use when need arises.

4.6 Evaluation System

The PIT will assess the overall effectiveness and the impact of the mechanism annually and the results will contribute to improving the performance of the GRM and provide valuable feedback to project management. The following questions can be addressed in such evaluations:

- i. How many complaints have been raised?
- ii. What types of complaints have been raised?
- iii. What is the status of the complaints (rejected or not eligible, under assessment, action agreed upon, action being implemented, or resolved)?
- iv. How long did it take to solve the problems?
- v. How many aggrieved parties have used the grievance redress procedure?
- vi. What were the outcomes?

5 MONITORING AND REPORTING

5.1 Introduction

The implementation of the SEP will be monitored on a regular basis. The effectiveness of engagement activities will be evaluated against the goals and objectives set out in the Plan. This evaluation will examine the extent to which activities were implemented in accordance with the Plan and the extent to which they achieved the aims defined here.

Goal: Enhance stakeholder consultation, engagement, disclosure and collaboration for the project.

Objective: To gather input, address concerns, and keep stakeholders informed throughout the project life cycle.

5.2 Summary of how SEP implementation will be monitored and reported.

Monitoring the stakeholder engagement activities is important to ensure that consultation, disclosure, and grievance management efforts are effective and that stakeholders have been meaningfully consulted throughout the process. Monitoring also allows the Project to improve its strategies by using information acquired from the monitoring activities. The Project will monitor the stakeholder engagement activities, and in particular:

- The implementation of the SEP.
- The effectiveness of the engagement process in managing impacts and expectations by tracking responses received from engagement activities.
- Consultations and disclosure activities conducted with stakeholders; and
- All grievances received and resolved whether anonymous or non-anonymous.

Performance will be evaluated bi-annually by tracking:

- Place and time of formal engagement events and level of participation by specific stakeholder categories and groups with due consideration for gender disaggregated (e.g., participation in engagement events).
- Numbers and type of grievance and the nature and timing of their resolution.
- Materials disseminated, i.e., type, frequency, and location.
- Number of comments by issue/ topic and type of stakeholders, and details of feedback provided; and

• Community attitudes and perceptions towards the Project based on media reports and stakeholder feedback.

A summary of the SEP monitoring arrangements for the project is presented in table 4 below.

Table 5: SEP monitoring arrangements

S/N	Activities	Monitoring	Verifier	Responsibil	Frequency of
5/11	retivities	Indicators	Vermer	ity	monitoring
1.	Stakeholder mapping, consultation, sensitization, and engagement, grievance received and redressed	No. of meetings held	Minutes of meetings, Attendance lists	PIT	Continuous during all project phases
1.	Stakeholder engagement for RAP and ESIA updates	No. of meetings held	ESIA Report	PIT	Once during pre- construction phased
3.	Stakeholders' engagement for LMP and SEP	No. of meetings held	Report on Key stakeholder s engaged	PIT	Once during preconstruction and continuous during the project phases
4.	RAP & ESIA Disclosure	No. of disclosure meetings held	Minutes of meetings, Attendance lists	PIT	Once during preconstructio n phase
5.	Disclosure of entitlements	No. of disclosure meetings held	Minutes of meetings, Attendance lists	PIT	Once during preconstructio n phase
7.	Monitoring of RAP implementation	No. of M&E Reports	RAP M & E Reports	PIT	Quarterly during construction phase
8.	Monitoring pf GRM implementation	No. Of GRM monitoring reports	GRM M& E report	PIT	Monthly during construction
9.	Monitoring of ESMP implementation	No. of ESMPs and improvement orders	ESMP Reports	PIT	Quarterly during construction phase
10.	Environmental Audit	No. of Reports	Environmen tal Audit Report	PIT	Annually during the Operation Phase

5.3 Reporting back to stakeholder groups

The SEP will be periodically revised and updated as necessary during project implementation. Quarterly summaries and internal reports on public grievances, enquiries, and related incidents, together with the status of implementation of associated corrective/preventive actions, will be collated by responsible staff and referred to the senior management of the project. The [quarterly or other] summaries will provide a mechanism for assessing both the number and nature of complaints and requests for information, along with the Project's ability to address those in a timely and effective manner. Information on public engagement activities undertaken by the Project during the year may be conveyed to the stakeholders in various ways including:

- Information distribution of disclosure materials.
- Public announcements and engagement of media; and
- Disclosure and consultation meetings; and collection and incorporation of comments and feedback.

6 ANNEXES

Annex 1: Template to Capture Consultation Minutes

Stakehold	Dates of	Summar	Response of	Follow-up	Timetabl
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or	ns	Feedbac	Implementati	xt Steps	Complete
Individual		k	on Team		Follow-
)					up
					Action(s)

Annex 2: Complaints form

1. Name	Complainant's Details: (Optional) (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms)	
	mber	
Postal		address
Mobile	e	
Email		
Count	y	
Age	(in	years):
2.	Are you requesting for confidentiality for the information? Yes No	
3.		
	Yes No	
4.	Which institution or officer/person are you complaining about?	
5.	Have you reported this matter to any other public institution/ public official? Yes No	
6.	If yes, which one?	
7. Ye	Has this matter been the subject of court proceedings? s No	
8.	Please give a summary of your complaint and attach all supporting document indicate all the particulars of <i>what</i> happened, <i>where</i> it happened, <i>when</i> it happened by <i>whom</i>]	
7 Wh	nat action would you want to be taken?	
Signat	Ture	

Date										

Name of complaina		Nationality
Address/Contact Details:		
Position (if applicable):	Age:	Sex
Name of victim/survivor (if di	fferent from complainant):	
Address/Contact		Details
Age:	Sex:	Nationality
Name (s) & address of parents	s/legal guardian, if under 18:	
-	r completion of this form? YES: NO: ficiary/receiving any type of humanit g assistance):	arian assistance? (Name the
Location of alleged incident (s	s):	
Date:	Time:	
Physical and emotional state behaviour and mood, etc.):	of the victim/survivor (Describe an	y cuts, bruises, lacerations
Witness' Name & Contact Info	ormation:	

Description of incident (Please use separate sheet of paper if necessary):

Briefly describe service provided to survivor:
Briefly describe if there will be need for medium and long-term victim assistance:
Any other pertinent information provided during interview? (Including contact made with other organisations if any):
Signature/thumbprint signaling that the complainant been informed about organisations procedures for dealing with complaints:
Name of Accused Person (s): Job title:
Organisation Accused Person (s) Works for:
Address of Accused Person:
Age: Sex:
Physical Description of Accused Person:
Is the perpetrator a continuing threat to the safety of the survivor, complainant, staff or any beneficiary? Please explain any safety concerns:
Has any disciplinary action been taken by the responsible agency? (Describe):
Report Completed by: Date/Time:
Position/Organisation:

Location:
Date Report forwarded to relevant management structure:
Date received relevant management structure (Name/Position/Signature):

6.2 Annex 4: Grievance Monitoring and Tracking Log (for non-SEA/SH Complaints)

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KENYA ELECTRICITY GENERATING COMPANY PLC

KENYA GREEN AND RESILIENT EXPANSION OF ENERGY (GREEN) PROGRAM - BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT

Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BESS Battery Energy Storage System

CBOs Community Based Organizations

CEC County Executive Committee

CLO Community Liaison Officer

E&S Environment and social

ESS Environmental and Social Standard

FBOs Faith Based Organizations

FS Feasibility Study

GRM Grievance Redress Mechanism IPPs Independent Power Producers

KenGen Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC

KeRRA Kenya Rural Roads Authority

KETRACO Kenya Transmission Company PLC

KFS Kenya Forest Service

KPLC Kenya Power & Lighting Company

KURA Kenya Urban Roads Authority

KWS Kenya Wildlife Service

MoE&P Ministry of Energy and Petroleum

MW Mega watt of electricity

NEMA National Environment Management Authority

NGOs Non-Governmental Organizations

NMK National Museums of Kenya PAI Project Area of Influence

PIU Project Implementation Unit

PLC Public Limited Company

SAGAs Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies

SEP Stakeholder Engagement Plan

VMGs Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups

VRE Variable Renewable Energy

WB World Bank

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1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ministry of Energy and petroleum (MoE&P) in Kenya is currently conducting a study on Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) integration to the national grid. The preliminary analysis indicates the need for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the grid. The BESS is expected to store the excess energy from geothermal and Variable Renewable Energy (VRE) capacity in the national grid, hence assist in load balancing while offering ancillary services to the grid.

The BESS Component of the GREEN Project phase 2 will be implemented by the Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) on behalf of the Government of Kenya. The Consultant engaged by MoE&P to study BESS integration to the national grid has recommended installation of the BESS capacity as indicated in the table below.

Table 1: BESS capacity (Source WB study on BESS in Kenya)

	<u> </u>	•	•	• •
Node	2026 MW / MWh	2031 MW / MWh	2036 MW / MWh	2041 MW / MWh
Central Rift	100 / 100	100 / 100	200 / 200	400 / 1,000
Coast	-	100 / 100	400 / 700	300 / 600
Mt Kenya	100 / 100	100 / 100	200 / 200	200 / 200
Nairobi	100 / 100	200 / 200	200 / 200	400 / 1,300
Northern Rift	100 / 100	100 / 100	100 / 100	500 / 500
Western	-	100 / 100	100 / 100	400 / 1,100

The actual site for the BESS project will be determined by the outcome of a Feasibility Study (FS) that KenGen is in the process of conducting. The FS Consultant will suggest the most appropriate site for installing the BESS capacity.

The BESS project has been identified as a possible solution to increased proportion of VREs in the Kenyan power system coupled with considerable level of geothermal baseload capacity which has often resulted in energy curtailment during off peak hours. In addition, the high proportion of VREs in the power system requires enhanced ancillary services to maintain power system stability. On the other hand, the system often experiences firm capacity deficiencies at system peak due to planned and unplanned plant outages, and low wind and solar availability, sometimes leading to load shedding. During such periods the grid relies heavily on expensive thermal generation. Furthermore, sections of the power network experience voltage stability issues arising from long power transmission networks and lack of adequate local generation.

The BESS project is being prepared under the World Bank's Environment and Social Framework (ESF) and its 10 Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs). Per Environmental and Social Standard (ESS) 10 on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure, the implementing agencies should provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination, or intimidation.

2 OBJECTIVE OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP)

The overall objective of this SEP is to define a program for stakeholder engagement, including public information disclosure and consultation throughout the entire project cycle. The SEP outlines the ways in which the project team will communicate with stakeholders and includes a mechanism by which people can raise concerns, provide feedback, or make complaints about project activities or any activities related to the project.

STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

3.1 Principles for Stakeholder Engagement

To meet best practice approaches, the project will apply the following principles for stakeholder engagement:

- **Openness and life-cycle approach:** Public consultations for the project(s) will be arranged during the whole life cycle, carried out in an open manner, free of external manipulation, interference, coercion, or intimidation.
- *Informed participation and feedback:* Information will be provided to, and widely distributed among all stakeholders in an appropriate format; opportunities are provided for communicating stakeholder feedback, and for analyzing and addressing comments and concerns.
- Inclusiveness and sensitivity: Stakeholder identification is undertaken to support better communications and build effective relationships. The participation process for the projects is inclusive. All stakeholders are always encouraged to be involved in the consultation process. Equal access to information is provided to all stakeholders. Sensitivity to stakeholders' needs is the key principle underlying the selection of engagement methods. Special attention is given to vulnerable groups that may be at risk of being left out of project benefits, particularly women, the elderly, persons with disabilities, displaced persons, and migrant workers and communities, and the cultural sensitivities of diverse ethnic groups.
- *Flexibility:* If social distancing, cultural context (for example, particular gender dynamics), or governance factors (for example, high risk of retaliation) inhibits traditional forms of face-to-face engagement, the methodology should adapt to other forms of engagement, including various forms of internet- or phone-based communication

3.2 Stakeholder Identification

Stakeholders include individuals or groups that may influence or be impacted by the Project directly or indirectly and those who may have interests in a Project and/or the ability to influence its outcome, either positively or negatively.

The stakeholder identification process establishes which organizations and individuals may be directly or indirectly affected (positively or negatively) by the proposed Project, or have an interest in it. To develop an effective SEP, it is necessary to determine exactly who the stakeholders are and understand their priorities and objectives in relation to the BESS Project. By classifying and analyzing the stance, influence, capacity and interests of stakeholders, it is possible to develop an SEP that is tailored to the needs of different stakeholder groups.

Project stakeholders can be grouped into the following categories:

- Affected parties:
- Other interested parties; and
- Vulnerable and marginalized groups (VMGs).

3.2.1 Affected Parties

Affected Parties are persons, groups, and other entities within the Project Area of Influence (PAI) that are directly influenced (actually or potentially) by the project and/or have been identified as most susceptible to change associated with the project, and who need to be closely engaged in identifying impacts and their significance, as well as in decision-making on mitigation and management measures. For a BESS Project \located within a rural set-up, some of the affected parties include:

- The local community within/near the Project site
- Private Sector & Economic Groups (Pastoralists, Traders)

In case the BESS project will be located within an urban area, some of the affected parties include:

- Businessmen/women
- Landlords & Tenants
- Service providers

3.2.2 Other interested parties

- Other Interested Parties are individuals/groups/entities that may not experience direct impacts from the Project but who consider or perceive their interests as being affected by the project and/or who could affect the project and the process of its implementation in some way. These are:
 - o World Bank,
 - o NGOs/CBOs/FBOs,
 - o Independent Power Producers (IPP),
 - o Academia
 - o Media,
 - o surrounding communities,
 - o Local opinion leaders (Community leaders, Community Council of Elders)
 - Political Leaders (Governor, Senator, Women Representative, Area MP, Member of County Assembly)
 - Government Ministries, Departments & Agencies including Semi-Autonomous Government Agencies (SAGAs): Ministry of Energy & Petroleum, NEMA, KWS, KFS, National Museums of Kenya, KeRRA, KETRACO, KPLC, KURA
 - National Government Administration (Regional Commissioner, County Commissioner, Deputy County Commissioner, Assistant County Commissioner, Area Chiefs, Area Assistant Chiefs, Village Elders, Nyumba Kumi)
 - o County Government Executives and Administrators (CEC-Energy, CEC-Environment, CEC-Social Development, County/Ward Administrators).

3.2.3 Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups

Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups (VMGs) are persons, groups or communities who may be disproportionately impacted or further disadvantaged by the Project(s) compared with other communities due to their minority status, language and/or socio-cultural identity, gender or age and who may require special engagement efforts to ensure their equal representation in the consultation and decision-making processes associated with the project. VMGs for the Project include: pastoralists communities, hunter-gatherer communities, women headed households; poor widows, youth; elderly, people with disabilities (PWDs),

ethnic minority and any other disadvantaged groups that meet the requirements of ESS7. KenGen will identify leaders of the marginalized and vulnerable groups to be partners in stakeholder engagement. Vulnerable groups within the communities affected by the Project may be added in the stakeholder list, and consulted through dedicated means, as appropriate. Description of the methods of engagement that will be undertaken by the project is provided in the following sections.

3.3 Stakeholder Mapping

Stakeholder mapping seeks to understand stakeholders' level of interest in the Project and influence in decision making as well as on other Project stakeholders, and will continue throughout the Project lifecycle. It is also important to note that stakeholder interests and level of influence is dynamic and changes over time; hence the need to periodically update the stakeholder map as well as the wider SEP. Mapping will also help identify stakeholders who may find it more difficult to participate in consultation activities and are affected by or interested in the proposed Project because of their marginalized or vulnerable status .

Stakeholder mapping considers:

- Who is affected by the Project and how;
- Who the formal and informal community leaders are and to what degree they are seen as representative;
- Whether the stakeholder supports, is neutral towards, or is opposed to the Project;
- Each stakeholder's interests and concerns in relation to the Project; and
- How different stakeholders can influence the Project and what risks or opportunities this presents.

According to each stakeholder's levels of interest or impact on the proposed Project, different levels of engagement intensity will be employed. Stakeholders will be mapped using the matrix presented below.

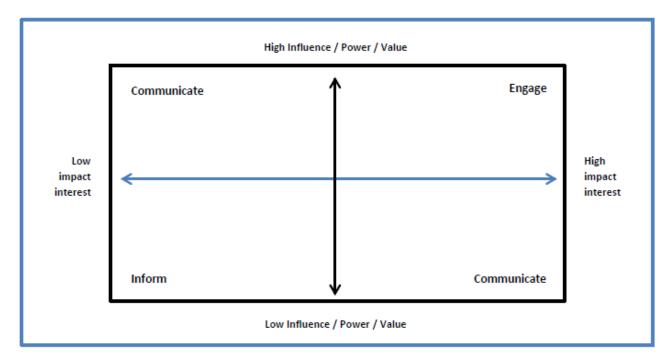


Figure 2: Stakeholder engagement matrix

The outcome of the stakeholders mapping will be considered as a working document to be updated as necessary.

The BESS project definition of impact/interest and influence/power are as described in Table below 2 below.

Table 2: Definition of Impact/Interest/Power

	Impact/Interest axis	Influence/Power axis
High	The stakeholder will experience a high degree of impact as a result of the project (e.g., resettlement, complete loss of livelihood, loss of pasture/water, etc.). OR: The project is directly related to stakeholder's institutional field of interest and/or responsibilities.	The stakeholder has decision- making power regarding whether the project will go ahead or not and/or about the adequacy of the ESIA process and/or BESS's mitigation strategies
Medium	The stakeholder will experience some degree of impact, but impacts can be managed and/or mitigated. OR: The project or aspect thereof has some relevance to the stakeholder's institutional field of inters and/or responsibilities	The stakeholder can influence the scope and timing of the ESIA and/or BESS's mitigation strategies.
Low	The stakeholder will experience very few effects as a result of the project. OR: The project has limited relevance to the stakeholder's institutional field of interest and/or responsibilities.	The stakeholder has very little control over the project.

Figure 3: Definitions for stakeholder Analysis and Mapping

4 Stakeholder Engagement Process/Communication Plan

4.1 Objectives of the Communication Plan

The objective of this communication plan is to define the communication requirements for the Project and how information will be shared. This plan describes the following:

- Information that will be communicated including the level of detail and format;
- How the information will be communicated face to face meetings, by email, telephone, web portal, WhatsApp, etc.
- When information will be distributed, the frequency of Project communication, both formal and informal;
- Who is responsible for communicating Project information;
- Communication requirements for all Project stakeholders;
- How sensitive or confidential information is communicated and who must authorize this;
- How changes in communication or the communication process will be managed;
- Any constraints, internal or external, which may affect Project communication; and
- The escalation process for resolving any communication-based conflicts or issues.

4.2 Key Issues that should be communicated

The following are some of the important messages that will be communicated to the Stakeholders:

- Background of the Project;
- Project Description;
- Project Activities;
- The potential Project benefits and impacts;
- The process that will be followed to engage with stakeholders;
- The Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) for the project; and
- How and when stakeholders can participate in the Project.

4.3 When to communicate

Project communication will be structured and offered regularly but with the flexibility of responding to issues as they emerge. Broadly, stakeholder engagement for the proposed Project has been categorized into preparation and operation engagement activities.

4.4 Communication Methods

A variety of communication methods are used to engage with stakeholders reflecting their level of authority, socio-economic context, and cultural and intellectual factors such as level of education and literacy.

English and Swahili are the official languages of communication in Kenya, especially within the urban set-up. For official/formal project meetings and information disclosure on websites or via emails, English will be the main mode of communication and engagement. However, for rural stakeholders, Swahili will be the main mode of communication and engagement, and as necessary, interpretation to native language will be applied to ensure all stakeholders are able to participate in the subproject decision making processes on issues that affect them.

4.5 Summary of project stakeholder needs and methods, tools, and techniques

Different engagement methods are proposed and cover different stakeholder needs as stated below:

- i. Public meetings/ Barazas
- ii. Focus group meetings/discussions,
- iii. Formal meetings
- iv. One-on-one interviews/Key Informant Interviews (KII)
- v. Phone/Email/Online meetings
- vi. Administering questionnaires
- vii. Courtesy calls

Table 3: Summary of methods for informed consultation and participation process

Method	Description	Targeted Stakehold er	Phase
Public meetings (Public barazas)	Forum for providing project information and hosting question and answer session with a large audience. Meetings will be held at community venues which will be easily accessed by all project stakeholders and at convenient times, with sufficient notice. Minutes	Local communitie s	 Pre-construction (ESIA preparation and disclosure and any other project announcements) Construction (information disclosure on e.g. employment opportunities and

Method	Description	Targeted Stakehold er	Phase
	and attendance taken in all meetings.		grievance management process)
Focus Group Discussions	Exchange of information with more targeted groups of stakeholders; focus will be on, for example, livelihood, age or gender.	Local communitie s	 Pre-construction (ESIA preparation and disclosure; data collection for impacts mitigation and planning)
One-on-one and small group meetings (KII)	Meetings with influential stakeholders and those with access to important baseline information.	Government stakeholder s, NGOs, CBOs and FBOs	Pre-construction Construction/ Implementation (Consultations and ongoing discussions for environmental and social management and monitoring activities)
Phone/Email /Online meetings	Opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns about the project and environmental and social issues in a timely manner	All stakeholder s	 Pre-construction Construction/ Implementation Operations
Formal Meeting	Meeting with professional experts and other key stakeholders	Professional experts	Pre-constructionConstruction/ ImplementationOperations
Administerin g questionnaire s	To get comments/views about the project	Selected stakeholder s	Pre-constructionConstruction/ ImplementationOperations

Attendance sheets, meeting note forms and public meeting notices will be used to support the stakeholder engagement process.

At the local level, notice of meetings will be given at least two weeks in advance through phone calls, emails and visits to community representatives / liaison officers who will share the information with the rest of the community. Suitable days and times for the meetings will be selected factoring in people's work and family commitments; and meetings will be conducted in a culturally sensitive manner.

For engagement with key stakeholders, invitations for meetings will be sent at least two weeks in advance and follow up phone calls with stakeholders will be made to confirm and schedule the meetings.

4.6 Institutional Arrangements for Stakeholder Engagement

Effective stakeholder engagement requires clear lines of communication and effective coordination within the project, between the project and partners, and with stakeholders. The key participants in the management of stakeholder engagement for the BESS project are as outlined in the table below.

Table 4: Stakeholder Engagement Management Team

Table	Table 4: Stakeholder Engagement Management Team				
Management Team	Role/Responsibility				
KenGen's BESS E&S Focal Point and Head of the E&S Sustainability Division	 Ensure stakeholder engagement strategy is communicated internally and that E&S staff, resources and systems are in place to enable the SEP to be implemented Ensure coordination across all stakeholder activities by all parties Ensure stakeholder database are regularly updated Assist with communication with key national and local authorities and agencies Plan and attend key consultation meetings as required Assist in management of grievance resolution 				
Construction/ Operations Team	 Ensure the project workforce is briefed in a timely manner about SEP Plan and attend key consultation meetings as required Assist in management of grievance resolution. Report any key developments and incidences of the project on a regular basis 				
Community Representatives/ Community Liaison Officer (CLO) (reporting to the BESS E&S Focal Point)	 Focal point for communication between the local communities and project management team Regular reporting to project management officials on engagement and grievances Implements and monitors grievance mechanism Records all engagement activities and updates stakeholder database as required 				
Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)/ Operations Team	 Provide assistance in planning, scheduling and attending meetings arranged when required Attend stakeholder review meetings as required Assist in management of grievance resolution 				

5 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

5.1 Purpose and timing of the Stakeholder Engagement Program

The overall goal of this Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) is to ensure a systematic, consistent, comprehensive and coordinated approach to stakeholder participation and communication throughout the project cycle. The SEP outlines ways in which the project team will communicate with stakeholders and the feedback mechanism to be utilized.

The plan will guide timely engagement with key stakeholders as well as dissemination and increased access to relevant project information. The project will innovate ways for consultations to be effective and meaningful to project and stakeholder needs.

5.2 Proposed strategy for information disclosure

To ensure information about the BESS project is accessible to all stakeholders, disclosure will be done in a variety of ways as outlined in Table 3 below.

Information disclosure will be undertaken in culturally appropriate languages and in accessible locations, using culturally-feasible engagement techniques, considering disability, literacy and mobility challenges, in a timeframe that enables meaningful consultations.

Swahili and English have been identified as the main languages for stakeholder consultations and communication materials, as most people within the proposed project area speak Swahili and English. If stakeholders do not speak Swahili, interpreters will be identified during consultations to translate into local languages, as needed. Illustrations and other means of communication will be provided as needed to communicate information to the illiterate.

Table 5: Information disclosure methods

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Information to be Disclosed	Method					
Relevant Project Information such as project objectives, impacts, benefits etc.	 Information leaflets and brochures distributed at consultation meetings and made available in key public places Presentations Posters Information disclosure to the locals and surrounding communities will be undertaken in accessible locations, using culturally appropriate formats with gender and age considerations, and accessible engagement techniques such as FGDs and public meetings, considering any disability, mobility and literacy challenges. If stakeholders do not speak Swahili, interpreters will be identified during consultations to translate into local languages as needed. 					
Project documents including ESIA, SEP, etc.	 Through public consultations/ meetings Copies of the SEP, ESIA, etc., will be made available in hard copies available to all stakeholders at KenGen, county commissioner's offices, chiefs' offices, NEMA etc. Electronic versions of the approved ESIA, SEP etc. will be placed in official websites of KenGen and NEMA Information disclosure will be undertaken in accessible locations using culturally appropriate formats and accessible engagement techniques such as FGDs and public meetings considering disability, mobility and literacy challenges. If stakeholders do not speak Swahili, interpreters will be identified during consultations to translate into local languages as needed. 					

Information to be Disclosed	Method
Disclosure of information on project activities and milestones	 Meeting invitations will be sent at least one week prior to meetings Communication through local authorities in advance of any community meetings. Notice of meetings (in English, Swahili and Native language) will be placed in locations accessible to all. Meeting minutes and attendee list will be taken in each meeting. If stakeholders do not speak Swahili, translators will be identified during consultations to translate into local languages as needed
Disclosure of information on planned stakeholder engagement sessions, such as time, venue and purpose of upcoming meetings, etc.	 Meeting invitations will be sent at least one week prior to meetings. Communication through local authorities in advance of any community meetings. Notice of meetings (in English, Swahili and native language) will be placed in locations accessible to all. Meeting minutes and attendee list will be taken in each meeting. If stakeholders do not speak Swahili, interpreters will be identified during consultations to translate into local languages as needed.

5.3 Proposed strategy for consultation

Consultations with all identified stakeholders will be undertaken with the aim of creating awareness, improving access to information and receiving/giving feedback on project implementation. The communication channels highlighted above will play a key role in ensuring information flow between implementing entity (KenGen) and its stakeholders. Table 4 below represents the stakeholder consultation plan.

Table 6: Consultation strategy

Project Stage	Information to be disclosed	Target stakeholders	Communication channels	Estimated Period	Responsibilities
Project preparation	Project documents – ESCP, SEP, LMP.	KenGen	Email, intranet, trainings, meetings, website	In person or virtual Within three months	KenGen World Bank
		Affected and interested parties	Email, website, meetings (in person or virtual)	after project effectiveness	
	Annual workplan	Affected and implementing parties	Email, website, press	A week after approval by the World Bank	KenGen
Project implementation and monitoring	Monitoring reports on the ESHS performance	World Bank and all other stakeholders	Email, website, meetings	1st report – three months after start of project implementation and subsequent reports quarterly	KenGen
	Project progress reports	All stakeholders	Email, website, meetings	In person or virtual meeting; monthly in the first year, and thereafter, quarterly	KenGen
	Knowledge management and communication products	All stakeholders	Email, website, meetings, social media, posters, banners, leaflets, studies	In person or virtual As and when completed	KenGen

Table 7: Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan

	Target for	Purpose of	Engagement Tasks / Methods	Schedule /	Responsibility	Project Phase
	Engagement	Engagement	ingugement rusis / wiethous	Frequency	Responsibility	110jeet 1 mase
1.	Government and local authorities, regulators and other agencies	Establish and maintain a good working relationship with the various authorities to promote the Project's interests, facilitate compliance and cooperate on issues of material interest to all parties	 Planned communications and liaison with various levels of Ministry / directorates and County / Division authorities Host regulatory visits and full cooperation during inspections and audits 	Before commencing key Project activities at variable frequency depending upon role of stakeholder and subject matter (e.g. annual, bi-annual, monthly, etc., then as required during Project life cycle)	KenGen / others as designated	Pre-construction / Construction / Operation / Closure
2.	National / international NGOs and academia; local NGOs / CBOs	Provide opportunities for interested parties to obtain information on the Project and its impacts	Regular updates / ad hoc briefings on specific issues / opportunities plus disclosure of specific reports and information on the KenGen website	Before commencing key Project activities at variable frequency depending upon role of stakeholder and subject matter (e.g. annual, bi-annual, monthly, etc. then as required during Project life cycle)	KenGen management	Pre-construction / Construction / Operation / Closure
3.	Key stakeholders (including lenders)	Seek opportunities for obtaining qualitative feedback on Project - related issues from key stakeholders (e.g. interested parties and/or high influence-power- value contacts)	Meetings, interviews and telephone calls. Can also consider establishing a more formal 'advisory group' for general feedback or on specific issue / material concern.	As required during Project life cycle	KenGen management	Pre-construction / Construction / Operation / Closure

	Target for Engagement	Purpose of Engagement	Engagement Tasks / Methods	Schedule / Frequency	Responsibility	Project Phase
4.	Media	Provide key information to TV / radio / newspaper / on-line media	Provide Press Releases, articles / photographs	Before commencing key Project activities at variable frequency depending upon role of stakeholder and subject matter (e.g. annual, bi-annual, monthly, etc. then as required during Project life cycle)	KenGen management and PR advisors	Pre-construction / Construction / Operation / Closure
5.	Project affected stakeholders	Sensitization and awareness-raising in relation to Project schedule, activities and impacts	- Undertake community meetings and public barazas to advise on Project progress, brief them on any specific issues (such as heavy construction equipment, electrical safety, increased road traffic, security, potential influx and employment) and explain the grievance procedures - Customized briefings for vulnerable groups	As required by each construction work package - in advance of contractor arrival	CLO/ Consultant as necessary)	Construction
6.	Project affected stakeholders	Sexual exploitation and abuse prevention and mitigation measures, HIV/ AIDS and STD sensitization	- Provide community awareness training ahead of the mobilization of contractor workforces - Collaboration with health authorities / NGOs to support health promotion (other communicable disease, lifestyles, etc.) as well as to respond to SEA cases	- in advance of contractor arrival	Community Liaison office	Construction
7.	Vulnerable groups	Ensure adequate participation in Project activities and access to project	- culturally appropriate meetings with vulnerable groups / individuals, as required to provide subproject information, monitor situation, and	- Minimum 6- monthly during construction /	Community Liaison office	Construction / Operations

	Target for	Purpose of	Engagement Tasks / Methods	Schedule /	Responsibility	Project Phase
	Engagement	Engagement		Frequency		
		benefits by vulnerable groups and individuals, and monitoring any changes to the level of marginalization or disadvantage of others	if applicable identify additional mitigation measures - Survey / check 'vulnerability status' of stakeholder who have been potentially more marginalised or disadvantaged by the Project - Liaison with relevant authorities and NGOs with a view to developing focused mitigation measures	annually in operations phase		
8.	All affected and interested parties	Provide stakeholders with information on Project progress and performance on matters of material concern including resolution of complaints	- Prepare and disclose brochure on the Project's local stakeholder engagement programme	Separate engagement brochures to be prepared for construction and operations phases	ESHS Manager / CLO	Construction- Operations transition / Operations

5.4 Stakeholder Engagement Tools and Materials

The SEP will be used in conjunction with stakeholder engagement and community relations management tools including:

- i. Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) which provides a mechanism for communities and affected parties to raise complaints and grievances and allows the BESS project proponent to respond to and resolve the issues in an appropriate manner.
- ii. Commitment Register to record any public commitments made by the project proponent or public concerns raised about the project that require action
- iii. Engagement Notes Format to ensure that accurate and detailed record of information and views are gathered at every stakeholder meeting and a consultation meeting note will be written.

6 TIMELINE FOR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The SEP provides for procedures and approaches that will be followed during the engagement with the different stakeholders during all phases of the project to ensure the active involvement and participation of the stakeholders.

6.1 Preconstruction Phase

The objectives of engagement during this phase will be to:

- i. Keep the local community informed about the nature and purpose of pre-construction activities and further environmental and social studies taking place in the proposed BESS project area, respond to questions or concerns about the proposed BESS project and clarify any unrealistic expectations;
- ii. Notify local stakeholders about the expected BESS project start date;
- iii. Introduce stakeholders to the grievance mechanism and how it works;
- iv. Manage official engagement with local and national authorities in a timely manner in order to achieve the required project permitting schedule;
- v. Maintain a record of all consultations and update the stakeholder database.

6.2 Construction Phase

The objective of the engagement during this phase will be to:

- i. Continue to provide adequate and timely information about the BESS project; keep local stakeholders updated about the progress of the project; and provide sufficient notice before any major activities take place;
- ii. Manage any grievances that may arise as a result of the BESS implementation activities
- iii. Track and monitor grievances raised to ensure that all issues are closed out in a timely manner and identify any recurring issue;
- iv. Engage both local and national authorities and agencies as required to ensure all necessary permits are maintained up to date;
- v. Engage local authorities and national agencies as required on specific environmental and social management and monitoring aspects;
- vi. Maintain a record of all consultations and update the stakeholder database.

6.3 Operations Phase

This phase requires minimal engagement. The objectives of the engagement during this phase will be to:

- i. Maintain indirect communications with the local community through the area chief and community representatives.
- ii. Manage any grievances that may arise as a result of the BESS operation activities.
- iii. Engage local authorities and national agencies as required on specific environmental and social management and monitoring aspects;
- iv. Maintain a record of all consultations and update the stakeholder database.

7 RESOURCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

7.1 Resources

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at KenGen will oversee all stakeholder engagement activities. The budget for the SEP implementation is KES. 11,338,635 as tabulated in the table below. A Budget for the SEP will be provided to cover costs for organizing engagement activities, sensitization/capacity development, and grievance resolution, among other expenses, amounting to USDxxx as tabulated in the table below.

Table 8: Stakeholder Engagement Action Plan Budget

Budget Category		Unit Cost		Total Costs	
	Quantity	(USD)	Times	(USD)	Remarks
1. Stakeholder Consultatio	n				
1a. Organizing for public					Meeting Venue:
consultations	100 pax	40	10		tents, seats, &
				40,000	refreshments.
1b. Facilitation fees for					Facilitation fee for
Provincial Administrators and	20 pax	50	10		local administration
local leadership				10,000	/ village elders etc.
2. Capacity building and S	upport to	Public Awar	eness Ca	mpaign	
2a. Training on					
social/environmental issues	25 pax	1,500	1		
for PIT and E&S team				37,500	Training cost
2b. Public sensitization on					
HIV/AIDs including testing	250 pax	20	2		Cost for facilitators,
and counselling				10,000	venue, transport etc
Printing/Photocopying					Printing papers,
				2,500	printers etc
3. Information Materials I)evelopm	ent			
Information materials					
through production of					During capacity
brochures, leaflets, posters					building BESS
among others.				16,750	project activities

4. Grievance Mechanis	sm				
6a. Training of CRCs	20 pax	50	2		
committees	20 pax	50	-	2,000	Training costs
Subtotal				118,750	
7. Contingency 5% of					
subtotal				6,250	
Total				125,000	
TOTAL STAKEH	OLDER ENGAGE	EMENT BU	JDGET	125,000	

7.2 Responsibilities

All project staff will play a key role in the consultation processes through their interaction with the different stakeholders. However, with supervision from the Project Coordinator, Social Safeguards Specialist, the Community Relations Officer and the Environment expert will play a key role in implementing this SEP.

8 GRIEVANCE MECHANISM

8.1 Introduction

The purpose of a Grievance Mechanism is to offer stakeholders an effective avenue for expressing themselves and achieving resolution for their concerns.

The Grievance Mechanism seeks to:

- Provide an equitable and context-specific process which respects the confidentiality of all parties, protects all parties from retaliation and builds trust as an integral component of broader community relations activities.
- Provide a predictable, accessible, transparent, and legitimate process to all parties, resulting in outcomes that are seen as fair, effective, and lasting; and
- Enable more systematic identification of emerging issues and trends, facilitating corrective action and proactive engagement.

The procedure governs how KenGen will receive grievances pertaining to BESS activities. It will capture grievances arising from actual project impacts, as well as issues that are simply perceived to be related to KenGen, irrespective of whether they derive directly from KenGen or contractor activities. Grievances shall be investigated and resolved through a defined series of steps.

This process allows for three stages of resolution. Specifically:

- i. Tier 1 (Entry level) procedures define the means through which community-level grievances may be (i) received, acknowledged, and registered by the project; and (ii) how field-level investigation and resolution of grievances will occur.
- ii. Tier 2 procedures allow for unresolved grievances to be escalated for further review at the field level.
- iii. Tier 3 grievance management, which allows for the grievant to be reported either to the World Bank or to proceed to court if the grievance cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the grievant and the project, will remain outside the scope of this procedure.

8.2 Minimising Grievances

The following measures are proposed to minimise grievances during project implementation:

i. Information disclosure: The Proponent will ensure that there is continued flow of accurate information regarding the project activities. This will cut down on complaints that mostly arise from misinformation.

- ii. Transparency by KenGen especially regarding economic and employment opportunities: The Proponent should ensure there is transparency in terms of available economic and employment opportunities, qualifications and modes of selection to avoid grievances around employment and distribution of available economic opportunities from the locals.
- iii. Accessibility of the KenGen's CLO to the community: An active Community Liaison Officer who may also serve as a Grievance Officer (GO) is both the face of KenGen on the ground, and an available link between communities and KenGen. CLO ensures any issues that arise are resolved before they become too serious.
- iv. Locally constituted Grievance Management Committee (LCGMC): The members of the LCGMC will be elected by the community within which the project is located.
- v. Continued engagement throughout the Project life: This encourages KenGen and host communities' collaboration, and positively impacts project implementation and sustainability.

8.3 Principles of the Grievance Mechanism

This SEP proposes that KenGen operates in line with international best practice for the environmental and social management of projects. This grievance mechanism has been designed in line with the following principles:

- Proportionality: the mechanism is scaled in line with the level of risk and adverse impacts on affected communities.
- Community appropriateness: considering culturally appropriate ways of handling community concerns.
- Accessibility: providing a clear and understandable mechanism that is accessible to all segments of the affected communities at no cost.
- Transparency and accountability: to project affected stakeholders at field (operational) level;
- Appropriate protection: prevents retribution and does not impede access to other remedies.

8.4 Grievance Redress Committee

During the public consultations the community will be sensitized to form a Grievance Committee to acquaint themselves with the implications of the project and be able to articulate their views. They will be informed about how some of the issues that may arise will be communicated and resolved through the committee.

The main function of the committee will be to provide forum for the affected persons or parties to air their dissatisfaction arising from the project implementation process. The committee will be an informal forum to fast-track addressing of emerging issues in a project that can derail a smooth implementation of a project. The Committee is to receive complaints from the PAPs through the project office either verbally or in writing and they endeavor to address the issue to the satisfaction of the complainant.

8.5 Grievance Management Procedure

The Grievance Mechanism is based on a step-by-step procedure for receiving, acknowledging, registering, reviewing, investigating and resolving complaints and grievances from all projects affected stakeholders.



Figure 4: Key steps of the Tier 1 (entry level) grievance management process

8.6 Proposed Grievance Redress Steps

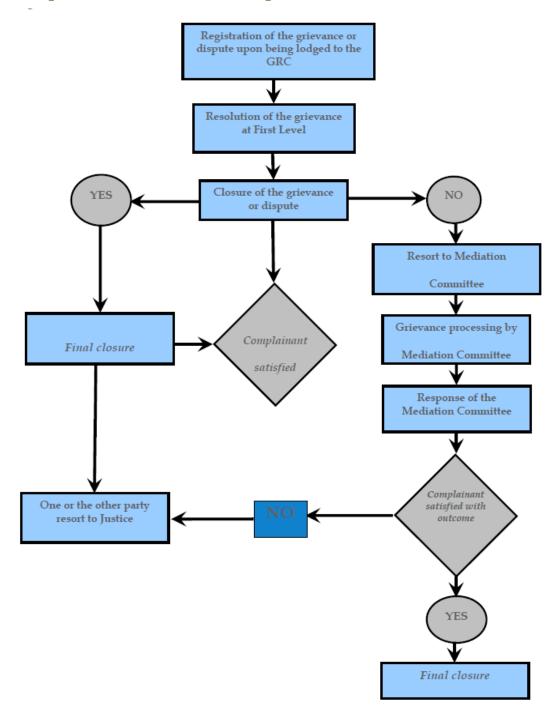


Figure 5: Grievance Redress Flow Chart

8.7 Awareness

GRM will be widely publicized among stakeholder groups such as the affected parties.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

9.1 Monitoring

The implementation of the SEP will be monitored on a regular basis. The effectiveness of engagement activities will be evaluated against the goals and objectives set out in the plan. This evaluation will examine the extent to which activities were implemented in accordance with the plan and the extent to which they achieved the objectives defined here.

The Project will monitor the stakeholder engagement activities and in particular:

- The implementation of the SEP;
- The effectiveness of the engagement process in managing impacts and expectations by tracking responses received from engagement activities;
- Consultations and disclosure activities conducted with stakeholders; and
- All grievances received and resolved whether anonymous or non-anonymous.

Performance will be evaluated bi-annually by tracking:

- Place and time of formal engagement events and level of participation by specific stakeholder categories and groups with due consideration for gender disaggregated (e.g., participation in engagement events);
- Numbers and type of grievance and the nature and timing of their resolution;
- Materials disseminated, i.e., type, frequency, and location;
- Number of comments by issue/ topic and type of stakeholders, and details of feedback provided; and
- Community attitudes and perceptions towards the Project based on media reports and stakeholder feedback.

9.2 Reporting

The PIU will develop regular reports (typically quarterly) which will typically be required by the World Bank. The reports will present all activities, including stakeholder engagement activities, for the period and summarize the issues. The report and its annexes will also detail the measures taken to address the issues, timeline of responses, as well as corrective and mitigation measures to address grievances and analysis of trends. Data reported on will include the following activities:

- Information distribution of disclosed materials;
- Public announcements and engagement of media; and
- Disclosure and consultation meetings; and
- Collection and incorporation of comments and feedback.

The SEP will be periodically revised and updated as necessary to ensure that the information and the methods of engagement remain appropriate and effective in relation to the project context. Any major changes to the project related activities and to its schedule will be duly reflected in the updated SEP. Monthly/quarterly summaries and internal reports on public grievances, enquiries and related incidents, together with the status of implementation of associated corrective/preventive actions will be collated by responsible staff and referred to the senior management of the project.

The monthly/quarterly summaries will provide a mechanism for assessing both the number and the nature of complaints and requests for information, along with the project's ability to address those in a timely and effective manner.

ANNEXES

Annex 1: Template to Capture Consultation Minutes

Stakehold er (Group or Individual)	Dates of Consultatio ns	Summa ry of Feedbac k	Response of Project Implementati on Team	Follow-up Action(s)/Ne xt Steps	Timetabl e/ Date to Complete Follow- up Action(s)

Annex 2: Complaints form

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	Please give a summary of your complaint and attach all supporting documents [Note to						
	indicate all the particulars of <i>what</i> happened, <i>where</i> it happened, <i>when</i> it happened and by <i>whom</i>]						
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	7 What action would you want to be taken?						
	Signature						
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	Date						

Annex 3: Grievance Monitoring and Tracking Log (for non-SEA/SH Complaints)

Case no.	Date Claim Received	Name of Person Receiving Complaint	Where/how the complaint was received	Name & contact details of complainant (if known)	Add content of the claim (include all grievances, suggestions, inquiries) *please note if the complaint was related to the project. If not, note it here and refer complainant to PIU for further processing	Was Receipt of Complaint Acknowledged to the Complainant? (Y/N – if yes, include date, method of communication & by whom)	Expected Decision Date	Decision Outcome (include names of participants and date of decision)	Was Decision communicated to complainant? Y/N If yes, state when, by whom and via what method of communication	Was the complainant satisfied with the decision? Y/N State the decision. If no, explain why and if known, will pursue appeals procedure.	Any follow up action (and by whom, by what date)?