

 Early Warning System

WB-P501985

Modernization and Improvement of Electricity Distribution



Quick Facts

Countries	Nepal
Specific Location	Jhapa, Sunsari, Ilam Panchthar, Taplejung, Sankhuwasabha and Udayapur districts
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-04-30
Borrower	Government of Nepal - Ministry of Finance / Nepal Electricity Authority
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 150.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 150.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the Project Development Objective is to enhance the electricity distribution network system in selected locations of Nepal.

The proposed Project, which will be implemented by Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), will construct nine new 33/11kV Substations at Jhapa, Sunsari, Ilam Panchthar, Taplejung, Sankhuwasabha and Udayapur districts. All the nine sites chosen for the construction of the substations are in the urban and rural settings in the Koshi Province. The NEA acquired the required land for construction of the substations as per the prevailing national laws and before the Bank was considered as a financier to the Project.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

This Project has moderate environmental and social risks. The construction and upgrade of substations and distribution networks that would enable supply of clean energy to consumers. This would require undertaking minor civil works, such as site clearance, excavation, and trenching, leading to air, noise, water, and dust pollution, solid and liquid waste from the labor camps, as well as e-waste from substation upgrade, distribution line construction, smart meter and auto-reclosure installations.

The Project acquired the land needed per the national laws before initiating discussions with the Bank for its financing. Since there will be no need for additional land acquisition, the chances of the Project encountering new land-based impacts are minimal.

Other social risks associated with the Project activities include inadequate stakeholder consultations and information disclosure, and weak grievance redress system.



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Total Operation Cost: US\$ 150.00 million

IDA Credit: US\$ 150.00 million



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement](#)
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Electricity Supply Reliability Improvement Project - P501985 \(En](#)