Early Warning System

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Cambodia Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project
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Project Description

The development objective of the Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project for Cambodia is to improve climate resilient rural road connectivity in select provinces. The project comprises of four components. The first component, resilient rural corridors consists of two sub-components: (i) resilient rural roads rehabilitation and maintenance; and (ii) institutional strengthening for disaster resilience. The second component, financial planning for disaster resilience will provide technical assistance to strengthen Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF’s) capacity for financial planning for disaster resilience. The third component, project management will provide technical and operational assistance to strengthen the institutional, organizational, and technical capacity of Ministry of Rural Development (MRD) to support day-to-day project implementation, including coordination, technical matters, procurement, financial management, social and environmental safeguards, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting. The fourth component, contingent emergency response component will provide immediate and effective response to an eligible crisis or emergency, as needed.
Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to bank documents, the project aims to reduce the impacts of natural hazards in Cambodia by improving climate resilient rural road connectivity in provinces, disaster risk assessment and financing, and contingent emergency response. The project is part of the World Bank's South East Asia Disaster Risk Management (SEA DRM) Project in Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

The project components entail upgrading rural roads and strengthening the preparedness of surrounding communities including the rehabilitation and maintenance of about 250 km along the Mekong and Tonle Sap that have been regularly damaged by floods; development of resilient roads design, construction, and maintenance guidelines, support of quality control through field laboratories, and upgrade of the rural road inventory and improve road asset management. The project will support governments to implement national disaster risk finance strategy and to access premium sovereign disaster risk insurance for 3 years such as Southeast Asia Disaster Resilience Insurance Fund (SEADRIF) or the World Bank Treasury.

BANK RISK ASSESSMENT

According to bank documents, the following World Bank environmental and social safeguard policies have been triggered by the project:

- Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01 – triggered because “impacts will be limited to dust, noise, household business disturbance, sourcing if materials, and waste during construction” in specific construction sites.
- Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04 – triggered because “the proposed road strengthening could have some impacts on nearby habitats, wildlife corridors, wetlands, or river basins.”
- Indigenous Peoples OP/BP10 – triggered because “preliminary assessment suggests that ethnic minorities are present in Stung Treng and Kratie, and potentially in small numbers in other provinces. They may be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project.”
- Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11- triggered because “[t]here is a possibility that physical cultural resources could be found during eventual construction of infrastructure that is to be studied and designed through this project, especially in the indigenous people’s areas.”
- Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12 – triggered because “land acquisition and structure relocation are expected to be minor and temporary […] The project may impact shops and small business along the roads. “

OUR RISK ASSESSMENT

There is very limited information on the project and sub-projects at the time of writing. However, based on publicly available information, the following human rights may be impacted by the project:

- Right to Property and Adequate Housing: The project would cause “potential damage to private property and community infrastructure." The bank documents mentioned the minor relocation of building include roof structures and concrete floors from shops and houses and the possibility of removing crops and trees along the road alignment and right of way. Land acquisition may require for the construction of roadway ditches and drainage improvement. Temporary relocation is possible or even voluntary land donation will be considered. The land acquisition will be identified during the project implementation.

- Right to a Healthy Environment: The implementation of road rehabilitation may cause flood, dust, noise and disrupt wildlife corridors, wetlands, or river basins near the construction sites, potentially impacting the right to a healthy environment.
Investment Description

Government of Cambodia: US$ 13 Million
Global Facility For Disaster Reduction And Recovery: US$ 1 Million

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