



Social Impact Assessment

Earth Systems offer a full suite of social assessment and development planning services including social impact assessment (SIA), socio-economic and health baseline surveys, preparation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs), Livelihood Restoration Plans (LRP), Indigenous Peoples Development Plans (IPDPs), Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and gender assessment and development planning (GDP)

Working with companies, investors and communities, our approach is to provide clients with detailed, accurate socio-economic information and an understanding of the local situation to support development and implementation of social management and mitigation programmes.

We develop programmes that focus on both minimising social impacts to a degree acceptable to regulators, financiers, the community and other stakeholders, and ensuring that positive outcomes are maximised. We also have expertise in developing processes that promote sustainable community development and empowerment, build capacity and develop social capital.

Through sound assessment, effective implementation of social development programmes, regular consultation and participatory planning, Earth Systems aims to ensure that clients receive and maintain a 'Social License to Operate', and are able to meet their social/ community objectives.

- Facilitating community and other stakeholder liaison at key decision points during the impact assessment process to ensure that stakeholder concerns are engaged in an appropriate and timely manner.
- Developing appropriate management and mitigation measures to meet and exceed international standards (e.g. IFC/World Bank).
- Providing social assessment input to Pre-Feasibility, Feasibility and Bankable Feasibility studies.
- Preparing social impact assessment reports that meet the requirements of regulators and financiers.
- Providing independent review of social impact assessment and resettlement reports/plans, as well as their implementation.



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Identifying and scoping permitting requirements and potential local issues to identify the necessary social / economic / health studies.
- Building an impact assessment team that combines international expertise with local knowledge to ensure that issues regarding the nature of the project, as well as its social and cultural setting are addressed.
- Developing, costing and managing an impact assessment programme, including baseline monitoring and regular consultation.
- Integrating specialist input to assess specific impacts, such as; livelihoods (e.g. agriculture, livestock, tourism); health (including mental health); archaeology and cultural heritage; land and forest resource use; gender; ecosystems services; visual amenity; and indigenous rights.
- Qualitative and quantitative social research and utilisation of a range of survey techniques (e.g. one-on-one interviews using questionnaires, facilitated focus group discussions, participatory rural appraisal, participatory mapping).

PROJECT EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

- Livelihood Restoration Plan for a hydropower project in Uganda.
- Environmental and Social Strategy for an iron project in Guinea. • Social Impact Assessment / Land Acquisition and Resettlement Action Plan for a transmission line project in Lao PDR.
- Developing a strategy for Gender and Social Inclusion in the Mining Sector in Lao PDR for World Bank.
- Social Impact Assessment for a gold-silver mine in Lao PDR.
- Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan for a mineral sands project in Senegal.
- Environmental and Social Impact Statement & Environmental and Social Monitoring and Management Plan for pipeline construction project in Senegal.
- Incorporating Gender into Disaster Risk Management in East Asia.
- UNDP funded Socio-Economic Impact Assessment for 35,000 hectare eucalypt plantation in Lao PDR.



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