



KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA RURAL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT (KP-RAP)

PACKAGE -1, LOT-1

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ESMP deals with the Package 1 Lot 1 road of 33.125km (SN-SNG1) in district Shangla of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

The Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) is prepared in compliance with the guidelines provided in the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the project “**Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Accessibility Project (KP-RAP)**”. The proposed subproject is aligned with the World Bank Group’s Country Partnership Framework (CPF, FY22-26) and its objectives to strengthen Pakistan’s Human Capital Base and Grow Sustainably and Inclusively.

It contains measures and plans to assess the environmental and social risks and impacts, provisions for estimating and budgeting the costs of these measures, and information on the agencies responsible for mitigation, including on their capacity to manage these risks.

The KP-RAP project is supported by the World Bank through Investment Project Financing (IPF) for which compliance with the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) is the responsibility of the project implementing agencies. The ESMP has been completed in accordance with provincial and national legislation, and the World Bank’s Environment and Social framework as well as project ESMF.

Based on site visits and consultation meetings, ESS-1, ESS-2, ESS-3, ESS-4, ESS-5, ESS-6 and ESS-10 are triggered relevant due to short term environmental and social impacts, which are not expected to have significant or irreversible impacts.

The work proposed for the project consists of rehabilitation of existing road are retaining wall for embankment heights greater than 3 m to check the erosion of embankment by rains or failure of the slopes due to scouring or otherwise. A total of 11km retaining wall will be rehabilitated and design will be improved at 182 locations at various RDs, with the proposed lengths ranging from 10 m to around 600 m. Rehabilitation of around 500 m of existing retaining walls at 27 locations, rehabilitation of existing roadside drains (700 m length). The provision of rainwater drain along the road (total length 20,000 m including 5,000 m left side and 15,000 m right side), slab culverts of varying sizes (total 60 numbers; various locations), RCC pipe culverts (total 200 running feet), guardrail for embankment (cumulative length ~2500 m; various locations), these are the major components of the rehabilitation activities. The road furniture and signage include furniture/signs, better slopes, landscaping, guardrails and crash barriers etc. All construction activities will be carried out within the available Right of Way (RoW).

As a part of preparing this ESMP, primary as well as secondary data have been collected through field surveys, public consultation and literature research. Consultations have been carried out with various relevant government departments. Screening and scoping of the study have been carried out before preparing the ESMP.

Impact assessment was carried out for various stages of the project including the pre-construction, construction and operation phases of the project.



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Pre-construction phase anticipated impacts are improper road designing, lack of integration of ESMP into Construction bid documents, natural hazard risks (flooding, earthquakes etc.), cutting of trees, loss of land and livelihood. All these impacts are well entertained in the design of the project.

Construction phase anticipated impacts are related with degradation of air quality due to construction works, construction of road not in accordance to approved design, potential accidents and injuries to communities in project area during construction works, community health & safety, OHS issues including injuries to workers from lack of necessary training and/or not using PPE etc., high noise levels and vibration from construction activities, improper handling and/or disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, impacts on water quality due to untreated disposal of effluent from worker camps, batching plants, and construction sites, and dumping of waste into water streams, soil contamination, erosion and sedimentation of water bodies, vegetation and wildlife loss, labor influx including GBV/SEA/SH and child labor, improper labor and working conditions, accessibility issues, and livelihood disruption. Most of these impacts are of short term and moderate to low in nature. The anticipated operation phase impacts are air quality, increased traffic volumes and increased noise.

Mitigation measures have been proposed in the ESMP based on the selection and siting of construction sites to reduce these impacts. Various trainings have been proposed for the Contractor to ensure the implementation of proposed mitigation measures. Further, the project area does not fall in important wildlife habitat and does not cause any large scale or irreversible adverse impacts directly.

Consultation sessions were held with different stakeholder groups who may get affected by the proposed sub-project in accordance with the World Bank's ESS-10 at an early stage before execution. Focus Group Discussions with local residents especially women were conducted to brief them about the project activities. Environmental monitoring will be carried out to ensure that all the construction activities comply and adhere to the environmental and social provisions and standard specifications, so that all mitigation measures are implemented. The consultation process will continue during the implementation of the project.

A site-based Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) for the project will be operational during the implementation of this ESMP. Grievance Redress will be processed as per the World Bank ESS-10 which requires an appropriate and accessible grievance redress mechanism for affected persons, including displaced persons and host communities. GRM will provide an easy to access forum for stakeholders to officially launch any complaint (through complaint boxes, by post, via mail, in person etc.) against any project related activities or issues whereby, their complaints will be heard, registered, and addressed by the project. The proposed GRM has time bound activities with clearly defined roles and responsibilities. All complaints received in writing, online or received verbally will be properly recorded and documented.

The PIU-KPRAP will be responsible for monitoring the compliance of the ESMP sub-project. The Environmental and Social Cell (ESC) staffed by qualified environmental and social specialists has already been established under PIU KPRAP. The ESC will be the custodian of the ESMP. ESC will support the contractor and supervision consultant to ensure the compliance of ESMP. ESC will submit progress reports for the implementation of the ESMP to the World Bank.



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The total cost of ESMP implementation has been provided (4.9 million) for environmental and social monitoring, labors' safety measures, working site or construction camps safety measures, and trainings or capacity building sessions to be conducted.