



MCA Namibia

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OUR EXPERIENCE

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Background

- The pursuit of sustainable development / economic growth and a healthy environment are very related
- development projects, if not properly implemented, can give rise to severe economic, social, and environmental risks
 - ✦ ESA – now one of the main safeguard requirements to address these. Examine the potential environmental risks and benefits associated with donor funded projects
- MCA-N ESA / EMS followed a detailed SEA study for entire compact
 - ✦ to analyze potentially significant cumulative environmental and social impacts at the program level. Furthermore, the Namibian Environmental Management Act, 2007, requires an SEA to be conducted on policies, plans, and programs in the country.



Objectives

- Ensure that all our activities are implemented in most environmentally & socially sound manners
 - ✦ That our activities do not lead to environmental and social catastrophes
 - ✦ That negative environmental and social impacts are properly identified, avoided, mitigated, and generally kept at a minimum

- Ensure that all our activities are designed and are implemented in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements
 - ✦ Namibia Environmental Management Act (EMA); Labour Act
 - ✦ MCC Environmental Guidelines; MCC Gender Policy
 - ✦ Involuntary Resettlement Policy (OP4.12)

- Ensure that all targeted stakeholders (including marginalised and vulnerable groups) are consulted, participate and not involuntarily excluded



MCA-N Activities and ESA applications

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Activities categorisation

- Category A
 - ✦ Significant adverse environmental and social impacts

- Category B
 - ✦ Less adverse environmental and social impacts are than those of Category A

- Category C
 - ✦ No negative environmental and social impacts

- Category D
 - ✦ Activities under external funding facility



Key Activities 1

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- Review & supervise implementation of all MCA-N activities (environment, social (including HIV/AIDS), gender) – **100 activities, sub activities, tasks / contracts**
- Commissioned & supervise implementation of EIA's – **2 MCA-N EIA's; 3 others**
- Commissioned & supervise implementation of EA's & EMP's – **17 EA's, 60 EMP's**
- Supervise implementation of EMP's – **74 EMP's**
- Commissioned & supervise implementation of Public Health and Safety Plans (PHPSAP) – **74 PHPSAP**



Key Activities 2

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- Commissioned & supervise implementation of HIV/AIDS Awareness & Prevention Plans (HAAPP) – 74
 - ✦ Commissioned & supervise implementation of Gender & Social Integration Plans - 4
 - ✦ Monitor Involuntary resettlement and application of World Bank OP 4.12
 - ✦ M&E targets

9 Environmental Firms; 6 Supervising Consultant Firms; 20 Contractors / Consultants



Our experience – general 1

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Expectations

Practitioners' good & constructive inputs and advice into ToRs and EIA planning

Lesson learnt

- Mostly taken as they are with little or no inputs.
- Gaps in ToRs used against client and or for Practitioners advantages later during work .
- Practitioners always attempting to do less for more money.
- Client wants more for less money.



Our experience – general 2

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Expectations

Quality, complete, practical assessment

Lesson learnt

- Shallow and mostly desktop based
- Generic, not issue / project specific
- Less innovations / more traditional
- Not going “extra mile”
- More repetitiveness and “cut & paste”
- No standardized approach / framework
- No practitioner involvement into implementation – lack of ownership



Our experience – general 3



Expectations	Lesson learnt
Brief, simpler and user friendly Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Often bulky & complicated- the thicker & complicate, the good / detailed the assessment / report- “Cut & paste”- No standard format- What / where are the KEY issues?
Good, broader & inclusive Consultation and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Done rapidly only to satisfy the requirement- no extra effort to engage all key I&AP’s- Mostly not convenient to low level I&AP’s- Non participation blamed on I&AP’s



Our experience – Works contracts

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Expectations	Lesson learnt
<p>Full understanding & implementation of EIA & EMP's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Poor understanding of environment & its importance- Benefits of EMPs often not spelled out / understood by contractors- Bigger firms are much better- No history of EMP implementation & poor understanding of EMP- Need simple (e.g. 1 big poster), instructive, straight forward EMP- Penalties are very complicated



Examples from the field

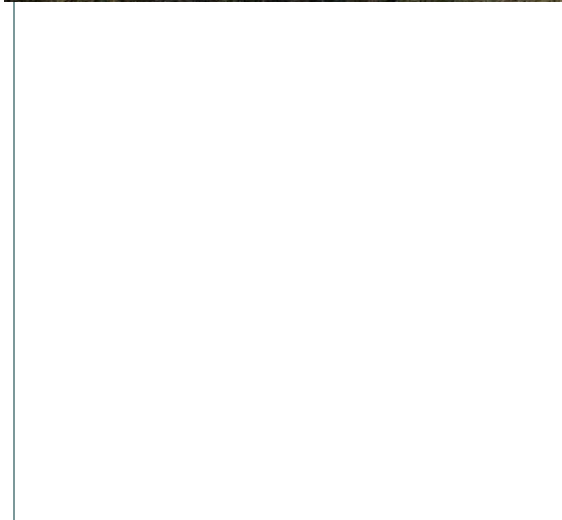
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