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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION



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Introduction

- Best EIA practice involves and engages stakeholders at the numerous points throughout the process with a two-way exchange of information and views.
- Consist of informational meetings, public hearings, and opportunities to provide written comments about a proposed project.
- There are no consistent rules for public participation among current EIA systems.
- There can be variations in the quality and extent of public involvement in the EIA process, depending on the type of project being undertaken.



Objectives of Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation

- Familiarize stakeholders with the project planning & approval process – the EIA process
- Obtain constructive input from stakeholders on potential project impacts.
- Obtain feedback from stakeholders on project design & impact mitigation measures.
- Build & maintain constructive relationships between all parties.



**Who is responsible for
Stakeholder
Engagement and
Consultation in the EIA
process?**





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Stakeholders defined

- A stakeholder is someone who is directly or indirectly affected by change interventions, often carried out through projects.
- Can include a whole range of people, institutions, organizations or businesses.
- There are no right answers- it will be specific to the Project and country.
- There is also strong emphasis on vulnerable groups engagement



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Why involve the Public

- Provide data and information that is essential for the assessment of impacts on the physical and social environment
- Reduce conflicts through the early identification of contentious issues
- Help to identify local citizens and groups with special expertise – traditional/cultural knowledges.
- Provide historical perspective to current environmental conditions
- Provide criteria for evaluating the significance of identified impacts
- Suggest means and help organizing mechanisms for public participation
- Help to define the scope of work and schedule for the overall assessment process
- Identify and evaluate potential mitigation measures & Increase public confidence in the EIA process.





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Stakeholder Techniques

- Media: radio, television, newspaper, social media, pamphlets.
- Research techniques: sampling, community profiles
- Political techniques
- Large group meetings: community/village meetings, public hearings.
- Drama techniques: roadshow, play
- Helpdesk (in-person, suggestion box)
- Grievance redress mechanism

Participation



Levels and forms of stakeholder involvement

- **Informing**– one way flow of information from the proponent to the public
- **Consulting**– two way flow of information between the proponent and the public with opportunities for the public to express views on the proposal
- **Participating** –interactive exchange between the proponent and the public encompassing shared analysis and agenda setting.
- **Negotiating** – face to face discussion between the proponent and key stakeholders to build consensus and reach a mutually acceptable resolution of issues, for example on a package of impact mitigation and compensation measures.



Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Plan

- Best practice to have one.
- Prevent ad-hoc approach
- To establish a systematic approach to stakeholder engagement that will maintain a constructive relationship.
- To promote and provide means for effective and inclusive engagement with stakeholders throughout the project life cycle on issues that could potentially affect them.
- To provide stakeholders with accessible and inclusive means to raise issues and grievances and allow to respond to and manage such grievances.
- Identifies stakeholders, topic of engagement, method, activities, responsibility, time period and cost.





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