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Initial Environmental Examination

PROJECT/ACTIVITY DATA:

Country: Pakistan

Objective: Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD)

Activity Name: The Anti-Fraud Hotline Project

Funding Begins: FY 2010 **Funding Ends:** FY 2015 **LOP Amount:** \$1.5 million

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IEE Amendment (Y/N): Y If "yes", File name and date of original IEE: ANE 03-35 dated July 23, 2003, ANE 06-73 dated May 7, 2006, ANE 08-129 Pakistan dated July 28, 2008, Asia 09-46 dated May 21, 2009, and Asia 09-144 dated September 28, 2009

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED: (Place X where applicable)

Categorical Exclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deferral	<input type="checkbox"/>
Positive Determination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative Determination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
With Conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>

Background and Activity/Program Description

The USAID/Pakistan Anti-Fraud Hotline Project will collaborate in the development and fielding of a special hotline to report fraud, waste, and abuse in USAID-funded programs in Pakistan. A modest investment in the creation of a specialized hotline for Pakistan, including toll-free telephone numbers, as well as a customized email and postal addresses, fax numbers and a web-based reporting mechanism is appropriate and advisable given the anticipated expenditure of USAID funds in Pakistan over the coming years. This special hotline will be managed jointly by a USAID implementing partner, Transparency International (TI) Pakistan, which will create, advertise, monitor and maintain the reporting systems, and by the OIG, which will provide oversight and ultimately decide what how each referral should be handled.

While the geographic focus will be national, special events and additional messaging will be targeted towards areas of USAID intervention. In particular localities of large infrastructure projects will receive special attention.

The proposed activities under the Anti-Fraud Hotline Project include developing a website for hotline including information on various available, reporting mechanisms (email, telephone, fax and postal address), publicity and public education focused on fraud awareness and fraud awareness materials. The project will use USAID funds for procurement of computers and hardware for a web-based hotline under the Anti-Fraud Hotline Project.

Identification of Evaluation and Environmental Impacts and recommendation of environmental determinations

All activities under the Anti-Fraud Hotline Project limited to technical assistance, education, training; analysis, studies, and workshops; document and information transfer; and activities that will develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in developing planning will not have any adverse effect on the natural or physical environment and such activities are recommended for **Categorical Exclusion**, pursuant to 216.2(c)(2)(i); 216.2(c)(2)(iii); (216.2(c)(2)(v); and 216.2(c)(2)(xiv).

The procurement of computers and hardware for a web-based hotline project under the Anti-Fraud Hotline Project will have minor to moderate effect on the adverse physical environment and is recommended for **Negative Determination with Conditions**, Condition being procurement of computers/equipment from certified provider(s)/retailer(s) and return of the used/expired computers/equipment to the original provider(s)/retailer(s) for an environmentally safe disposal in accordance with Government of Pakistan requirements and/or under best international practice acceptable to USAID.

As with all USAID-funded projects, and pursuant to 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), if new information becomes available that indicates that any of the proposed actions might be "major" and their effects "significant", the recipient shall make USAID aware of these actions and potential effects, so that USAID can carry out an environmental assessment.

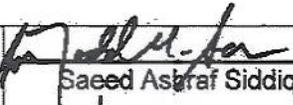
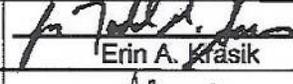
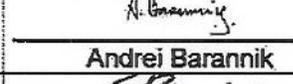
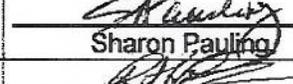
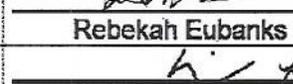
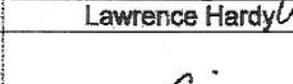
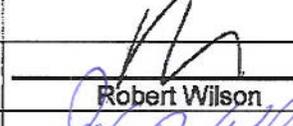
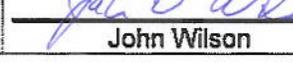
Summary Table

Activities	Effects on natural or physical environment	Recommended Threshold Determination
Technical assistance, education, training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment	No adverse effect on the natural or physical environment	Categorical Exclusion per 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i)
Analysis, studies, workshops and meetings	No adverse effect on the natural or physical environment	Categorical Exclusion per 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(iii)
Document and information transfer	No adverse effect on the natural or physical environment	Categorical Exclusion per 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(v)
Activities that will develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in developing planning	No adverse effect on the natural or physical environment	Categorical Exclusion per 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(xiv)
Procurement of computers and hardware for a web-based hotline project	Minor to moderate effect on the adverse physical environment	Negative Determination with Condition, Condition being procurement of computers/equipment from certified provider(s)/retailer(s) and return of the used/expired computers/equipment to the original provider(s)/retailer(s) for an environmentally safe disposal in accordance with Government of Pakistan requirements and/or under best international practice acceptable to USAID

[Signatures page follows]

APPROVAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION RECOMMENDED:

CLEARANCES:

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