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ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Activity Location: Peru and selected South America Regional countries (Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Surinam, and possibly Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua)

Activity Title: Program Design and Learning

Activity Number: 527-0423-PD&L

Life-of-Activity Funding: \$9 million

Life-of-Activity: 1 March 2012 – 31 December 2016

IEE prepared by: Miriam Choy, PDP

Reference ETDs and EAs: None

Recommended Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion

Bureau Threshold Decision: Categorical Exclusion

Comments:

A **Categorical Exclusion** issued to for the Program Design and Learning Activity, considering that its actions do not have an effect on the natural or physical environment. Services to be provided fall within the classes of actions described below in Section 216.2(c)(2), "Categorical Exclusions" of 22 CFR Environmental Procedures Part 216:

- (i) Education, technical Assistance or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.);

- (iii) Analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings;
- (v) Document and information transfers;
- (xiv) Studies, projects or programs intended to develop the capability of recipient countries to engage in development planning, except to the extent designed to result in activities directly affecting the environment (such as construction of facilities, etc.)
- (xv) Activities which involve the application of design criteria or standards developed and approved by A.I.D.

Amendments

- Amendments to Initial Environmental Examinations (IEE) shall be submitted for LAC Bureau Environmental Officer (BEO) approval for any activities not specifically covered in the IEE, which include:
 - Funding level increase beyond ETD amount,
 - Time period extension beyond ETD dates (even for no cost extension), or
 - A change in the scope of work, such as the use of pesticides or activities subject to Foreign Assistance Act sections 118 and 119 (e.g. procurement of logging equipment), among others.
- Amendments to IEEs include Environmental Assessments (EA or PEA) and approval of these documents by the LAC BEO could require an annual evaluation for environmental compliance.
- In addition, language from “Environmental Compliance: Language for Use in Solicitations and Awards – An Additional Help for ADS Chapter 204” must be included, as appropriate, in award documents (see: <http://www.usaid.gov/policy/ads/200/204sac.pdf>) .

 Date 02-23-2012
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- Initial Environmental Examination

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INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

Activity Location: Peru and selected South America Regional countries (Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Surinam, and possibly Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua)

Activity Title: Program Design and Learning

Activity Number: 527-0423-PD&L

Life of Activity Funding: Estimated \$9 million

Life of Activity: March 1, 2012- December 31, 2016

IEE Prepared by: Miriam Choy, PDP

Date Prepared: January 30, 2012

Recommended Threshold Decision: **Categorical Exclusion**

1. BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

1. Background

This Initial Environmental Evaluation (IEE) covers program design, learning and outreach activities to be procured by USAID/Peru to support the US foreign assistance objectives of the USAID/Peru and USAID/South America Regional portfolios.

2. Description of Activities

The purpose of the activity is to provide USAID/Peru with technical, logistical and advisory services for design, monitoring, evaluation and dissemination activities during the Country Development Cooperation Strategy period (FY 2012-FY 2016). As USAID/Peru also manages the USAID/South America Regional (SAR) program, services procured with this activity will also support the SAR portfolio. Services include:

- Performance and impact evaluations of projects and programs under the Peru and South America operating units.
- Baseline studies, surveys, assessments to inform program design and implementation.
- Workshops and other outreach and dissemination activities.
- Training and technical assistance for Government of Peru counterparts to enhance their monitoring, learning and evaluation capacities.
- Technical assistance and training for local monitoring and evaluation firms to strengthen their capacity to implement high quality impact evaluations.

The services will also help USAID/Peru and USAID/SAR comply with the USAID Evaluation policy, USAID Project Design guidance and other USAID Forward objectives.

3. Recommended Threshold Decision

The Project Development and Program Office (PDP) recommends a Categorical Exclusion for this activity, considering that its actions do not have an effect on the natural or physical environment. Services to be provided fall within the classes of actions described below in Section 216.2(c)(2), "Categorical Exclusions" of 22 CFR Environmental Procedures Part 216.

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As currently planned, no interventions will directly affect the environment. If additional activities are considered that may directly affect the environment (such as construction or rehabilitation of facilities), an amended IEE shall be submitted as deemed appropriate.

Approval: _____
Richard Goughnour
Mission Director, USAID/Peru

Date: 2/1/2012

Approval: _____
Richard Goughnour
Mission Director, USAID/Peru

Date: _____

CLEARANCE PAGE for the Initial Environmental Examination for PD&L activities

EO: JTempleton OK _____ Date: 1/30/12
PDP: J. Cohen OK _____ Date 1/30/12
MEO: V. Merino OK w/edits__ Date 1/30/12
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