Progress Report- 2015

Strengthening the Governance of Extractive Industries for Sustainable Human Development

Background: The EI sector is a vital sector in Asia and the Pacific. Countries in the region are among the largest producers and consumers of fossil fuels and mineral resources in the world. The region accounts for nearly half of the global production and consumption of oil and gas, and around 70 percent of mineral products such as coal, copper, iron, nickel and zinc. Although the EI sector is vital for modern economies, the very nature of extraction is environmental destructive. Further, lack of a strong governance framework of the EI sector can exacerbates existing challenges that have broad repercussions on the overall governance, inclusive economic development, environment protection, human rights, conflict, and gender equality in the region.

To address the multiple challenges posed by the EI sector, the Regional Programme Document for Asia and the Pacific, 2014-2017, of UNDP's Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH) in line with the UNDP's Strategic Plan (2014-2017), and the 2012 global strategy on Supporting Sustainable and Equitable Management of the Extractive Sector, calls for a multidimensional and interdisciplinary approach to address multiple challenges of the EI sector in Asia-Pacific.

Towards this end, BRH has established a multi-disciplinary development solutions team (DST) to bring together its different practice areas to provide integrated support to countries in the region. BRH focus on addressing the multi-dimensional challenges associated with EI sector from five perspectives:

- Governance [legal and institutional framework, capacities for implementation of laws, policies and programmes, HRs (indigenous people), anti-corruption and oversight, civic engagement]
- Social and economic policies [regulations i.e. licensing etc., revenue management, green economy, distribution of revenues for social services, employment policies, CSR, etc.,]
- Environment [sustainable land and water management, pollution control, restoration of degraded land, climate change mitigation and adaptation, access to energy]
- Conflict [Exclusion of local communities and stakeholders from decision making, contested land rights(traditional/communal rights vs. state decision to allocate land for mining), inadequate benefit sharing, unwillingness to address EI sector in peace processes]
- Gender [women's political and economic participation, gender based violence]

The **Strengthening Governance of Extractive Industries for Sustainable Human Development** project funded by BCPR (now BPPS) was initially designed to fund preparatory activities for a larger regional programme. The project was further extended till end of 2016.

Progress made: the EI for sustainable development (EI4SD) is an emerging area of work for UNDP BRH. Countries in the region are increasingly recognizing the importance of addressing the various challenges of the EI sector to improve overall governance, reduce the negative social and environmental impact, and ensure that the revenues are used to provide basic services to the public. However, countries are also grappling to develop new ways and means to address the multiple challenges of the EI sector.

Activities were implemented in four countries (Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Philippines). Table one shows progress made so far and the activities planned for 2016.

BRH also developed a regional programme document on EI4SD, which is yet to be funded.

Table two provides the expenditure report for 2014-2015, and budget for 2016.

Table one: Progress Made in 2014-2015

INTENDED OUTPUTS &	BASELINE & OUTPUT	INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES	Progress Made	2016 Activities
INDICATORS OF CHANGE	TARGETS			
Output 1: Countries are supporting informed policy and programming on EI in line with the UNDP strategy Output Indicators: 1. Number of governance risk assessments supported 2. Number of plans supporting EI for sustainable human development developed 3. Harmonized tool for EI risk assessment in place and data and knowledge on regional status of EI increased 4.	Baseline 2014: A number of countries in the region have direct or indirect ad hoc interventions impacting El Targets for Year 1 (2014): - Risk/governance assessments initiated in at 2 countries - Integrated programming for EI in line with UNDP Strategy initiated in 2 countries Targets for Year 2 (2015): - Risk assessments completed in 4 countries - Integrated programming for EI in line with UNDP	 Undertaking integrated country risk assessments focusing on contexts specific risks, including governance and legal framework, social, economic, environment and gender impacts in selected countries, to identify areas for UNDP support. Developing integrated plans/projects for support together with selected countries based on the risk assessments 	Progress: Integrated scoping missions (Indonesia, Mongolia and the Philippines) helped to identify challenges and identify programming options for UNDP Country Offices to strengthen contribution of EI to sustainable development. In Indonesia, support was provided to the development of Coal Mining Road Map, Feasibility Study on Sovereign Wealth Fund in Bojonegoro, and the development of Mining Governance Index with the Anti-Corruption Agency (KPK). The governance index will be used to assess the quality of governance in extractives sector at the provincial level. In Mongolia, preparatory activities were completed and experts were hired to conduct three studies: a. Mining revenue allocation study b. Consultancy on Responsible mining c. Study on Corruption Risk mitigation	 On-going studies in Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan and the Philippines completed Final country reports on El produced.

	Strategy initiated in 4			The three studies will be		
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	countries			completed in 2016.		
				In Pakistan , a mapping and analysis		
				of constitutional, legal, institutional		
				and financial aspects of the EI		
				governance is currently being		
				conducted.		
				In the Philippines , the GREENR		
				project supported local and		
				national consultations on		
				governance of the mining sector.		
				The project also brought together		
				all the oversight institutions to		
				discuss their role in strengthening		
				environmental governance in the		
				Philippines.		
Output 2: Regional data,	Baseline 2014: Lack of	1.	Developing regional	Two draft knowledge products	1.	Study on El
knowledge and tools are	analytical knowledge		research and knowledge	were produced in 2014 – one)		revenue
generated and disseminated	about the impact of		sharing strategy and plan	overview paper of the El sector in		sharing
-	extractive industry on	2.	Supporting South-south	Asia-Pacific		between
Output Indicators	, human development		exchanges on EI and	Two) mapping and gap analysis tool		central and
1. Number of tools for	in Asia Pacific		regional events for	, 11 8 81 ,		
extractive industries risk			knowledge, capacity	A regional South-South Exchange		local
assessment	Targets for Year 1		building and advocacy	and Training meeting was held in	_	produced
adapted/developed	(2014):	3.	Defining full scope of	Bangkok in October 2015. The	2.	-0
2. Number of regional	- standard tool for		intervention at regional level and adequate support	meeting brought together over 80		meeting on
learning/exchange	governance risk		and lessons documented for	UNDP staff, experts, and partners		SDGs and EI
initiatives held	assessment adopted		the eligible countries on a	to share information on addressing		organized.
3. Number of	for the region (or		demand basis.	multisectoral challenges of		
awareness/advocacy	adapted from the GI)			extractive sector		
products supported						

4. APRC EI Regional Project		Activities are already implemented	
adopted and partially	data on EI in place	in four countries (see progress	
funded	- One meeting held at	under output 1)	
	regional level to		
	document and	A regional pro-doc was developed.	
	brainstorm on El		
	progress		
	Targets for Year 2		
	(2015):		
	- Full-fledged regional		
	project for El		
	developed and		
	resourced targeting 4		
	to 6 countries		
	- Depending on		
	demand, up to 4		
	countries have		
	received support and		
	launched country		
	initiatives on El		
	- Two regional		
	meetings held to		
	document and		
	brainstorm on El		
	progress		

Table two: Expenditure report

Country	Expenses and commitment in 2015	Projected Budget 2016
Indonesia	69295.69	40,000
Mongolia	19728.25	45,000
Pakistan	48130.11	15,000
Philippines	81836.77	40,000
Regional (including		35,000
GMS +DPC)	69051.07	
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Grand Total	288041.89	193,983.51