

Environmental and Social Oversight Consultant 2 (ESOC2), Mongolia

Assignment	The Environmental and Social Oversight Consultant (ESOC) will provide support to the Environmental Social Oversight officer of the Millennium Challenge Account Mongolia in carrying out his management and oversight duties for the Property Rights Project, Vocational Education Project and Health Project.
Client	Government of Mongolia
Financing Agency	Millennium Challenge Corporation
Partners	Mott MacDonald, Green Focus, Energy & Environment
Composition of Team	<i>Euroconsult Mott MacDonald:</i> Team Leader, Project Director, Environmentalist <i>Partner(s):</i> Social Scientist, Deputy Team leader, Public Consultation Expert, Capacity Building Specialist
Period of Assignment	From June 2009 to September 2013 Staff months: Euroconsult Mott MacDonald: 37; Partner(s): 209
Contract value	Euroconsult Mott MacDonald: € 1,121,000 Partner(s): € 0
Background	The ESOC provides technical support to the MCA-Mongolia in the areas of environmental and social impact assessment and mitigation to increase capacity associated with implementing MCC's Compact project activities, and building capacity in government agencies. The ESOC responsibilities include preparation or review of environmental and social assessments; preparation of Framework Environmental Management Plans (FEMPs); conducting associated monitoring of plan implementation; reviewing and facilitating the implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) or compensation measures, as needed; assistance in the development of TORs for hiring environmental and social consulting services; assistance in ensuring that environmentally-related permits are issued; and, needs assessment and training for capacity building.
Description of project	The Property Rights Project has two components: Urban and Peri-Urban. The Urban Component will improve the formal system for recognizing and transferring land rights and will facilitate the issuance of 75,000 land titles to suburban landholders. The Urban Component will be implemented by MCA-Mongolia Project Implementation Unit located at the Ministry of Roads, Construction and Urban Development. The Peri-Urban component will introduce a long-term leasing system in 300 tracts of peri-urban rangeland. The peri-urban component will be implemented through a separate tendered rangeland mapping project. For both components MCA-Mongolia will engage regular public consultations and a framework environmental and social assessment has to be completed prior to the commencement of any building renovations under the urban component and any construction activity (mainly well constructions) for

the peri-urban component.

The Vocational Education Project will develop training standards and curricula for vocational education and will strengthen the institutional framework needed to support a demand driven vocational education system in Mongolia. MCA-Mongolia will be involved in ongoing public consultation to participate in the development and implementation of the Vocational Training Project. Besides this, MCA has to develop a framework Environmental Management Plan. The Vocational Education project will be implemented by a MCA-Mongolia Implementation Unit at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science.

The Health Project is aimed to improve the situation on Non-Communicable Disease and Injury (like cancer, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes) in Mongolia by supporting research, site visits, communication and education, protocols, training and equipment. A framework EMP will be developed for addressing health and safety issues and for assign compliance with existing medical waste management regulations. The MCA-Mongolia Project Implementation Unit located at the Ministry of Health is responsible for the implementation of the Health project.

Services provided

- i) Conducting of an Initial environmental and social survey;
- ii) Preparation of bibliography and electronic database/report tracking systems. The electronic database to be created in the early stages will be based on readily available software, so that as many agencies and individuals are able to access the data and, if authorized, contribute to the knowledge base for the program. The project database will also be a web-based system which will enforce a degree of simplicity and commonality, in addition to making the database transparent and potentially accessible to the public;
- iii) Analyses project related environmental legislation and regulations . A review of legislation affecting environmental and social assessment will be conducted. This legislation and related regulations will be considered in order to identify subjects of concern, needed permits and to prioritize consideration of impacts and mitigation measures. A list of necessary environmental permits will be developed for each project to ensure completion of environmental documentation for the issuance of permits;
- iv) Development and implementation of general and project specific Public Consultation Plan

The purpose of the Consultation Plan is to obtain additional data from local communities and to verify the local environmental and social conditions and to keep affected persons and other stakeholders informed of activities related to the proposed projects. After approval of the Consultation Plan, meetings and consultations will be carried out with stakeholders and the local communities;

v) Based on the training needs assessment, a Capacity Building Program will be developed, including a budget and a work plan. After approval of the program by MCA-Mongolia and MCC the training and awareness raising activities will be implemented by the Mott MacDonald team;

vi) EMP and RAP compliance monitoring, consultations

The final three years (3-5) of this project are primarily concerned with environmental monitoring and compliance.

Environmental monitoring during project implementation will provide information about key environmental aspects of the project, particularly the environmental impacts of the project and the effectiveness of mitigation measures. Such information will enable the ESIO to evaluate the success of mitigation as part of project supervision, and allow corrective action to be taken when needed. Using the EMP and RAPs, we will identify monitoring objectives and specify the type of monitoring, with linkages to the impacts assessed in the EIA report and the mitigation measures described in the EMP. Specifically, we will carry out the monitoring program of the EMP for all four projects under the Compact, which will include a specific description, and technical details, of monitoring measures, including the parameters to be measured, methods to be used, sampling locations, frequency of measurements, detection limits (where appropriate), and definition of thresholds that will signal the need for corrective actions; monitoring and reporting procedures to (i) ensure early detection of conditions that necessitate particular mitigation measures, and (ii) furnish information on the progress and results of mitigation;

Specific tasks for the Property Rights Project:

The main task for the ESOC under the Property Rights project is to develop a Framework Environmental Assessment (FEA) and an Environmental Management Plan for the three activities under the property Rights project.

We divided the work into the following sub activities:

- i) Scoping of Key-issues by doing an Initial Environmental and Social survey of all sites of the property rights project;
- ii) Review legal, administrative framework;
- iii) Preparation of Framework of Environmental Assessments for peri-urban component, urban component registry activity and Hashaa Plot activity;
- iv) Development siting criteria peri-urban component;
- v) Preparation Environmental management Plan for peri-urban component, urban component registry activity and Hashaa Plot activity;
- vi) Site-specific addenda to peri-urban EMP.

Lessons learned
